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Bands Together by David Van Houten

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ACROSS

- Worm's dream home?
- Type of poker Steam baths' sites
- Call dibs on Word after "base" 15
- or "belt" 16 Faithful Concert
- sponsored by d-CON? 19 Place name on
- an Irish euro 20 I, in a rebus
- puzzle Back in the
- Navy? 22 Polar mass
- 24 DOJ division 25 Like the Amazons Concert
- sponsored by Gorton's? 31 Mattress
- company 34 Is in charge of 35 City, lake or tribe
- It might have a dining car Tolkien creature
- hidden in 'evergreen tree" NYC subway letters

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- 39 6-pt. plays
- 41 Rebellion leader Turner
- 42 Public tantrum 44 Largest First Nations group in Canada
- 46 Shrek is one 47 Rip to pieces
- 48 Concert sponsored by Bisquick? 50 Go by, as time
- 52 Soda can feature 53 Skirmish
- 55 Elephant (fried pastry)
- 56 Clumsy person 59 Wild about
- 60 Performance starring two groups, perhaps
- ... or a theme hint 64 Where Eve lived 65 Part of 62-Down
- 66 Red or green dip 67 Eye parts that help with night vision
- 68 Some jeans 69 Late actress Cicely

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- 1 Land measure 2 It may have five acts
 - 3 Liver spread 4 On, like a lamp
 - 5 One feels what others feel 6 Open with a box
 - cutter the season
 - 8 Game with Skip
 - cards 9 Durable fabric
 - 10 Pittsburgh pro 11 \$50-\$100, e.g.
- 12 New Age glow
- 13 Flow slowly 18 Cancel out
- 23 Unleashes, as a spell
- 24 Braying equine 25 "Just a heads-up," on a memo
- 26 Prep school in New Hampshire
- 27 News media 28 Gut feeling
- 29 Listening keenly,

- 30 Sprinters' venues 32 Crown at a pageant
- 33 Joined a poker game
- 38 Olympic prize _ hygienist 40
- 43 Full or half wrestling holds
- 45 Salmon eggs
- 46 Scepter topper 49 Least decorated
- 51 Organ's foot lever 53 Row of seats
- 54 Ctrl+Z, on a PC
- 55 Fades away
- 56 Paints often made
- from linseed 57 Too
- 58 Caramel-coated custard 61 Raw mineral
- 62 Expo 2020 Dubai's country, briefly
- 63 Body of water in two NFL teams' names

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021 Partnership Propositions



partnerships. Thinking about what you might be able to do for another person is an exciting creativity challenge. Brilliant arrangements will be struck, in which both parties are expanded by what they give to each other. Work out as much up-front as possible. It sets a tone for

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People have different rules. Even close friends may not completely understand vours. There will be infractions. They happen out of misunderstanding, not an intent to offend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be attracted to people and situations outside your usual pattern. You might dismiss the idea of a "type" altogether, since it's based on your past and you're more interested in creating a new future.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your vision of a luxurious life is unique, but there are people with similar goals. Find them so you can help and support one another. The kinship will invigorate your plans.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are drawn to people who have a sense of humor and the confidence to use it. Humor is always a risk. As the professionals know, it doesn't always land, but you respect the attempts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). New responsibilities will be laid at your feet as though they were a gift, and maybe they are. You have more fun in work mode anyway, and it's like this job was custom made for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You see so many around you who don't act on their beliefs. That's because change takes energy! You have plenty of it today, and you'll apply it in a way that inspires others to do the same.

The sun and Mars align in Libra, inviting proposals and LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll think strategically and outwit those who act on selfish impulse. Impulsiveness is not categorically wrong, but it works best when the larger aims and the overall picture are ever in view.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Mingle with those whose credentials and connections could plug beautifully into your plans. Keep sharing until you find the ones who have overlapping mutual interests.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Delegating well is not about telling people what to do so much as matching the right people to the job. This requires listening and observing carefully to really understand the talents and needs of the contenders

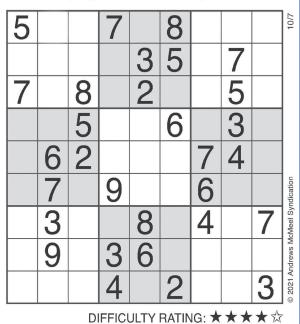
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll let go of what you don't need. Getting rid of things creates a vacuum. Spaces fill. So the real trick is in letting them fill with the sacred and expansive instead of the common and cluttered

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You work as well in an ensemble as you do as a solo artist, and you'll get the chance to switch between these two modes. It's just one more example of how your life is falling into beautiful balance

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Because you're a part of the natural world, too, you have an instinct for recognizing when things are ripe. The opportunity dangles before you, sweet and ready. Pluck it and enjoy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 8). Your talents are needed, and you can get top dollar for them once you figure out how to position yourself. A mentor and a plan will take you far. You'll feel worthy of the love floating your way at the year's end, and you have so much to give; this is an honest and sweet connection with lasting potential. Virgo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 11, 24 and 33

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Big Talk by Jake Houston

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ACROSS

- "Becoming"
- author Michelle 6 Hot tub feature 9 One is full of
- garbage Violinist's block Sound within
- 'Tabernacle Choir' 16 October
- birthstone Live and breathe
- 18 "Is it really necessary?'
- 20 Period of intense competition 22 Feel bad about
- 23 That guy Equis
- 25 Inclined (to) 28 Lacking color "What's
- like?' 33 Black and Red Compensation to
- an intermediary Capital on a fjord
- 41 Kerfuffle Prepares to shoot
- a basket Panel that discusses a

product

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- org.? 49 Habeas corpus,
- 51 Catch some rays 52 Dating profile
- datum 55 Online convo
- parts **Sports**
- quarterback shouldn't do
- 64 Race against the clock
- who says the starts of 20-. 35-. 43- and 59-Across
- 68 Cookie Cobblestone ice
- 69 Tennis match subdivisions
- country
- "Get it?"

- DOWN 47 Highway entrance
 - for one
- (jogging garment) 59 What a
- 65 Fairy-tale creature
- cream brand
- 70 World's second most populous
- 71 Take a breather
- Chavez honored with a national holiday

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- or "voice" 3 "In your dreams!" 4 Penny-pincher 5 Pay for a poker
- hand 6 Foe of the Sith 7 Demand elasticity's subj.
- 8 Chicken serving 9 Bird that might be white
- 10 Topple 11 Bread served during Passover 12 Ruses
- 19 Knight's getup 21 Like many sign language users

15 "Sure, whatever!"

- 25 Starting from 26 100 centavos 27 Soft mineral
- 29 "That isn't true!" 30 Fund Former resident
- of Russia's Winter Palace 34 Progresso product
- 36 Gloomy

Goldman "SportsCenter" channel

38 Political activist

- 44 Circus prop 45 Some play
- "Valorant" 46 Xtra (soft drink) 50 Like "Romeo and
- Juliet" 52 Caption on a flattering picture,
- perhaps dog (service 53 animal)
- "Saturday Night Live" has 71 of them 56 Dorm rooms.
- stereotypically 58 Flared dress style 60 Outdo

61 Nasty tweet's

- sentiment "Who _ is coming?"
- 63 Young fellows 66 Actress Long 37 Italian automaker 67 Paving goo

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021 Solar Conjunction to Mercury

The sun and Mercury align to clarify feelings, sort out the LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You deserve to be rewarded details of partnership and bring sharpness to the vagaries of love. It should be noted that this isn't always best accomplished with words, and in fact, words can make things much more complicated. The best communication starts with the heart's intention and expresses physically. ARIES (March 21-April 19). Because you show up when expected and do what you said you would, you gain the trust and respect of others. To you, this is just

wonderful gift to provide. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A person who seems to have it all together is struggling in ways you wouldn't imagine. You don't have to know what the struggles are to sense that your compassion is needed here.

normal. In the process, you make someone feel safe -- a

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Theoretical knowledge isn't going to help much. Wherever possible, apply the answer, try things, put plans in motion and see what

happens. Let your ideas dance on the stage of life. CANCER (June 22-July 22). You can exchange much without words and will in fact do it constantly today as you interact with your environment. You'll send out energy and be able to communicate wordlessly at a great

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is a treasure inside

each person, and if it's your intention to get to it, you

will. People love to show you the best they have. You'll

establish a meaningful connection. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Love really can change everything, heal the hurts and conquer all. It doesn't always go that way, but it can. Lean into it and believe.

Celebrate all that's right.

the way you'd most appreciate. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Loved ones seem strong, but they need an advocate. There are certain situations that really should be handled with an entire team. Legal and medical matters fall into this category.

for your hard work. The question is, who is going to do this? If no one is stepping up, that only means you get the

pleasure and the honor of rewarding yourself in exactly

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are able to dial the emotional intensity up or down at will. Amazing! Relatedly, you will experience the serenity of a soft flow of thoughts blowing in gentle waves through the screen of your mind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It takes discipline

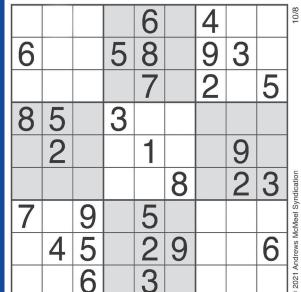
to listen and love at the level you do. Your undivided

attention is a valuable gift. Those with similar capabilities understand the treasure. The others will catch up later. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are times to avoid the pressure, but right now, you're better off welcoming it. It will make you better. You can use the

hum of stress to do excellent work. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You really have come a long way, paid your dues, and are more than deserving of the bounty drifting your way in the weeks to come. Open up your arms. Take it in.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 9). Your cosmic gift is a superpower for manifesting what's best for the whole crew. You'll make a hobby of lifting all ships with the rising tide of your joyful emotions. You've waited a long time for opportunities as good as the ones coming to you in 2022! You'll work hard and bring together a unique vision. Scorpio and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 3, 33, 38 and 16.

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