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ACROSS

- Only Indonesian province with a Hindu majority
- 5 Help in wrongdoing
- 9 Trojans' sch.
- 12 "Sign me up!" 13 Word that
- summons a greyhound
- 14 Small, bumpy candies
- What you may 17 call on the front
- seat 18 Hearty meat
- option
- 20 Scandalous company in 2001
- news
- 22 Back talk, briefly
- 23 CT scan relative 24 Not as much
- 28 _ chamber
- 29 Ireland's Queen
- of New Age
- 30 ThirdLove undergarment
- 33 Nat King
- Sleep under the 35 stars
- 39 Eerily perfect
- 44 Song for one

- 45 Control, as enthusiasm 46 One of many used in a pound cake 47 Qualified
- 51 Only places to find South China tigers, possibly
- 53 Boast 60 Quad bike, e.g., briefly 61 Skating legend Lipinski 62 New Haven Ivy
- Leaguer 63 Figure making under-the-pillow exchanges 67 Thousand: Prefix 68 The (home

for hobbits)

70 Opposite of odd

69 "Mm-hmm"

73 Maroon and

scarlet, e.g.

European

proteins

2 Type of acid in

71 Racket

72 Exited

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- 8 Goal for an assistant professor 9 Not attractive 10 Complete
- collection brulee 11

3 Sign after Virgo

perfect score of

6 Shortish hairdo

4 Step on it!

5 Test with a

7 Ham it up

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- 15 Fix, as a sock 16 Short, funny
- performance 19 Idyllic garden
- 21 Classic candy
- wafer brand 25 "Go away, fly!"
- 26 Sign of success
- in real estate?
- 27 Diplomat's skill
- 30 K-pop septet 31 Kanga's child
- 32 Email pioneer
- 34 List ender: Abbr.
- 36 "Where the Wild Things
- bathroom fixture 37 One might say
 - "World's Best Boss
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HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022 Mercury Turns Up Sensitivity ♥♥₽₽**₽**₽**₽**₽₽₽₽₽

To be grateful for circumstances you do not prefer may seem as nonsensical as tipping well for bad service, yet there is an advantage to finding something to appreciate. As Mercury crosses into sensitive Pisces, the power move is one of acceptance and inclusion. People will be eager for the comfort a little encouragement can provide.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll see the end of a struggle. This could pertain to something you do for money versus something you do for love. Neither side of your conflict will be a clear winner, but the situation will resolve.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Time bends. When you're waiting, the minutes stretch through eternity. When you're in the flow, time blurs. And in your dreams, time is irrelevant. As you master this day, you'll seem to have control over the flow of time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may pretend you don't know something because it helps the other person save face, or focus your attention on what others need even though it's silly. In the end, diplomacy benefits you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Today there's a whimsical world playing inside your head, while the outside world is rather routine. Your creativity will grow as you try to reconcile these two experiences.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You know money doesn't buy happiness, but that doesn't make you satisfied with less money. So, you'll do emotional work for personal fulfillment and professional work for dollars. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your critical thinking skills are on point. You'll make keen observations and articulate them well. This benefits you best when strategically paired with the spirit of diplomacy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You know what it's like to say the wrong thing at the wrong moment, so you react with compassion when someone else makes this mistake. The goodwill you generate helping someone save face is karma in the bank.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Fear is energy; it is therefore directable. Fear can give you the fuel to run, think fast or fight. If you know where you'll run to, what problem you'll solve or what's worth fighting, you'll have a good place to direct the energy

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The tools used to create will be a focus. But don't be fooled; the tools do not make the creation. Creativity is in the head and heart. Fancy, expensive tools can actually work against the art.

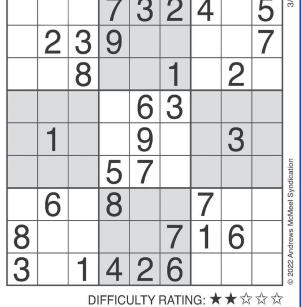
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're confident in your abilities, but a loved one is even more so, talking you up behind your back and paving the way for your next opportunity

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A conversation has stretched on and on and will continue to do so until someone walks away. Since no agreement will be reached, you must decide whether the conversation is intrinsically rewarding to stick with.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a decision to make about a relationship. It's not something you'll make together. Think about what you want and what you won't have and make some plans about what you'll do when and if your boundaries are crossed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 9). Your specialty this year is delighting people. You'll build on past work to create what no one is expecting. You'll be paid well for taking on some unusual responsibilities. Fun dates and travel will be summer highlights. Your empathy and compassion attract quality people. Together, you'll make a difference in the world. Sagittarius and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 44, 8, 18 and 20.

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HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022 Entertainment Under Impressionable Mercury

Our ancestors had limited options for entertainment, LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Every choice has a price. It

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- 49 Cat (feline position that
- resembles a bread form)
- "33 countries, just 50 1 ticket" company
- 52 Salt container 53 Body pics
- 54 "And yet," in an IM
- 55 Egg-shaped
- 56 Confident poker player's action
- 57 Kalamata, e.g.
- 58 Worked up
- 59 Bright colors
- 64 Prefix for "angle" 65 One might run 12 miles during a
- soccer game 66 As of now

38 Coat-tree part 40 Billy or nanny 41 Anise-flavored

> whereas our options are endless, so each choice we make is more significant. Entertainment has become a matter of identity. How we amuse ourselves says something about who we are. This first full day of Mercury in empathetic, impressionable Pisces calls for uplifting influence.

> ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have a big heart. Move past the wrong someone did you. Wipe the slate clean. Love and forgiveness will weave together like entwined fingers of prayerful hands.

> TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Rejection is no fun, but you'll risk it for a chance at a dream. You'll get your pitch together, suit up, go where there might be opportunity, find someone to talk to and you'll make friends.

> GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Mentally, you'll be sharp in the morning and then again late at night. Afternoons bring a slump -- pleasant enough if you just give into it. Good company helps.

> CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your identity is an ever-developing idea. You have your eye on a group you'd like to fit into. You'll think about how you might fit in, why you want to, and what it means to you.

> LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may feel nostalgia for the past while simultaneously realizing that the time to be alive is now. The opportunities are many and you have more control over your life than ever before.

> VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Even when you're not looking for love, you don't rule out adding more of it to your life. Love, in its many forms, will be out there looking for you today. You'll soon consider yourself found.

is obvious that money, time and energy will be exchanged, but that is not all. Get tuned into the hidden costs that are difficult to calculate because they will add up over time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Send a message of appreciation, admiration or forgiveness to your own mirror. If there's something keeping you from doing this, identify the issue and brainstorm about what might help you get past it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Everyone needs a little attention. Today is one of those days when you need more than usual. You will get it -- perhaps from an audience. You're very entertaining and their laughter and applause are a balm.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may worry whether your work is good enough, and you can take that as a sign that you'll excel. Because you care, you'll learn what matters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Searching for shortcuts is a waste of time. You'll make the most progress by hoofing the known road, making people comfortable by doing the expected things, and keeping operations running smoothly by checking all the boxes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The frivolous things, the jokes, the celebrations, the details that no one seems to care about but you... these are worthy pursuits. Silly triviality will be the key to unlock a wondrous rush.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 10). You'll teach the inexperienced, protect the innocent and adventure with the worldly. An exciting run of events will be set off by a simple goal: to improve your skills. Output and efficiency will increase, so you'll save time and money and make a more beautiful product, too. You'll attract love with your swagger. Cancer and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 22. 1. 40 and 19.

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