## **Universal Freestyle 23** by Derek Bowman

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### **ACROSS**

- 1 Many racetracks,
- shapewise stickball (oldest field sport in North America)
- 13 Upgrade, like a bathroom floor
- 15 Captain Marvel, e.g.
- 16 Narrowly defeat 17 Work on a Pixar
- movie, perhaps U.S. soccer star on the 2019
- Out100 list 20 Badly injure Country where
- Nowruz is celebrated
- 22 Sound from a sheep
- 25 The "A" in IPA 26 Distort
- 28 People at a meet and greet
- Move" (Young MC song)
- 32 Some workplaces 35 With 36-Across, MSNBC host on the 2020 Out100

list

- 36 See 35-Across
- 37 "I'm such a dope!'
- 38 Ohio city where Sojourner Truth delivered the "Ain't I a Woman?" speech
- 39 Fizzy brown drink 40 Word after "sugar" or "candy"
- 42 U-turn from NNE \_ a double rainbow!'
- 46 Stable newborn? 48 Instrument with a
- bent neck 49 "Pynk" singer on the 2020 Out100
- 53 Alternative routes 56 Went too far with
- 57 "Mark my words 58 Pork-based dog
- treat 59 Strew randomly
- 60 Drivers often change them to go faster

## **DOWN**

- 1 Stressful experience
- as HUVUDROLL 3 First-string squad 4 Animal that's
  - "simba" in Swahili 5 Fail to articulate

2 IKEA dish known

committee head 7 Dye for some body art

6 Certain

- 8 Out-of-this-world archer?
- \_ to My Window" (Melissa Etheridge song)
- 10 Aunt, in Spanish 11 Queen of the hill?
- 12 Teeny
- 14 "When are you gonna be here?" 16 Watson of "Little Women"
- 19 Dessert eaten on 3/14
- 22 Ice cream treat with meat in it
- 23 From scratch
- 24 Donkey 26 Cherry discard

### 27 Leafy salad with croutons 28 Classic dog name

- 30 George Takei's
- alma mater 31 Still owing
- 33 Like lashes and tattoos that come
- 34 Prez who used a wheelchair
- 35 Hilarious person 37 Discovery
- Channel subj. 41 Every last bit
- 43 Flights in an Escher print 44 Dandelion, e.g.
- 46 "It's not my \_\_\_ 47 How pastrami is
- often served 48 Sophia who
- played Aida 49 Caffeine rush
- 50 off (prune)
- 51 Nefarious Millions
- 53 Start to appear? "Yadda yadda

### yadda ..." 55 Brewed drink

# HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022 Cosmic Casting Call



people.



sugar, maybe it's your turn! ARIES (March 21-April 19). Do all you can and that's all you can do. After that, relax and let luck play her part. She'll start by striking up a conversation. Listen well. Luck loves a good listener.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Attraction drives the action. The plot thickens and goes in a direction you would not have predicted, perhaps because you didn't realize who liked you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You don't have to make it up as you go. A path has been cleared. It's all laid out in books, journals, maps, business plans, patterns, recipes, tutorials, classes, conversations and more

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You want to make things better even though it wasn't you who made them worse. Taking more than one's share of responsibility makes astounding improvements possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As the cook knows, the necessary ingredients are only part of what makes a good cake. The order and timing can be just as important. As you follow the "recipe," your project will come together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The strong dualities inside you bring about impossible happenings. You'll be fiendishly innocent while committing crimes that don't break the law, resulting in gentle vindication.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If the only agenda you pursue is to have a good time, you'll do just fine. You'll follow your curiosity straight to enjoyable circumstances, delightful surprise and auspicious

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Gossip is a poison spell. If you resolve not to talk about people or listen about people either, you'll avoid the toxic effects. Wholesome intent will eventually lead you to good

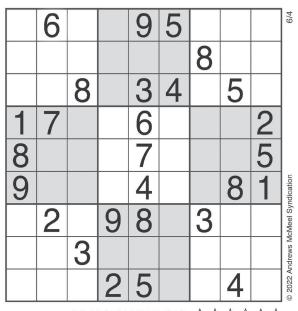
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The chance to bounce around ideas is not to be missed. No matter who you interact with, your notions will only improve today, sharpened by the mere act of sharing.

(Dec. 22-Jan. CAPRICORN 19). experience persistence winning out. Whether you're the tenacious one or are acted up on by insistent forces, it will be heartening to see diligence win out. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are times when sticking to the budget felt dreary, but now it feels like a victory. The win you experience comes about as you follow the simplest of rules: Earn more than you spend.

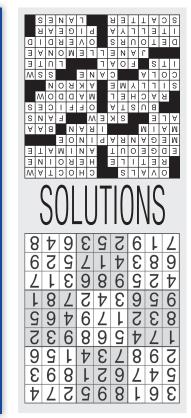
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've a vision for the future. The more people share it, the stronger it gets. Intense moods carve their own reality. Passion and certainty make for bigger and faster change.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 5). Your gratitude practice goes to new levels; the better you get at counting your blessings, the more arrive at your door, ready to be counted until happiness floods your world. Other highlights include: a certificate of education, a strange but auspicious professional twist and the maturation of an investment. Libra and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 40, 11, 9 and 16

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



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## **Themeless Sunday by Trent H. Evans**

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## **ACROSS**

- 1 "I'm innocent!" They lower pools'
- pH levels "That's what a little birdie told me
- 16 Small, in France 17 Strands at a
- buffet? 18 Crew
- 19
- Simple question type 20 Goes through
- some ups and downs?
- 22 Tuna variety 23 Carry along
- 26 Like some bad
- senior pictures 28 "Anybody else want a piece of me?
- 32 They can be checked or packed
- 33 Payment promise letters Like tornadoes in

Alaska

inserts

36 Bassoon

- 38 "Over my dead body!'
- 42 Lifted or swiped 43 It sometimes gets high at the beach 44 What Va. ratified
- 45 Submit tax forms online 47 Scene for a Mad

in 2020

- Hatter riddle 50 Standing sentry
- 52 Cut from a course schedule
- 53 Reaction to a massage
- 54 Be a sore loser, maybe
- \_ nerve (visual system part)
- 60 Trap, or part of a trap set 62 Brokered a treaty
- 65 Like Machu Picchu
- 66 Forestalled
- 67 Wanda of "The Upshaws" 68 Fast connection

source?

- **DOWN** 1 "Heavens!," to a
- Brit 2 Word after "dial" or "muscle"
  - 3 Barristers' headwear
  - 4 Insurance salespeople 5 Bar in a Western
  - 6 Like the utmost degree 7 Lil Wayne's "\_
  - Carter III" 8 Shrimp lo 9 Mistake
  - 10 Source of iPhone downloads
  - Jane Fraser, for Citigroup
  - 12 "Don't throw that out!' 13 Spreads gossip
  - 14 Oktoberfest mug Girl who's coming
  - out, for short 24 Polo of "Little Fockers'
  - 25 Obtain, as revenge Quadruple (iump never landed in the

Olympics)

29 Jam session for folk

28 Comes in first

30 Haywire 31 Narcissism or modesty

35 Wrapped up

- 37 "Don't go so soon!' 39 Pelvic bones
- 40 Many Sharpies 41 Try, as a case 46 Prefix with
- "friendly" or "warrior" 48 Totally worn out
- 50 Desert haven 51 Camel features 55 It covers a field

49 Tack on

58 Rapper with a refreshingsounding name 59 Give up rights to

57 "Bye-bye!"

- "Call Me Maybe" singer Carly Jepsen
- 63 End of the road? First mother in the Bible

# **HOROSCOPES** BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022 Planetary Rewards Program

**♥♥♥♥♥♥♥₽₽₽₽₽** industriousness of the Virgo moon, we're in for a strongly productive start to the week. Venus helps out with luxurious or financial incentives. Of course, the best scenario is when you enjoy a task so much,

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You started at your goal and planned backward. Now it seems some of the steps aren't adding up to your desired result. The plan needs adjustment but it will still work. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Avoid severe

the work is its own reward.

approaches to problem solving. Even the larger problems will be solved with small moves today. Also, note that many things are better regulated than prohibited GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Drawing a hard line

with yourself isn't always the way. If your rules for

yourself are causing you stress, consider changing

them. The same goes for beliefs. A slight bend could make all the difference. CANCER (June 22-July 22). Attraction will depend not on what you do but how you do it. People who need care will be drawn in by your tenderness, but so will people who just prefer to be treated well. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As a person of taste and style, you're interested in the story of a thing and the

deeper aspects of what it does and means. If anyone

with money can have it, you're not that interested.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The day gives you options that come with a ticking timer. In a way, the constraint only helps matters, as it ensures a decision is made, possibly by default.

Between the creativity of the Leo sun and the LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You want to bring joy to someone. Make no assumptions on the matter. What qualifies as enjoyable to them is not what you would have chosen for yourself. Regardless, if you can make them smile, you'll be happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Good manners, common courtesy and conforming to expectations will convey respect. Any breach in this regard will pack more punch than usual, but follow the rules and all goes smoothly

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're skilled

at turning negativity around on itself. Instead of

thinking you're not good at a task, you think, "This

one isn't coming easily, but I'm good at many other things. If it's worth it, I'll work on it and improve." CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Routines are comfortable; ruts aren't. Sprinkle in surprises, detours and new experiences. Even when things are going quite well, you'll benefit from changing it up. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's nothing

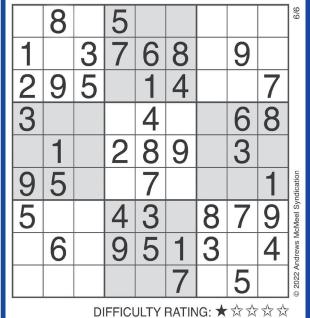
lead to trying something new. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even though you're a social creature at heart, your solitude is precious to you. Today's solo experience might just be so sweet

wrong with negative feelings. In fact, they can lead to

your best discoveries. A pang of dissatisfaction will

that no other company can compete. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 6). Risking with your heart feels dangerous, but fortune favors your spontaneous expressions of love as well as the daily routines that hold your relationships in good stead. Other highlights: the happy conclusion of months of struggle, assets changing into a more useful and liquid form and a team effort that nets a trophy. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3,

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