## Symbolism by David Steinberg

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#### **ACROSS**

- Metrosexuals,
- quaintly Primary
- 10 Whistle-blowers? 14 Still a competitor
- Main artery Enchanted" 16
- (Anne Hathaway 17 Warrior princess
- played by Lucy Lawless 18 Leeway
- 19 Before long
- 20 22 H
- 24 Lugged Rita's role in "West Side Story"
- Letter after zeta Drew a ring around, or what each single-letter clue in this puzzle should be?
- 33 Zippo
- Indian American, perhaps 36 Bike with an
- engine
- 41 Revolts

- Years and years
- 38 С
- 70 X
- Gaze
- Word before "water" or "spirit"

- 44 Thinking face and praying hands, for
- 48 Present itself, as an opportunity
- 49 One gets stoked about a big game 52 Prophetic signs
- 53 Animal such as Yona in "My Little Pony: Friendship Is Magic"
- 54 Breads with pockets 56 Raggedy doll
- 57 62 Fruitless 64 Doll up like an
- action figure, maybe 67 Assumed names
- 68 Backlogs in inboxes
- **DOWN**
- 1 Obsessed Lacking variety 3 Party animals,
- perhaps?
- Wallet filler

- 7 Public radio host Glass
- Use acid for art Phony
  - 10 Amber, for one 11 Running away to marry 12 Inflatable pool toy
  - 13 They may have thongs Palindromic
  - health agcy. 23 Boy
  - 28 Babysitters' nightmares Rogers in old
- Westerns 30 Lifesaving skill, briefly
- 31 Garland symbolizing Hawaiian royalty 32 One of a cube's
- 35 Treats, as a sore knee
- It has quarks Adjective in the American South, or a cheer in South America
- 40 Medical network
- "A drop of golden sun"

- 42 Stretch of time 43 Two-piece
- swimsuits
- 45 Captain Picard or director Godard 46 B&B relative
- 47 Nine-digit ID They get stoked
- at home One may
- dispense 100s Civil rights org. since 1909
- Phony
- 55 Unlikely to show emotion
- 58 Biblical ark builder
- Blow a out)
- 60 "Survivor: Panama" locale, in Panama
- Like an unresolved question
- 62 Barrel-making wood 63 Seemingly
- tireless insurance spokes-woman 65 Gorilla, for one

#### Fashionable 66 monogram

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# HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021 Cosmic Course Correction



start showing until you've laid plenty of track. This is why addiction, with its quick hits of pleasure (followed by a long, steady declination), can so easily slot into the place of aspiration – a dangerous switcheroo. The Jupiter aspect and Mars opposition to Pluto favor a

ARIES (March 21-April 19). At first glance, it would seem you're in a mood to take a chance, risk rejection, go for the big spoils. Upon further assessment, this isn't a mood at all. It's an orientation built to last

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The complexity of a relationship will baffle you. Each nuance has meaning split open and reflecting an opposite meaning, like light refracted through crystals, dazzling and disorienting. The conquest is the surrender.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What you seek is inside yourself, but if you can't see it and don't know what it is, so what if you happen to be carrying it around? To recognize the internal quality, you need the external pursuit. Vision requires light from the outside. CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll construct your

plan like any master builder, one brick at a time until it's complete. It's a comfort knowing tomorrow you'll be living in the fruit of today's effort. Can you also enjoy the labor? LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The sort of work required

will be deep and concentrated. It won't pair well with shallow, vain pursuits. It will be impossible to do this work in a place of distraction, which every place is now, unless you silence your phone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There is an uncoordinated, improvised quality to the day's unfolding, to the point where you might even call it a mess. Lovely things are born of messes, though, and in fact, messiness is just a fact of birth.

Aspiration is a long, steady haul, and rewards don't LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Groups are tricky. Shop around to find the right one. A good fit would be a place in which the spirit with which the endeavor is

approached harmonizes with the endeavor itself. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have patience with those who seem to need to puff themselves up, posture and jockey for position. Fame and power are what

people go for before they understand what they really

crave, which is a union with their own soul. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The difficulties will clear up in stages. Get interested instead of frustrated. The more curious you are about how things work, the more they will reveal themselves to you.

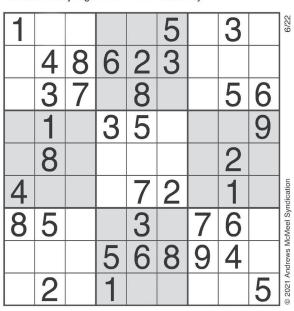
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Constructive daydreaming is a joy and the most productive way to spend your creativity, as long as you keep track of where vou've traveled on this journey of imagination.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Roses have thorns. Chocolate is a bitter bean. The classic love stories involve the tragic longing of lovers who, for some reason, can't unite. Strip the thorns; add sugar; remove the obstacle. Viva capability!

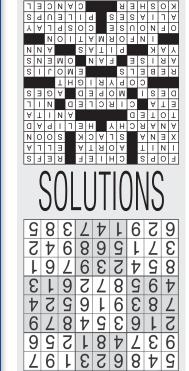
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You want enough order in your environment to allow for unobstructed movement to achievable aims. But don't expect or even strive for things to be perfect. Too much order is uninspiring and strangely demotivating. Strike a

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 23).** Your cosmic birthday gift is a kind of magic pen: Any writing tool you pick up will solidify your written wishes in your mind and life. As you nurture existing relationships, your social circle will grow to include, among others, contacts who will help you thrive professionally and/or financially. July investment pays in February 2022. Leo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 11, 2, 6 and 15.

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



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# **Tough Exterior** by Rachel Fabi

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### **ACROSS**

- \*Bottle top \*What might
- make sparks fly? \*Sepulcher 13 Locker room
- smell Range above baritone
- At any point 17 "Why must you
- dramatic?" Vision" (Disney+ miniseries)
- 19 Grp. with a phonetic alphabet Eight-bit units Chevy Tahoe, for
- one 23 Sketched
- Directed 25 Fish in some tattoos
- 28 Edge of a pants leg F-, for one
- Groups such
- Confessional Hair removal
- option Hosp. area

- 39 Many vinyls,
  - uprising site ... or any side of on a word that
- 43 Hit \_\_\_\_ jackpot 45 Mo. before May
- 48 Fiddled (with)
- played Spock
- better to have loved ...' 54 Unhappy
- 56 Sauna site Manning
- 58 Selects, with "for" Irritate
- cubes 64 Beehive State

- as Dashboard
- Fastens with string

- this grid, based can follow each starred answer?
- Transcript figs.
- Film in which

- "Waffles + Mochi"
- 68 Ghostly noise 69 Encryption
- system ball culture

- briefly
- 40 1969 LGTBQ+
- Zachary Quinto
- Ex-quarterback
- 62 Chopped into
- host Michelle
- Mothers of colts
- Show about NYC

72 \*Spot for a sweatband \*Lead-in to "day"

or "place"

**DOWN** 1 \*Throw (together) 2 "Children of

Blood and Bone"

3 Position after a Ph.D., for some 4 Internet cheer hidden in

author Tomi

- "software" 5 Salonga who voiced Jasmine and Mulan 6 Establishments
- 40-Across "Obviously!" Journey 9 Mind, as a bar

such as

10 Egg cell

- producers Space object in a shower \*University in
- Providence v. Wade Jamaican genre "l'm \_ your

tricks!"

informally 29 Shopping complex

27 Carding,

- 74 \*Decryption tool Like thick eyebrows 33 Oozes
  - Tomato impact sound 38 Hits, like a fly Concert
  - souvenirs 42 "Right away!" 43 Open-faced
  - tortilla dish 46 Boil in advance. say 47 Set free

48 Step carefully

49 Wicked cool

- 51 Wicked cool 52 \*Nephrologist's focus \*Tactile sense
- Khalifa Strip off, as clothing 61 Actress Teri

Home of the Burj

63 Little demon 66 Came together 67 Firepit remnant **HOROSCOPES** BY HOLIDAY MATHIS THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021 Full Fire Moon

Mild interest isn't enough to pull a person through the ups LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's strange to have a talent and downs of an entire cycle of an endeavor. The full fiery Sagittarius moon insists a thing is compelling from the start. The right endeavors gather momentum, eventually drawing us into a heroic monomania, inspiring levels of

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Protect the activities you

love so you can keep on loving them. Helpful tactics: Be

passion unbeknownst to our prior selves.

selective in choosing your activity partners, and spend only the amount of money you can afford. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's only human to assume that others have a similar interior style to our own, but of course, we vary widely in our thinking styles.

values and boundaries. You'll find a kind way to tell

people they've crossed your invisible lines. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your sense of personal responsibility is extensive. You feel it's your job to take care of those around you, uphold a standard of kindness and set a bar for generosity. Just don't forget to extend the same to yourself, and probably first.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To want something

you don't think you can have and then to get it is a

somersault-worthy delight. And yet, the experience pales in comparison to the resounding contentment of wanting what you already have. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Today's problem is like a lock. If you know the combination, it's easy to plug it in and pull it open. But coming up with the numbers would be

hard and not worth your time. Find someone who already

knows the solution VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Relationships are wrought with false starts, detours and missed connections ... all part of the magic. Believe it or not, the anticipation caused by these delays is what keeps the relationship on

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*** people want and yet to feel largely unseen. You are not alone in this longing for understanding. You'll seek a deeper knowledge of others and, in secret, hope it will

> SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Newton's first law said it best. "A body at rest will remain at rest, and a body in motion will remain in motion unless it is acted upon by an external force." Something gets you up and going, and then you're unstonnable SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a task

teach you how to reveal yourself better, too.

you've been avoiding due to its dreariness as an idea, but it will go the way of so many ideas -- morphed by reality into something entirely unexpected -- in this case, an interesting endeavor. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you don't have a system, don't worry; the world will lend you one. And

if you don't like what you're lent, you'll be in a better

position than you are now, a position of knowing what AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You respect time and treat it as the valuable commodity it is, teaching others through example. You're prompt; you get to the point; and most importantly, you recognize and avoid wasteful, low-

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your unconscious

mind has an agenda it's not sharing with your conscious

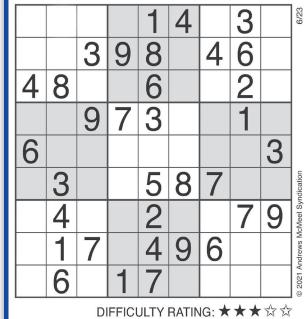
yield uses of your moments.

mind yet. It has its reasons, though you'll challenge them and win, the prize being interesting and empowering selfknowledge. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 24). You embrace psychological complexity and messiness, and therefore, people show you who they really are. You connect in honest ways that open your year to a wide range of experiences. You'll be building something for many to enjoy, a continual and immersive project you'll need

breaks from. Love is your safe haven. Pisces and Aquarius

adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 13, 25, 6 and 2.

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