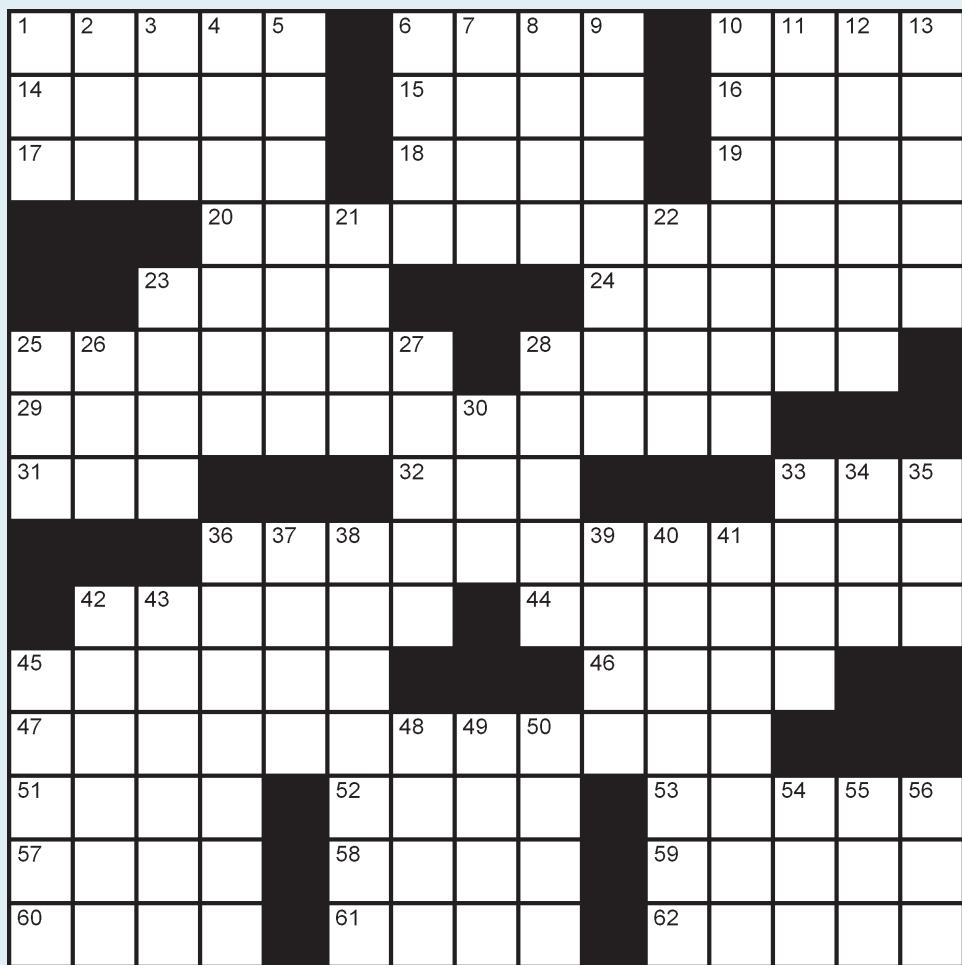


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- ACROSS: 1 Light wood, 6 Walk with effort, 10 Chunk of granite, 14 To any degree, 15 Roof projection, 16 Leaves as a group?, 17 Battlefield caregiver, 18 Capital of Ukraine, 19 Golden State sch. that Jackie Robinson attended, 20 Guggenheim Museum specialty, formally?, 23 Texter's "Here's a thought", 24 Cruise ships, 25 Unidentified individual, 28 Positioned like a KO'd boxer, often, 29 Hamburger meat, formally?, 31 Charged particle, 32 Wonderland refreshment, 33 "___ seriously, folks ...", 36 Robe material, formally?, 42 Impressive caches, 44 Brand that some may sniff at?, 45 Came closer to, 46 Vanquish, as a vampire, 47 English educator, formally?, 51 Ollie's partner in comedy, 52 Carrara currency, 53 How things might be set or shoved, 57 "How ___ Your Mother", 58 Aerie, for an eagle, 59 Event with bulls, 60 Change of address, briefly, 61 Fruit used in gin, 62 Forms a winter wonderland, DOWN: 1 Sound of an impact, 2 Had tacos, say, 3 Certain young Scot, 4 More thin, 5 Gin, but not tonic, 6 Toy dog with a silky coat, for short, 7 Shelter for 13-Down, 8 Where dough often rises, 9 Reduce the worth of, 10 Satellite launched in 1957, 11 Reindeer moss, for instance, 12 Attractive quality, 13 Predators of Alaskan salmon, 21 "And that's that!", 22 Kelly of morning TV, 23 One-named Somali-American model, 25 Biol., e.g., 26 "And what have we here?!", 27 Colorado's ___ Park, 28 IHOP serving, 30 Feinstein or Romney: Abbr., 33 Like some tricky-to-eat fish, 34 Sport-___ (certain Jeep), 35 Appreciative letters, online, 36 Canada's most populous city, 37 At any time, 38 Shows embarrassment, perhaps, 39 "Frozen" queen, 40 Places where aging is appreciated, 41 Strings along, 42 What you may say after giving out your number, 43 Nadal of tennis, 45 Military denial, 48 Hamilton's downfall, 49 Approximately, 50 Word after "foot" or "key", 54 Wedding vow, 55 Natural moisturizer?, 56 Goddess also known as Aurora

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021 Mercury and Jupiter Oppositional Musings



The day features time spent in pleasant ways as well as hours in quite the opposite mode. The unenjoyable moments are still useful, maybe even more so than the enjoyable ones. The opposition of Mercury and Jupiter points out: Anyone who thinks life should be nonstop pleasure and satisfaction is missing out on living a remarkable life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll find yourself romanticizing the mundane aspects of your life for an audience. All it takes is good lighting and a moment of inspiration to cue up the strong main-character energy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you think the Shakespearean "dye has been cast," don't worry; it's a temporary stain. Time will wash it away, and you can start new or just go with the natural hues of life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Those impossible dreams will soon set your imagination on fire, but first you have to make space. Wrap up unfinished business to clear the runway for the next adventure.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Communicating well is absolutely critical to your effectiveness. There is no skill more useful now than your ability to match your message to the person who will receive it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your mission has changed, a natural progression that sort of seems to have snuck up on you. Suddenly, you're on a different path, and you realize you just don't want the same things you used to.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A young, carefree mood sets in. Your mind is cleared of worry, your time free of chore. You still have responsibilities, but they don't seem burdensome. Feeling light is the same as actually being light.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The spirit of rivalry creeps with a spur-of-the-moment contest. There was a time you would rush into the game without a thought, but now you're more aware. Often the winning move is not to compete.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Maybe others want something a little different from you than what you're currently giving. Ultimately, the one to determine how you'll change is you. You'll improve quickly, but only in the ways you wish to improve.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your inclination toward good-natured kidding and harmless mischief will be fun for relationships. It works because you're a master of tone and you know where to draw the line.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Does it feel like the spotlight is taking its sweet time getting around to you? This is a gift. You can use these extra minutes to prep yourself for your star moment.

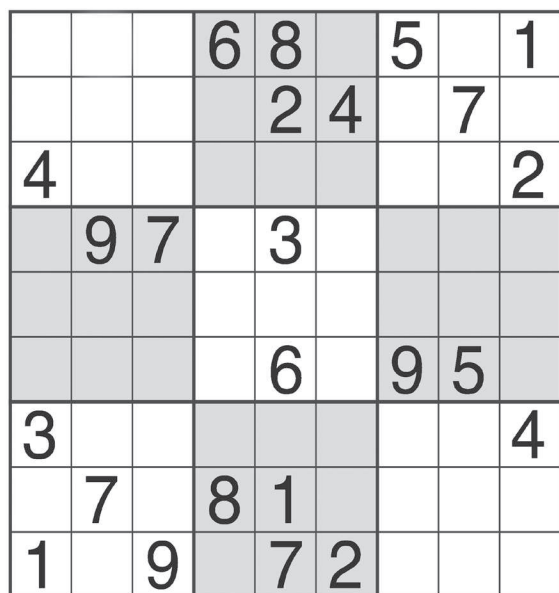
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you sense a person is using some kind of persuasive technique with you, it makes you wonder why. You put your guard up, refusing to be manipulated by the motives of others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You do not always want to be so vividly aware of what's going on, but right now, the extra information will benefit you greatly. Command your senses to take in more and your higher mind to inform you as to what it all means.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 25). Though you will be struck by brilliance from out of the blue at least three times, you also refuse to leave yourself open to the whims and vagaries of inspiration. It is your stellar work ethic that keeps you rising to ever-greater heights. The synastry of a partnership leads to an entire team executing your exceptional agenda. Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 3, 33, 1 and 40.

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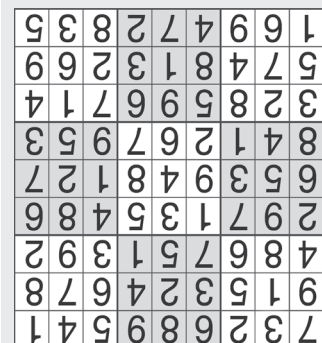
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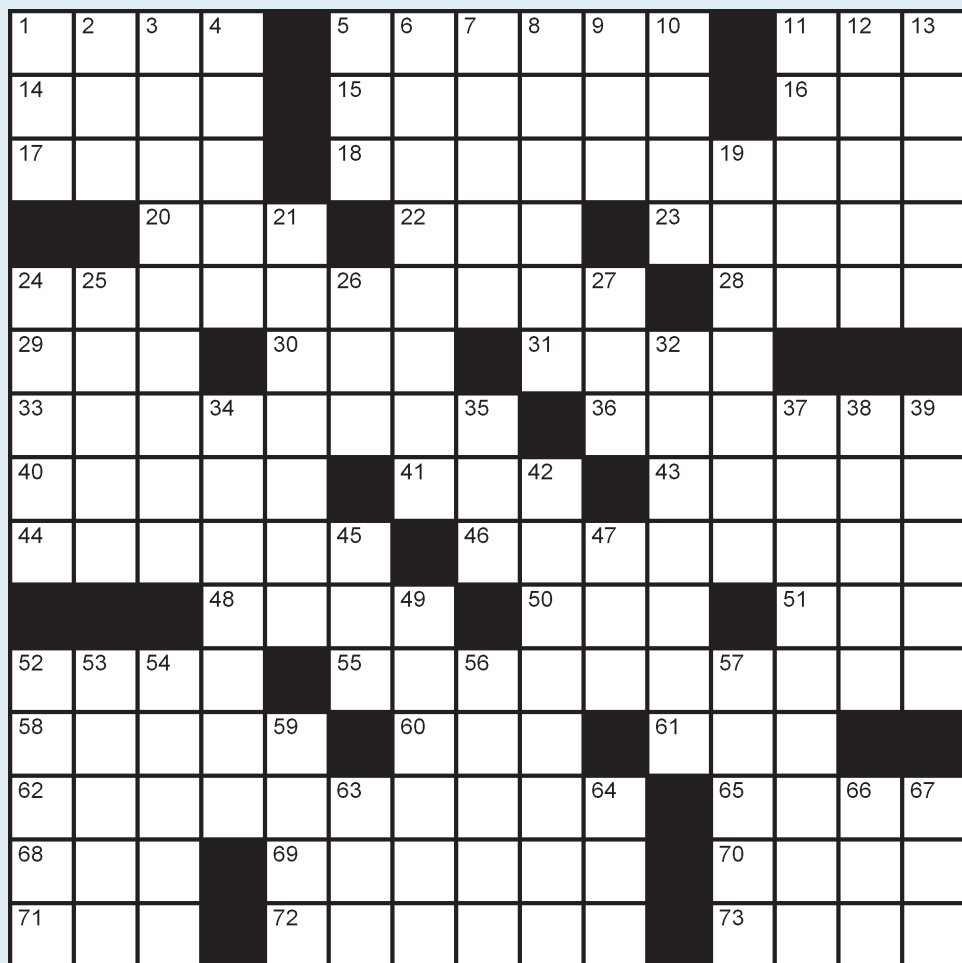


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- ACROSS: 1 Its letters replace the letters of 73-Across in the starred answers ... or, with 73-Across, event for bargain hunters, 5 Invites out for, 11 Swampy spot, 14 Tibetan priest, 15 Way up the Statue of Liberty, 16 Lucy of "Kung Fu Panda", 17 Planets, poetically, 18 *Soldiers of fortune?, 20 Kind of port for a keyboard, 22 Certain RSVPs, 23 Commencement, 24 *Epic novels?, 28 Ctrl+Y, on a PC, 29 Half of a bikini, 30 ___-Magnon, 31 Beyonce's role in "The Lion King", 33 Central character such as Walter White, 36 Entrenches oneself, 40 Verbally bamboozle, 41 Expected, 43 "Bend It Like Beckham" actress Knightley, 44 Curriculum segment, 46 Overrun (with), 48 H.S. reunion attendee, 50 "Tiny" Dickens character, 51 Name within "Shania", 52 Punt or gondola, 55 *Chicago Cub?, 58 Sunlit lobbies, 60 Shirt with a slogan, perhaps, 61 Homeric exclamation?, 62 *Steel wool component?, 65 Ripped, 68 Q's point value, in Scrabble, 69 "Right away!", 70 Outback birds, 71 Notable period, 72 Certain pets in shelters, 73 See 1-Across, DOWN: 1 ___-mo replay, 2 Card game that's all luck, 3 Walks, fancily, 4 No longer in, 5 Hibachi residue, 6 Rachel Maddow's California alma mater, 7 (Wham!), 8 Nurses, as a drink, 9 Stab, so to speak, 10 ___ buco, 11 World-weary, 12 Well-___ machine, 13 Great energy, 19 Brings to a boil?, 21 Wharton, e.g., informally, 24 Little League precursor, 25 Golfer Palmer, to his fans, 26 Stuff in a vein, 27 Clump of chewing gum, 32 Frantically, 34 Announcement before overtime starts, 35 Agreement in Arles, 37 Have a quiet night in, 38 Adler of Sherlock Holmes stories, 39 Low point, 42 Humble plea, 45 Pencil you used all semester, say, 47 Stretch the truth, 49 Nighttime streaker?, 52 Moistened while cooking, 53 The last option on a survey, usually, 54 Kind of rock associated with stadiums, 56 Insurance giant based in Hartford, 57 Sacred object, 59 Tinder and Grindr, 63 "Rocky III" actor, 64 ___ Gatos, California, 66 Bemoan, 67 Approx.

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021 Venus Teases Out the Story



The Pisces moon pulling across the sky from Venus releases the art from our souls. We are all the writers of our own stories, but just because we hold the pen doesn't mean we like everything that flows out of it. For those of us who feel like the plot is getting away from us, it's only human. Remember who is in charge, and try again.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You make sure that everyone around you is treated with respect, friendliness and care, and not just by you. You hold all you are affiliated with to the high standard you expect from yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Be sure to include people in a decision-making process. Ask them to work, and give something extra to figuring things out. People will commit to the thing they are involved with. A lack of involvement is a lack of commitment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're on the lookout for a moment you can own, not sure what it's going to be, and versatile on the matter. You're ready to lob a funny quip, show up with the superstar look or swoop in to save the day.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Someone shares what they want to do and you'll get behind the goal, too, wanting to see it happen almost as badly as they do. It lifts the group when people are devoted to the outcomes of other people's lives.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you started this venture, you didn't have an audience in mind, but the more people you shared your journey with, the more people you wanted to see it. Now you have this slight pressure to perform, which makes things interesting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't agree to the status quo; invent it! You won't know what you're capable of until you go through a process of raising the bar little by little until the level makes you feel keenly alive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have an idea. You don't need to convince anyone to get on board; you only need to explore, embody and enjoy your idea and the people who are a good fit will naturally involve themselves.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Each person is the center of their own scene, but some seem to own the role more than others. Your story overlaps with that of another in ways most pleasant. It's a co-star situation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Make your schedule before you start the day because some of what's on your list is hard. In the moment, you are not going to want to do them. The slight pressure of a predetermined schedule will keep you accountable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What are you looking forward to in the next three months? Having a happening to head toward will organize you differently. Your schedule will fill with unexpected delights leading up to the main event.

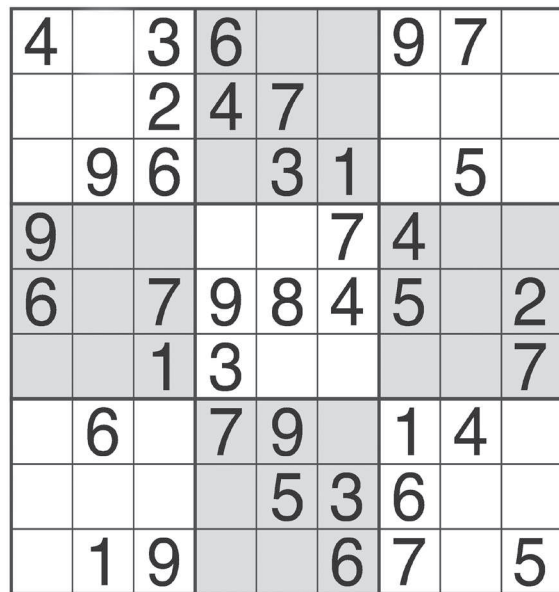
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can assess the situation without judging the people involved. It's a good time to reiterate... everyone is doing the very best they can. When they know better, they will do better.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Don't wait for instructions or work through a to-do list written by someone else. You'll get the feeling that your ideas are the ones to follow. This isn't arrogance; it's truth. Act on it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 26). Your life quickly improves to meet the new standards you set this solar return. Relationships will be the first change. New connections bring you more creativity and a greater spirit of cooperation. Drama is a thing of the past as you spend more time doing what feeds the best in you and those around you. Taurus and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 36, 4, 44 and 28.

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