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- ACROSS**
- 1 Scored perfectly on
 - 5 Producer of milk
 - 8 Clock face
 - 12 Devastation
 - 14 If-then- statement
 - 15 Actress Roberts
 - 16 Stadium's relative
 - 17 Southern pronoun
 - 18 Circular piece of dough?
 - 19 2005 Coldplay hit whose title is sung after "And birds go flying at the ..."
 - 22 Bikini top
 - 25 Fixtures in entertainment centers
 - 26 "We ___ please"
 - 27 Person from Perth, e.g., informally
 - 29 Toss out
 - 31 Footwear item with no laces
 - 33 Single strand found in hair
 - 36 Roomy vehicle
 - 37 British bathroom
 - 38 Annoy
 - 40 Sleep acronym
 - 41 Success-vs.-failure choice
 - 43 Sweetheart
 - 45 Capital of Dominica
 - 46 Like hot fudge
 - 48 Chest muscle, for short
 - 49 E.R. workers
 - 50 Make a deal with the devil
 - 54 Notified
 - 55 ___ Spunkmeyer cookies
 - 56 Not at all urban
 - 60 Falco in "The Sopranos"
 - 61 One may taste more sweet than sour
 - 62 Run away to get hitched
 - 63 Colleague
 - 64 Cheer for Team Spain
 - 65 Run easily
- DOWN**
- 1 "Eureka!"
 - 2 One may do laps ... or be found in a pool
 - 3 The night before
 - 4 Dresses in
 - 5 Dressed (in)
 - 6 Norway's capital
 - 7 Good fortune
 - 8 Relax at a spa
 - 9 "Catch you later!"
 - 10 Essential ___ acids
 - 11 Sea's counterpart
 - 13 Aid for a deaf person watching a video
 - 14 Organs Brahma has eight of
 - 20 Like 42 or 420
 - 21 "Chandelier" singer
 - 22 Low guitar variety
 - 23 Measuring stick
 - 24 Remark that other actors pretend not to hear
 - 28 What's usually full of junk
 - 29 Gleamed
 - 30 One mixing things up at work
 - 32 Like improbable chances
 - 34 More recent
 - 35 Birdlike
 - 38 Manage to get
 - 39 Australian birds
 - 41 Reject
 - 42 Cookie in many crosswords
 - 44 Lion sign
 - 46 It often contains quartz crystals
 - 47 Skateboarder's jump
 - 48 (I have something to tell you)
 - 50 Staircase part
 - 51 List-ending abbr.
 - 52 Royal address
 - 53 Awkward moment on a first date
 - 57 Pooh's jumping friend
 - 58 It may be coded in Java
 - 59 Martial artist Bruce

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 New Moon Pre-Show



As we ramp up to the new moon in Virgo, it is most appealing to live every aspect of the day with elegance. Even the most mundane interactions are opportunities for gracious dealings. Humble domestic tools will be treated as the valuable possessions they are. Efforts of maintenance and tidiness are elevated to the level of art.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Just when you think life couldn't get any weirder, a fire sign arrives to push against the edges of your reality. If nothing else, you'll appreciate the entertainment value in this.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In the same way a picture can turn a plain wall into a room with a view, a person can turn an ordinary experience into an expansive one. Everyone you meet is a window to another world.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are nothing if not tasteful. Your aesthetic values will be evident in the understated finesse of your approach to just about everything. The ones who notice are your people. The ones who don't are learning from you, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are fully aware of your surroundings and focused on only what is most helpful to your purpose. Others tell you where to go and what to do -- suggestions to consider, but not to act on automatically.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Remember when you let go of a childish hope that simply failed to match up with reality? You were liberated by the move and were soon onto more fulfilling pursuits. History is about to repeat itself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are a sovereign nation. Anyone who sees your autonomy as a threat is the embodiment of a red flag. Work goes smoothly with those who respect your power and observe your boundaries.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Today's cosmic gift is a boost of willpower. You'll do whatever you tell yourself to do. However, this only progresses you toward your goals if you tell yourself to do the right things.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The current astral lineup suggests you may be vulnerable to relationships with a distinctly narcissistic flavor. Resist moving too quickly in your dealings. It's better to gain trust and traction over time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'd do anything to put a smile on your loved one's face, though you'll have great success with a very small move. Listen up. Then, show proof that you were listening. That's all it takes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have a way of bringing out the best in people. You're a delight when dealing with the delightful, and with the notoriously difficult personalities, you're unflappable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The debate centers around responsibilities, where they lie and the logistics of who is going to take on what job. You may take on more than you intended to, which will ultimately work to your benefit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Are you ready to take a relationship to the next level? Of course not. That's not how things work. First, you commit beyond your capability. Then, in the process of the work, you grow in capability.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (SEPT. 5). You work for what you want, regardless of the difficulty involved. The reality you see before you is a melding of your imagination with the physical world -- a trend that will continue as you apply a powerful force of sheer will to your dreams of the new era. In matters of love, take a softer route. Relax into relationships. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 22, 19, 41 and 6.

Universal SUDOKU

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Escape Room by Leonard Williams

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Of utmost importance
 - 6 Endangered African herbivore
 - 11 YouTube's ___ vs. BRO
 - 14 "The unexamined life is not worth living," e.g.
 - 15 Auntie ___ pretzels
 - 16 Knee part's acronym
 - 17 Tennis parody on "SNL"?
 - 19 Favorable vote
 - 20 Apt rhyme for "cache"
 - 21 "That's scary!"
 - 22 ___ guards (soccer gear)
 - 23 Celebrating after scoring a touchdown?
 - 26 Aerial circus act
 - 30 The way, to Lao-tzu
 - 31 Caramelly candy
 - 32 Tel ___
 - 35 Lawn game in Milan
 - 39 Epps of "House"
 - 40 Papas' partners in rock
 - 42 Seized
 - 43 Future perfect, for example
 - 45 Crushing defeat
 - 46 Otherwise
 - 47 Popular red wine, for short
 - 49 Animals in mazes
 - 51 Italian rice dish whose texture is wrong?
 - 56 Put-in-Bay's Great Lake
 - 57 Mountain pass
 - 58 Volt and watt
 - 62 "Notorious" SCOTUS legend
 - 63 Certain parent, educationally speaking?
 - 66 One might hold your beer
 - 67 Battery terminal
 - 68 Eellike predator
 - 69 Tap-___ (easy putts)
 - 70 Rib
 - 71 Accustom
- DOWN**
- 1 Dyson product, briefly
 - 2 Altar affirmations
 - 3 Not slack
 - 4 ___ Fort (landmark near the Taj Mahal)
 - 5 Leaves alone
 - 6 Acorn producer
 - 7 Get ready to propose
 - 8 Contributed poker chips
 - 9 Eat without enthusiasm
 - 10 "Kinda like that"
 - 11 Greet someone casually
 - 12 Strand during winter
 - 13 Informal vocabulary
 - 18 Captain Marvel's transformation word
 - 22 Razor product that's kid-friendly
 - 24 Burton of "Reading Rainbow"
 - 25 Capture
 - 26 Gait slower than a gallop
 - 27 Cicero's commonwealth
 - 28 "Schmigadoon!" actor Cumming
 - 29 Boxster automaker
 - 33 Texter's prelude to a take
 - 34 One may be loaded with cash
 - 36 Mixer in a Cuba libre
 - 37 Purchase price
 - 38 Barely gets (by)
 - 41 Michelangelo's "David," e.g.
 - 44 Cochlea's site
 - 48 Major event, with "the"
 - 50 Powder cleanser brand
 - 51 Word of gratitude in Grenoble
 - 52 Like a megacity
 - 53 Endorses, as a contract
 - 54 Polynesian island nation
 - 55 Subjective columns in the paper
 - 59 Camera, for Instagram
 - 60 No ___ Traffic
 - 61 Brown quickly
 - 63 Fedora, for instance
 - 64 Top that may feature a graphic
 - 65 Whiskey grain, perhaps

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2021 Laborious New Moon



The new moon in the sign of hard work is an apt omen for Labor Day -- a holiday honoring the contributions of workers that is traditionally celebrated by giving them the day off. The dark seed of a moon is a reminder that we are improving and our regenerative forces are churning even as we relax. A healthy revitalization is underway.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're considering a bold move. If it makes your heart beat faster and you feel like running away, that's a good sign. The conqueror that you are, you'll run toward your fear instead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have no trouble bringing your mind to the task at hand, but keeping it there for long stretches amidst distractions will be a challenge. Prevent the distractions and you're golden!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). An inner critic will speak especially loudly. Respond in a warm and welcoming way, and the climate inside you becomes milder. Clouds part, your head clears and sunshine floods your heart.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You and a loved one will respectfully disagree. That you can do this without too much of an emotional charge speaks well of the relationship's stability, which is trending in a healthy direction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Avoid mind-numbing activities such as losing yourself in entertainment you've already seen. Aim smarter. Intellectual pursuits will first expand your mind, then your horizons.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will come across outdated information, wrong addresses and links to error pages, yet you're still on a good path. Stick to the maps of the well-intentioned journeyers before you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If no one objects to your work, dig a little deeper. Good work will raise questions. It will find support and critics at the same time. And great work will be simultaneously loved and reviled.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). To remain on course, you will need resilience. Therefore, any knock to your balance is a lucky opportunity to practice emotional elasticity, quick reflexes and speedy recovery.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To get the whole story, you must talk to everyone who was there. Beware: There are many who don't want the whole story -- only the story that supports their agenda.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Oscar Wilde said style is what "makes us believe in a thing." You will prove his point today as you infuse something ordinary with your extraordinary uniqueness and watch it get bought right up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Although it is not inherently useful to offend people, worthy endeavors sometimes alter power dynamics, which is sure to ruffle feathers. The popularity of a choice will have little to do with its correctness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The importance of good friends isn't lost on you. You'll be reminded of good times and cherished friends, which could inspire a thoughtful show of appreciation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (SEPT. 6). Today, they celebrate your uniqueness. You bring out a side of people that wouldn't exist if not for you. You'll continue the tradition with playful and thoughtful interactions throughout the year. Your involvement in an uphill battle will prove worth the fight. Compensation will be sweet. Never resist love; take it all in. Taurus and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 13, 2, 28 and 16.

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