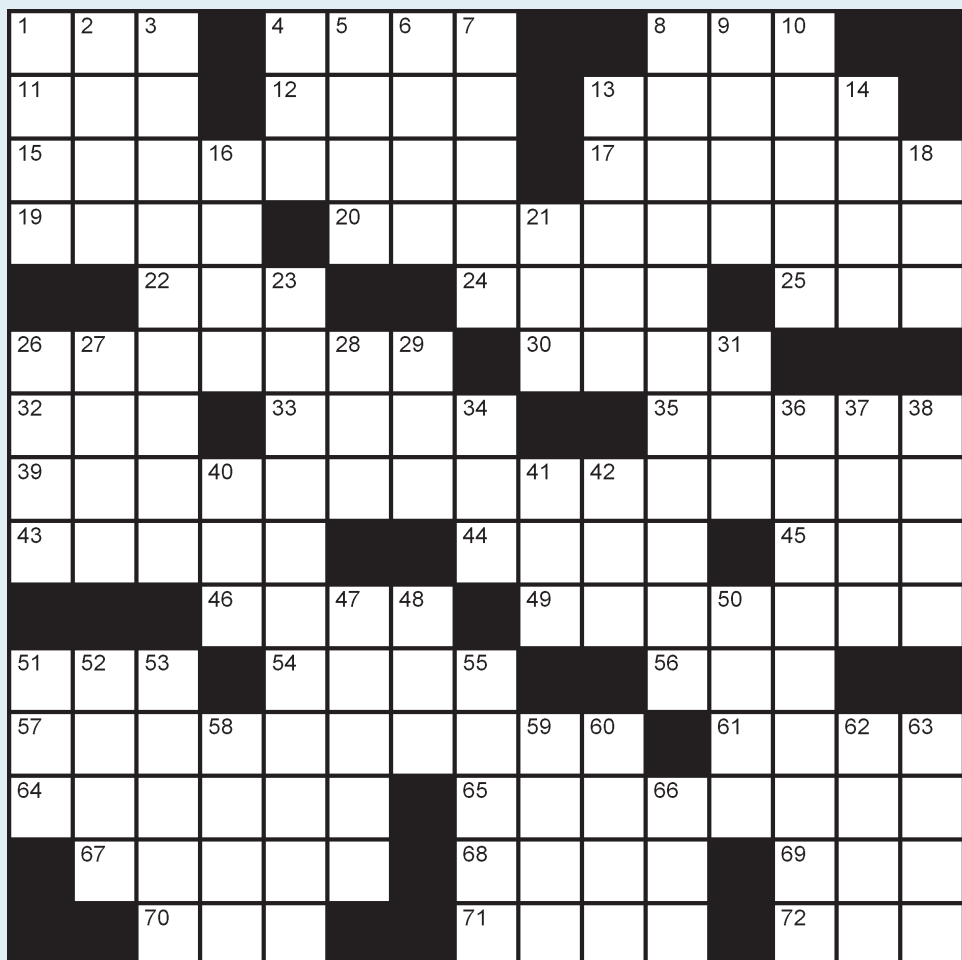


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- ACROSS 1 Yank 4 Mellowed, like wine 8 Computer that can run Parallels 11 Dined 12 Apt-sounding name for a kid on Santa's naughty list? 13 Peddles 15 \*Win-win 17 Cookie-flavored cereal 19 Cedar Point amusement park's state 20 \*Needing emotional connection for physical attraction 22 Game whose name is shouted 24 \_\_\_ Likely (common caller ID) 25 Deadpan 26 Rival of Manchester United 30 Japanese soup noodle 32 Food item in a rack 33 Dedicated poems 35 Daring poker move 39 \*Fixture for soaking 43 Font flourish 44 It has hot and hatha forms 45 Sis or bro 46 "\_\_\_ it ironic?" 49 Feline memes 51 Targets of crunches 54 Merino or cashmere 56 Bit of time, briefly 57 \*Catchphrase of Tim Gunn from "Project Runway" 61 South Beach, e.g. 64 Produce from scratch 65 They keep spines upright ... or the first and last two letters of the starred clues' answers, in two ways? 67 Frisbee golf items 68 "The Great" actress Fanning 69 National security org. 70 Furthest degree 71 Kill it, at a drag show 72 She/\_\_\_ DOWN 1 Food with a shell 2 Four Corners state 3 Apple support station 4 Common tear site for a WNBA player 5 "Glad to hear it" 6 "Anyone \_\_\_?" 7 Judges to be 8 People, to a god 9 "The Secret World of \_\_\_ Mack" ('90s Nickelodeon show) 10 Data storage option 13 "Such a bummer" 14 Fly high 16 Manner of speaking 18 Devious 21 Critical hosp. ward 23 Something you flip in a house 26 Rainbow shapes 27 Work up 28 "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing" 29 Zodiac sign for much of August 31 "Pass" 34 Oink-filled pen? 36 "Easy-peasy!" 37 Word after "file" or "follow" 38 Tide movements 40 Nintendo release of 2006 41 Brazil neighbor: Abbr. 42 Some time \_\_\_ 47 Wine's aromas and flavors, say 48 Pull, as a car 50 Yield control of 51 "Better Call Saul" network 52 Shakespeare was one 53 Yarn purchase 55 Spots to wear studs 58 It's right on a map 59 Craps move 60 Caffeine nut 62 Falco of Hollywood 63 Old Russian ruler 66 A minor or B major

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021 Lunar Shove to Defy Definition



Although the word "sapphire" means blue, the stone comes in many colors: pink, orange, purple and all of the above in one rock. Like this hard gem, we can move outside our standard definition to accomplish something brilliant, beautiful and unexpected. The lunar influence in ambitious Capricorn offers a prize to the daring, hardworking visionary. ARIES (March 21-April 19). Talk to yourself. Say encouraging and compassionate things. Could you do it out loud? That's the way that will most help, though writing will also be advantageous. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Take on the small, easily won challenges. Building up a track record of success will give you the confidence you can apply to opportunities coming your way. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You feel like you're in your own world, but others are aware. "If you reveal your secrets to the wind, you should not blame the wind for revealing them to the trees." -- Kahlil Gibran CANCER (June 22-July 22). Self-discipline is not a magic ingredient that some possess and others don't; it's a skill to be cultivated. You'll make real progress, figuring out how to get yourself to follow your own directives. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're creative and open as you do the rough work and sketch out plans in loose and messy lines. This process is exciting, and others will want to get involved. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You try to surround yourself with good influences, yet you can't control how others behave at any given moment. Even the most principled will fall down from time to time.

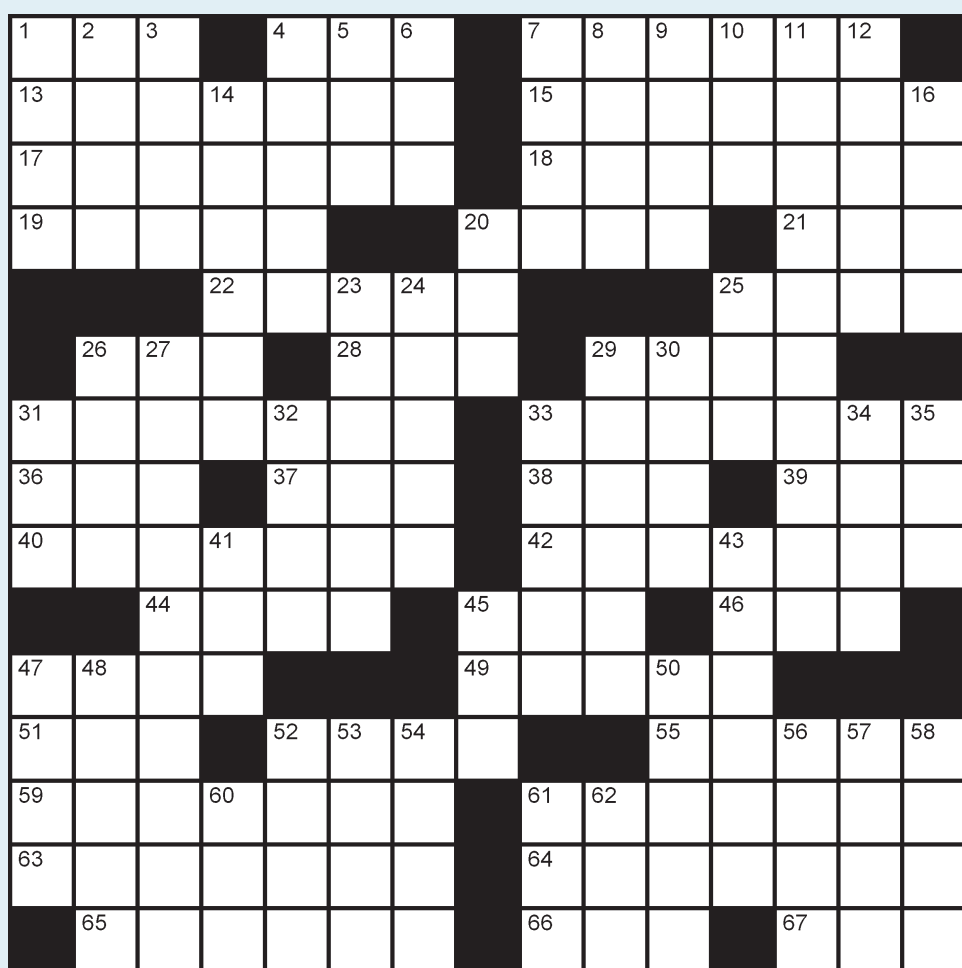
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll think you have too much on your plate, but handling all this is completely doable. Don't let your mind tell you otherwise. "The trick is, you bite off more than you can chew, then you still chew it." -- Will Smith SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The day brings concentrated work, intense activity and thorough enjoyment. You don't really have to add anything to get all this. It's like life just got more saturated. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). One of your least favorite things is to tell a person no when they desperately want you to say yes. You can avoid getting into this situation by recognizing early on when things are headed in that direction. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've tried to improve the situation through intellect, technology, psychology and more to no avail. Move it to the spiritual realm. Something as intangible as good intentions or private prayers will make a difference. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Is your dream improbable? So what? So are you. We live an existence against the odds, and anything we make of it is icing on the improbable cake. It's a good day to push your luck. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You know you're lovable, but it sure feels nice to get feedback to that effect. When that happens, as it will today, be sure to enjoy it, effusively if possible. Enthusiasm is love. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 5). Your supertalent is melding with the moment. You're a way of becoming so immersed in life that you help everyone around you get in the flow. Your reach will ripple beyond what you realize. Beauty, joy and music will sometimes be your quest, more often just the circumstances you naturally find yourself in. Gemini and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 18, 4, 48 and 31.

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- ACROSS 1 Go downhill fast? 4 Significant time 7 Ratty places? 13 Streamed course 15 Red juice hybrid 17 Buttercup family member (note the last 3 letters of this clue's answer + ...) 18 Referred (... the first 3 of this one) 19 Add up 20 Arduous journey 21 Source of iron 22 Extremely masculine 25 Rural lodgings 26 Twisty molecule 28 Word before "tamales" or "toddy" 29 Golfer's ride 31 Premed course (last 3 letters + ...) 33 Iowan (... first 3) 36 Songwriter Yoko 37 Melber on MSNBC 38 Energy Star org. 39 "Didn't I tell you?" 40 Longtime talk show host Phil (last 3 letters + ...) 42 New Age healing item (... first 3) 44 Lacking in color 45 Vital force of Chinese medicine 46 Book end? 47 Make small talk 49 Dog behaviorist Millan 51 Cow chow 52 x, y or z 55 "Common" ability 59 "Come in" (last 3 letters + ...) 61 Tied up, like the stomach (... first 3) 63 Brain cells 64 Lab supply store? 65 Attack verbally 66 Big fuss 67 Have DOWN 1 Whack, as a fly 2 Ball game at a casino 3 "Sure you will" 4 "\_\_\_ Holmes" (2020 film about Sherlock's sister) 5 Bled in the laundry 6 Is for adults or children? 7 Mark from battle 8 Competitor of Vogue 9 Base on balls 10 Bird that can be more than six feet tall 11 Home procedures that measure harmful gas levels 12 Back of a ship 14 Classic Apple catchphrase 16 Poems that may be sung 20 "Blue's Clues" viewer 23 Childlike angel 24 Bro 25 Aggravate 26 T. rex, e.g. 27 High light? 29 Cropped pants 30 Not home 31 Physique, informally 32 "Funny!" 33 Anne of "Wag the Dog" 34 Enthusiastic response 35 Aquatic shocker, perhaps 41 It's found in "apartments" 43 They blare in cities 45 Includes on a reply 47 What's moved by your speech 48 Can't stand 50 Invite for 52 Each 53 Princess who fought Hercules 54 Academy, e.g.: Abbr. 56 Greenwich Village neighbor 57 Load, like luggage 58 "Baseball Tonight" channel 60 "... cup \_\_\_ cone?" 61 Lagunitas brew 62 "The Simpsons" neighbor

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021 Scheming Squares Move Into Formation



Tensions mount as cosmic squares move into formation. Relationships don't function so well when there's a power imbalance. In cooperative situations, people meet each other on the same level to make something happen. Those who put themselves above others to achieve only their own interests are more into control than relationships. ARIES (March 21-April 19). Plans are vulnerable to getting foiled by the smallest mistakes, such as a typo or misheard instruction. Double-check times, dates and addresses. Make sure everyone is on the same page. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Emotional highs can verge on unbearable. Of course, no one likes to feel terribly low. But to have access to an emotional range is a gift. It opens possibilities that are not an option for those who feel nothing. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The obstacles of the day are not big, dull boulders. They are living decision-makers, susceptible to influence, responsive to persuasion, yielding to stern resolve. CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're growing wise. Wisdom is different from knowledge in that it doesn't come from knowing more but from learning more, especially from everyday people and environments. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). This is not a melodrama with a villain, a hero and someone who needs saving. This is a comedy. Everyone has those three archetypes inside them as they play nuanced and complex roles. The plot is still anyone's guess. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The situation will pique your curiosity and challenge your beliefs. That's just the beginning. You'll gladly go through the trouble of taking this on, though, because there's something bigger at stake -- something worth the risk.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No external measure of success is worthy of your pursuit because true success isn't external. However, the goals you set will give you a focus that will help you grow internal resources and forge stronger character. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't have to learn to be more satisfied with what you have. It comes naturally as you seek what you're attracted to and then revel in the experience of understanding it better. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've been trying to make something happen for a while and your attempts have gotten you nowhere. Paradoxically, once you stop trying to change, a change will occur. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your wide emotional range corresponds to the wide range of actions you are capable of. You wouldn't want to ignore a feeling because that would mean ignoring the action it might inspire. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Talk about a situation and it suddenly feels manageable. If you can put words to it, you'll find that you can also put into motion a number of possible solutions. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your social life is becoming more excellent as you honor others and are honored by them. The measure of relationships is not in the number of them but in the richness of their quality. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 6). Perhaps you do it for you; you've a knack for creating just the sort of joy you want to experience. But the outcome touches many. In fact, you're considered an angel of orchestration and will be rewarded for it. Your love and contribution produce the kind of light that's optically undetected; hearts see what the eyes cannot. Virgo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 29, 1, 19 and 7.

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