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- Recedes
- 5 Deep divide Crunchy side served with ribs
- Emit a foul smell 15 Relish
- 16 Caesar's garment *Lorraine Hansberry play
- from a Langston Hughes poem 20 Where a lumberjack might

whose title comes

- 21 Paulo
- 22 Ciabatta or naan *Novel about a con man and a girl during the Depression
- 26 Animal in a cave Symbol on South
- Korea's flag 30 Deplete
- Stimulate, as curiosity 35 Tiny terrier, for
- short Jacuzzi features
- Advice to a
- workaholic 42 London's
- Park 43 Symbols of Lent

2 Ernie's pal

- 45 Sigma follower
- 47 Sixth sense, briefly
- say 49 Ring bearer?
- 50 Planking muscles 52 Got too old to participate
- 55 Texter's "I think ..." 58 "For sure!"
- 60 Farmer's ride Like much
- folklore 63 Fix, as code
- 65 For dieters, in ads 66 Aloe
- Certain bee, or the sound of bees 68 Biblical
- preposition 69 Site for crafty
- people 70 Some vertical graph lines
- 71 They can be bruised or boosted
- DOWN
- 1 Divisions of time

- 3 Sender of 46 Less numerous chocolates, perhaps
- 4 Be stingy 5 Longtime forensic 48 Ignore the line,
 - series 6 Sally (nail polish brand)
 - 7 House with many

28 *1994

31 Helper

40 Praise

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George Takei

autobiography

Aerial text, or the

asterisked clues'

answers?

32 Viscount, e.g.

Smartphones

36 Actress Seehorn

singer's pitch

"Life" or "time"

50 Beyond's partner

stereotypically

53 Extremely joyous

"Forward," for

Black-and-white

59 Eye cream brand

You're reading

office (ticket

Wisconsin

snacks

one

10 11 12 13

source)

have many

39 "And so forth"

41 It corrects a

follower

46 Cheese that

crumbles

51 Artist's hat,

54 Impulses

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- 8 California wine valley 9 "The A-Team"
- actor with a mohawk
- 10 Rudder's place 11 Be checkmated,
- sav 12 Contents of un lago
- 13 Wondrous baton 18 Prevents littering?
- 19 "Game of Thrones' streaming
- service, in some countries 24 Seaside platform
- 25 Black-and-white gem
- 26 Mexican peninsula, familiarly

27 Mars, in Greece

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021 Planetary Party Prep

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Countdown to the final full moon of the year. The Cold Moon is made warmer by the cozy communication Gemini energy famously creates. This full moon is the hot cocoa by the fire, the "hygge" vibe of Danes and Norwegians, and, in the dead of winter, "the giggle at a funeral" that Hozier sings of. Three, two, one...

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You enjoy who you are, and this makes it possible for you to get much more pleasure out of every experience. Even daily errands and simple tasks will give you a peaceful, easy feeling.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Being an adult will have a lot to do with sticking to what's constructive. This may involve seeing, and acting like you don't see, or listening to it all and focusing only on the part that is actionable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have three eyes. Two for looking and one for seeing. The third eye does have certain known blinders. For instance, smoldering passion is a smoky irritant to say the least!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Knowing a lot about a person isn't the same thing as knowing a person. You'll get a chance to understand who a person really is, which will be very different from what can be assumed from a social media profile or resume.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Among the scariest words uttered between friends is the inquisitive trifecta, "Can we talk?" Today it's better not to. Everyone's actions are saying enough. Read those, and save the conversation for more puzzling fare.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're feeling reserved and there's a benefit to holding back. After all, not every story needs an answer story from the personal history archives. You'll be appreciated for your excellent listening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Having things in common will bring you together. Making a connection takes more than togetherness, though. It's the differences that ignite the spark. People who are too much alike aren't so interesting to one another.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The competitive mood. It starts with knowing you can beat someone else and

then realizing that the thing to beat is the status quo, or

perhaps your own personal best. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're not trying to deceive anyone, and no one means to deceive you. But there are dynamics in play that cause people to behave a little differently. Have fun getting to know a heightened version of your personality.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Don't worry about saying the right thing. The words are not what move social discourse along. Hold the space, be interested. and you've won

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Impulsive people need someone thoughtful next to them to temper their flaring energy. You're the stabilizer who will anticipate the other person's move and encourage all to take a pause before rushing into the wrong thing.

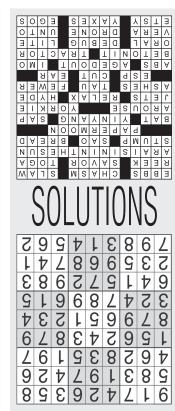
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The only thing standing between you and the goal is a knowledge gap. Get the expert. Learn what you didn't know that you didn't know. The right one will be well worth your investment.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 17). You're onto something -- you know it and this year the world will know it too. Deals get made, papers signed, bonds braided. You'll flip the script in February. In May you'll give generously and receive unexpectedly. Powers of attraction will be at an all-time high in September, so focus well and celebrate the spoils. Libra and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 5, 11, 21 and 17.

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ACROSS

- 1 Campfire residue
- 4 Brood X insect 10 University official Post-O.R.
- destination 15 Travel on foot
- Actress Watson or Thompson 17 United Kingdom,
- e.g.? 19 AKB48 genre 20 British boarding school
- Post-wedding title, for some 22 Fried pancake
- often served with sour cream
- 23 Doctor (Marvel's Sorcerer Supreme)
- 26 Dark blue shade 27 National anthem,
- e.g.? Weekly sitcom, e.g.
- What makes the
- earth turn? 36 Actress Thurman

- 37 Warning signs 38 Baby panda

39 Movie excerpts

- 41 Zilch 42 Aries, in the zodiac
- 43 Founder of philosophical Taoism 44 Utopia?
- 48 "Around the World" toy
- 49 Try
- 53 Not at all overly wordy, rather unlike this clue itself
- 55 Ticked off 57 Something you might get in trouble for
- breaking 58 Time line
- sections 59 Local citizenry?
- 62 "Good one!" 63 Goes onstage
- 64 Part of a sleeve? 65 No good
- goes unpunished 66 Puts forth
- 67 Messy room, metaphorically DOWN

1 Helpers

- 2 "King of Ragtime" Joplin 3 Funny stuff
- 4 Chinese life force 5 Particle with a
- charge 6 Some scam artists
- 7 In the distance
- 8 Lowers, like the lights 9 Enjoyed some
- jajangmyeon "This situation seems so
- familiar" feeling 11 Ineffective executive
- __ (go wild) 13 Back of the neck 18 Pain relief brand On the
- (fleeing) 24 Denials
- 25 Gloomy (alliterative pessimist)
- "Science Guy" Bill 28 Opposable digit 29 Apt name for a burglar
- 30 Little devils It's cracked when all the pieces

come together

32 Princes, e.g.

- 33 Send out 34 Four-person Olympic event
- 38 Half-(rhyming coffee order) 39 Musical group?
- 40 People who play paper against scissors, e.g.
- 42 Kanga's kid 43 Like candles in a menorah
- 45 Threw out 46 Center of a storm 47 Piece of equipment
- for hanging Christmas lights 50 Necessities
- 51 Fabric fold 52 Short-tempered 53 Be inclined
- 54 Lake that's 3/4 vowels 55 Tailless cat 56 Poker pot starter
- 59 Gymnastics champion Suni "The A-Team" muscleman

61 Braying beast

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021 Cold Moon Closer

The closing act of the 2021 lunar carousel is brought to LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be made aware that us by the full moon in Gemini, otherwise known as the Cold Moon for obvious reasons, although the feelings zinging around are anything but. There's a social fire flickering in rooms and hearts. The conversation comes easily -- even the singing comes easily. These are joyful

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You now know much more than you did when you made a certain decision. Your new opportunity to do things differently is coming. so this is a good time to visualize yourself making new

a game, but what happens in so-called games of love is more about social maneuvering, knowledge of human nature and flexing assets than it is about love. Don't overthink the move: follow your heart. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Before you lament a

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Love gets referred to as

flaw, consider that shortcomings are usually entwined with interesting talents, remarkable stories and facets of personality most relatable. A flaw can be an exciting **CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Relationships are not a

work of lone architecture; they are always built by a crew.

Note the influence of family, friends and culture on your

ties. The people next to your relationship are part of the relationship, too. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** As you try to dream big, you might be surprised at how difficult it is to put your head into a fun, crazy fantasy. It's as though before you can even

imagine it, your mind is working out the practicalities of

bringing it to life

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Be kind to you. Don't make unreasonable demands of yourself. Give yourself one thing to do at a time. Bonus points for signing yourself up for tasks that include at least a little pleasurable indulgence!

some things are so easy to do and nearly impossible to undo. Like you can't reverse-pour dressing on a salad, you can't take back words once you've said them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can still have a good relationship with someone you don't have much in common with, as long as you get straight to work creating things in common. It's a fine excuse to embark on shared adventures, interests and pursuits. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In a perfect world.

the bonus would come when the work deserves more compensation. But in this world, the bonus will come when the bestower has the means to offer more. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Sometimes it's appropriate, or even crucial, to give until it hurts.

However, right now it's best to give comfortably and let others contribute in the same spirit. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're having to work pretty hard for the "free" stuff. Consider forgoing the complimentary whatnot and paying for what you really

want instead. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This is a test; this is only a test. It will seem that you're getting no help at all but going it alone for a stretch will show impressive gumption and attract just the help you need.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 18). New habits and lifestyle transformations will happen! The work isn't glamorous, but the results really are. Your financial horizons will broaden as you learn a new skill. Expect a steady climb. Have tenacity. Also, the resource you most need, over money or sway, is wise guidance. Seek these things and you will win. Scorpio and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 33, 18 and 49.

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