# **Adding Roman Numerals by Paul Coulter**

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## **ACROSS**

- Having the
- means 5 DEF lead-in
- 8 Bathtub part 13 Some "Downton Abbey'
- attendants Karen Lynch of CVS, for one
- Salary increase 17 Sauce brand whose name translates to
- "vou're welcome" 18 Entered the race 19 Fund
- 20 \*Beneath a bit of muesli?
- Stay (don't move)
- Barbecue coating Slot machine
- lever 26 On vacation \*One who walks
- around spraying people with a garden hose? 33 Top-tier
- At a reduced price
- 35 Unattributed, for short 38 Cul-de-

- 40 Chandler of "Friday Night Lights"
- 41 Like some car windows 44 Fish with a brook

variety

- 47 \*Place to shed layers at a Zoom nightclub? Venmo funds to
- Spiegel (German news magazine) \_ never too
- late ... 54 "Terrif!"
- \*Egg dish that makes people fall in love?
- 59 Type of headache Lankan 63 Boxer Ali with a
- 24-0 record Think the world of
- 65 Bit of wordplay 66 Shaped like a parenthesis
- Its chemical formula hints at the letter change behind each starred clue's

answer

- - **DOWN** 1 Really energize 2 Bailey's circus

69 Citi Field team

- partner 3 Verbally deceived 4 Living on the
- 5 Cirque du Soleil stars, e.g. 6 Boyfriend
- 7 Lauren of 'Laguna Beach" "You could never!"
- 9 Rave's partner 10 Assistance
- 11 One-on-one situation in b-ball 12 Never seen
- before 14 Horse color rhyming with
- "moral" !!! on Ice' (anime series)
- 22 "... ish" 26 Just fine
- 27 Tumbled 28 Like a giveaway
- 30 Large Starbucks size 31 "Cool beans!"

## 68 Texting format, for 32 Invite as a plusone for

- 35 Resting on 36 Activist Simone
- 37 Exclusively
- 39 Dried fruits that might sweeten a
- 42 Software buyer, often
- 43 Profound 45 Name that

salad

- sounds like a car 46 Disney villain inspired by the
- drag queen Divine 48 Potato chips, to a
- Londoner 49 Workplace
- 50 Whac-A-Mole whacker 55 Moccasin
- decorations 56 Relative of a
- remedy
- Snare or bongo 58 Barn's location 59 Understood

10 11 12

60 Journalist Wells 61 Last but \_ least

# HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021 Fresh Season, New Thoughts



The word "intelligence" is an umbrella over so many areas that even its dictionary entry, spreading from math to biology to angels, feels incomplete. Our understanding of intelligence is as intricate, mysterious and ever-changing as our expanding knowledge of the world itself. The first Sunday of a fresh season brings new ways of being smart.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're not looking for a fight, but you're aware; the fight is always going on somewhere. Ever the warrior, it's as though you are marching to some distant battle hymn only you can hear. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As you seek the next right action, you must also consider the wisdom of inaction. In the stillness, you will feel your different options, which include the option to watch and wait.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** People have fought and died for the freedom to believe as they wish. You do not take this freedom for granted and will exercise its limits, trying on different beliefs to see how they fit.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're strong enough to do it on your own, but it's much better when you include others. You need input. A partner will show you what you're not seeing, keep you on track and be good company along the journey.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You get to decide who you want to work and socialize with. Keep in mind that tenderness can be a powerful form of strength. Gentle, warm, positive people will bring out the best in you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've invested in different projects and people, so some of your energy is still out there circulating in the universe. Take stock of what you have. It may be time to call it back to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You offered advice that wasn't taken. This is your chance to say, "I told you so," but you'll refrain because you're above such infantile jabs. What you care about more than being right is being

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Someone erroneously told you, "To get the fruit, you have to climb the tree," or a message akin to that. The truth is that sometimes, the fruit hangs low, and all you have to do is reach up and

pluck it off. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're unique, and the world you've made for yourself is a thing of wonder. You give people the opportunity to participate in situations they normally wouldn't be able to access.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Knowing why you want to do something is much more important than knowing how to do it. You'll find many different "hows" when you have a good "why."

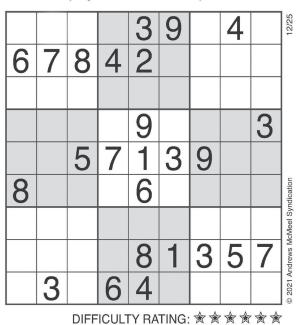
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When people wrong you, you think of the times when you've wronged others and you'll give what you would have wanted in those moments: compassion and a second chance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your memory is strong and undiscerning. You'll recall important facts and less useful ones alike. All this data makes it easier to be creative and harder to be focused.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 26). You'll bring order to your world through list-making. These documents hold magic for you. You'll clear your mind, serve your heart and prioritize in such a way to make your life sing with the elements that bring you joy. In the professional realm, your enterprising ways will create opportunities

for advancement. Taurus and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 4, 44, 16 and 41.

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



# It's Happening! by Drew Schmenner

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## **ACROSS**

- 1 Book drive organizer, for short
- 4 Explosion sound Food (Ben & Jerry's flavor named for a band)
- provider 14 BMW competitor 15 Wasn't honest

13 Longtime email

- with Cold Southern 16
- drink
- 18 More creepy State that's not to be messed with
- Revolution target Name hidden in "tenant"

Russian

- 23 Historic periods What orderlies
- could aptly be? Short-armed dino
- 29 Votes in favor 30 Catch in the act
- Font modeled after Helvetica
- 35 Duo 39 Blow a gasket 43 In \_

44 1970s teen idol

Cassidy

- 45 Sneaky 46 Spiced Indian 49 Website for film
- geeks 51 Low-rise jeans 55 Wedding dress

59 "SNL" alum

- Gasteyer 60 The Brat Pack's demographic, familiarly
- 61 Wedding dress fabric 62 Empty of
- vegetation 64 What a calm
  - person keeps ... or the first word of 16-, 24-, 39- or
- 51-Across? 67 Hurtful remark 68 Franc's replacement
- you serious?' 70 Itsv-bitsv
- 71 Three wishes, perhaps?
- 72 Furious **DOWN** 1 Insert, as copied

2 High building

text

- 3 Apple: Siri:: Amazon: 4 Flying mammals
  - that use sonar 5 Not home
  - 6 Tribute in verse Mazda convertible 8 South Dakota's
  - capital \_ Highness 10 Broadway star
  - Menzel 11 Rare treat, for some
  - 12 They're honked 15 Full of foliage 17 Where the sun appears
  - 21 Sign of poor ventilation
  - 24 Maker of foam toys
  - "The Last Dance" channel
  - group
  - has Lions and Bears but no
  - 25 It indicates a way off the interstate
  - 28 Pilot officers' U.K. 30 Org. that currently
  - Tigers 31 Boxing legend Muhammad

- 32 "Later!" 34 "So refreshing!"
- 36 Annoying pop-ups 37 Unwell
- "The Last Jedi" protagonist
- 40 "That hurt!" 41 Purrs like an engine
- 42 Fun \_\_\_ games 47 To a great degree
- 48 Hollywood negotiator 50 Bo-o-ring
- 51 You may break a bad one 52 Silly

53 Dissect, as a

- sentence 54 Perform fantastically
- soldiers 57 "Goodies" singer 58 Came to a close

56 Elite group of

61 Jukebox opening 63 Compete in a dash 65 Yes, to a monsieur

Abbr.

66 Sites for surgeons:

# **HOROSCOPES** BY HOLIDAY MATHIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021 Jupiter's Final Moments

hour before the end of a garage sale: Deals are struck simply to reduce the workload of putting everything away. Shedding what's left is a relief to the seller, and the buyer gets a bargain. Themes will include social currency, notions about friendship and useful connections.

affairs cannot compete with the thrill of accomplishment. Your excitement builds as you make remarkable progress toward your goals, but you also inspire your team to produce rapid results. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Someone has a feeling

that they want to promote you, hire you or put you in a

role. For now, they are just watching to know you better.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Roller coasters and love

Keep in mind, they see only what you do, not what you intend to do. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will be faced with contradictions between what you believe and what is occurring in front of your eyes. You can't change reality,

so it's the beliefs that have to move. CANCER (June 22-July 22). Relationships grow closer in funny ways. Consider making a confession -- a harmless admission that is perfect to tell a friend. Honesty is a bonding agent.

perfect opportunity. Then you'll pounce. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Go on, try to ignore the restlessness in your soul. It isn't going away. You may as well listen and see where it's urging you on ... most likely toward a touchstone of goodness.

The final moments of Jupiter in Aquarius is like the LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've traveled, but it's been a while since you've visited someplace completely new. Look into it. Put it into a plan. A trip in the distant future will invigorate your life at present.

> guess how to treat you, what you want or how to move in the world with you in it. Tell people what to do with you and they'll do it. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are a retinal

> magnet, pulling eyes toward you wherever you go. You

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't make people

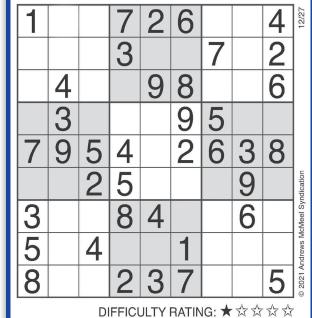
walk with confidence, smile with intrigue, relate with warmth. Strangers will say hello -- even the shy ones. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your preferences fortify you. So, settle into the comfort of familiar things: Sitting in your favorite chair; sipping your favorite drink;

watching your favorite TV show. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Your influence grows as you learn how to better accommodate others. They are attracted to you because of the way they feel around you.

You make their lives easier and more comfortable. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's not pessimistic to reduce your expectations. Rather, it's a strategy that will allow you to be pleasantly surprised by life. You'll love what happens when you let go of needing it to be one

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Your cat qualities will come TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 27). You don't have out. You'll be smart, chic and mysterious. You'll quietly to add a single thing; your power comes in the form of observe, in no hurry to get involved unless you see the subtraction. You home in on the important things to get right and you cut out the unnecessary, strengthening your overall position while making your life much easier to manage. Glorious shared experiences bond friendships for life. Sagittarius and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 33, 1, 14 and 26.

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