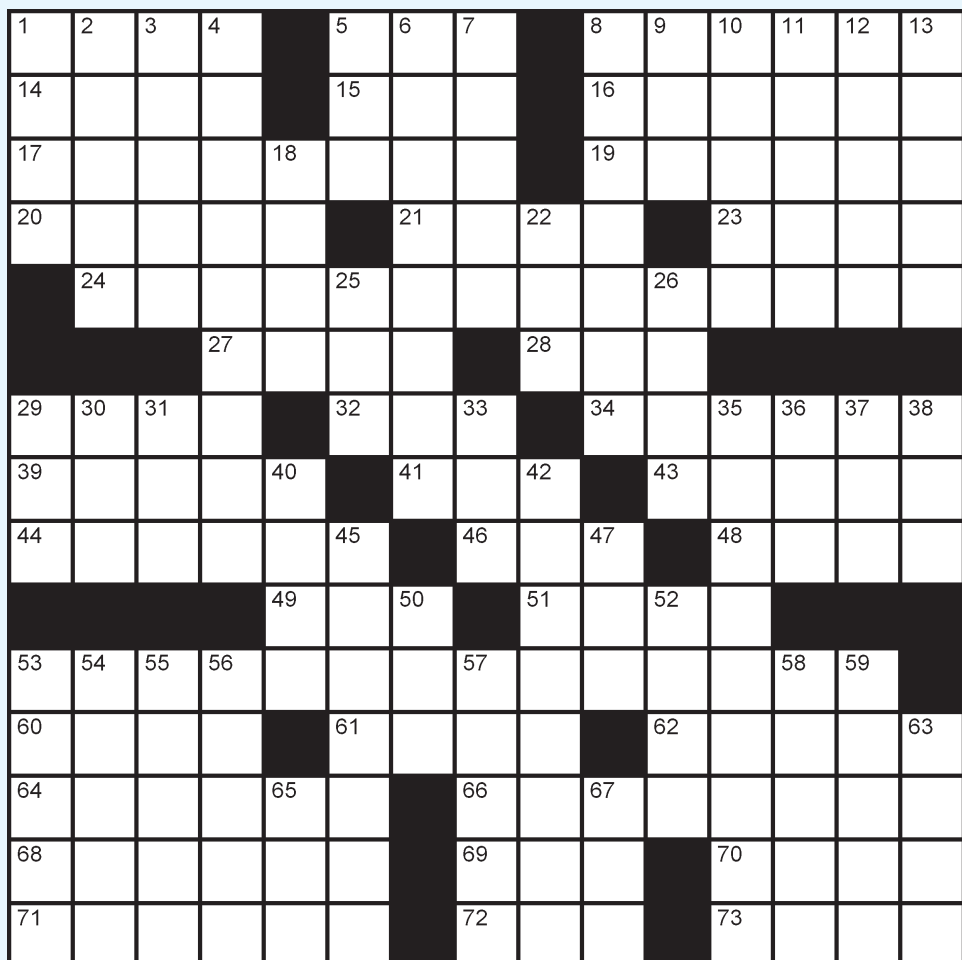


### Triple Meaning by Kimberly Dunn

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Pests that followed the Pied Piper
  - 5 Online video interruptions
  - 8 Tics
  - 14 Pain after a workout
  - 15 Place to get a shot
  - 16 Nonstick coating
  - 17 \*Gorilla, for instance
  - 19 Cramming for an early-morning final, say
  - 20 Take care of
  - 21 This director: --->
  - 23 Toss in a chip, perhaps
  - 24 \*Machine safety device?
  - 27 Group for many baby boomers
  - 28 Droplets on a dandelion
  - 29 Where to watch "Jeopardy!"
  - 32 Work with thread
  - 34 Best Western competitor
  - 39 Buenos \_\_\_
  - 41 Legendary Van Winkle
  - 43 Rafael of tennis
  - 44 "Willow" singer Swift
  - 46 Vietnamese New Year
  - 48 Jedi guru
  - 49 Sound heard by a shepherd
  - 51 Top of the mouth
  - 53 \*Signal surrender
  - 60 Very dry
  - 61 Slightly wet
  - 62 Concentrate
  - 64 Group of 100 people
  - 66 "We're doing OK!" ... or, read differently, a hint to each starred answer's first word
  - 68 Condition that often causes fatigue
  - 69 Prompt
  - 70 Fitzgerald dubbed "The First Lady of Song"
  - 71 Graduation cap attachment
  - 72 ID for a W-4
  - 73 Coarse file
- DOWN**
- 1 Dust collectors
  - 2 Lots of land
  - 3 Grp. for Finland and France
  - 4 Many trips on ships, collectively
  - 5 Small battery
  - 6 Soda that doesn't contain prune juice
  - 7 Dishonest campaign tactic
  - 8 Speech therapy focus
  - 9 Liveliness
  - 10 Company with a spokeduck
  - 11 Skew
  - 12 "Equal Rights," for Wyoming
  - 13 Villain's look
  - 18 Frat party wrap
  - 22 Roll for a yard
  - 25 Places to say "Stat!": Abbr.
  - 26 Actor McGregor
  - 29 Quaker grain
  - 30 Long in Hollywood
  - 31 Hear, as a case
  - 33 Cleverness
  - 35 Company that's always moving?
  - 36 Big hoopla
  - 37 Papa
  - 38 In the style of
  - 40 Thin Japanese noodle
  - 42 Shampoo in a green bottle
  - 45 Short end of the stick
  - 47 Pedicured digit
  - 50 Type of moment
  - 52 Show-\_\_\_ (boastful people)
  - 53 Attended
  - 54 Rodeo site
  - 55 Some are creepers
  - 56 Mild Dutch cheeses
  - 57 Apple computers with numerous ports
  - 58 D.C.-to-Boston transport
  - 59 Noisy seabirds
  - 63 Hit, as with a fine
  - 65 What an athlete deliberately breaks
  - 67 Hall-of-Fame QB Dawson

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021 *It Happens Twice a Year*



By and large, there's plenty of goodwill between the astronomical body at the center of our solar system and the astronomical body on its far-flung edges. Though, it is also true that twice a year there is strife between the sun and Pluto. These cosmic conflicts let off emotional steam and lend perspective we can ride out for the rest of the year.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You're inclined to be of continual service to your family, colleagues and community. It's obvious they need you, but the real reason you devote yourself so is because it feels good to give. Don't forget to serve yourself.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Just as a thrilling life relies on an imaginative vision of what could be, exciting love depends on extraordinary aims for the relationship. To guarantee a dull romance, make boring romantic goals (or none at all).

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Treasures at the back of your mind now need to come forward. Get the ideas on paper. The phrases keep you pointed in a particular direction. Put them where you look often - in your wallet, on your bathroom mirror, in your phone.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You can't quite put your finger on what it is, but you sense that you're getting something positive from being around certain people. You're so much more powerful standing with them than standing alone.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Let the world argue endlessly about the sorry state of things. You know the truth: It is what you make of it. Your intense focus on the positive can turn almost anything into your ideal scenario.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You've seen it play out on the road; an overabundance of caution can impede the flow of traffic. Things work much better at the intersection of trust and readiness.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** The very nature of a knee-jerk reaction is that it can't be helped. The doctor's

reflex hammer comes down, and the foot kicks on its own. Don't worry, you quickly resume control and do what you must.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Mutual fascinations will be featured. Pursuing these relationships is so worthwhile. If there aren't external reasons to connect, invent some. Doing a project together is one of the best ways to get to know someone.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** This disciplined day creates its own weather system. Well-being is forecasted, with highs closer to happiness and consolation-prize lows. All in all, this is fair weather compared to undisciplined days.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** "Revenge" is such a strong word for what you have in mind, but there's a need to set things back in balance. Devote yourself to setting things straight, most likely via the method of following your own success plan.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** People will do unexpected things to meet love, worth and identity needs. While you may be puzzled by their actions, you can relate to the need, which helps you understand each other and work together.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You get out of relationships what you put into them. You make the effort, and the others meet you halfway, though maybe not immediately. It's OK because you're willing to take more initiative in the early stages.

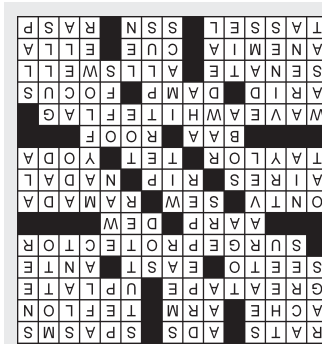
**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 16).** Floating on a strong current of love and support, you're able to dive into your passions. A lifelong learner, you've amassed an impressive body of knowledge. Yet, in many ways, you've barely scratched the surface. This year enlightens you further on two subjects dear to your heart and applicable to daily life. Virgo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 33, 13, 20, 4 & 7.

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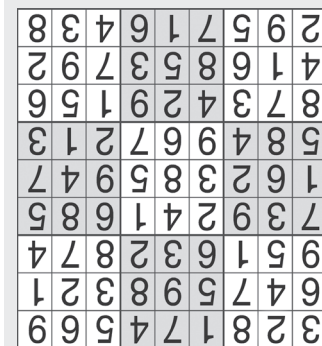
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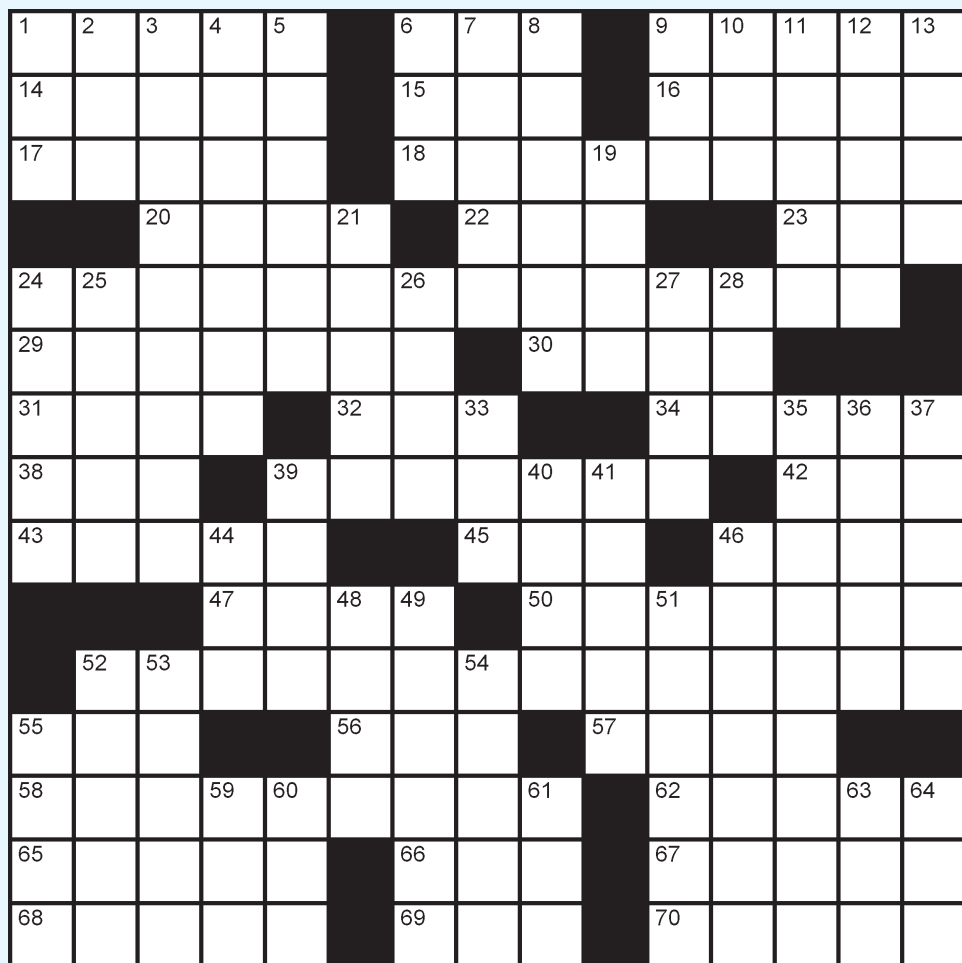


### SOLUTIONS



### Xword Puzzle by Lana Pivarnik and Matthew Stock

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 Popular food in Rome
  - 6 Opposite of trans
  - 9 Blue Ribbon beer brand
  - 14 Say suddenly, with "out"
  - 15 Second Twitter account, in slang
  - 16 Arrange, as a toga
  - 17 Singer-songwriter Joplin
  - 18 Jazz instrument made of rough fabric, informally?
  - 20 Cut with scissors
  - 22 Traveling through
  - 23 Demolition letters
  - 24 Movie extra's breakfast bowlful?
  - 29 \_\_\_ glands (kidneys' neighbors)
  - 30 Greek sandwich
  - 31 Vegetable that symbolizes redness
  - 32 Poorly lit
  - 34 Quite unhappy
  - 38 Pub serving
  - 39 Portfolio for a manicurist, slangily?
  - 42 Nintendo Switch avatar
  - 43 Feeling
  - 45 Sib who may borrow your clothes
  - 46 Overflow (with)
  - 47 An official language of Pakistan
  - 50 Portman of "Black Swan"
  - 52 Bagel topper made with sockeye and king salmon, say?
  - 55 Conk on the head
  - 56 "Ice Age" sloth
  - 57 Upright row muscle, for short
  - 58 Formal attire at Cannes, casually?
  - 62 Seating levels
  - 65 Got along
  - 66 Caretaker for Santa's reindeer
  - 67 Photographer Adams
  - 68 They may be under your mattress
  - 69 Cori Bush's Mo. city
  - 70 Its mascots are Red Ruff and Blue Mews
  - 27 Essence
  - 28 Rabbit's jump
  - 33 Rx writers
  - 35 Informal gauge of authenticity
  - 36 Farm song refrain
  - 37 Watch brand
  - 39 Mint or marjoram
  - 40 Pub serving
  - 41 "To repeat myself ..."
  - 44 Total
  - 46 Mark from a beach trip
  - 48 Cup or bowl starter
  - 49 Forms an alliance
  - 51 Foot exercise in pilates
  - 52 Great Barrier Reef material
  - 53 Sydney \_\_\_ House
  - 54 Fully grown
  - 55 Closest buds
  - 59 Word before "weight" or "worth"
  - 60 LPs' successors
  - 61 Seattle Dragons' gridiron org.
  - 63 \_\_\_ room (Ping-Pong venue)
  - 64 \_\_\_-mo
- DOWN**
- 1 Vegan sandwich, briefly
  - 2 Chicken-king connector
  - 3 Malibu bottle?
  - 4 Knickknack
  - 5 Twitter handle starter
  - 6 Taxi
  - 7 Message on a candy heart
  - 8 Koto or cello part
  - 9 Smooch on the subway, e.g.
  - 10 Sculptor Jean
  - 11 Verb in a turkey recipe
  - 12 Shapewear brand
  - 13 "LOL," for one
  - 19 "\_\_\_ Bird" (Greta Gerwig film)
  - 21 Italian luxury brand
  - 24 Rum cakes
  - 25 "Set Fire to the Rain" singer
  - 26 Oscar nominee Lena

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021 *OK Go!*



Mars and Jupiter sound the shot that sends 'em off to the races! This fortunate angle of the planet of action to the planet of plenty favors the move. No thinking, just do it. While not every play is going to make it rain, they all have better odds than the play that didn't happen because someone is still thinking about what to do.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** To execute the fabulous thing you have in mind, you'll have to free up your schedule. Coming up with the money will be far easier than coming up with the timing that works for everyone.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Some would have you believe they've a right to be a part of your life. But this is not how it works. To a large extent, you get to choose the people in your world.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** People generally don't care about things until they are aware that they have a reason to. The reason may have been there all along, but it takes someone like you to point it out - probably, repeatedly.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You will be moved to shore up the uncomfortable discrepancy between how you see yourself and the reality you find yourself in. Start small. You might be surprised at the effectiveness of little changes.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** It's someone's job to sell you on an idea or product that is not in your best interest to buy. You've no need of this, even though they will attempt to manufacture one. Put up a wall by sticking to what matters in your world.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** If your eyes are closed, you can be face to face with just the thing you've been searching for and still not find it. Do an awareness check on yourself. How awake are you? Strive for "wide."

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Wherever possible, bring a problem back to its cause. Speak directly to the source. This will be both frightening and efficient. Summon your courage to confront the powers that be.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** While many scan the conversation for arguing points to dig into, you have better luck listening up for possible common interests. Bonus: Trying to see another person's point of view is just good practice.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** As for that person who keeps bringing you down, you'll be inspired to react differently now. This will throw them off, break the pattern and change the whole dynamic.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** There's so much you know that people will want to learn from you, but this is going to happen over a long period of time. You're wise to be a little mysterious and give out one nugget of wisdom at a time.

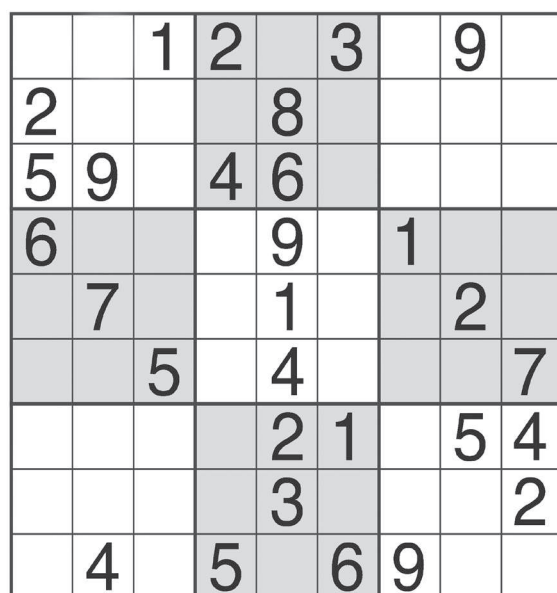
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Those who can't seem to get along with others will have the same problems with you. Good friends act like a good friend to all their friends - and the same is true of employees, bosses and romantic contenders.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** There is no how-to manual for what you are trying to accomplish today. The most important thing is that you know what you'd like your desired outcome to be. Send that star to the high heaven to guide the journey.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 17).** Even though you want to be loved for the low-key, down-deep real you, this solar year brings the chance to show off, shine, conquer and strut. Different relationships highlight new parts of you, and you'll get to live out many facets of yourself. You'll be drawn to a place that speaks to your soul in a mysterious language. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 13, 9, 44 & 18.

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