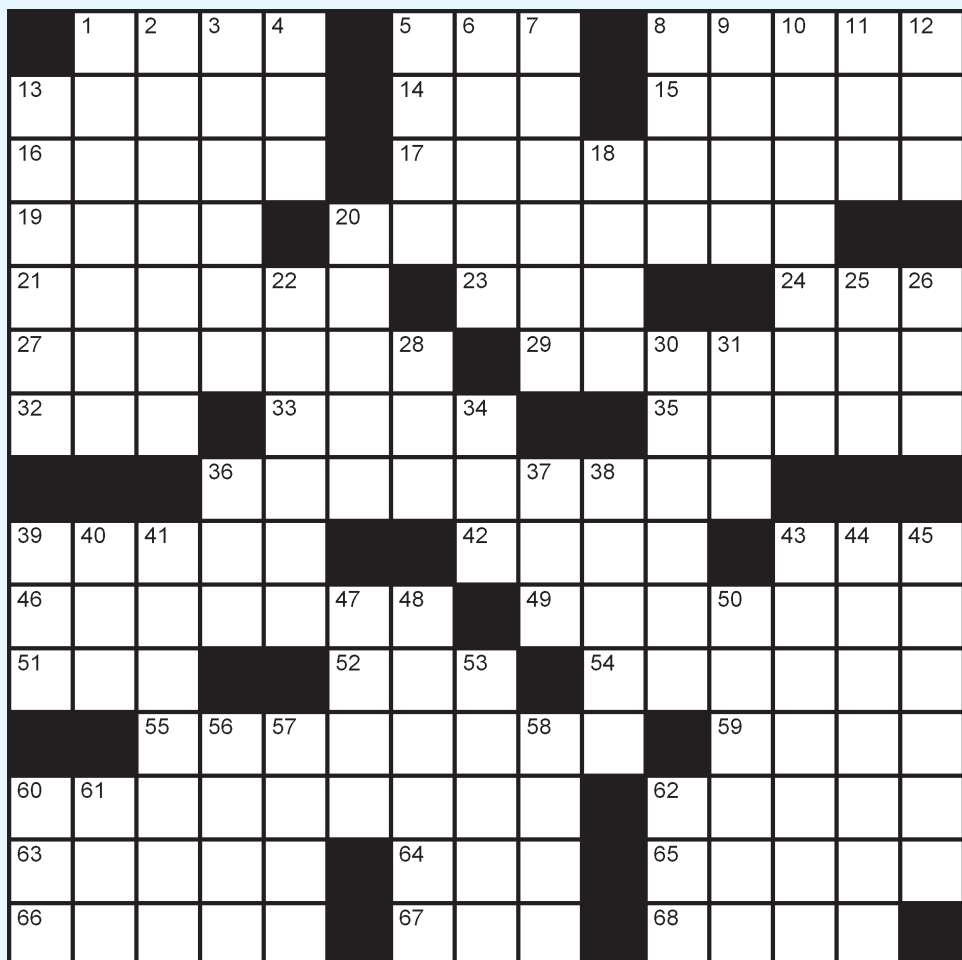


### Subtraction by Blake Slonecker

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Float through the air
  - 5 German lament
  - 8 Rude things to make
  - 13 Red Sox Hall of Famer Martinez
  - 14 Pi follower
  - 15 Subside
  - 16 Stereotypical dorm meal
  - 17 \*Hero's journey?
  - 19 Stylish Saab
  - 20 Repurposes, as food scraps
  - 21 Club light
  - 23 Grp. that clashed with Israel
  - 24 Crunch targets
  - 27 Original sin's aftermath
  - 29 \*Military snitch?
  - 32 Yiddish laments
  - 33 Cut calories
  - 35 Famed fabulist
  - 36 \*Passengers per car, e.g.?
  - 39 Cosmetician Lauder
  - 42 Drinks that may be iced
  - 43 Ancestry test molecule
  - 46 \*Adore weed?
  - 49 Trees for giraffes
- DOWN**
- 1 Well-to-do
  - 2 Looks up to
  - 3 With 50-Down, pro bono ... or like each starred answer, based on its deleted word?
  - 4 Unit of bricks?
  - 5 2012 movie set in Iran
  - 6 Bite like an alligator
  - 7 Big to-do
  - 8 Helpful website pages, briefly
  - 9 Share a boundary with
  - 10 \_\_\_ Palace (Las Vegas landmark)
  - 11 GRE org.
  - 12 Thicken, as custard
  - 13 "Abraca-dabra!"
  - 18 Knocker's place
  - 20 Salsa legend
  - 22 Image problem that Photoshop can't fix, informally?
  - 25 Chinese steamed bun
  - 26 Race car driver's additive
  - 28 Luau loop
  - 30 People of the African Great Lakes
  - 31 So far
  - 34 Network for "Claws" and "Snow-piercer"
  - 36 Golf ball support
  - 37 Caribbean \_\_\_
  - 38 RPM gauges
  - 39 Common tree in Central Park
  - 40 Lawn repair option
  - 41 Ads that may last 30 seconds
  - 43 Targets for nosy siblings
  - 44 States or countries
  - 45 State as fact
  - 47 Dominates, in slang
  - 48 Some bathroom contractors
  - 50 See 3-Down
  - 53 Colorful wafer maker
  - 56 Yard sale caveat
  - 57 Place to get marooned
  - 58 Don't go
  - 60 Cone alternative
  - 61 Messenger's letters?
  - 62 "The Office" character who marries Jim

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021 *Volcanic Anticipation*



As Shakespeare wrote, "the course of true love never did run smooth." While today it will seem even and frictionless enough, there is hot lava bubbling inside, anticipating tomorrow's connection between romantic Venus and explosive Uranus. Stay outside the danger zones and you can enjoy the beautiful spectacle without getting scorched.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Courage doesn't have to be a substance in limited supply. Grow your own. Cultivate it through the magic of habit. Whatever you feel like shrinking from, move toward it instead. Do that over and over and suddenly, you're brave.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** The purity of your intention will be felt by all; the loveliness of it reads loud and clear. Because of this, you don't have to say the perfect words or overthink your approach.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You'll be moved to do something unusual, outside the routine, maybe even against the social norms. This is a new day and a new chance for self-reinvention and discovery.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** It's coming easily to you today - this charismatic communication that just flows. The more you use it, the stronger that flow becomes. You can share it by speaking on someone's behalf or putting your thoughts in writing.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You'll get two kinds of compliments today: compliments born of neediness (you pity the giver) and compliments that come from genuine appreciation (you love them back).

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Talking to a stranger is always a risk, one worth taking when you feel the friendly vibes flowing today. Regardless of what you learn, good or bad, it will be well worth the effort to get to know new people.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** When there is no one

telling you what you must do to improve, you'll take matters into your own hands. You'll explore novel territory to stay ahead of the game.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Your process is more important than the end product. The product will be handed over in the end, but the process is yours. You can use your process over and over, reshaping to fit the problem at hand.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** As soon as you say what you want, the spirit of resistance perks up its ears and readies itself to take form - laziness, fear, fatigue... it has many shapes. You're well-equipped to fight them all.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** As you repeat similar types of projects, you become more proficient in identifying which actions lead to a desirable result. But it's when you're pushed outside your comfort zone that you really shine.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You're taking care of the things that matter to you. Some of these things you don't recognize as crucial elements of your life, but the fact that you tend to them as you do tells the truer story.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You're figuring out what's working for you. All you have to do now is more of it! Each time increases your confidence and competence further and eases your trepidation about scaling up.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 21).** You may not think of last year as strength training, but you'll notice you're stronger, solid in your footing and moving with confidence. This year is a dance. Parts go off as though intricately choreographed, and other parts are passionately unbridled. You'll be brilliantly partnered in both love and business. Cancer and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 18, 14 and 32.

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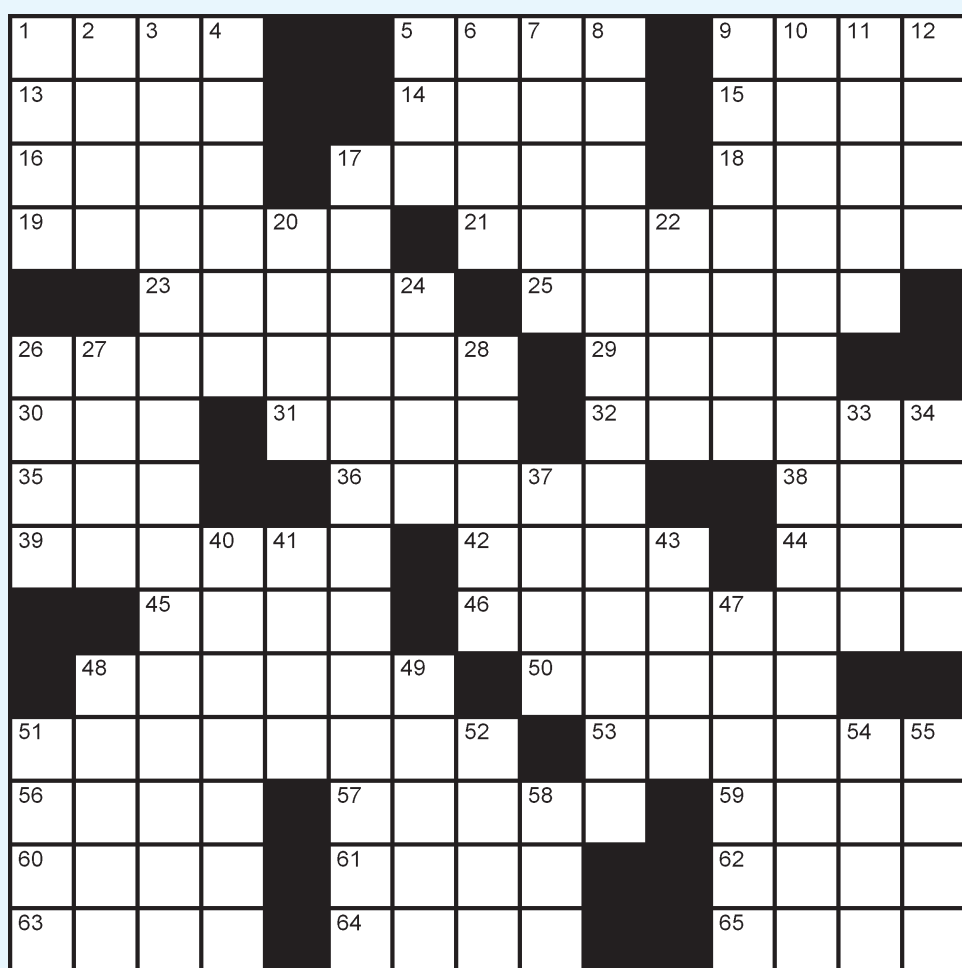


### SOLUTIONS



### Leadership Summit by Laura Zipin & Ross Trudeau

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 "\_\_\_ on earth?"
  - 5 "Confound it!"
  - 9 Big \_\_\_ (7-Eleven drink)
  - 13 Sharpen
  - 14 Landlocked African nation
  - 15 Chimpanzees and bonobos
  - 16 Nobelist Tokarczuk or Olympic medalist Korbut
  - 17 On-screen parent such as Lorelai Gilmore
  - 18 Transcript figs.
  - 19 Cookbook author Curry
  - 21 Most gauzy
  - 23 Queen's domain
  - 25 Declare
  - 26 Sphynxes might sit on them
  - 29 Agenda component
  - 30 Soccer ball filler
  - 31 Not just think
  - 32 Have the final turn
  - 35 Nutrition fig.
  - 36 11-year-old, say
  - 38 Med. research agency
- DOWN**
- 1 "Amazing!"
  - 2 Word before "Grail" or "Ghost"
  - 3 Title for Obama's satirical assistant Luther
  - 4 Buckingham Palace service?
  - 5 Driver's license org.
  - 6 Bashes into
  - 7 Hawaiian greeting
  - 8 3/4, e.g., in music
  - 9 Source of laughs at the end of a comedy?
  - 10 Top of an organizational chart, and a hint to the first words of 3-, 8- and 17-Down
  - 11 \_\_\_ common denominator
  - 12 Cheater's sound during a test
  - 17 Competition within Miss America but not Miss Universe
  - 20 "\_\_\_! The Herald Angels Sing"
  - 22 This, in Spanish
  - 24 Sound from a tabby
  - 26 Complain
  - 27 Helper on the hill
  - 28 Greta Thunberg, nationality-wise
  - 33 Believer in a turban
  - 34 This' partner
  - 37 Noted stretches
  - 40 Savory fish appetizer
  - 41 Offshore
  - 43 Sometimes-baked cheese
  - 47 Roma's home
  - 48 2004-'05 NBA Rookie of the Year Okafor
  - 49 Unstressed vowel
  - 51 Device with a phased-out Shuffle variety
  - 52 Embrace
  - 54 Leave
  - 55 EGOT winner
  - 58 Charitable ad, briefly

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021 *Venus and Uranus Shake-Up*



Did you feel it coming? This chemical reaction of Venus and Uranus will burble, spit and combust into colorful plumes. Well, love was never intended to give people more of the same. The unpredictable plot of it is exactly the point. If love is to stay upright when the ground is shaking, it must be flexible enough to bend at the knee and shift as needed.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** First, you had worries about the endeavor. Then you did it enough to get comfortable, and next you'll take it further. You'll be excited by the challenge and look forward to commanding this realm.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You're unlikely to participate in sheer fun for great lengths of time because you feel too much pleasure indicates an unbalanced life. You're probably right about that, but could you tip the balance just a bit in the name of joy?

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** It doesn't seem like it would be so, but having less time to work on a project will lead to more creative results. The crunch will focus you on what matters and you'll be smart about how you use your minutes.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Once again, it's time to confront your inner critic, who is getting out of hand. Before you express your need for peace and space, be sure to give hearty thanks for all the good taste guided by your critic's vigilant presence.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** There are plenty of instances where it's appropriate to do the safe and expected thing, contributing to a smooth interaction without drawing attention to yourself. Not today. This one requires you to be bold and memorable.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Your working habits didn't really need to improve, and yet they will as you make a practice of keeping up a certain pace. You are becoming more confident in your capacity to turn out results in any given timeframe.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You're so productive now because you're using everything you feel to fuel your endeavors - the good, the bad. There's nothing that can't be used here, so just throw it all into the engine.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Who is asking you to be the next superstar in your realm? No one but you. And you would be wise to give that expectation a rest for a bit while you dedicate yourself to the humbling repetition needed to gain practical skills.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You will take chances and perform experiments, each risk teaching you, among other things, how to access your intuition in the pursuit of meaningful results.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** With all the digital tools available to you, today's cosmic advice may surprise you. The stars indicate you will flesh out ideas and land on a direction for your project using the fastest technology available - a paper and a pencil.

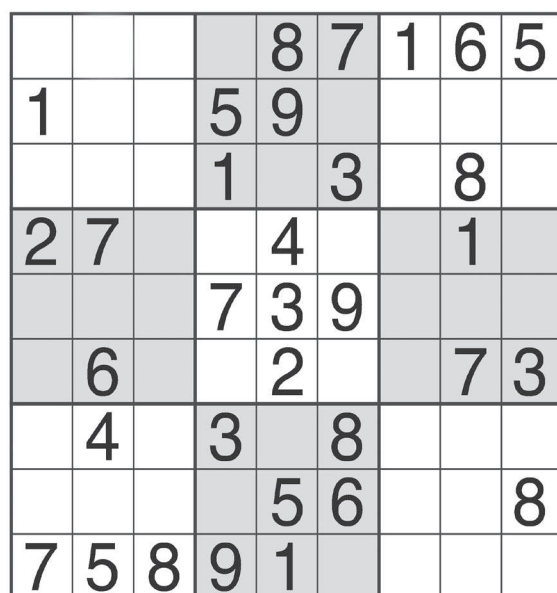
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** What you stand to win is well worth the minor risk of getting your feelings hurt. So, though you're fearful of certain outcomes, you'll move forward knowing what's at stake is far too important and exciting to indulge these fears.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You don't always think of your interactions as creations, but they are. Each scene unfolding on the stage of life is an opportunity for beauty. Work purposefully. Meaning is the most powerful element in play here.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 22).** For this day and beyond, grant yourself permission to focus on yourself. You're so generous in your vision of others. Shine that optimism on your own life and live the joyful adventures you were meant for! You'll brush with fame. An encounter will change your views. Professional endeavors stretch and pay you. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 28, 15 and 7.

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