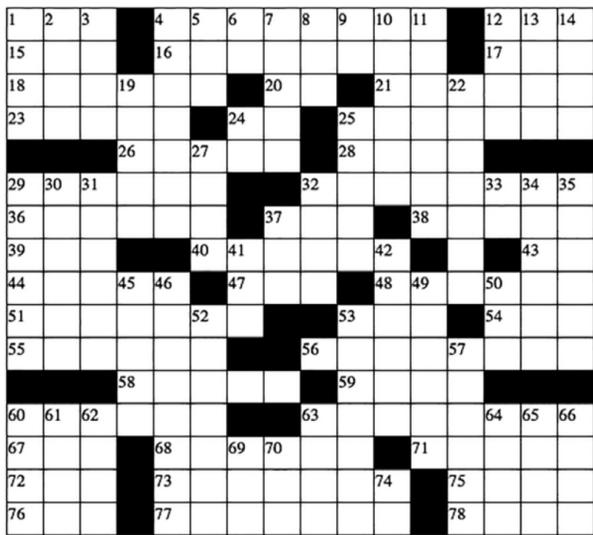


Stars

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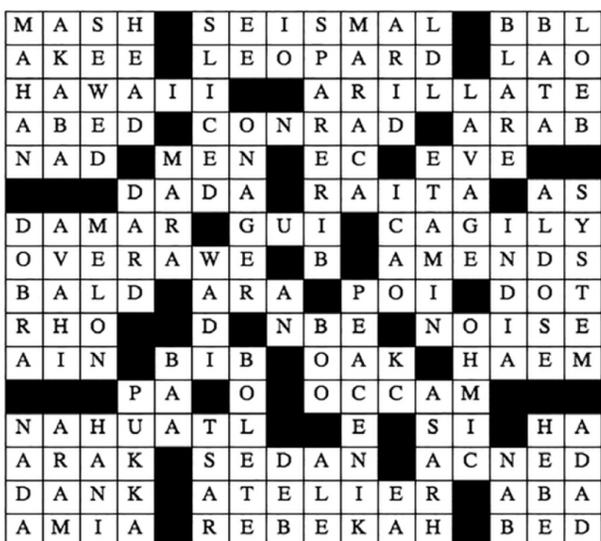
ACROSS

1. Feline mammal usually having thick soft fur and being unable to roar.
4. Flycatching warbler of eastern North America the male having bright orange on sides and wings and tail.
12. A young woman making her debut into society.
15. United States musician (born in Japan) who married John Lennon and collaborated with him on recordings (born in 1933).
16. An official who evaluates property for the purpose of taxing it.
17. A federal agency established to coordinate programs aimed at reducing pollution and protecting the environment.
18. Any of various water spiders.
20. A state in New England.
21. One of the persons who compose a social group (especially individuals who have joined and participates in a group organization).
23. A genus of Ploceidae.
26. Having the same or similar characteristics.
28. An organic compound that contains a hydroxyl group bonded to a carbon atom which in turn is doubly bonded to another carbon atom.
29. Having gaps or spaces.
36. Having a melody (as distinguished from recitative).
38. A port city of south central Ukraine on an arm of the Black Sea.
39. The month following February and preceding April.
40. A Buddhist who has attained nirvana.
43. After noon.
44. Of or pertaining to hearing or the ear.
47. Annual grass of Europe and North Africa.
48. Of or belonging to an accium.
51. Estimation of the amount of lumber in a log.
54. A nucleic acid that transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm.
55. Coffee-flavored liqueur made in Mexico.
56. Belonging to or governing a diocese n.
58. A unit of dry measure used in Egypt.
59. Toward the mouth or oral region.
60. A branch of the Tai languages.
67. A cgs unit of work or energy.
68. Medium-sized penguins occurring in large colonies on the Adelie coast of Antarctica.
71. At or near the beginning of a period of time or course of events or before the usual or expected time.
72. A metric unit of volume or capacity equal to 10 liters.
73. Of animals.
75. A growth in strength or number or importance.
76. American prizefighter who won the world heavyweight championship three times (born in 1942).
77. Any of various small free-living plant-parasitic roundworms.
78. A notable achievement.

DOWN

1. A sudden and decisive change of government illegally or by force.
2. A former copper coin of Pakistan.
3. Scottish chemist noted for his research into the structure of nucleic acids (born in 1907).
4. Herbs, shrubs and trees.
5. The compass point midway between east and southeast.
6. An honorary degree in science.
7. A general conscious awareness.
8. Anterior pituitary hormone that stimulates the function of the thyroid gland.
9. A very poisonous metallic element that has three allotropic forms.
10. Of or relating to the Gypsies or their language or culture.
11. (music) A tremulous effect produced by rapid repetition of a single tone or rapid alternation of two tones.
12. United States labor organizer who ran for President as a socialist (1855-1926).
13. A fencing sword similar to a foil but with a heavier blade.
14. Gymnastic apparatus consisting of two parallel wooden bars supported on uprights.
19. A state in the Rocky Mountains.
22. Containing or constituting or characterized by pleasing melody.
24. A radioactive transuranic element.
25. A program that is broadcast again.
27. The content of cognition.
30. A river that rises in northern Colombia and flows generally eastward to the Orinoco in central Venezuela.
31. Formerly a contemptuous term of address to an inferior man or boy.
32. Make a plat of.
33. A toxic nonmetallic element related to sulfur and tellurium.
34. A parliamentary monarchy in southwestern Europe on the Iberian Peninsula.
35. (Arthurian legend) The battlefield where King Arthur was mortally wounded.
37. The federal agency that insures residential mortgages.
41. Fish eggs or egg-filled ovary.
42. A city in central Tanzania.
45. Lessen the intensity of.
46. Worthy of the greatest honor or distinction.
49. The act of escaping physically.
50. The bureau of the Treasury Department responsible for tax collections.
52. Large family of important mostly marine food fishes.
53. Someone who helps to open up a new line of research or technology or art.
57. Third son of Elizabeth II (born in 1964).
61. Using speech rather than writing.
62. Large sweet juicy hybrid between tangerine and grapefruit having a thick wrinkled skin.
63. Obtained from various tropical plants.
64. A member of an Iroquoian people formerly living on the south shore of Lake Erie in northern Ohio and northwest Pennsylvania and western New York.
65. Other than what is under consideration or implied.
66. Colored or impregnated with dye.
69. An extension at the end and at right angles to the main building.
70. Less than normal in degree or intensity or amount.
74. Diabetes caused by a relative or absolute deficiency of insulin and characterized by polyuria.

Yesterday's Solution



STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

This is a time when ideas and great communication about your ideas will take on an increased importance. You have a knack for putting the feelings of a group into words and may serve as a teacher or spokesperson. If you have ever considered a vocation in teaching, now may be the time to do something about it. You might even consider volunteering to teach an adult reading class. You may be able to encourage a friend to join you in this venture. Humanitarian efforts can affect your work and life-path. You have an opportunity to take control and become more disciplined. Friends, group projects and community concerns may play a key role in your career.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Good practical job-related thoughts and ideas are available as usual. Figuring things out is one of the things that take on special significance. You have a strong urge to organize things your work area. There is much mental busywork as well. The ability to communicate with superiors or describe what you see brings attention to what you say. Your timing should be perfect for just about any project you want to attempt. Be careful not to push too hard as you could become too dominating. You may feel the need to care for others or to have them care for you. You sense what is needed and you move forward to take care of the essentials or to lend a helpful hand.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You are able to cut through whatever problems present themselves and get at what is necessary to find, repair or substitute whatever it takes to make things work. You work well with those in authority who are independent. Clear decisions affecting others could be made today. You may be sought after by your co-workers for advice and direction regarding professional and perhaps, emotional issues. Be wise to keep any information you hear in confidence, under your hat. You could find yourself engaged in nonconformist causes, always ready to promote what is independent and innovative. You like radical approaches and find yourself in support of whatever is new or whatever breakthrough ideas are next in line.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

This is a challenging day. You may, however, want to set aside time to attend a lecture or business meeting on the technical level. Later, emotional considerations may block or oppose how you proceed with a plan. Someone may get pushy or obscure the real choices and the right path. Give yourself time to think things through. Stay away from speculative ventures. It is not a good idea to squander your resources. You are practical and conscientious about your own personal choices and how you conduct your life. These attributes take on a special importance now as the young people in your family, and perhaps friends, depend on your thinking to help



Leo (July 23-August 22)

Frustration, especially in getting things accomplished, may set today's mood. You are, however, able to rise above any difficulty... Seen or unseen. If possible, this is a better time to stay on the path and just keep moving forward. You can handle any glitch in the process and will eventually learn to be more patient with yourself. Sometimes the process of well-traveled steps points the way to the end result that is appreciated the most. This afternoon, exchanging information takes on more significance. Being more involved with neighbors or your siblings is important after your workday has ended. A sense of belonging and nurturing is an issue.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

You are a very forceful speaker and communicate with great enthusiasm. There are opportunities to speak to small and large groups this day. This could be in a lecture, a work meeting, teaching, etc. Words just flow out and always demonstrate a heartfelt concern that brings them home to your listeners. You have no trouble putting your feelings into words; in fact, you may have to exercise some control over your tongue, for you can be quick to say things. You may be sought after for your advice and guidance regarding very personal and emotional issues.

Wordsearch Puzzle

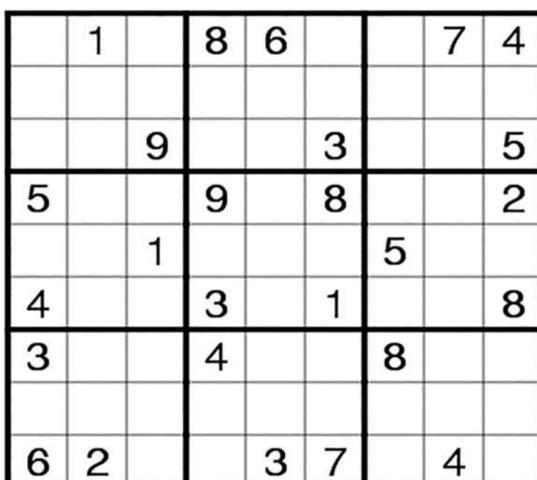
Chocolate

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 55 letters spell a secret message.



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| ADDICTIVE | CONFECTIONERY | FILLING | PUDDING |
| BAKING | COOKIES | FONDUE | SEMISWEET |
| BARS | CREAM PIE | FOOD | SUGAR |
| BITTERSWEET | CUPCAKE | FUDGE | SWISS |
| BROWNIES | DARK | ICE CREAM | SYRUP |
| CAKES | DECADENT | ICING | TREAT |
| CANDY | DELICIOUS | INGREDIENT | TRUFFLES |
| CHIPS | DESSERT | MILK | UNSWEETENED |
| CHOCOLATIERS | DRINKS | MOUSSE | WHITE |
| COCOA | | | |

Daily Sudoku



Libra (September 23-October 22)

This is a good time to buckle down and concentrate on your work. Your managerial abilities and sense of responsibility prove successful. Your career assumes a more solid form—a firm foundation. Preach or teach what is on your mind today. Your words contain a timely message that is good for all to hear. You may be able to enjoy and value your own life situation this afternoon as you visit with a friend or family member. You are learning to ask good questions and you can quickly get to the root of a matter that helps in understanding viewpoints. Listening and adding your comments when asked is what makes you a favorite. You may find yourself on the phone later today as you busy yourself cooking or look for a special recipe to trade.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

You may be surprised when others express appreciation for your ability to know just what needs to be done, and you contribute your expertise to whatever is needed. This could be in the workplace with a team that needs coaching, support or guiding. Real insight into your own inner workings could surface in a manageable form. Every day is different, and you enjoy your work and the people you work with as each person is dedicated and enthusiastic. At home this afternoon you may realize that although much effort goes into your workday, the people at home also need your attention.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

This is a good day to get things done. You are a unique individual, with talents that do not compare to many—think positive. You are able to apply real discipline or organization. You find yourself in a very practical mood and working with, instead of against, yourself. You have a yearning to move toward the more challenging issues soon. Consider your choices carefully today because at some hour you may be contemplating some big changes for your business. You are in a good position to add your advice or guidance for those who ask.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Something you say or communicate may go against your own best interests. You could clash with an older person or one in authority at this time. Not perhaps a good time for you to try out new things or break away from an old routine. You might say this is not the day to do two things at once. Slow your pace at bit and you will find you will have accomplished much more than you thought possible by day's end. Intense feelings and strong attachments make for hot times and you are fiercely loyal, if not sometimes possessive. You are not at all superficial but always get to the heart of things. This is good for business and politics, particularly at work.



Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

What were normally clear ideas before today may become a bit fuzzy at this time—it may be hard to be logical. This may be a good time for list making. Seeing both sides of an issue and figuring out resolutions to opposing views are the things that take on the most importance in your life as well. You may get insights into your living situation or support system. There are new ideas about your past history and new approaches to established facts. You could receive unexpected help or support from those around you for whatever you want to accomplish.

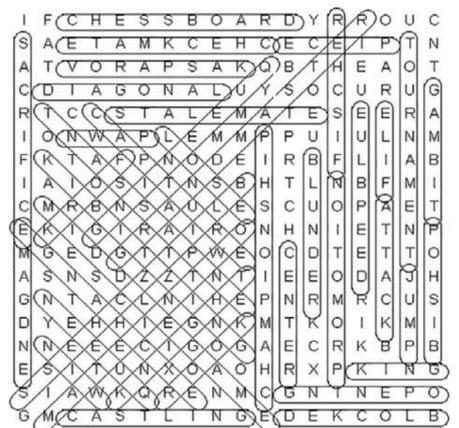


Pisces (February 19-March 20)

You are enthusiastic to perform your duties in the workplace today. You may be so prepared that you anticipate rewards. You enjoy working puzzles and your analytical abilities are at a high point. You can really get your thoughts and ideas across—good communication. It is time to put your plans to work and move forward with your career goals. You may find that a co-worker or partner will join in and ascend the corporate ladder with you. A friend from long ago may contact you this afternoon. Much conversation over old times may find you looking through the scrapbook this evening. A sense of belonging and nurturing are important now. You may want what others have but you may also decide you like the way you have set up your own life to run.

Yesterday's Solution

Chess



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| ATTACK | CHAMPIONSHIP | GRANDMASTER | PAWN |
| BISHOP | DEEP BLUE | JUMP | PIECE |
| BLITZ CHESS | DIAGONAL | KASPAROV | PROMOTION |
| BLOCKED | EN PASSANT | KIBITZING | QUEEN |
| BLUNDER | ENDGAME | KING | QUEENING |
| CAPTURE | EXCHANGE | KNIGHT | ROOK |
| CASTLING | FILE | LOSE | SACRIFICE |
| CENTER | FISCHER | MATE IN TWO | STALEMATE |
| CHECKMATE | FORK | MIDDLEGAME | TOURNAMENT |
| CHESSBOARD | GAMBIT | OPENING | WIN |

Hidden sentence: IF YOU CANT BEAT YOUR COMPUTER AT CHESS, TRY KICKBOXING

Yesterday's Solution

