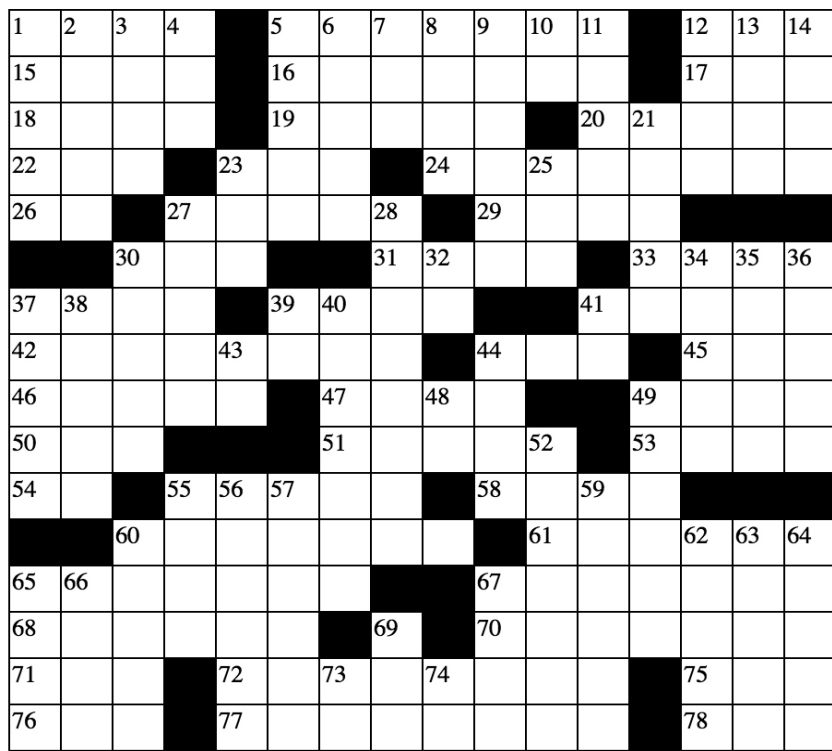


Stars

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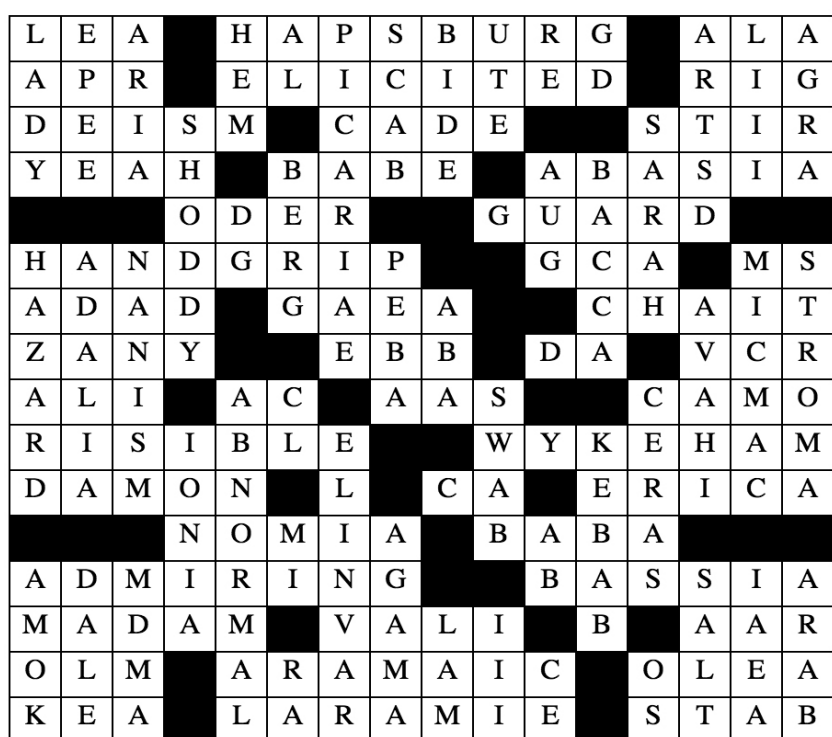
ACROSS

- Informal terms for money.
- A state-chartered savings bank owned by its depositors and managed by a board of trustees.
- A collection of things wrapped or boxed together.
- South American wood sorrel cultivated for its edible tubers.
- Serving as or forming a base.
- (Babylonian) Consort of Anu.
- A gland in which gametes (sex cells) are produced.
- The basic unit of electric current adopted under the System International d'Unites.
- Give up, such as power, as of monarchs and emperors, or duties and obligations.
- A soft silvery metallic element of the alkali earth group.
- A river in north central Switzerland that runs northeast into the Rhine.
- (used of count nouns) Every one considered individually.
- Any culture medium that uses agar as the gelling agent.
- An officer who acts as military assistant to a more senior officer.
- A fragment of brick used as a weapon.
- Any of various coarse shrubby plants of the genus Iva with small greenish flowers.
- A long flexible steel coil for dislodging stoppages in curved pipes.
- North American yellow-breasted songbirds.
- An inflammatory disease of connective tissue with variable features including fever and weakness and fatigability and joint pains and skin lesions on the face or neck or arms.
- (of complexion) Blemished by imperfections of the skin.
- Displeasing to the senses and morally revolting.
- (Akkadian) God of wisdom.
- A blind god.
- Any of several families of mostly small beetles that feed on plants and plant products.
- Small genus of perennial herbs or sub-shrubs.
- Rig used in drilling for oil or gas.
- New World lizards.
- Brief episode in which the brain gets insufficient blood supply.
- (Christianity) Saved from the bondage of sin.
- Ratio of the adjacent side to the hypotenuse.
- Relating to or characteristic of or occurring in the air.
- Large Chinese deer surviving only in domesticated herds.
- Used of a single unit or thing.

DOWN

- Cubes of meat marinated and cooked on a skewer usually with vegetables.
- Small terrestrial lizard of warm regions of the Old World.
- A speech defect that involves pronouncing s like voiceless th and z like voiced th.
- The compass point midway between east and southeast.
- With rapid movements.
- A blanket that is used as a cloak or shawl.
- A legal document codifying the result of deliberations of a committee or society or legislative body.
- Gull-like jaeger of northern seas.
- An alloy of copper and zinc (and sometimes arsenic) used to imitate gold in cheap jewelry and for gilding.
- A class of proteins produced in lymph tissue in vertebrates and that function as antibodies in the immune response.
- A high wave (often dangerous) caused by tidal flow (as by colliding tidal currents or in a narrow estuary).
- An island northwest of Wales.
- Singing jazz.
- A Chadic language spoken in northern Nigeria.
- A large body of water constituting a principal part of the hydrosphere.
- Late time of life.
- The longer of the two telegraphic signals used in Morse code.
- A separate part of a whole.
- Testacean rhizopods.
- A river in northern Italy that flows southeast into the Adriatic Sea.
- A state in northwestern North America.
- In full operation.
- A nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medicine (trade names Advil and Motrin and Nuprin) used to relieve the pain of arthritis and as an analgesic and antipyretic.
- Completely prepared or in condition for immediate action or use or progress.
- A Dravidian language closely related to Tamil that is spoken in a hilly section of southwestern India.
- A Russian river.
- Stem of the rattan palm used for making canes and umbrella handles.
- The blood group whose red cells carry both the A and B antigens.
- A colorless element that is one of the six inert gases.
- An endorsement.
- A radioactive gaseous element formed by the disintegration of radium.
- A copper-nickel alloy with high electrical resistance and a low temperature coefficient.
- A widow holding property received from her deceased husband.
- Dearly loved.
- Feel admiration for.
- (Akkadian) A goddess.
- Lay bare.
- Of or relating to a hair.
- The craniometric point that is the most prominent point at the back of the head (at the occipital protuberance).
- Property that is leased or rented out or let.
- Being three more than fifty.
- Tall New Zealand timber tree.
- Apparent power to perceive things that are not present to the senses.
- A silvery soft waxy metallic element of the alkali metal group.
- A midwestern state in north central United States in the Great Lakes region.

Yesterday's Solution



STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

Too much food and drink could have you feeling a little out of sorts today, Aries. Some friends might have taken you out and exposed you to the most tempting of food and drink. This is always fun, but today you have to face the consequences! A workout fueled with water could help burn off any toxins or extra calories, and a nap just might complete the process so you're feeling like your old self again. Get going!



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Right now you might be in the process of moving from one job to another, Taurus. This might even be a total change in career. Your hard work is paying off, though it may not show up in your bank account for a while yet. There might be contracts to be executed first. Your social life may be put on hold until all facets of this transition are worked out. Don't be intimidated, however. You've made the right choice.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Gemini, right now you could be overwhelmed by conflicts among your own needs, the needs of your family, and your responsibilities toward your job. As a result, you may be feeling tense and stressed out, and wondering if the situation will ever be resolved. Don't panic. It will, and you'll be none the worse for it. The keyword is balance, and the solution lies in finding it. Get to it! You'll want to put this behind you.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

A close relative may be ill or otherwise troubled, Cancer, and you might worry a bit too much today because of a lack of communication from this person. Attempts to phone might result in no answer or repeated voicemail messages. However, take care to stay focused and objective. Your relative is probably recovering from whatever has been bothering him or her. Remember, no news is good news. Hang in there.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

This is not the day to make financial investments of any kind, Leo, although someone may present you with some possible opportunities. They may sound good, but caution is called for. If the information appeals to you, look into it and try to learn the facts, but make no commitment today. If it's truly a good opportunity, it won't disappear within a few days. If it isn't, you'll want to know. Wait!



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

You should be looking especially attractive today, Virgo, but you may feel that it's wasted because your beloved isn't around to appreciate it. Cheer up! It will only be for a few days, and you'll still look pretty good by then. Try to keep yourself busy, preferably doing something you love to do, so your enthusiasm will enhance your good looks. Your friend won't be away forever. It only seems that way.



Libra (September 23-October 22)

Right now you might be in the process of moving from one job to another, Libra. This might even be a total change in career. Your hard work is paying off, though it may not show up in your bank account for a while yet. There might be contracts to be executed first. Your social life may be put on hold until all facets of this transition are worked out. Don't be intimidated, however. You've made the right choice.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Money matters might require your attention today, Scorpio. Unusual expenses may have depleted your reserves, so you might have to cut a few corners. Your income, however, is probably the same if not slightly higher. This is, therefore, only a temporary situation, and your accounts should be back to normal in time, although some caution with regard to spending may need to be observed for a while. Work creatively on your budget and try to relax.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

A lack of contact with a romantic partner could have you feeling a little down right now, Sagittarius. You may be wondering if you've said or done anything that offended your beloved one in some way. Your friend, however, is apt to be totally oblivious to the idea that you're upset. Your partner is probably taking care of some family obligations and may have lost track of time. Hang in there! Your honey should get in touch with you soon.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Excesses in food and drink yesterday may force you to cancel a social engagement today, Capricorn. You probably aren't feeling up to it. This might be a bit irritating, and somewhat embarrassing as well. However, you just might have needed the rest even if you hadn't eaten too much. Make the most of your evening alone. Soak in a tub and go to bed early. In the morning, you'll be glad you did.



Aquarius (January 20- February 18)

Tension between a married couple who are both your friends could have you situated in the most uncomfortable place of all, Aquarius: right smack in the middle. Both may want to recruit you to their side, but you'll want to avoid allying yourself with either party. The best you can do is mediate by trying to get each of them to see the other's point of view. Whether you succeed or not, you'll have tried your best.



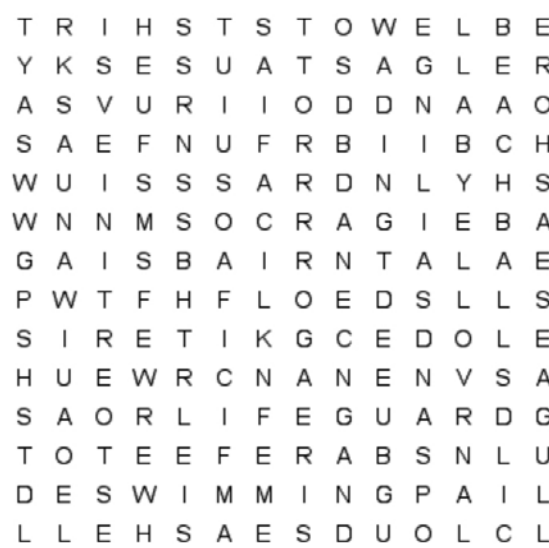
Pisces (February 19-March 20)

Gloom over the absence of a family member or romantic partner could come upon you today, Pisces, and your usually exuberant nature could be far more subdued than is normal for you. You might even spend the entire evening watching whatever happens to be on TV. It would be far more productive if you treated yourself to a trip to the bookstore and picked up some new reading material. At least you'll learn something while your partner is away!

Wordsearch Puzzle

The Beach

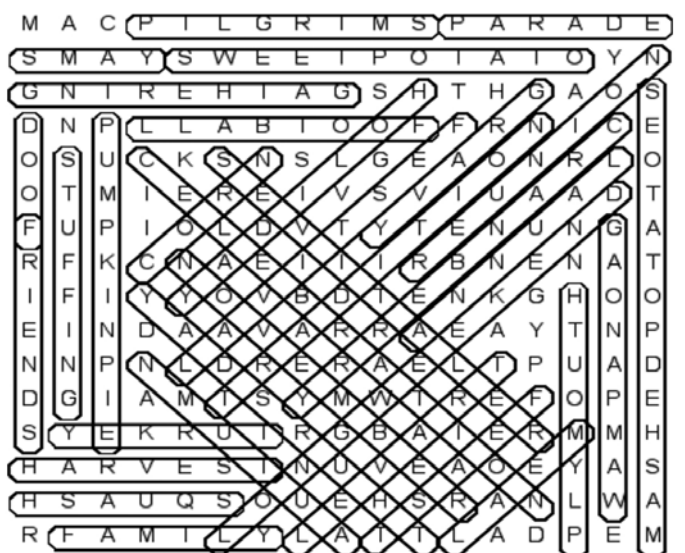
Find and circle all of the beach words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell an additional beach word.



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| BARE FEET | SAILING | SURFBOARD |
| BEACH BALL | SAND | SUNFING |
| BOAT | SEAGULL | SWIMMING |
| CLOUDS | SEASHELL | SWIMSUIT |
| DRIFTWOOD | SEASHORE | T SHIRT |
| HAT | SKY | TOWEL |
| KITE | STARFISH | VOLLEYBALL |
| LIFEGUARD | SUNGLASSES | WADING |
| OCEAN | SUNSCREEN | WATER |
| PAIL | SUNSHINE | WAVES |
| PIER | | |

Yesterday's Solution

Thanksgiving (U.S.)



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| ANNUAL | GRAVY | RELATIVES |
| AUTUMN | HARVEST | REUNION |
| CELEBRATION | HOLIDAY | SQUASH |
| CORN | LONG WEEKEND | STUFFING |
| CRANBERRY | MASHED POTATOES | SWEET POTATO |
| FAMILY | MEAL | THURSDAY |
| FEAST | NOVEMBER | TRADITION |
| FESTIVAL | PARADE | TRAVEL |
| FOOD | PILGRIMS | TURKEY |
| FOOTBALL | PLYMOUTH | WAMPANOAG |
| FRIENDS | PUMPKIN PIE | YAMS |
| GATHERING | | |

The hidden message is: MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE

Daily SuDoku



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Yesterday's Solution



very hard