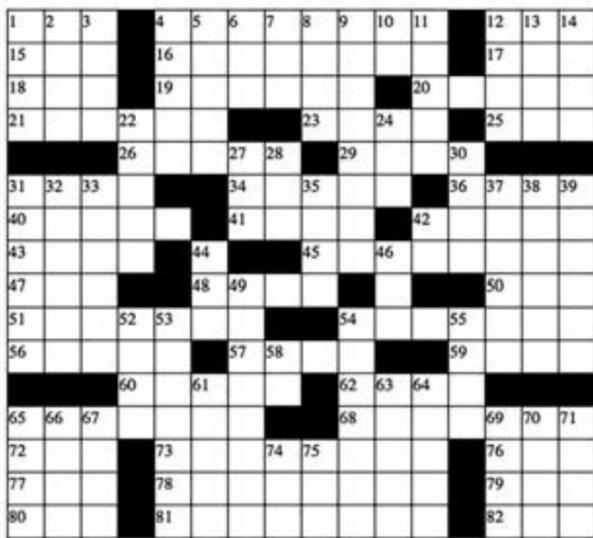


Stars

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ACROSS

- Edible tuber of any of several yams.
- A city in southwestern California east of Los Angeles.
- A device for creating a current of air by movement of a surface or surfaces.
- A federal agency established to coordinate programs aimed at reducing pollution and protecting the environment.
- Inability to urinate.
- Leaf or strip from a leaf of the talipot palm used in India for writing paper.
- Aromatic bulb used as seasoning.
- An alloy of copper and zinc (and sometimes arsenic) used to imitate gold in cheap jewelry and for gilding.
- A burn cause by hot liquid or steam.
- Tranquilizer (trade name Haldol) used to treat some psychotic disorders and Tourette's syndrome.
- An informal term for a father.
- Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand.
- The Uralic language spoken by the Yeniseian people.
- A Tibetan or Mongolian priest of Lamaism.
- Make reference to.
- A region of Malaysia in northeastern Borneo.
- An amino acid that is found in the central nervous system.
- The fourth month of the Hindu calendar.
- Any of a number of fishes of the family Carangidae.
- A dissolute man in fashionable society.
- Small tree with pear-shaped fruit whose oil is used in perfumery.
- (usually followed by 'to') Naturally disposed toward.
- A collection of facts from which conclusions may be drawn.
- A loose sleeveless outer garment made from aba cloth.
- A highwayman who robs on foot.
- The younger brother of Edwy who became king of Northumbria when it renounced Edwy.
- A long depression in the surface of the land that usually contains a river.
- A Chadic language spoken south of Lake Chad.
- Cubes of meat marinated and cooked on a skewer usually with vegetables.
- A stick that people can lean on to help them walk.
- Of or pertaining to Sabah or its people.
- A personal belief or judgment that is not founded on proof or certainty.
- A self-funded retirement plan that allows you to contribute a limited yearly sum toward your retirement.
- The mane of a horse.
- A Turkish unit of weight equal to about 2.75 pounds.
- A unit of length of thread or yarn.
- Of or relating to acetone.
- An intricate network suggesting something that was formed by weaving or interweaving.
- A metric unit of volume or capacity equal to 10 liters.
- A valve that regulates the supply of fuel to the engine.
- (Babylonian) The sky god.

DOWN

- Not only so, but.
- The capital of Western Samoa.
- A public area set aside as a pedestrian walk.
- South African writer (1903-1988).
- Small arboreal tropical American insectivorous lizards with the ability to change skin color.
- A quantity of money.
- Someone who engages in arbitrage (who purchases securities in one market for immediate resale in another in the hope of profiting from the price differential).
- No longer having or seeming to have or expecting to have life.
- An act of scaling by the use of ladders (especially the walls of a fortification).
- A hard malleable ductile silvery metallic element that is resistant to corrosion.
- State in northeastern India.
- A mass of small bubbles formed in or on a liquid.
- (prefix) Indicating difference or variation.
- A quantity of no importance.
- United States industrialist who manufactured plows suitable for working the prairie soil (1804-1886).
- The longer of the two telegraphic signals used in Morse code.
- Syndrome resulting from a serious acute (sometimes fatal) infection associated with the presence of staphylococcus.
- An enclosed space.
- A city in northern India.
- Any of various small terrestrial or aquatic crustaceans with seven pairs of legs adapted for crawling.
- Large dark-colored food fish of the Atlantic coast of North America.
- A small cake leavened with yeast.
- A large fleet.
- African tree having an exceedingly thick trunk and fruit that resembles a gourd and has an edible pulp called monkey bread.
- Remote city of Kazakhstan that (ostensibly for security reasons) was made the capital in 1998.
- A soft white precious univalent metallic element having the highest electrical and thermal conductivity of any metal.
- A federal agency established to regulate the release of new foods and health-related products.
- A nucleic acid that transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm.
- Someone who advances.
- The basic unit of money in Bangladesh.
- Heat beforehand.
- An additional (usually a second) count.
- Chief port of Yemen.
- The blood group whose red cells carry both the A and B antigens.
- (law) The seat for judges in a courtroom.
- The month following March and preceding May.
- A daughter of your brother or sister.
- A particular geographical region of indefinite boundary (usually serving some special purpose or distinguished by its people or culture or geography).
- Any of numerous local fertility and nature deities worshipped by ancient Semitic peoples.
- A member of the Siouan people formerly living in Iowa and Minnesota and Missouri.
- German naturalist whose speculations that plants and animals are made up of tiny living 'infusoria' led to the cell theory (1779-1851).
- (Babylonian) God of wisdom and agriculture and patron of scribes and schools.
- A member of the Siouan people inhabiting the valleys of the Platte and Missouri rivers in Nebraska.
- (often followed by 'of') A large number or amount or extent.

Yesterday's Solution



STAR TRACK



Aries (March 21-April 19)

You tend to be radical when it comes to self-analysis, which includes health care, food and physical well-being. Serving and caring for yourself and others is a primary source of inner growth and change. You are sensitive to criticism. Today, at work, you may have to make some adjustments—someone could be in a criticizing mood. Decide to make whatever changes you need and then move forward. This evening a loved one or friend is receptive and will listen to your words. You love social life and relationships of all kinds—partners, marriages, teachers and such. You are very responsive yourself and value this in others.



Taurus (April 20-May 20)

This is a high-energy day where many doors of opportunity are opened and many unfinished projects can be completed. When you least expect it, there will be a little boost, some sort of extra support or recognition from those around you. You may feel that you are in touch with others and everything is working in your favor. The support you need is available. You develop a knack for organizing things and people as a sense of ambition and practicality takes hold. Work, achievement and ambition are the things that mean a lot to you. Take a little trip, or get outside during the day. You may want to break your routine.



Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your positive outlook is catching! Your intuitive powers are strong toward making things work in your favor. This is a good time to ask for a raise. Your ideas are very well-received at this time. Your enthusiasm is strong and can win the support of a valuable supporter. There are upcoming opportunities to meet your special love this week. Those of you that have experienced problems in your love relationship will find answers soon. A more concrete foundation is in the works. Find ways that you can appreciate just who you are and what you are doing with your life now. The happier you are with your life and your accomplishments, the happier the people around you will become. Give careful attention to the everyday relationships.



Cancer (June 21-July 22)

The energies are right today for team effort. People just want to add their energy to a project... Everybody wants to be included! It is easy for you to make correct decisions. Problems seem manageable and easy to solve. Even though the intensity of this period diminishes fairly soon, you will continue to feel that easy manner you have now, throughout the rest of this year. Exercise or some team sports competition may not go as well as you expected this afternoon. You may feel that you are not able to hold up to the stamina that is required of you just now. Set reasonable fitness goals and concentrate on releasing tension and stretching.



Leo (July 23-August 22)

You may feel that a co-worker is absent this morning and this person usually does not miss work. This is a temporary situation, so at the noon break you may call and chat. This workday is stuffed with projects, meetings and communication with complicated customers. Your intuitive and psychic abilities are enhanced at this time—you may find it easier to understand different types of personalities. Challenges help to improve problem-solving skills and by the time work is over this day, you may feel as though you have gained in your work experience. Keep notes on your accomplishments so that you can improve your resume. You may be invited to a community social this evening and you could be quite pleased at how this busy day is all forgotten.



Virgo (August 23-September 22)

Vacation time will be the most comfortable if taken or begun sometime this month. It is possible that you will be traveling in order to tend to business. Who owes what, who owns what and who decides these things are some of the major issues now. Understanding inner motivations and seeing through to the core is your real path of power. You may find that you can really use your mind to think through things and make clear choices. Career decisions are straightforward. You make your way through ideas, concepts and your ability to communicate and express them to others. Make this evening a time of relaxation—a massage could be quite enjoyable. Pay attention to community activities where you could volunteer your creative talents.



Libra (September 23-October 22)

You may find it an easy effort to obtain a loan at this time. You could be most persuasive with others. You are in a good position to communicate and could even be lecturing or teaching. There are all sorts of opportunities for you to express yourself—you may see many areas of your life improve and expand. Obtaining and exchanging information takes on more importance for you. Being more involved with neighbors or siblings after work satisfies a deep emotional need. Communicating feelings becomes most important and it seems your patience over the last few days has paid off—others are listening. A good conversation with a loved one is possible this evening. If you are not married, plans can now be arranged for the ceremony.



Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

If professional advice is needed, today is the most productive time to seek advice. You could find a teacher or guide, a new approach to your career, etc. Career insights and breakthroughs are possible. Your ambition is intensified. You might discover that exceptional solutions to life's problems or new directions and paths are in order. Emotional seriousness, a sober orientation and a practical awareness of the nature of time are all keynotes of your mindset. There is a tendency to be too strict with yourself and to insist that whatever does not contribute to security and other long-term goals is trivial. Your inner resources and emotions are accented.



Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

Today brings with it opportunities to understand and heal most any situation. You help to change attitudes and bring new goals into focus. The energies are working with you to bring about a balance in any area you feel needs your attention. The ultimate answers are unavailable to the strictly secular or rational approach, because the whole is a lot more than just its parts. Financial gain and material wellbeing are among the brighter prospects looming before you now, as you focus on how much things really mean to you. Consider including a neighbor in your exercise routine this afternoon—to keep each other motivated.



Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

This is a great time to be with others and to work together. You may be sought after as just the person for a particular job. You are pleased to be approved for this next project and your efforts will be successful. You may be helpful in setting prices or scheduling people. You have friends and acquaintances that are positive and upbeat and all of you put an effort into encouraging each other. Surround yourself with the most positive people. These are the people that help you stretch and encourage you to reach your highest potential. They may be people that could be mentors for you by observing their behavior.



Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

You may find that your mind is overworked this day. Yesterday was the past, tomorrow is the future and yes... Today is a gift! Use today to the best of your ability and change those worries into positive actions. Tear it down and build it up again, reach in and pluck out the offending element: that's what this day's energy involves. Power becomes a compelling idea, perhaps even an aphrodisiac—you have a stronger than usual supply of it now. Use it—do not abuse it, you might find that it's a two-edged sword! Others value you for your ability to make practical decisions, and clear decisions affecting others could be made now.



Pisces (February 19-March 20)

You are trying to understand big business today. You may even be thinking of ways that you could go into business for yourself. The power of organization on a social scale—business, political, etc.—seems to take on a larger-than-life feel today. It's as if ambition and authority are answers in themselves, rather than only a means to an ideal objective. This can lead to confusion and ambitious schemes that tend to become lost along the way. Real power is always hidden—finding it means delving into the secret places and that's where you are bound to look now. If you are still yearning for Mr. Or Ms. Right, do not waste time reminiscing. Instead, become involved in creative or pleasurable situations. Someone exceptional will come to your attention soon.

Wordsearch Puzzle

Hanukkah

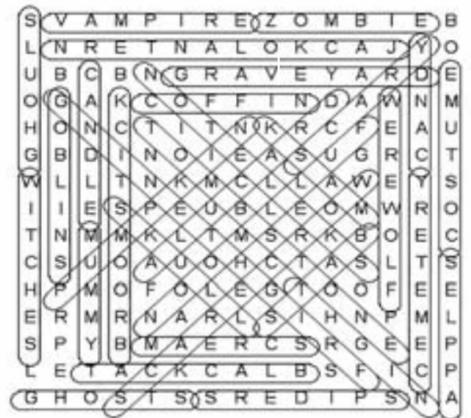
Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 42 letters spell a secret message.



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| CUSTOMS | HEBREW | MATSYAHU | TALMUD |
| DAIRY FOODS | HOLIDAY | MENORAH | TORAH |
| DREIDEL | HOLY TEMPLE | MIRACLE | TRADITION |
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Yesterday's Solution

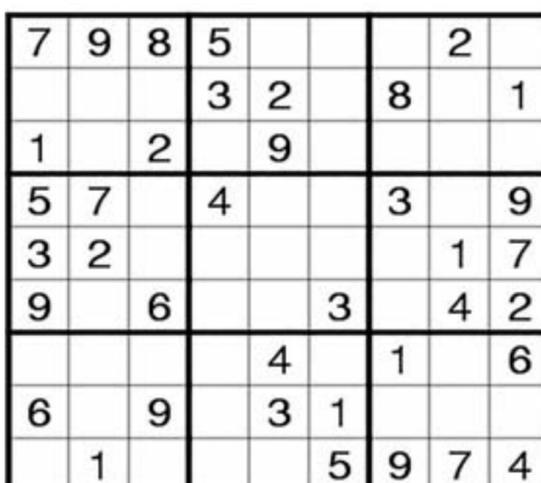
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| BROOMSTICK | FULL MOON | NIGHT | TOMBSTONE |
| CANDLE | GHOSTS | PUMPKIN | VAMPIRE |
| CANDY | GOULDS | SCARECROW | WEREWOLF |
| CEMETERY | GOBLINS | SCARY | WITCHES |
| COFFIN | GRAVEYARD | SCREAM | ZOMBIE |

The hidden message is: BOBBING FOR APPLES

Daily Sudoku



Yesterday's Solution

