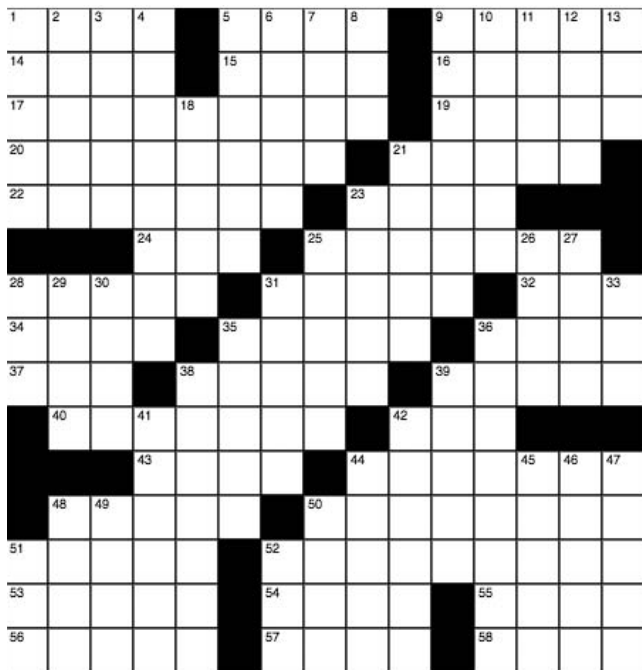


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Across

1- Basilica area; 5- Grazing sites; 9- Burning gas; 14- Slather plaster on the upper surface of a room; 15- Ed and Mel of baseball; 16- Devoured; 17- Carnival; 19- Herring type; 20- Frozen dessert; 21- March honoree, briefly; 22- Remove spots; 23- Hook's helper; 24- Believer's suffix; 25- Began; 28- Debonair; 31- October birthstones; 32- Russian space station; 34- Fencing blade; 35- The cruelest month?; 36- Prepare a stamp; 37- ___ favor; 38- Dined at home; 39- San ___, California; 40- Naught; 42- Cul-de-___; 43- Slippery fish; 44- Where junk may be held; 48- Unit of weight in gemstones; 50- Mild personality disorder; 51- Cut into small pieces; 52- Self-styled; 53- Sonata movement; 54- Director Riefenstahl; 55- Dimensions; 56- Parody; 57- Butter alternative; 58- Notable periods;

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



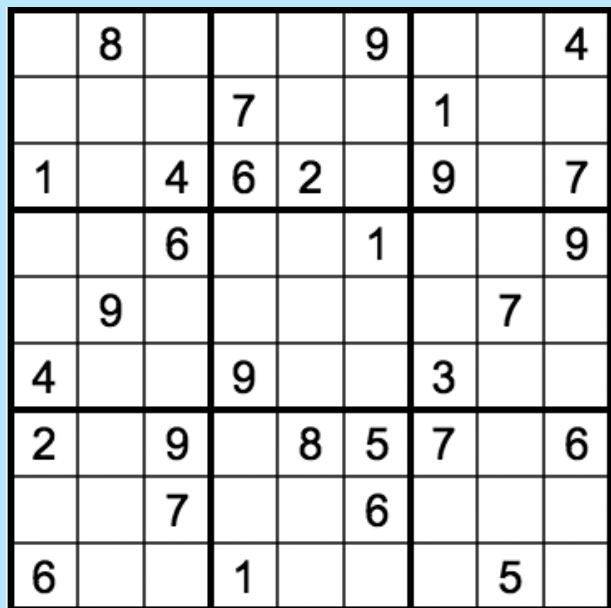
Down

1- Bitterly pungent; 2- Freedom from war; 3- Fathers; 4- Optional; 5- Go ballistic; 6- Patriot Allen; 7- Energy source; 8- Compass reading; 9- Rankles; 10- Little flap; 11- Gillette razor; 12- Potatoes' partner; 13- Tolkien creature; 18- Delete; 21- Little; 23- Stigma; 25- Parsley piece; 26- Discharge; 27- Gaming cubes; 28- Equinox mo.; 29- Atop; 30- Flying start?; 31- Unfolds; 33- "Citizen Kane" studio; 35- Leaning; 36- Ball game; 38- Leading; 39- New Zealand native; 41- Shipworm; 42- Workroom; 44- River that flows through Paris; 45- Light ___; 46- District in Tokyo; 47- ___ Park, Colo.; 48- Karate blow; 49- Florence's river; 50- Seasonal song; 51- Gown renters: Abbr.; 52- ___pitch softball;

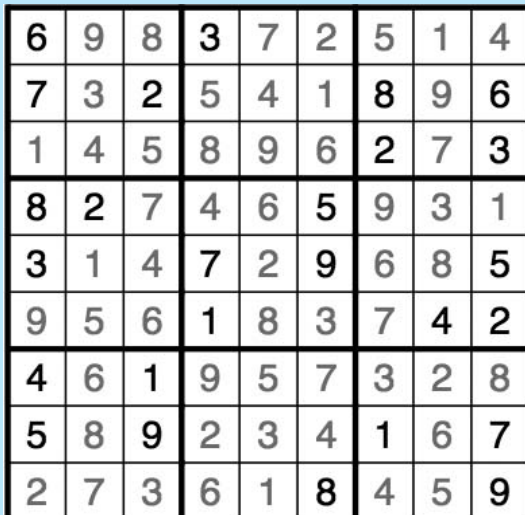
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How to play:

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



Sometimes friends become a person's real family. Your friendships are deep and enduring. Many people are eager to give you help today, so why are you reluctant to receive it? Haven't you been the one promoting the benefits of warm, sincere friendship? The day ahead makes you aware of your talents and reinforces just how important such friendships really are.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



You've made it over the hump. You've moved beyond the problems of the recent past and are entering a more peaceful phase. You will complete your projects at work, and your domestic life will be the picture of bliss and harmony. Enjoy this period of rest and relaxation. It will soon be followed by a period of intense longing requiring your total attention.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



The outlook for today is excellent. The current alignment of the planets and the somewhat oppressive atmosphere of the past few days inspire you to change your surroundings and visit new places. Why not plan a little trip? All signs indicate that now is the best time for such an adventure. If you delay, you will feel stuck in the same old routine again.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



This will be a day rich in reflection. You're able to observe what is going around you while still retaining your distance. Other people's ambitions will seem amusing to you as they play their parts more like caricatures than real people. Stepping back like this does you good. You should do it more often.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



Some long-awaited recognition could come your way today. You're finished with the hassles you've experienced recently and have now entered a calmer period. Those who could only criticize before can't find enough words to praise you. Take the compliments at face value. There's nothing wrong with being happy with yourself.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



You have a day of profound reflection ahead. While you may be tempted to think about how far you've come, your time would be better spent thinking about what the future holds. You've entered a period of rethinking your identity and objectives. These aren't small things. You will need every ounce of energy at your disposal to make it through this time of transition.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



This would be an ideal day to take extra good care of your body. Don't kid yourself that those back problems will just go away - ditto that pain in your knee. Pick up the phone and make that appointment with the physical therapist. It won't hurt you to set aside your ambition and responsibilities for one day.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



You may have recently modified the material aspects of your life. Was it sufficient to stop there? More profound changes might be in order. Take a look at what motivated you to create the life you live now. Pay special attention to the choices you've made in your professional life. Are you sure you're doing what you were meant to do? Are your talents being used to their fullest?

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



This will be a great day to meditate. You may be a bit dissatisfied with yourself because your various projects have yet to take form. You're impatient, but who wouldn't be? This waiting period has lasted for about two months, but will soon end. The planets ask you to consider only what is essential. Don't allow yourself to start new projects based on anything superfluous.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



It's an excellent day, but be careful not to go overboard. You might be tempted to think that minor financial difficulties are already behind you. Alas, they are not. What you do today provides the blueprint for your future. Continued efforts to stabilize your behaviour will provide the future security you desire.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



You're in the home stretch now! Kiss your worries goodbye. Your efforts pay off in spades as people listen to your advice and bend over backward to please you. Although certain details in your love life still need ironing out, it's safe to coast for a while. You've spent months in this process of self-transformation and you deserve a little rest.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



Your life certainly seems to revolve around human contact. You're an outgoing, cheerful, engaging conversationalist who enjoys bringing people together, though lately you've been yearning to be alone. Don't ignore any urge you feel for solitude. Even though it's an unusual need for you, it's still a valid one.