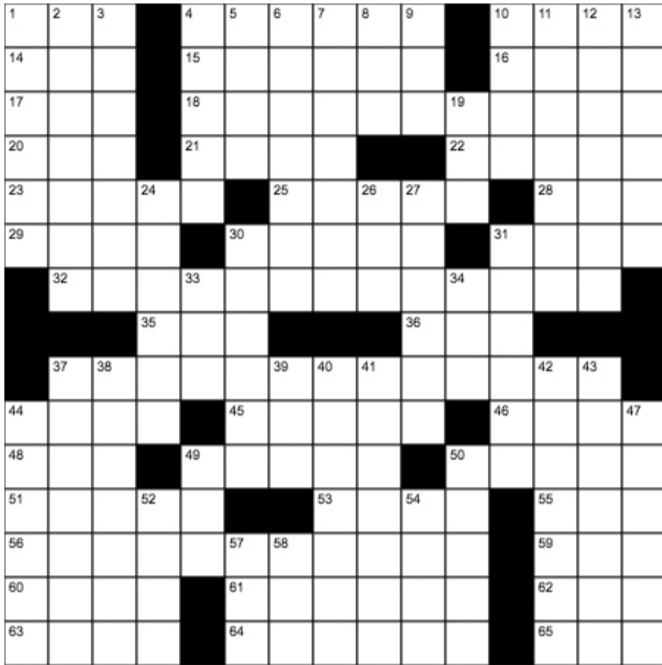


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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



55- Letters on a Cardinal's cap; 56- Doubling of a part on itself; 59- Asian holiday; 60- Butter substitute; 61- Come out; 62- Prior to, or Prior; 63- Power unit; 64- Barrister; 65- Taxpayer's ID;

Down

1- Create with the imagination; 2- Zones; 3- Carrion-eating stork; 4- Mooch; 5- Other, in Oaxaca; 6- Raise a grade?; 7- Engage in textual misprision; 8- Surgery sites, briefly; 9- Brief instant; 10- ___ avis; 11- Accessory; 12- Communications satellite; 13- Stable; 19- Wall St. debut; 24- Awkward sailor; 26- Tropical cuckoo bird; 27- North American lynx; 30- Mineral used as a weighting agent; 31- Water channel; 33- Richie's dad, to the Fonz; 34- Final: Abbr.; 37- Shoulder blade; 38- Defensive wall; 39- Gave grub; 40- Agitated; 41- 100 years; 42- Brother of Electra; 43- Chats; 44- Sundial indicator; 47- Liquefied by heat; 49- Cinque follower; 50- Look of disdain; 52- Coagulate; 54- Impulse to act; 57- Cartoon frame; 58- Doc bloc;

Across

1- Belief; 4- Universe; 10- Phooey!; 14- PBS benefactor; 15- Clothing; 16- Work without ___; 17- TV adjunct; 18- Theater gallery; 20- Greek letter; 21- Attendee; 22- Monetary unit of India; 23- Aristocratic; 25- Singer Bryson; 28- Old Ford; 29- Drop ___ (moon); 30- Game of chance; 31- Kill; 32- Situated below the mandible; 35- It's cold!; 36- Actor Gulager; 37- List of particulars; 44- Skin marking, often due to injury; 45- Doctrine; 46- Burn the midnight oil, studying; 48- Laughing syllable; 49- Family car; 50- Take care of; 51- Expeditiously; 53- Astound;

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WORD OF THE DAY

Balmy

Definition:

- 1 a : having the qualities of balm : soothing
- b : mild, temperate
- 2 : crazy, foolish

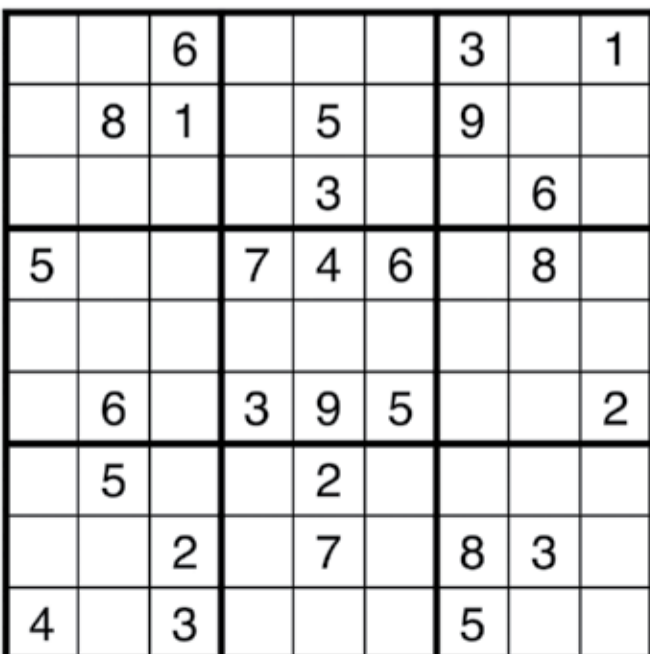
Did You Know?

It's no secret that balmy is derived from balm, an aromatic ointment or fragrance

that heals or soothes. So when did it come to mean "foolish," you might wonder? Balmy goes back to the 15th century and was often used in contexts referring to weather, such as "a balmy breeze" or, as Mark Twain wrote in *Tom Sawyer*, "The balmy summer air, the restful quiet..." Around the middle of the 19th century, it developed a new sense suggesting a weak or unbalanced mind. It is uncertain if the

soft quality or the soothing effect of balm influenced this use. But later in the century, balmy became altered to barmy in its "crazy" sense. This alteration may have come about from a mix-up with another barmy, meaning "full of froth or ferment." That barmy is from barm, a term for the yeast formed on fermenting malt liquors, which can indeed make one act balmy.

SUDOKU



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



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



Aries

Other responsibilities could force you to postpone work on personal projects that mean a lot to you. This could be frustrating, and you're likely to want to sequester yourself with whatever you need to do and throw yourself into getting the problem resolved as soon as possible.



Taurus

Stress from overwork could have you feeling weaker than usual. You might be tempted to stay at home, get some rest, and recoup your energies. Do this if you can. Otherwise, you may not be able to give your project the concentration it needs, and therefore may not accomplish as much as you think you should.



Gemini

You might feel a little gloomy today, and perhaps have no idea why. It might be a good idea to retrace your steps for the past day or so. Look within to find out if anything you may have seen could have awakened unconscious memories from the past. What a relief if this is the case.



Cancer

One of your closest friends could be in a rotten mood today. This person might be short with everyone and not inclined to communicate why. This could be due more to personal problems and little, if anything, to do with you or anyone else.



Leo

A project that you're rather excited about could require some intense solitary work today. You might sometimes feel as if the walls are closing in on you, but you need to concentrate in order to get the best possible results. You'll also need to take occasional breaks to clear your head.



Virgo

Have you been spending a lot of time pushing your body physically? If so, you may be feeling the effects today. Muscle aches and exhaustion could be taking their toll on you. Forget about projects and chores and take care of yourself for a while. Try to get some rest.



Libra

A troubled night with little sleep could have you feeling out of sorts and not like doing much socializing today. If you can, work on projects at home alone where you can stop and take a nap if you want. Your concentration may not be what it usually is, but if you isolate yourself from distractions, you should be happy with what you accomplish.



Scorpio

Perhaps you invited a lot of visitors over a day or so ago, but today you don't feel like entertaining. Nerve strain and other stresses might leave you more in the mood to be alone. However, since your guests could be connected with your business, you won't want to cancel.



Sagittarius

You probably aren't going to feel very social today. In fact, you're likely to want to work on projects and tasks alone if you can. This might be good for you, since you probably need to concentrate without being distracted. Still, you should get out among others at some point during the day.



Capricorn

The need to concentrate may necessitate that you isolate yourself in order to fully focus on the task at hand. This is fortunate, because you'll probably accomplish a lot more than you would otherwise and be satisfied with what you've done.



Aquarius

Research on a subject related to a project could have you heading to a place where you can read without being constantly distracted. Your concentration is high and you're likely to accomplish a lot in this regard. Although you might not find the material as interesting as you'd hoped.



Pisces

Today you might spend a lot of time running errands. You could run into friends or neighbours, but you probably won't feel like stopping to talk with them. You're apt to be working on something important that you'll want to get back to as soon as possible. Traffic or other delays could get in your way, however. Don't make yourself crazy. Go with the flow and you'll accomplish what you want.