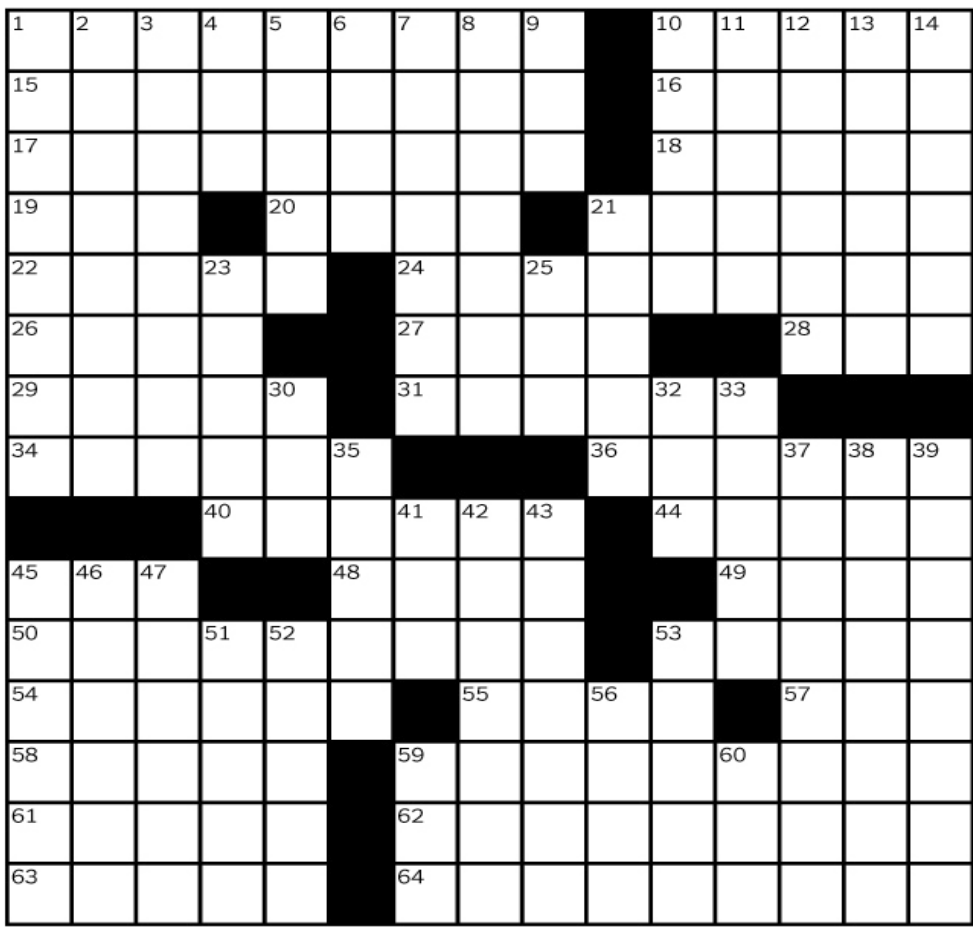


The New York Times crossword



- Across**
- 1 Al Jazeera locale
 - 10 Shot
 - 15 2012 election issue
 - 16 Set ___
 - 17 Flip
 - 18 Boss' directive
 - 19 Mens ___
 - 20 Soup flavor
 - 21 Source of some inside info?
 - 22 Trouble in the night
 - 24 Snarky reply after a lecture
 - 26 W.W. II battle town
 - 27 Bird named for its call
 - 28 Foreign leader
 - 29 Slip
 - 31 Relishes
 - 34 Leader given the posthumous title Rex Perpetuus Norvegiae
 - 36 Trinity member
 - 40 Jones' "Men in Black" role
 - 44 Calculus, e.g.
 - 45 Undercover wear?
 - 48 Close up
 - 49 Mates
 - 50 Collegiate honor society of Bloomberg and Iacocca
 - 53 Annie who voiced Bo Peep in "Toy Story"
 - 54 Sticking points?
 - 55 Cross reference?
 - 57 Executed
 - 58 Word with control or sight
 - 59 Access provider
 - 61 Some are bitter
 - 62 Avalanche gear
 - 63 Clipped
 - 64 #1 on VH1's "40 Hottest Hotties of the '90s"
 - 25 Major downer?
 - 30 Taunt
 - 32 Pause fillers
 - 33 Park, home of the San Diego Padres
 - 35 Wedding wear
 - 37 Spreadsheet command
 - 38 Hockey shot involving two players
 - 39 Story locale?
 - 41 School grp.
 - 42 Food whose name comes from the Tupi language of South America
 - 43 "M*A*S*H" character from Toledo, Ohio
 - 45 Military craft
 - 46 "Pain Is Love" rapper
 - 47 Beau
 - 51 Big name in motels
 - 52 Clean, in a way
 - 53 What may represent "I" in American Sign Language
 - 56 Game played across the world
 - 59 Calculus abbr.
 - 60 Setting in "Call of Duty: Black Ops," informally

Yesterday's solution

REBA	ANITA	PRES
ERICTHERED	HALL	
DINAHSHORE	IIII	
ANODE	INNS	LSAT
CEOS	LIENS	
ALUM	ACH	TAPS
TOLLITTLE	PURPOSE	
TRACTION	ENGINES	
AIRC	CONDITIONERS	
VIPS	EEN	ESTO
EMIRS	GREG	
DISC	ICED	HALAL
NAIL	SLUICE	GATE
ATOE	LORD	NELSON
SANS	ATEIN	ESME

comics

Dilbert

PROFITS ARE WAY DOWN, BUT DON'T WORRY YOUR LITTLE HEADS ABOUT IT.

THE BOARD INCREASED MY ANNUAL COMPENSATION TO \$60 MILLION. NOW I FINALLY HAVE AN INCENTIVE TO DO A GOOD JOB!

UH-OH. I'D BETTER HURRY BECAUSE I'M ALREADY STARTING TO FEEL UNDERPAID AGAIN.

F-minus

STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT STUDENTS PERFORM MUCH BETTER ON SINGLE-CHOICE TESTS.

Peanuts

Drabble

DON'T SIT OUTSIDE BEHIND THE GLASS DOOR AND LOOK SAD!

THE DOOR IS OPEN! YOU JUST HAVE TO WALK OVER HERE AND COME IN!

..Sigh..

OH YEAH, HU! SCORE ANOTHER POINT FOR CATS!

horoscope

- Capricorn** (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)
Don't hesitate to speak up if there is something owed you that you have yet to collect. Your probabilities for repayment are better than usual.
- Aquarius** (JAN. 20-FEB. 19)
It isn't likely that you'll feel comfortable being a follower, and there is no reason why you should. You have excellent leadership qualities, so use them without waiting to be asked.
- Pisces** (FEB. 20-MARCH 20)
Joint ventures will work wonderfully at this point in time, but only if you can make a contribution, either mentally or materially, that could help advance an endeavor.
- Aries** (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)
Finding some time to spend with an old friend will do much for your own feelings of well-being. Make some space on your calendar and enjoy the results.
- Taurus** (APRIL 20-MAY 20)
Showing how capable you are of handling a serious development will win you the admiration of your peers. It'll give others plenty of reasons to say nice things about you.
- Gemini** (MAY 21-JUNE 20)
You can be instrumental in teaching a friend how to look for the positive things in life instead of seeing only the negative. It's a lesson your pal could really use.
- Cancer** (JUNE 21-JULY 22)
By following your instincts, you should be able to manage your personal affairs in ways that will achieve the type of results you'd like to have. Don't leave things up to chance.
- Leo** (JULY 23-AUG. 22)
A lesson you learn from an older or more experienced individual will help advance you in life. You may not see the results immediately, but you will with time.
- Virgo** (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)
You should try to devote your time and efforts to situations that can offer you possibility of a material reward. You'll find success by working hard for a profitable purpose.
- Libra** (SEPT. 23-OCT. 23)
When you see something that is being mismanaged and you know you can do a better job with it, don't hesitate to step in and take on the necessary leadership.
- Scorpio** (OCT. 24-NOV. 22)
Your ambitious intentions can be gratified when you do what needs doing without calling any attention to yourself. It would be counterproductive, however, if you appear to be self-serving.
- Sagittarius** (NOV. 23-DEC. 21)
For unknown reasons, you could be extremely fortunate when dealing with intangible things. Conversely, the same would not be true if you switch to handling concrete affairs.

bridge

Doug Collins, a four-time NBA All-Star and current head coach of the Philadelphia 76ers, said: "Any time Detroit scores more than 100 points and holds the other team below 100 points, they almost always win."

Top bridge players count points - high-card points. It is one of the most important aspects of the game. This deal shows why.

West opened one no-trump, showing 15 to 17 points. East, with such a weak hand, ran to two hearts via a transfer bid. South then overcalled two spades. West passed, knowing his partner would act again with suitable values. Here, East should have bid three hearts, which could have been made.

Against two spades, West leads the club ace, and East drops the queen, showing either a singleton or the queen and jack. West cashes the club king, then plays a third club. East shifts to a heart. How should South continue?

There are only 18 high-card points missing, and East has already produced three in clubs. West must have the rest. So the normal play in diamonds - low to dummy's queen, then low to declarer's 10 - cannot work. Instead, South needs to end-play West. Declarer should win the heart, cash the spade ace and second heart, then play another trump. Annoyingly, West wins and returns a spade, but South takes that trick and leads his diamond king to West's ace.

If West returns a heart, declarer ruffs in the dummy and sluffs a diamond from his hand. If West leads back a low diamond, South runs it to his 10. But without counting the points, declarer would surely have gone down.

North: ♠10 6 5 2, ♥Q J, ♦Q 8 6 3, ♣9 7 4

West: ♠K 4 3, ♥9 7 3, ♦A J 4, ♣A K 10 2

South: ♠A Q J 9 8, ♥A K, ♦K 10 5, ♣8 6 3

East: ♠10 8 6 5 4 2, ♥9 7 2, ♦Q J 5, ♣

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Neither

South West North East
2♦ INT Pass 2♥ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: ♣A

kakuro

A Kakuro consists of a playing area of filled and empty cells similar to a crossword puzzle. Some black cells contain a diagonal slash from top left to bottom right with numbers in them, called "the clues". A number in the top right corner relates to an "across" clue and one in the bottom left a "down" clue. The object of a Kakuro is to insert digits from one to nine into the white cells to total the clue associated with it. However no digit can be duplicated in an entry.

6	8	3	4	7	3	8
3	5	6	8	9	1	4
2	9	8	4	7	8	5
7	3	2	1	8	4	
6	8	4	7	9		
3	1	1	3	1	5	2
5	1	2	3		6	2
9	5	1	2	4	9	7
7	6	4	9	8	8	5

Yesterday's solution

language tips

BETTER CHINESE

1. 齐国 (qí guó)
Qi
齐国是战国时期的一个诸侯国。公元前221年，秦国消灭其他诸侯国，完成了统一，结束了战国时期。
(qí guó shì zhàn guó shí qī de dé yì gè zhōu hóu guó 。 gōng yuán qián 221 nián , qín guó xiāo miè qí tǐ zhōu hóu guó , wán chéng le tǐng yì , jié shù le zhàn guó shí qī 。)
Qi was one of the states in the Warring State Period. In 221 BC, the Qin State defeated the other states and united China, bringing an end to the Warring State Period.
2. 齐王 (qí wáng)
The king of Qi
齐王指的是齐威王，他在公元前365年继位，在位36年，善于采纳他人意见，而使齐国更加强大。
(qí wáng zhī de shì qí wēi wáng , tā zài gōng yuán qián 365 nián jì wèi , zài wèi 36 nián , shàn yú cǎi nà tǎ rén yì jiàn , ér shǐ qí guó gèng jī qiáng dà 。)
The king of Qi, King Qiwei, ascended the throne in 365 BC and ruled for 36 years. He often accepted advice and suggestions from others, which strengthened the Qi State even more.

— From Read stories and learn Chinese, by Li Jin and Tian Zhihua. Beijing Language and Culture University Press.

BETTER ENGLISH

英国“边境控制”趋严

英国联合政府上台两年来，把减少净移民增长视为保证国民权益的头等大事，同时还收紧边境控制政策。

Border control指“边境控制”，指各国所采取的用以监控和管理各类出入境行为的措施，主要体现在immigration control(移民控制)方面。

For example:
The program to tighten border controls began two years ago when the Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition took office.

边境控制政策收紧始于两年前保守党和自由民主党联合政府上台之时。

现任英国首相卡梅伦在竞选期间就提出要大大降低英国的net annual migration(年度净移民数)，即immigrants(入境移民)减去emigrants(出境移民)的人数。

另外，联合政府还宣布取消post-study work visa(毕业生就业签证，简称PSW)。在family migration(家庭移民)政策方面，他们针对non-EEA (European Economic Area) applicant(非欧洲经济区申请人)提高了保证人的minimum income threshold(最低收入门槛)。

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