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In my family, we never feel comfortable dissecting a movie we have just seen until we're in the car, or clear of the cinema. I'm not sure why we wait. Perhaps it's a mark of respect for the work, or maybe it simply allows emotions to settle and thoughts to form. This weekend, we will all witness the final instalment in a rare trilogy of eclipses playing out across the heavens. Soon afterwards, Mars reverses into Capricorn and Mercury slows. We can afford to let the dust settle before rushing to make any judgements this week.

Aries Mar21-Apr20

The biggest battles and wars are remembered in the annals of history. Yet there's little space to acknowledge the smaller skirmishes that have been fought along the way – even though they made a significant impact and enabled later bigger successes, there's simply not enough space to remember them all. In fact, it's sometimes those little moments that are worth more than the so-called big events of our lives. As Mars slips backwards this week, all you need to do is consolidate one small victory. That's enough. The solar eclipse has a spookily accurate message for you. Call **1900 957 223**.

Taurus Apr21-May21

Even though you feel as if you're facing a battle that you can't possibly win, there's some good news on your horizon. There's no way you're going to lose it either! The most likely outcome is a stalemate. Some sort of compromise is being called for so that, despite your concerns and efforts, things will work out right and fair. There will undoubtedly be some annoyance and frustration involved as you reach a truce. But nothing unacceptable. As long as you manage to stay calm and philosophical, your dream will stay intact. For life-changing advice about tonight's powerful solar eclipse call **1900 957 223**.

Gemini May22-Jun22

What's the point in carefully chiseling away at the rock face, when there are explosives to use? Well, it depends on the scope you have for error. There's a strong likelihood that you'll have more of an impact than you imagine this week. Once you've blown something out of the water, it won't sink again without a trace... you'll create a wave of energy that can shift and change the dynamics of a key relationship. Or you can keep slowly chipping away at the block. Eventually you'll achieve the same result. The choice is yours. Tonight's solar eclipse brings potential for transformation. Call **1900 957 223**.

Cancer Jun23-Jul23

We can always find a reason to have an argument. There's always something or someone who's easy to criticise. We can find a battle that needs fighting, a side that needs joining or a score that needs settling. Then, when we put energy into life's battles and challenges, it throws more of them our way. Even when a contentious issue arises, you don't have to respond in the usual way this week. As Mars reverses into your opposite sign, you can achieve more than you think and then stop, before you get too drawn in. The solar eclipse has a spookily accurate message for you. Call **1900 957 223**.

Leo Jul24-Aug23

You know where you want to go and what you want to achieve. Your vision is crystal clear. You have a strong feeling that you know exactly what you need to do to be able to get what you want. This, though, may not be quite as helpful as it seems. Your aspiration is valid but as Mars reverses out of your opposite sign, just after the solar eclipse pushes you forward, you need to reassess the route you're taking – and take life a little less seriously. Before you have time to register the change in direction, you'll be off on a better route. For life-changing advice about tonight's powerful solar eclipse call **1900 957 223.**

Virgo Aug24-Sep23

As Mars continues its backwards journey, it returns to the area of the sky associated with your ability to be creative. As your lateral thinking skills are highlighted you'll not only be able to see something that's unacceptable, you'll find a way to communicate your dissatisfaction with ease. If something's not right, you're right not to put up with it any longer. This being the last week of Mercury's retrograde motion, you'll soon be able to put your energy into a new project. Be on the look-out for inventive ideas, and you can weave magic this week. Tonight's solar eclipse brings potential for transformation. Call **1900 957 223**.

Libra Sep24-Oct23

It seems that human beings are born with an innate sense of kindness, and a desire for justice and fairness. The old saying " an eye for an eye will make the whole world blind" serves as a good reminder of what happens when we forget the importance of such behaviour. When someone does you a good turn, you instinctively want to return the favour: you understand the benefits of reciprocating generous actions and the danger of revenge. Keep positive and productive this week and the payback will be significant. The solar eclipse has a spookily accurate message for you. Call **1900 957 223**.

Scorpio Oct24-Nov22

However well you use a language, there's room for misunderstanding. When it comes to physical communication methods such as Morse code, the potential for misunderstanding is even more complicated; the communicants need to be very focused so as not to create confusion. While Mercury remains retrograde, and as Mars changes signs as it continues to move backwards across the sky, there are communication challenges in the air. Don't let an easy assumption skew important progress this week. For life-changing advice about tonight's powerful solar eclipse, call **1900 957 223**.

Sagittarius Nov23-Dec21

There's a saying about how a journey of a thousand miles begins by taking just a single step. But what if the step is in the wrong direction? Does the saying still ring true? Sometimes we need to gain an experience of what isn't right in order to know what is. This week, as Mars changes signs on its backwards journey, you may find yourself feeling unusually uncertain about a recent important decision. Since regrets are not your style, you can rethink things through, learn from any mistakes and instigate a positive change. Tonight's solar eclipse brings potential for transformation. Call **1900 957 223**.

Capricorn Dec22-Jan20

Although the expression "there's no smoke without fire" is usually accurate, smoke isn't always easy to identify. As vaping and e-cigarette smoking demonstrates, steam may be less harmful than smoke, but it certainly looks very like similar. This week, as Mars moves into your sign on its journey backwards through the sky, a situation may arise which has all the signs of being very problematic. But a look beneath the surface will indicate that it's part of a highly helpful process that can re-energise and re-motivate you. The solar eclipse has a spookily accurate message for you. Call **1900 957 223**.

Aquarius Jan21-Feb19

When you've done all that you can to speed up a vital process yet nothing is happening, it's hard to be patient and wait for a new development. This week, you might have to wait... but you don't need to develop patience! You can, if you want, be edgy and full of nervous energy. All you need to know is that whichever way you decide to tackle this situation, as retrograde Mars changes signs, your mood can't alter the speed of its progress. The success you want to achieve is tantalisingly within reach, just not quite how and when you want it. For life-changing advice about tonight's powerful solar eclipse call **1900 957 223**.

Pisces Feb20-Mar20

When sports commentators talk about the importance of taking part, they don't say it about the winning team. Such generosity of understanding may be helpful in some situations, but you're determined to give this particular scenario everything you've got first. You have something you want to prove and a change you want to make. Even though the odds may not be on your side, if you're sure that you're pursuing your objectives for the right reasons, your chance of being successful is surprisingly high this week. Tonight's solar eclipse brings potential for transformation. Call **1900 957 223**.

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Test your knowledge

1 What kind of cloud is associated with a thunderstorm?
2 In what film does Michael Douglas star as Nick Curran?
3 What kind of food is a panettone?
4 In what year did Australia adopt decimal currency: 1959, 1962, 1966 or 1975?
5 Of the nine subspecies of tigers, how many are extinct?
6 In which state is the Cascade Brewery, Australia's oldest continually operating brewery?
7 What is the largest lake in the US?
8 What is Australia's second longest river after the Murray?
9 The Queensland Scorchers play what sport?
10 True or false: Russia covers 11 time zones?
11 Who directed the 2016 film *War Dogs*?
12 Gyanendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev was the last king of what country?
13 Jonny Lee Miller stars in which US TV show?
14 True or false: Dublin is the capital city of Northern Ireland?
15 Who is the lead singer of Maroon 5?
16 What is the third-largest planet in our solar system?
17 The Tony Awards are handed out for work in which theatre district?
18 Ljubljana is the capital of which country?
19 Angora wool is obtained from what type of animal?
20 Black seaman, gold egg and red currant are all varieties of what fruit?
21 Published in 1850, what is the name of the novel by Nathaniel Hawthorne set in Puritan New England?
22 Who is Venus' counterpart in Greek mythology?
23 What does DVD stand for?
24 What number is the element oxygen on the periodic table?
25 Is the mongoose a herbivorous or carnivorous creature?
26 In which year did Ricky Martin release the song *Livin' la Vida Loca*?
27 True or false: Mars is smaller than the Earth?
28 What is the only 1989 movie to star Steve Martin?
29 The spicy meat dish rendang originates from which country?
30 Which city in Japan is known as the thousand-year capital?

Answers, this page

Today's Solutions

Quiz Solution

1. Cumulonimbus 2. *Basic Instinct* 3. Sweet bread 4. 1966 5. Three 6. Tasmania 7. Lake Superior 8. Murrumbidgee River 9. Hockey 10. True 11. Todd Phillips 12. Nepal 13. *Elementary* 14. False 15. Adam Levine 16. Uranus 17. Broadway 18. Slovenia 19. Rabbit 20. Tomato 21. *The Scarlet Letter* 22. Aphrodite 23. Digital Versatile Disc 24. Eight 25. Carnivorous 26. 1999 27. True 28. *Parenthood* 29. Indonesia 30. Kyoto

Regular Crossword Solution

Across: 1 Waves, 4 Volumes, 8 Caged, 11 Narrows, 12 String beans, 14 Essay, 16 Inland, 17 Pop, 18 Enclose, 19 Arrests, 21 Gingerly, 23 Cobweb, 27 Awarded, 28 Hyssop, 30 Moor, 31 Ria, 32 Foil, 33 Inning, 34 Flagged, 37 Lugger, 38 Friendly, 40 Culprit, 43 Angrily, 45 Oaf, 46 Adages, 48 Pries, 50 Intensified, 51 Optimum, 52 Nippy, 53 Spheres, 54 Shank.

Down: 1 Winding, 2 Viral, 3 Spoonfeed, 4 Vase, 5 Lessor, 6 Miry, 7 Singes, 8 Cabochon, 9 Guano, 10 Dismembered, 13 Tape, 15 Spry, 19 All done, 20 Sausage, 22 Nearing, 24 Wronged, 25 Shrivel, 26 Comfort, 27 Affiliation, 29 Yin, 35 Anecdotes, 36 Leniency, 38 Fife, 39 Yashmak, 40 Cynics, 41 Pore, 42 Raider, 44 Get up, 47 Gamma, 48 Pith, 49 Sons.

Cryptic Crossword Solution

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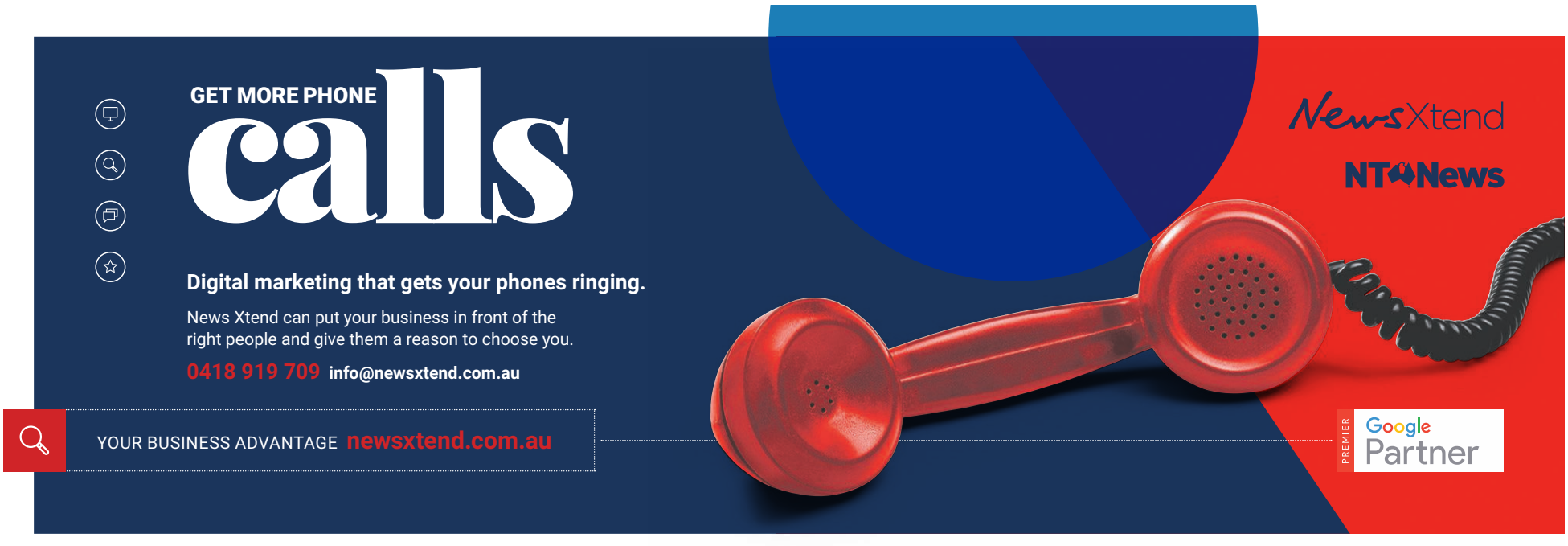
Today's Sudoku Solution

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