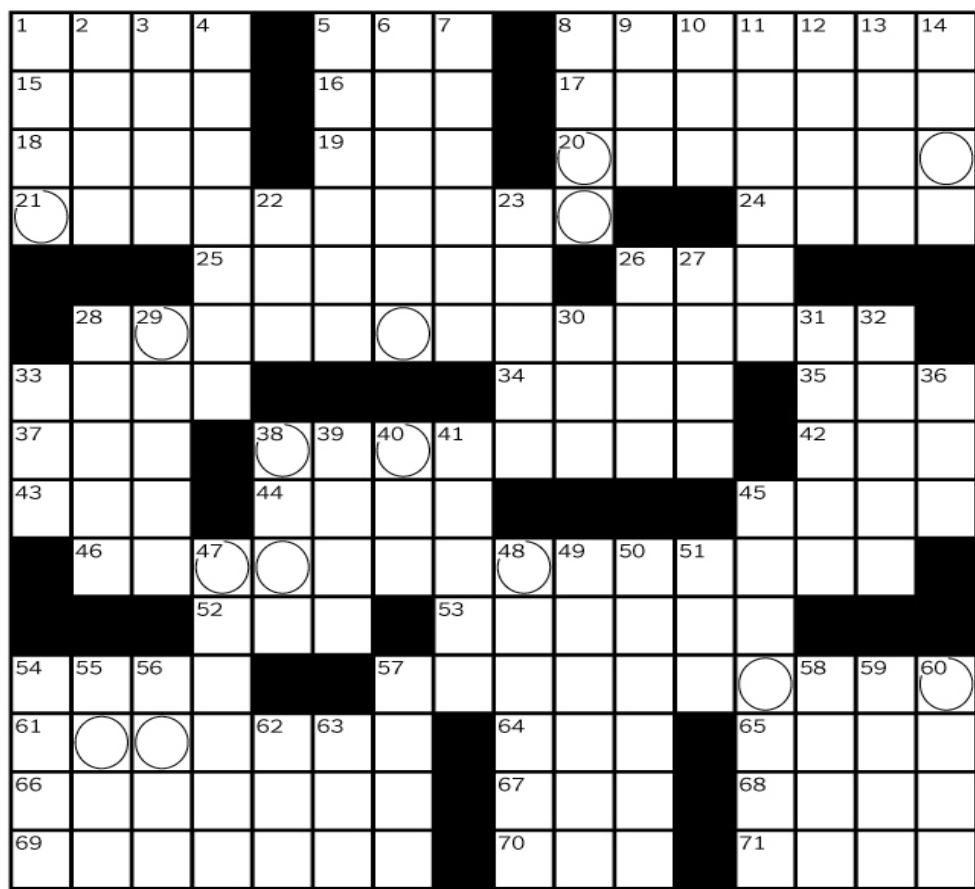


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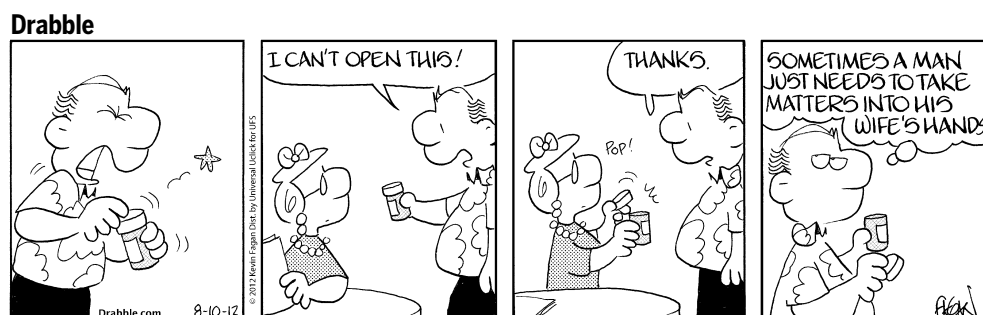
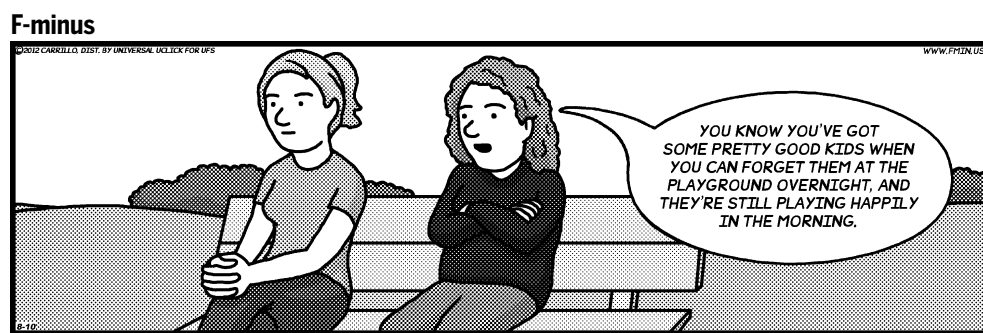
- Across**
- 1 Piquancy
  - 5 Feel in one's \_\_\_\_
  - 8 Sycophants, slangily
  - 15 1/12 of a ruler
  - 16 Durham sch.
  - 17 South Pacific region
  - 18 Nebraska tribe
  - 19 "\_\_\_\_ Beso" (Paul Anka hit)
  - 20 1970 song with the lyric "Whisper words of wisdom"
  - 21 1965 song with the lyric "Isn't he a bit like you and me?"
  - 24 Wealthy Brits
  - 25 Fictitious
  - 26 Chow down
  - 28 1969 song with the lyric "Once there was a way to get back homeward"
  - 33 Common people
  - 34 Lament loudly
  - 35 Sick
  - 37 Singer DiFranco
  - 38 1965 song with the lyric "These are words that go together well"
  - 42 Low island
  - 43 Election mo.
  - 44 "Am \_\_\_\_ late?"
  - 45 Heredity unit
  - 46 1965 song with the lyric "Think of what you're saying"
  - 52 Bear: Sp.
  - 53 Nebraska neighbor
  - 54 McCarthy-era attorney Roy
  - 57 1968 song with the lyric "We all want to change the world"
  - 61 1968 song
- Down**
- 1 Jewish homeland
  - 2 Inner: Prefix
  - 3 Garbage boat
  - 4 One of filmdom's Avengers
  - 5 "C'est la \_\_\_\_"
  - 6 Invisible
  - 7 Cartoonist Nast
  - 8 German cathedral city
  - 9 Cold cube
  - 10 Sink, as the sun
  - 11 Jeanne d'Arc, e.g.
  - 12 "Do \_\_\_\_ others ..."
  - 13 Mr. \_\_\_\_ (soft drink)
  - 14 Mailing encls.
  - 22 Conclusion
  - 23 "For \_\_\_\_ know ..."
  - 26 Disney's "\_\_\_\_ and the Detectives"
  - 27 Up to the task
  - 28 First Moody Blues hit
  - 29 Martini garnish
  - 30 Delta competitor: Abbr.
  - 31 Houston sch.
  - 32 Bias
  - 33 Enthusiast
  - 36 Soapmaking stuff
  - 38 Unaccounted-for G.I.'s
  - 39 "Pay \_\_\_\_ mind"
  - 40 Mooer
  - 41 Physicist with a law
  - 45 Lose freshness
  - 47 Scam
  - 48 Stark \_\_\_\_ mad
  - 49 Get tense and hard, as a muscle
  - 50 Archipelago bits
  - 51 Letter after sigma
  - 54 Common bait fish
  - 55 Wine: Prefix
  - 56 Syringe, for short
  - 57 Cherry and ruby
  - 58 Ancient Peruvian
  - 59 Bookies give them
  - 60 Big Board inits.
  - 62 Troop-enter-taining grp.
  - 63 "In excelsis \_\_\_\_"

Yesterday's solution



- Across**
- 1 NAUSEA
  - 5 RUNSON
  - 8 ACCENT
  - 15 MOAT
  - 20 PUSSYCATS
  - 21 SSE
  - 24 SCHULZ
  - 25 CHARLS
  - 26 HALO
  - 28 ITT
  - 33 SLEEPEDIN
  - 34 MARITIME
  - 35 SUSPENSE
  - 38 AMANA
  - 43 ZORRO
  - 44 ERIE
  - 45 ELUL
  - 46 MONK
  - 52 BABYSPICE
  - 53 LETBE
  - 54 JEDI
  - 57 WASHHER
  - 61 ELAINE
  - 63 SEDUCE
  - 63 TEAMED
- Down**
- 2 SOCIAL
  - 3 ALI
  - 4 LIQ
  - 6 EDIT
  - 7 MENU
  - 9 TERI
  - 10 YAKI
  - 11 ROCS
  - 12 DMZ
  - 13 MOAN
  - 14 ZORRO
  - 16 KOPEKS
  - 17 CANE
  - 18 LSD
  - 19 SPICE
  - 22 OTIC
  - 23 WASHHER
  - 24 ELAINE
  - 25 SEDUCE
  - 26 TEAMED

comics



horoscope

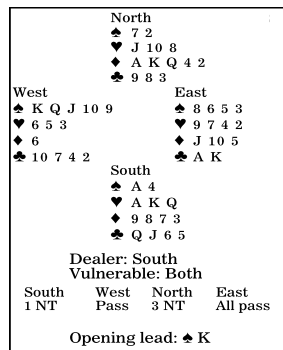
- Capricorn** (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)  
Have someone check your work if you have to perform a tedious mental assignment. The more facts and figures involved, the more chances there are to make mistakes.
- Aquarius** (JAN. 20-FEB. 19)  
Regardless of what your better judgment is telling you to do, you are likely to ignore it and do something rather foolish that will be both costly and counterproductive.
- Pisces** (FEB. 20-MARCH 20)  
Instead of being more persistent when challenged, you might buckle under pressure. Have the courage of your convictions.
- Aries** (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)  
Impatience could be your worst enemy if you're not careful. Don't allow yourself to get angry just because colleagues don't immediately go along with your plans.
- Taurus** (APRIL 20-MAY 20)  
Be extra mindful of your possessions or resources. If you leave valuables unguarded, it could easily tempt certain people who have sticky fingers to latch onto some of them.
- Gemini** (MAY 21-JUNE 20)  
Continuity of purpose is essential if you hope to achieve your objectives. Don't think you can accomplish your goals or hit your target with a series of lucky shots.
- Cancer** (JUNE 21-JULY 22)  
Do not put on any airs and affectations, or boast about things you've never accomplished. Your credibility will be dashed if your story is checked out and found to be untrue.
- Leo** (JULY 23-AUG. 22)  
Be friendly and cordial to everybody, but avoid getting too deeply involved with any one person. Friendships are a bit fragile at present, and it won't take much to shatter a close bond.
- Virgo** (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)  
When it comes to dealing with people whose aims are a bit different than yours, things could quickly get a bit touchy and erupt into full-blown unpleasantness.
- Libra** (SEPT. 23-OCT. 23)  
You're likely to have a tendency to promise one thing but do quite another. Take all your commitments very seriously, so you won't have to make both alibis and amends.
- Scorpio** (OCT. 24-NOV. 22)  
If you're going to take any gambles, do so in areas that you're very familiar with. The odds might be outlandishly against you in murky or untested situations.
- Sagittarius** (NOV. 23-DEC. 21)  
When you allow your logical qualities to supersede your feelings, you can be a pretty good judge of character. Today, however, your emotions could be calling all the shots.

bridge

Phyllis Battelle, a syndicated columnist, said: "A reporter discovers, in the course of many years of interviewing celebrities, that most actors are more attractive behind a spotlight than over a spot of tea."

A bridge player discovers, in the course of many years, that most competitors are more attentive to honor cards than spot cards. An honor card appearing unexpectedly is always noticed. But many partners will not register that partner played, say, a four before a three.

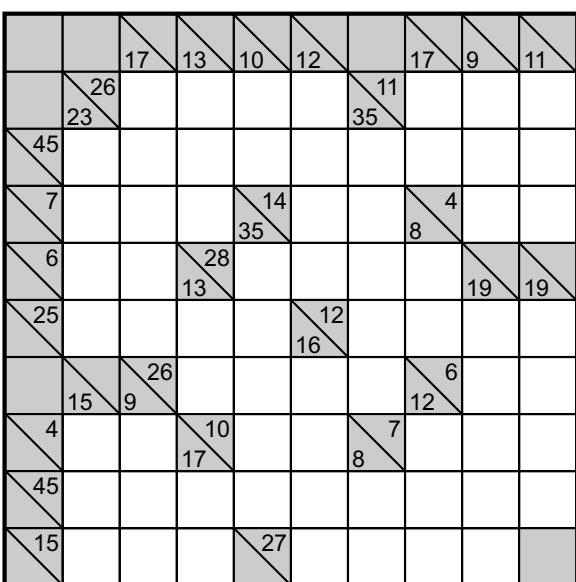
Also, the inexperienced give away lots of free information with the spot and honor cards that they play. This column is particularly useful for players who compete against opponents who watch the cards and work out who has what.



West leads the spade king? There seem to be nine easy tricks via one spade, three hearts and five diamonds. But South had better notice the diamond-spot situation. If he plays his three on any of the first three rounds of diamonds, he will take the fourth diamond trick in his hand and the fifth winner will die in the dummy because there is no entry.

Instead, declarer follows the second-lowest "rule." He leads the seven to the queen, drops the eight under the king, and throws his nine on the ace. Then dummy's four squashes South's three and the two can be cashed. Declarer "inadvertently" unblocks the suit.

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.

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

Yesterday's solution

language tips

BETTER CHINESE

1. 田忌 (tián jì)  
**Tian Ji**

田忌是战国初期齐国著名大将。他在孙臆的帮助下打赢了两场关键的战役，战胜了魏国。(tián jì shì zhàn guó chū qī qí guó zhù míng dà jiàng 。 tā zài sūn bìn de bāng zhù xià dǎ yǐng liàng chāng guān jiàn de zhàn yì , zhàn shèng le wèi guó 。 )

Tian Ji was a famous general of the Qi State in the early period of Warring States Period. With Sun Bin's help, he won two pivotal wars and defeated the Wei State.

2. 孙臆 (sūn bìn)  
**Sun Bin**

孙臆是战国时期的军事家，齐国人，是《孙子兵法》作者孙武的后代。他著有《孙臆兵法》一书，但已失传。(sūn bìn shì zhàn guó shí qī de jūn shì jiā , qí guó rén , shì 《sūn zǐ bīng fǎ 》 zuò zhě sūn wǔ de hòu dài 。 tā xiě yǒu 《sūn bìn bīng fǎ 》 yì shū , dàn yì shī chuán 。 )

Sun Bin was a strategist in the Warring States Period, and a citizen of Qi State. He was a descendant of Sun Wu, the author of Master Sun's *Art of War*. Sun Bin wrote his own book on the art of war, but it was lost to the world.

— From *Read Stories and Learn Chinese*, by Li Jin and Tian Zhihua. Beijing Language and Culture University Press.

BETTER ENGLISH

离婚预约  
**Divorce appointment**

为了缓解夫妻之间因为一时冲动草率离婚的现状，浙江省慈溪市民政局4月出台了“预约离婚登记制度”。三个月多过去了，约有40%预约离婚的夫妻最终没有办离婚手续。

Make an appointment就是“预约”，这里的“离婚预约”就是divorce appointment.

Couples are told to make an appointment at least seven days after they file for a divorce. More than 40 percent of those who came to the bureau to get a divorce in April, May and June didn't return for their final appointments.

提出离婚的夫妻被告知要办理至少7天以后的预约登记。4月到6月期间办理预约的夫妻有40%最终都没有来办理离婚登记。

“与某人预约”则可用make/fix an appointment with somebody来表示。例如：I made an appointment with my dentist for 4 pm today. (我今天下午四点约好要去看牙。)

过去，两个人不管结婚还是离婚都需要各自的单位出具letters of introduction (介绍信)，civil affairs bureau (民政局)才会给办理marriage/divorce registration (结婚/离婚登记)。如今，很多城市都已经simplify the divorce procedure (简化离婚程序)，getting a divorce on impulse (冲动离婚)的情况也屡见不鲜。离婚后“复婚”可以用remarry someone/restore a marriage来表示。

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