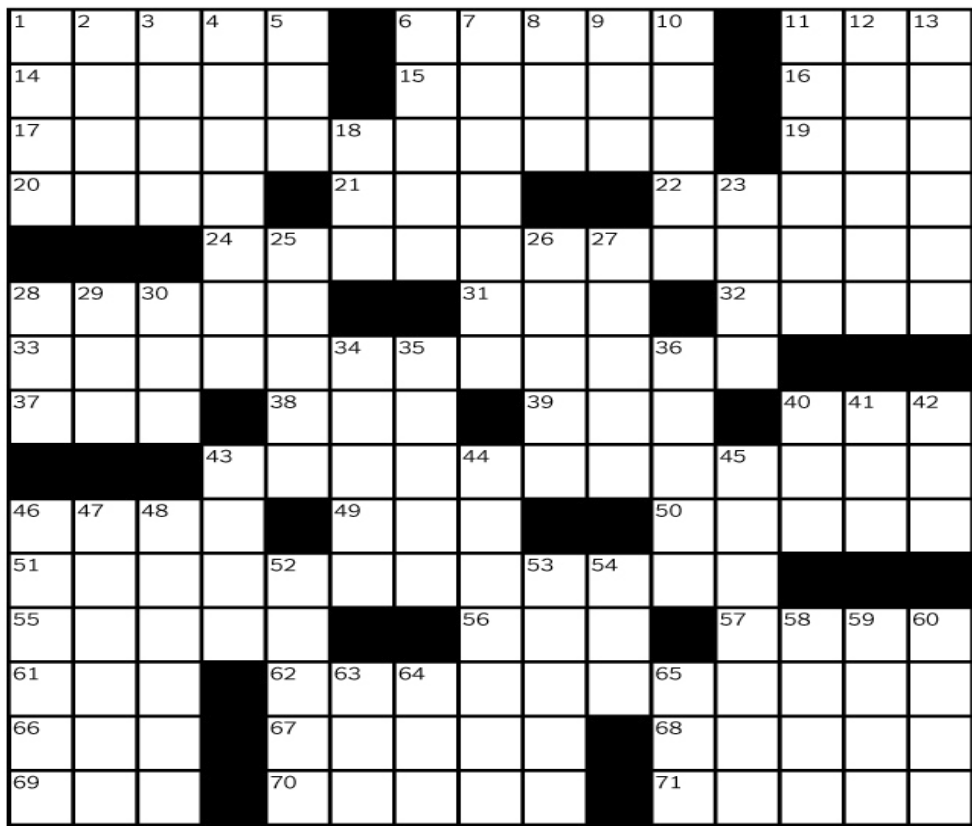
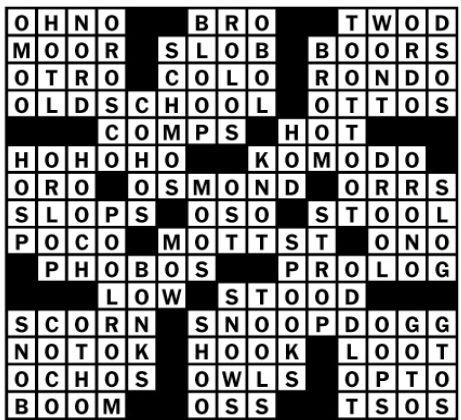


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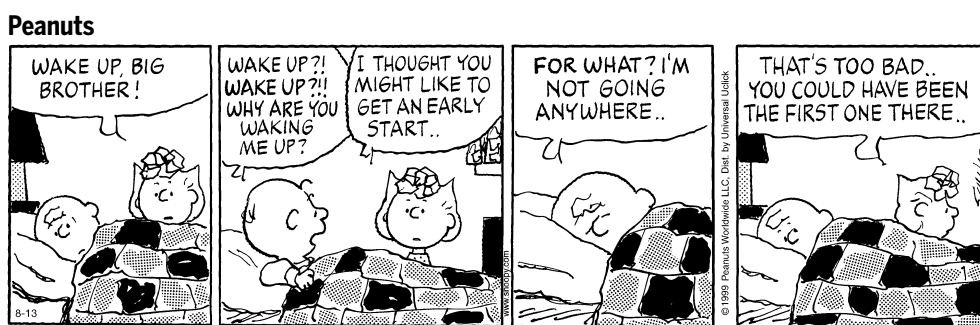
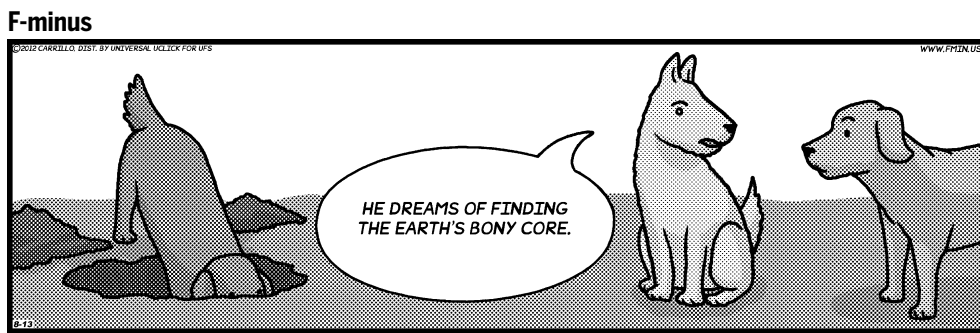


- Across
1 "Deliverance" instrument
6 Return of a lob, maybe
11 Corp. money manager
14 Reason for a February thank-you speech
15 Chaplain, to a G.I.
16 PC hookup
17 Actor's order to sock an N.B.A. legend?
19 Get totally right
20 Julian Assange posting
21 Bobble
22 Ladies' man
24 Teammate of the 17-Across legend avoiding toilet trainin'?
28 Saturday morning cartoon dog, informally
31 "C'est \_\_\_" ("Camelot" song)
32 Veracruz vane direction
33 Old comic actor's Little Bighorn headline?
37 Some purse items, for short
38 California's Big \_\_\_
39 Bedevil
40 Grimm tale figure
43 Threaten a classic comedienne like a talk-show host?
46 Maritime greeting
49 Noted flag-raising site, for short
50 Full of passion
51 Writer-turned-Utah carpenter?
55 Delivery doc
56 Barrister's deg.
57 "Copernican revolution" philosopher
61 Sac fly stat
62 Controls a prison guard like a pop singer?
66 Public-house offering
67 Greek gathering spot of old
68 Rapsallion
69 \_\_\_ Paul guitars
70 "Full court" tactic
71 Go along (with)
26 Dry Italian wine
27 Falsified, as a check
28 Many an ology: Abbr.
29 It's a mouthful
30 Old spy org.
34 Brush with the law
35 He-man's asset
36 Banish to Siberia
40 Loop transports
41 Call for a do-over
42 Suffer from the heat
43 "Dear me!"
44 Some fuel transporters
45 Hiding in the shadows
46 Unconcerned with right and wrong
47 Walk haltingly
48 Saturnalias
52 In-a-bottle alternative
53 "Casablanca" heroine and others
54 Pres. with an on-board swearing-in
58 Withdrawn apple spray
59 Campbell of "Scream"
60 Site of many a cat rescue
63 U.S.D.A. part: Abbr.
64 2012 role for Chris Diamantopoulos
65 Blotter letters

Saturday's solution



comics



horoscope

- Capricorn (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)
Aquarius (JAN. 20-FEB. 19)
Pisces (FEB. 20-MARCH 20)
Aries (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)
Taurus (APRIL 20-MAY 20)
Gemini (MAY 21-JUNE 20)
Cancer (JUNE 21-JULY 22)
Leo (JULY 23-AUG. 22)
Virgo (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)
Libra (SEPT. 23-OCT. 23)
Scorpio (OCT. 24-NOV. 22)
Sagittarius (NOV. 23-DEC. 21)

language tips

BETTER CHINESE

1. 杭州 (háng zhōu) Hangzhou
杭州在中国东南沿海的浙江省东北部, 离上海180余公里, 是中国历史上著名的七大古都之一, 因西湖而闻名天下, 有“人间天堂”的美誉。

Hangzhou is located in the northeast of Zhejiang province near the East China Sea, about 180 km away from Shanghai. It is one of the seven best known historical capitals in China and famous for its beautiful West Lake. It has also been dubbed "Paradise on Earth".

2. 清明节 (qīng míng jié) Tomb-Sweeping Day

清明节是中国的传统节日, 也是最重要的祭祀日。清明节在每年的公历四月四日到六日之间, 此时正是春天阳光灿烂、草木变绿的时候, 是人们春游(古代叫踏青)的好时节, 因此又叫踏青节。

Tomb-Sweeping Day is a traditional festival in China. It is a time to remember the dead and pay respects to one's deceased ancestors and family members. It is held from April 4 to April 6 every year. At this time, the weather is good and the grass is green, so it is also considered a good time to go out for a walk in the country. It is also named Treading the Green Grass Festival.

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

BETTER ENGLISH

奥运比赛中常听到的口语表达

- 1. On your mark, ready, set, go!
2. Anderson just scored again.
3. It was a tied game.
4. Foul! Ref! Foul!
5. That sucks!
6. There's no "I" in team, but there's an "I" in win.
7. Faster, higher, stronger.

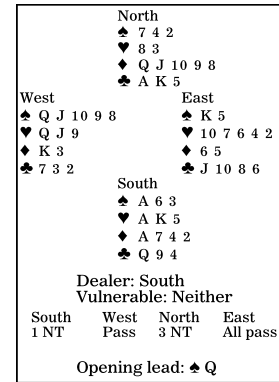
bridge

At the bridge table, every player should be a most offending soul!

Last week, we looked at important spot-card plays. Now we will move to honor-card situations. Even though you watch all of the cards like a hawk, your partner rarely notices when you play a four before a three. However, if you play an honor card, even your partner will see it.

Let us start with defense. How should East and West card to defeat three no-trump by South? North correctly raised one no-trump to three no-trump. He knew that everyone would admire his diamonds once he tabled the dummy.

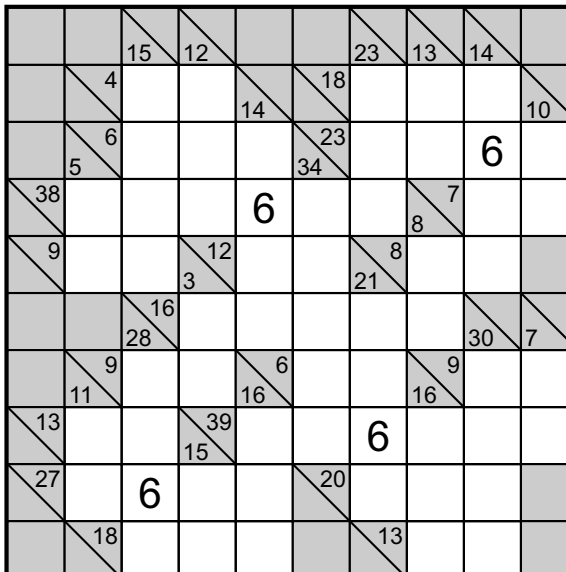
West opens with the spade queen. When leading an honor against a no-trump contract, have three touching cards or two touchers and a gap of one. So, with a suit headed by the Q-J-10 or Q-J-9, lead the queen. But with Q-J-8-x or longer, it is usually right to lead your fourth-highest.



Now comes the play inexperienced players find tough. East must overtake with his king to unblock the suit. South will duck, but East returns his second spade. By continuing spades, the suit becomes established and West has an entry in the diamond king.

If East plays the spade five at trick one, South has two winning plays: duck this trick and the next, or win this trick. In both cases, declarer crosses to the dummy in clubs and takes the diamond finesse, cruising home with at least one overtrick.

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.

Table with 9 rows and 9 columns of numbers representing a solution to the Kakuro puzzle.

Saturday's solution

Chaoyang Theatre Acrobatics Macrocosm
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Time: 5:15-6:15 pm / 7:15-8:30 pm, daily
Tel: 86-10-65072421 / 65060838 / 65068116 / 65060837
Prices: 180, 280, 380, 580, 680, 880 yuan
Venue: Chaoyang Theatre, No. 36, Dongsanhuan Beilu, Chaoyang District, Beijing
Website: www.bjcytc.com