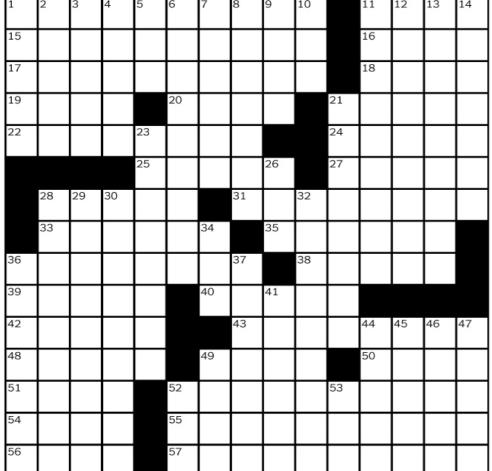
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crossword



Across

- 1 Field agents?
- 11 Amount to 15 Home of Owens Corning
- Corporation First lady Harrison
- Catchphrase of the '80s
- 18 Rock's Kings of
- 19 Big party
- 20 Big party 21 Coulrophobe's
- bugaboo Extra turn in
- Monopoly 24 "Monster"
- actress, 2003
- 25 Explanatory lead-in

CLEAN

THIS IS MY NEW INTERN. I HAVEN'T BOTHERED TO NAME

HIM YET.

AS PROMISED, WE WILL CONCLUDE WITH

A BRIEF Q&A SESSION

Dilbert

F-minus

Peanuts

27 Composer/

- conductor Webern 28 What was yours
- at one time? 31 Puck, for one
- 33 Building with giant doors
- 35 Envy, anger or greed, maybe
- 36 Many a prom corsage 38 Napa Valley
- sight 39 Postal stamp
- on una carta 40 Patrick of
- 'Barry Lyndon" 42 Dotted ones are
- half again as
- long 43 French cathedral city

K N O B S A S C O T T A T A R

48 Hard hits

Yesterday's solution

R E D R U M M I R Y A T E
W A R P S R E D A N E S
F A O E L O I B I P E D S

REDUPISERIF

FOSTER REDS GAD

I L L O G I C S A I T H
L E I N A H S P R O T O N
M O C H A E A R T H T O N E

EVITA

REDON

TRACHEASIRE

M E D I C A X I A L

ANASTASIA

Down

1 Shortchange

49 Curly-haired

50 Possible result

reaction

51 Joe Hardy's

books

block

54 Oater sound

55 Taking a load

56 Big name in

57 Current

52 What an ad

of an allergic

girlfriend in the

Hardy Boys

blocker might

salad dressing

toon

- 2 Duck and quail 3 Walk" (Frost poem)
- 4 O'Connor of "Xena Setting for
- Yankees home games: Abbr.
- Money-saving fast-food option
- 7 Nassau_
- liqueui 8 I = V/R
- 9 Accompanying 10 Like the K.G.B.:
- Abbr. Excusing 11
- oneself from work, maybe
- 12 "Home on the

comics

I'VE BEEN TREATED

POORLY AS AN INTERN, AND I'M ANXIOUS

TO PERPETUATE THE

CYCLE OF ABUSE.

similar situation to guide you.

Capricorn (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Knowledge and experience can be your best allies. If you are stymied by something, unlock a door to the past and search for a

horoscope



Aquarius (JAN. 20-FEB. 19)

Sitting down with a good friend whom you trust would be an extremely beneficial thing to do. Valuable ideas could be garnered from a frank discussion



Pisces (FFB. 20-MARCH 20)

Gossip you've heard concerning a good friend will be either verified or disproved through conversations with others. Fortunately, you'll know the truth when you hear it.



Aries (MARCH 21-APRIL 19) While you're in the mood, reorganize your affairs in ways that will

make it easier for you to overcome certain obstacles that have been problems for far too long.



Taurus (APRIL 20-MAY 20) The secret to success is already interwoven within your philoso-

phy of life — when you want the best for others as well as yourself, you'll come out ahead



Gemini (MAY 21-JUNE 20) By monitoring events, you should quickly learn that something you've long wanted to change could be facilitated through a third

party. Do it

Cancer (JUNE 21-JULY 22) In a situation regarding which both you and your mate share the same hopes and desires, success could be probable. Pull together



Leo (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

until you achieve exactly what you want.

Do not deviate from or alter an ambitious objective if you feel it is well thought out and worthy of your efforts. With a good attitude, victory is much more plausible than you know.



Range" range

13 Treats to beat

21 Comparatively

23 Carnival booth

Jacques or

Jean-Jacques

paper punches

with soda

bottles

28 Like some

29 Do business?

margins

34 "Stand" band

36 "Walk On By"

casserole with

singer

a crust

41 Halloween

personae

44 In the midst of

45 Overhauled

47 Rank smoke

52 D.E.A. target

1975

drug

team

I HAVE

A NAME!

QUICHE

A**N**D ASPARAGUS

46 "The Vampire

Diaries" girl

49 Nobelist name

of 1922 and

53 Transportation

for many a

Little League

HE'S

FEISTY. I LIKE

THAT.

37 Zesty

32 Tomato

30 They're usually

found on the

26 Jean.

the heat

14 Kind of bed

arch

cate yourself to a person you unwittingly offended in the past. When you see the opening, make your move.

Virgo (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Libra (SEPT. 23-OCT. 23)

You're likely to be much better at managing the affairs of another

There is a strong chance that you'll get an opportunity to vindi-



than you'll be at handling your own. This is especially true if your problem is of a financial nature.

Scorpio (OCT. 24-NOV. 22)



Certain people with whom you'll be involved could be extremely

Sagittarius (NOV. 23-DEC. 21)

helpful in providing some beneficial information. It might even cause you to reverse one of your positions.



A condition that has been adversely affecting your career and/or finances is about to take a turn that will allow you to finally make a

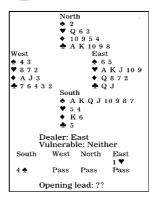
Cleveland Amory, an author and advocate of animal rights who died in 1998, said: "As anyone who has ever been around a cat for any length of time well knows, cats have enormous patience with the limitations of the human kind."

As anyone who has ever been around a bridge table for any length of time should well know, telling partner the length of your holding in his suit may be vital.

This week we are looking at playing the right spot cards. In this deal, East opens one heart, South jumps to four spades, and everyone passes. What should West lead?

Note South's four-spade overcall. He needs so little from partner to make game laydown. (The diamond ace is sufficient.) Also, given East's opening bid, it is unlikely that his side can make a slam. Four spades is so much more likely to inconvenience the responder than miss a slam.

When making the opening lead, the general principle is that a low card from a three-card or longer suit



guarantees at least one honor in that suit. However, when leading partner's unsupported suit, the rules are high from a doubleton; or low from three-plus, even without an honor in the suit. Here, West must lead the heart two. Then, after East wins with his nine and cashes the ace, he will know that South is out of hearts. East will shift to the diamond two (low guaranteeing an honor in that suit), and the defense will win the first four tricks. If West leads the heart

eight, that shows a singleton or a doubleton. East will expect to cash a third heart trick, but South will ruff, draw trumps and run the clubs for an overtrick.

6 2 4 2 1 5 1

3 1 5 2 4 8

3 8 9 2 1

3 8 6 1 3 2 8

5 9 2 7

8 9 6 5

	29	12	9		11	14	28	
18				15				11
30				27				
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35					24 12			
23	16 10						11	22
12			30					
8		14	10		12	12 16		
18				25				
20				12				

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 Yesterday's solution into the white cells to total the clue associated with it. However no digit can be duplicated in an entry.

language tips

BETTER CHINESE

1.中秋节 (zh ng qi jié) **The Mid-Autumn Festival**

在农历八月十五,因为这一天是秋季的正中,所以叫 做"中秋"。它是中国传统的家人团圆的节日,有吃月 饼和拜月的习俗。

(zài nóng lì b yuè shí w ,y n wèi zhè yì ti n shì qi jì de zhèng zh ng ,su y jiào zuò " zh ng qi ", t shì zh ng guó chuán t ng de ji rén tuán yuán de jié rì ,y u ch yuè b ng hé bài yuè de xí sú 。)

The Mid-Autumn Festival occurs on the 15th day of the 8th month in the lunar calendar. It is a traditional festival when Chinese families get together, eat moon cakes, and worship the moon.

2.生肖

(sh ng xiào)

Chinese zodiac

生肖又叫"属相",本是用于纪年的一套符号,是古代 天文历法的一部分,后来成了民间信仰的一部分。生肖 信仰中非常重要的一部分是本命年的观念。一个人出生 那年是农历什么年,那以后每到这一属相年便是此人的 本命年。

(sh ng xiào yòu jiào " sh xiàng " ,b n shì yòng yú jì nián de y tào fú hào ,shì g dài ti n wén lì f de y bù fèn ,hòu lái chéng le mín ji n xìn y ng de y bù fèn sh ng xiào xìn y ng zh ng f i cháng zhòng yào de y bù fèn shì b n mìng nián de gu n niàn 。 yí gè rén ch sh ng nà nián shì nóng lì shén me nián , nà y hòu méi dào zhè y sh xiàng nián biàn shì c rén de b n mìng nián 。)

Chinese zodiac animals were originally symbols used to count the years in the Chinese calendar, as well as part of ancient astronomy. They have since become part of the belief system of the Chinese people. A very important part of this belief is the ideology of the year of one's animal sign. When a year with the same sign as the year in which a person was born arrives, that is the person's zodiac year.

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

BETTER ENGLISH

什么是"软福利"?

Soft benefit

Soft benefit is a type of non-monetary compensation offered by employers to members of their staff for performing their jobs. Many senior employees are offered a valuable soft benefit or perk like a company car instead of money as part of their overall remuneration.

Soft benefit(软福利)指雇主对员工提供的非金钱性质的工

作报酬补偿。比如,很多资深员工都会享受到公司配车

等高价值软福利作为他们工作报酬的一部分。 In a tight labor market, companies are adding 'soft' benefits, such as

free trips or child-care services, so they can hold on to the talent they have. 在劳动力市场紧缩的情况下,各公司都会增加诸如免费

旅游或者小孩看护服务等"软福利"来留住人才。

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