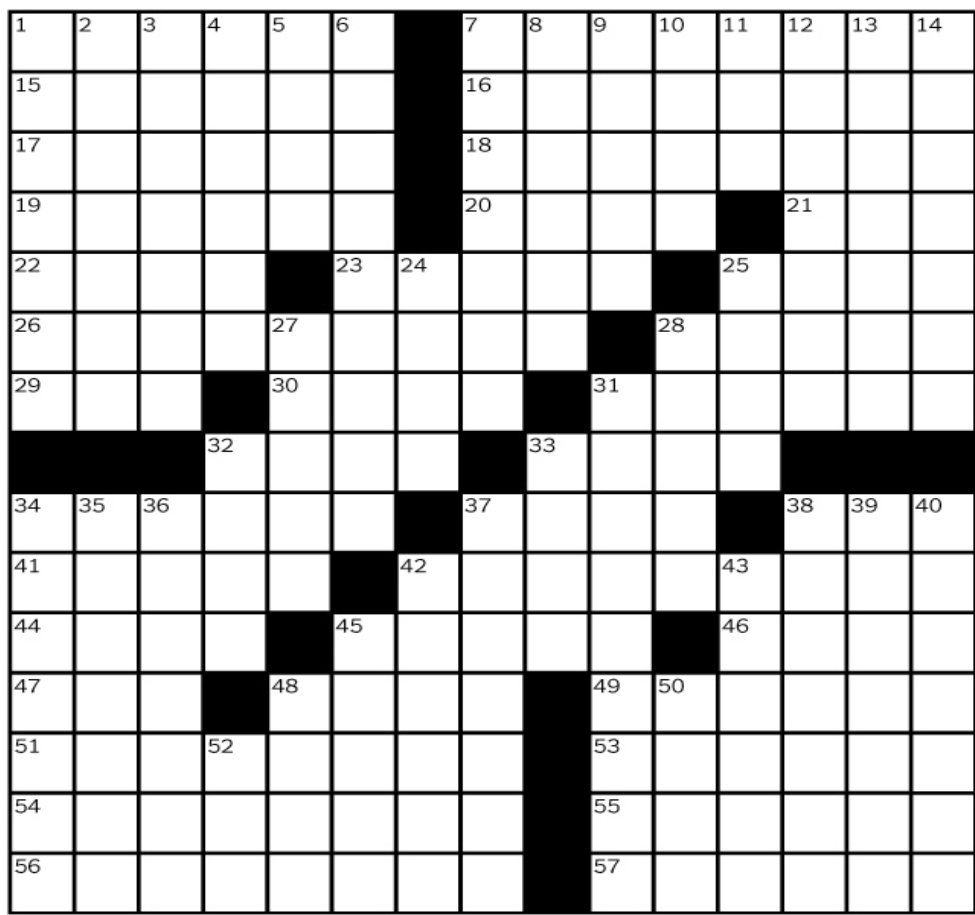


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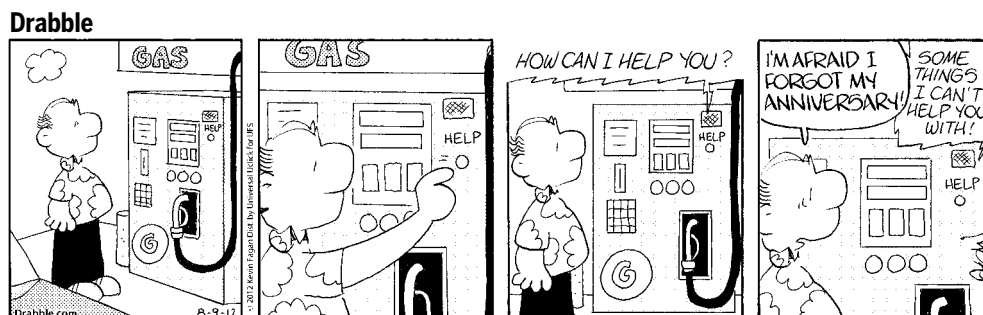
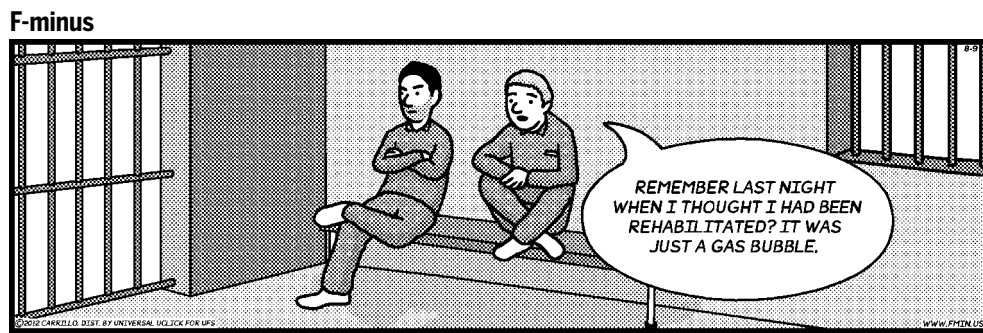
- Across**
- 1 Mass merchandise?
  - 7 A nerd has a low one
  - 15 Side effect or ride effect?
  - 16 Where to select Select All
  - 17 Won't shut up
  - 18 Far Eastern marinade
  - 19 "Les Misérables" feature
  - 20 Avian abductors
  - 21 One goes along the 38th parallel, briefly
  - 22 Protective zoo feature
  - 23 49-Across maker
  - 25 Wind sound
  - 26 Unthreatening
  - 28 Don Diego de la Vega, familiarly
  - 29 Dir. from 30-Across to Norfolk
  - 30 See 29-Across
  - 31 Some change in Russia
  - 32 Ab follower
  - 33 Aid in getting around
  - 34 Brown drawer
  - 37 Father figure?
  - 38 Alternative to mushrooms
  - 41 Puts some black lines on
  - 42 Youngest member of a 1990s girl group
  - 44 Sign of spotlessness
  - 45 Leave
  - 46 Like anatomical anvils
  - 47 \_\_\_ Tech
  - 48 Lightsaber user
  - 49 23-Across product
  - 51 Slowly came through
  - 53 Chao of George W. Bush's cabinet
  - 54 Characteristic of salts
  - 55 Try to get off the straight and narrow
  - 56 Thriller killer?
  - 57 Pulling together, say
  - 13 Hard-to-remove stain
  - 14 Chain serving Torpedoes and Bullets
  - 24 It's deposited in drops
  - 25 Betrayal
  - 27 Roars
  - 28 Drops off, with "out"
  - 31 About whom Obama said "He is a jackass. But he's talented"
  - 32 New circulator of 2002
  - 33 All-Century Team member
  - 34 Breaks
  - 35 Nice country house
  - 36 They bear arms
  - 37 Preprandial performance
  - 38 Big Chilean export
  - 39 Focus of some fairs
  - 40 Ordered
  - 42 Obfuscates
  - 43 Mexican motel
  - 45 Ushered
  - 48 Simple gymnastics move
  - 50 One way to direct a helm
  - 52 Casino spot

Yesterday's solution



- Down**
- 1 They'll get you going with the flow
  - 2 Like many a juke joint
  - 3 Good place to lay down arms
  - 4 Subject of I.R.S. Form 8949
  - 5 It's noble
  - 6 Natural Bridges State Beach locale
  - 7 Fee
  - 8 Some classic theaters
  - 9 Around
  - 10 Reply to "Really?"
  - 11 Tan in a bookstore
  - 12 Material for a

comics



horoscope

- Capricorn** (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)  
Someone who believes you're untrustworthy might test you. It'll be up to you to make sure that you don't discuss anything told to you in confidence.
- Aquarius** (JAN. 20-FEB. 19)  
An associate might come to you with a proposition that sounds exceptionally good at first hearing. It behooves you to listen and question it a to make sure it isn't exaggerated.
- Pisces** (FEB. 20-MARCH 20)  
Objectives that aren't normally too difficult to achieve might be extremely elusive, all because those who are usually supportive may now be more hindrance than help.
- Aries** (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)  
You'll think much better of yourself if you don't allow what pleases you to take precedence over your responsibilities and duties. Do what is expected of you first.
- Taurus** (APRIL 20-MAY 20)  
Your greatest problems are likely to come not from adversaries but from those whom you're trying to help. Grin and bear it.
- Gemini** (MAY 21-JUNE 20)  
Operating independently of others might be one of the smartest things you'll do, especially if a prospective counterpart is as strong-willed as you.
- Cancer** (JUNE 21-JULY 22)  
Don't try to push your luck beyond its limitations, because your chance for material gain is only nominal. If you do go too far, things could crumble like an off-brand cookie.
- Leo** (JULY 23-AUG. 22)  
Normally, you're a very cautious person, but today you might step out of character and take some risks. Remember, there is usually a pretty good reason why the odds are lopsided.
- Virgo** (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)  
In your desire to have everything wrapped up, you might deem incomplete endeavors finished work. Kidding yourself could stop you from pushing harder when you need to do your best.
- Libra** (SEPT. 23-OCT. 23)  
If your logic and intuition are in conflict, to be on the safe side go with reality instead of your hunches. At least that way you'll know you're not dealing with supposition.
- Scorpio** (OCT. 24-NOV. 22)  
You could be setting yourself up for disappointment if you're nice to people only in hopes that they'll be nice to you in return. If your motives are insincere, folks will see right through you.
- Sagittarius** (NOV. 23-DEC. 21)  
Your judgment is questionable right now, making it possible that you'll try to reward the undeserving in order to get something from them that they're reluctant to part with. Don't do it.

bridge

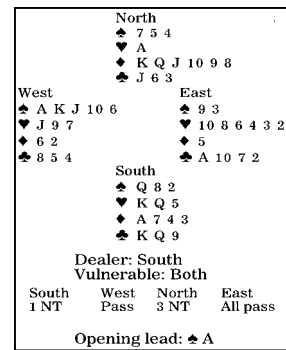
Dick Wolf, best known as the producer of the *Law & Order* TV shows, said: "People do have viewing patterns, and you disrupt those at your own peril. That's something that everybody learned after (the writers' strike of) 1988."

At the bridge table, declarer does not try to disrupt the defense's signals at his own peril. In this deal, for example, how should South plan the play in three no-trump after West leads the spade ace and East drops the three?

North was right to respond three no-trump, especially with the singleton heart ace. If he had held, say, a low heart and three spades to the ace, he might have suggested a diamond contract.

The contract is in jeopardy only if East has the club ace and two or three spades. Then, if West shifts to a club at trick two, East can push a spade through declarer's queen at trick three.

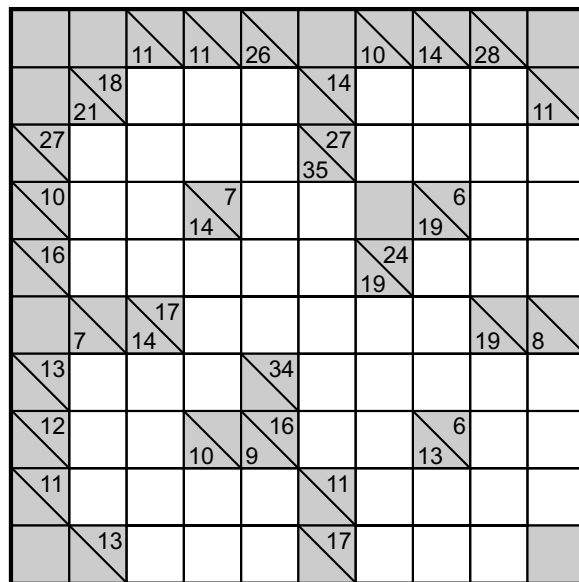
How will East signal at trick one? He is being asked to show



or deny the spade queen. And to make it look like East is encouraging, South must drop his spade eight at trick one. Then if West continues spades, the contract succeeds. But if South plays his two, West should shift to the club eight (high to deny an honor).

Yes, if East holds Q-3 or Q-3-2 of spades, there is a strong case for his playing the queen, but South must do the best he can. The principle is that declarer should signal like third hand (East). If South wants the suit led to be continued at trick two, he should play an unnecessarily high card. If he prefers West to shift, declarer should contribute his lowest card.

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.

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

Yesterday's solution

language tips

BETTER CHINESE

1. 天帝 (tiān dì)  
Celestial Ruler

天帝即帝俊，是中国神话传说中地位最高的神，十个太阳是他和妻子羲和所生。

(tiān dì jí dì jùn , shì zhī ng guó shén huà chuán shuō zhōng dì wèi zuì gāo de shén , shì gē tài yáng shì tā hé qī zǐ xì hé suǒ shēng 。 )

Celestial Ruler, i.e. Emperor Jun, is the highest god of Chinese tradition. He and his wife Xi gave birth to the 10 suns.

2. 尧帝 (yáo dì)  
Emperor Yao

尧帝是中国远古时代的部落首领，深受百姓的爱戴。后战胜其他部落成为领袖，是中国的第一位帝王。

(yáo dì shì zhōng guó yuǎn gù yǐ qù shí dài de bù luò shǒu lǐng , shēn shòu bǎi xìng de ài dài 。 hòu zhàn shèng qí tā bù luò chéng wéi lǐng xiū , shì zhōng guó de dì yī wèi dì wáng 。 )

Emperor Yao was the tribal chief during ancient times, and was much loved by his people. Later he defeated the other tribes and became the first emperor of China.

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

BETTER ENGLISH

随迁配偶  
Trailing spouse

The term trailing spouse is used to describe a person who follows his or her life partner to another city because of a newly found job or work assignment.

The term is often associated with people involved in an expatriate assignment but is also used on domestic assignments.

Trailing spouse(随迁配偶)指因为伴侣换工作或者接受工作委派而随其搬到另一个城市的人。境外委派或者国内委派任务中的随迁配偶均可用此表达。

The phenomena of trailing spouses is most apparent in the military, diplomatic, and other government communities as well as the private sector where the employer regularly re-assigns their employees to new locations.

随迁配偶多出现于军队、外交、政府机构以及私营企业等会定期轮换委派员工到不同地区的单位。

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