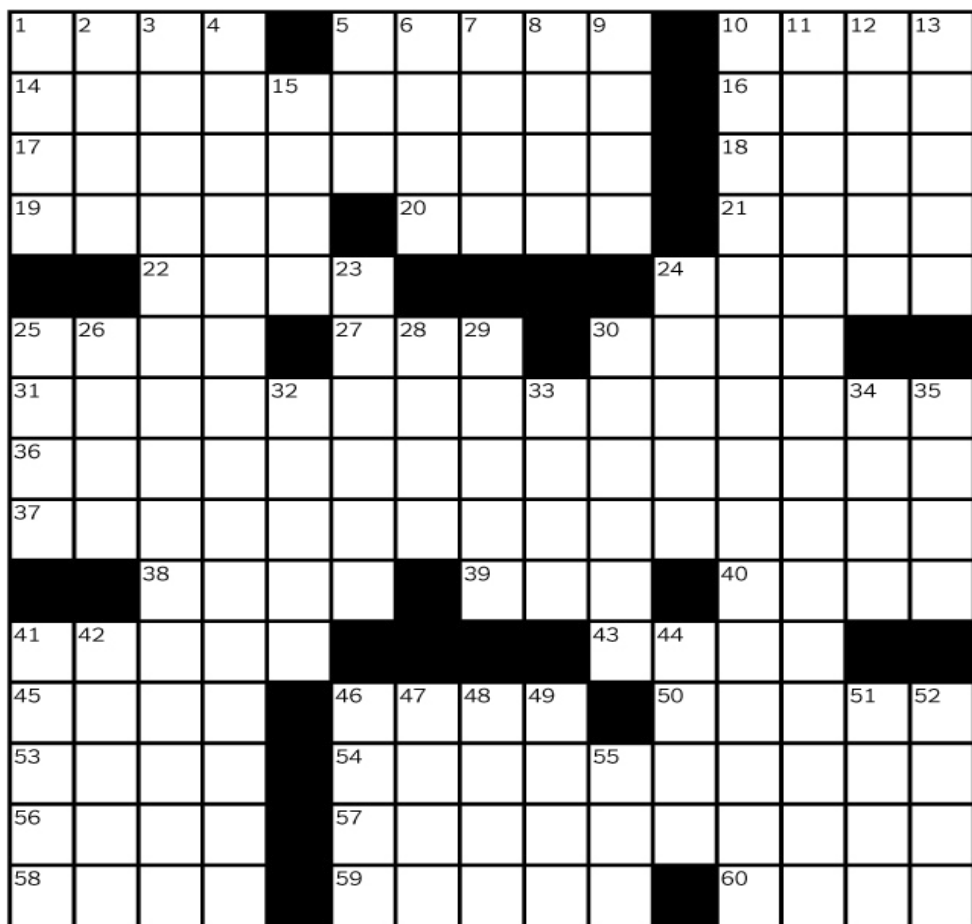


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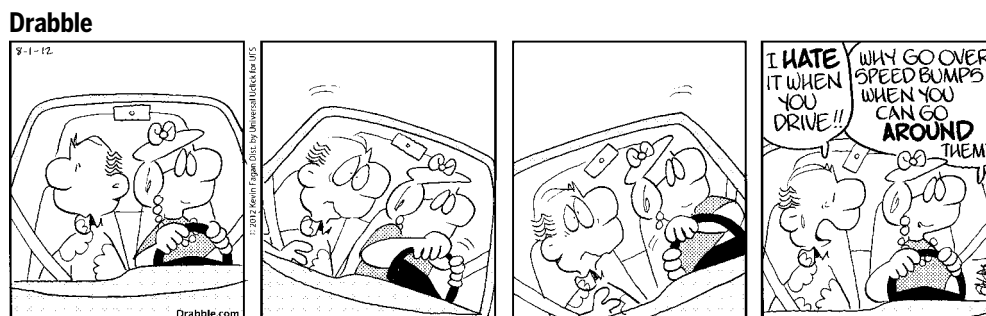
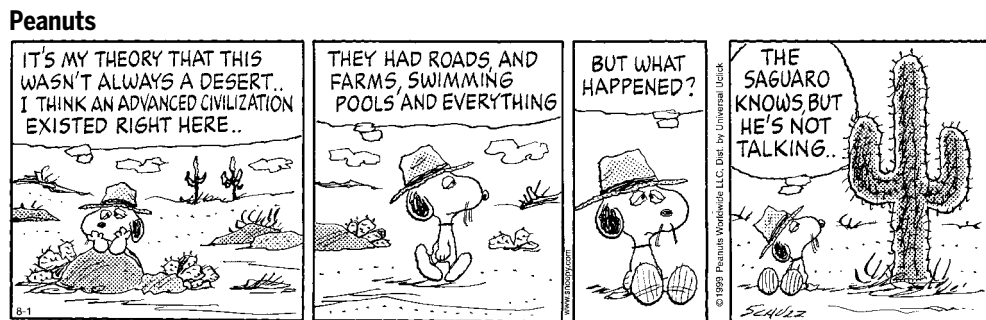
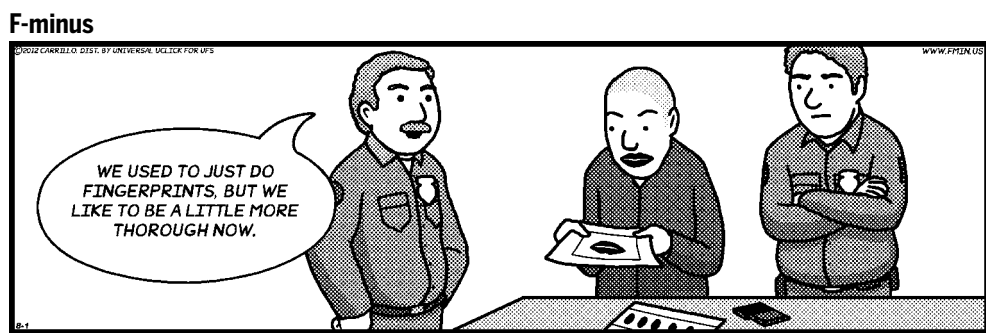
- Across**
- 1 "I'm a Survivor" sitcom
  - 5 "West Side Story" girlfriend
  - 10 Cabinet maker?: Abbr.
  - 14 Icelandic saga subject
  - 16 Long way to walk?
  - 17 "Chantez-Chantez" singer, 1957
  - 18 It's 180° from X
  - 19 Cell division?
  - 20 Places to put up
  - 21 It's taken by some coll.
  - 22 Business brass
  - 24 Some encumbrances
  - 25 Class Notes
  - 27 "\_\_\_ Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein" (Bach cantata)
  - 30 Memorial Day performance
  - 31 Almost in vain
  - 36 Road locomotives
  - 37 Runners often seen in windows
  - 38 Big names
  - 39 Poetic period
  - 40 Idaho motto opener
  - 41 Big guns in the Mideast
  - 43 Norman with a legendary swing
  - 45 Flying \_\_\_
  - 46 Put away
  - 50 Kosher's Islamic equivalent
  - 53 Digital protection
  - 54 Water flow regulator
  - 56 Dip \_\_\_ in
  - 57 Trafalgar Square figure
  - 58 Lacking
  - 59 Took home courses?
  - 60 Salinger girl
  - 23 The Five \_\_\_, 1950s million-selling doo-wop group
  - 24 Slow passage
  - 25 "\_\_\_ baby!"
  - 26 Singer learning a script
  - 28 Bonehead
  - 29 "Iceland" star, 1942
  - 30 Function of some forks
  - 32 1970s Thunderbird options
  - 33 Rose family member
  - 34 Waldorf-Astoria muralist
  - 35 Tiger Express station brand
  - 41 \_\_\_ Edibles (food shop on "The Facts of Life")
  - 42 Spyder rival
  - 44 South Korea's first president
  - 46 Luzón, e.g.
  - 47 Cardiological concern
  - 48 River at Chartres
  - 49 Conn of "Grease"
  - 51 Its diameter is measured in picometers
  - 52 Singer Lovich
  - 55 Home of "Your Bottom Line"

- Down**
- 1 Hester Prynne's stigma
  - 2 Journalist Burnett of 55-Down
  - 3 Aid in judging distances
  - 4 School rings?
  - 5 Some patient responses
  - 6 Beverage once sold "in all popular flavors"
  - 7 Press
  - 8 Coastal plunger
  - 9 Some pitcherfuls
  - 10 Southeast Asian soarer
  - 11 Toasts
  - 12 First name in 2000 headlines
  - 13 Venting aids
  - 15 Director Angelopoulos who won the

Yesterday's solution



comics



horoscope

- Capricorn** (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)  
A wonderful opportunity might unexpectedly manifest, but it won't be offered solely to you. You must be quick to act on it before others beat you to the punch.
- Aquarius** (JAN. 20-FEB. 19)  
Although you are likely to be fortunate when you are left solely to your own devices, this same luck may not be present with any involvements that you share with others.
- Pisces** (FEB. 20-MARCH 20)  
Analyze all joint endeavors very carefully, because they could contain more problems than promises. Make sure each component is examined for its own merit.
- Aries** (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)  
Don't let it be said of you that you're a nice person only as long as everybody agrees with you. Be kind to everyone, even those with whom you don't see eye to eye.
- Taurus** (APRIL 20-MAY 20)  
The way you're handling a financial matter may not be optimal, but if you see that it's working fairly well so far, don't switch plans this late in the game.
- Gemini** (MAY 21-JUNE 20)  
You should do OK when you rely upon yourself to make sure you have an environment in which you can work, but when you depend upon others to provide one, it'll be anybody's guess.
- Cancer** (JUNE 21-JULY 22)  
If there is an objective you're presently pursuing that is substantial and meaningful, don't let anybody convince you it would be impossible to achieve and thus stop your quest.
- Leo** (JULY 23-AUG. 22)  
Even though you might not believe it to be true, your judgment is excellent. Don't ponder on things to the point of confusion, causing you to err on the side of caution.
- Virgo** (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)  
Financial matters could be a bit tricky for you, so move slowly when dealing with them. In order to stay in the profit column, do not allow your expenditures to overpower your resources.
- Libra** (SEPT. 23-OCT. 23)  
Certain friends whom you enjoy might not appeal to your mate or family. You'd better get your family's approval if you want to include your pals on a guest list you're assembling.
- Scorpio** (OCT. 24-NOV. 22)  
Due to an unusual change, unearned benefits might come your way. If you fail to share your good luck with others, the source might be shut down.
- Sagittarius** (NOV. 23-DEC. 21)  
Because you're a bit impulsive, there is a strong possibility that you could do something that would arouse feelings of giver's remorse. Be generous but not foolish.

bridge

There was a beer with the slogan that it refreshed parts that other beers couldn't reach. Well, the Rule of Eleven sometimes refreshes your plus column in a way that other rules couldn't have done.

How does it help in this deal? South is in three no-trump, and West leads the spade six. What should declarer do?

The auction was straightforward. South had a normal one-no-trump opening, showing 15 to 17 points, and North had an automatic raise to three no-trump.

South starts with seven top tricks: one spade, two hearts, three diamonds and one club. If the club finesse is winning, there are no problems, but what if it is losing?

If spades are splitting 4-3, there is no danger. So South should assume they are 5-2. Then there is a risk that the defenders will take one club and four spades.

Apply the Rule of Eleven. Six from 11 is five. Since declarer can see four spades higher than the six in his hand and on the board, he

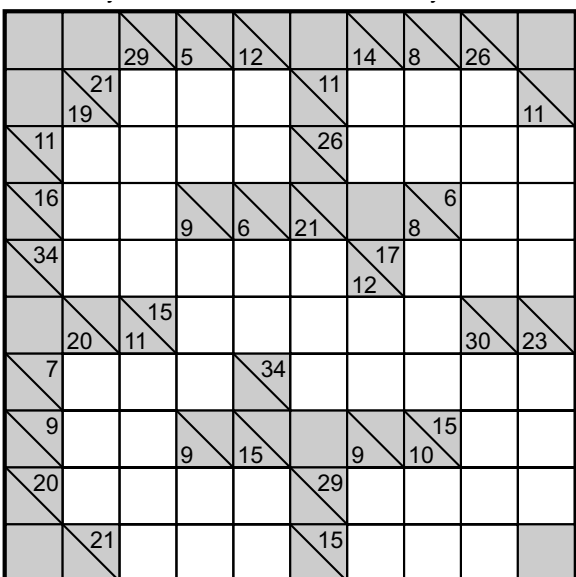
knows that East has only one spade higher than the six. That card is twice as likely to be the king or queen than the 10.

This means the correct play is to win the first trick with dummy's spade ace to block the suit, then take the club finesse. Here, that brings in an overtrick.

Notice that ducking the first trick costs the contract. East wins with his queen and returns his second spade. West then runs his spades when in with the club king.

This play is not guaranteed to work (West might have led from K-Q-7-6-x of spades), but it is the percentage line.

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.

language tips

BETTER CHINESE

1. 北宋 (bǐ sòng)  
**Northern Song**

宋是唐五代动乱之后中国重新归于统一的一个王朝，公元960年由宋太祖赵匡胤建立，都城在汴京，也就是今天的河南开封。公元1127年被金所灭，史称北宋。皇子赵构在临安(今天的杭州)复国，史称南宋。

(sòng shì táng wǔ dài dòng luàn zhī hòu zhōng guó chóng xīn guā yú tǎng yì de yì gè wáng cháo , gōng yuán 960 nián yóu sòng tài zǔ zhào kuāng yīn jìàn lì , dōng chéng zài biàn jīng , yì jiù shì jīn tí n de hé nán kāifēng 。 gōng yuán 1127 nián bèi jīn suǒ miè , shì chēng běi sòng 。 huáng zǐ zhào gòu zài lín ān (jīn tiān de háng zhōu ) fù guó , shì chēng nán sòng 。 )

The Song (960-1279) was the dynasty after the Tang Dynasty to unify China. The Song Dynasty was founded by Zhao Kuangyin, also known as Emperor Taizu, in 960, with its capital Bianjing, today's Kaifeng, in Henan province. The Song Dynasty is divided two periods — the Northern Song (960-1127) and Southern Song (1127-1279). In 1127, the Jin Dynasty brought an end to the Northern Song. Unable to defeat the northern invaders, the emperor Zhao Gou moved his capital to Lin'an (today's Hangzhou). The new regime he headed is referred to by historians as Southern Song.

2. 司马光 (sī mǎ guāng)  
**Sima Guang**

司马光是北宋大臣，著名的政治家和史学家，编写了《资治通鉴》这部有名的史书。

(sī mǎ guāng shì běi sòng dà chén , zhù míng de zhèng zhì jiā hé shǐ xué jiā , biān xiě le zhī zhì tǎng jīn zhè bù yǒu míng de shǐ shū 。 )

Sima Guang was a chancellor of the Northern Song Dynasty, and a statesman and historian. He also wrote the famous historical work *Historical Event Unfold as a Mirror for Government*.

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

BETTER ENGLISH

在家办公易患“远程工作狂综合症”？  
**Teleworkaholic syndrome**

Teleworkaholic syndrome refers to the tendency for some home-based employees to overwork. It usually starts out with the telecommuters feeling excited and liberated to be working from home. They feel grateful and think they must always do more work.

“远程工作狂综合症”指在家远程办公的人容易过度劳作的一种趋势。在家远程办公的人一开始会因为可以在家工作而感觉兴奋和自由，继而会因为得到这一待遇而心存感激，然后觉得必须完成更多的工作才安心。

They are producing more, and may view telecommuting as a perk, so they feel they have to always do more work in order to justify their situation.

他们完成的工作更多，同时还把远程办公看作工作的动力，认为只有做得更多才能让他们继续保持远程工作状态。

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