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- 17 Catchphrase of the '80s
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- Extra turn in 22 Monopoly
- 24 "Monster' actress, 2003
- 25 Explanatory
- cathedral city lead-in 48 Hard hits 27 Composer/

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- Hardy Boys books 52 What an ad
 - blocker might
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- 56 Big name in
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 - Walk" (Frost poem)
 - O'Connor of a crust
 - Setting for Money-saving
 - 47 Rank smoke

horoscope

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 similar situation to guide you.

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



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Pisces (FFB. 20-MARCH 20) Gossip you've heard concerning a good friend will be either veri-

fied 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 philosophy 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 until you achieve exactly what you want.

Leo (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

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.



Virgo (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22) There is a strong chance that you'll get an opportunity to vindicate yourself to a person you unwittingly offended in the past. When you see the opening, make your move.



You're likely to be much better at managing the affairs of another than you'll be at handling your own. This is especially true if your problem is of a financial nature.

finances is about to take a turn that will allow you to finally make a

Scorpio (OCT. 24-NOV. 22)

very advantageous adjustment

Certain people with whom you'll be involved could be extremely helpful in providing some beneficial information. It might even cause you to reverse one of your positions.

Sagittarius (NOV. 23-DEC. 21) A condition that has been adversely affecting your career and/or

bridge

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



guarantees at least one

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 byuè shí w, yn wèi zhè yì tin 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, yu 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 vào 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 $\bar{h}old$ on to the talent they have.

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- found on the margins
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- 36 "Walk On By"
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comics





Peanuts



Drabble



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

kakuro

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A Kakuro consists of a playing area of filled and empty cells 97 similar to a crossword puzzle. 6 2 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 5 9 2 7 right corner relates to an "across" clue and one in the bottom left a 3 8 6 1 3 2 8 "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.

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.

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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。

- To learn more buzzwords, please log on to http://language.chinadaily.com.cn. Follow us or Sina Weibo at http://weibo.com/languagetips.

