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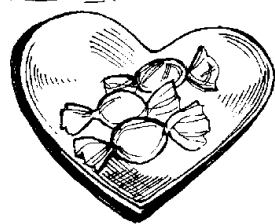
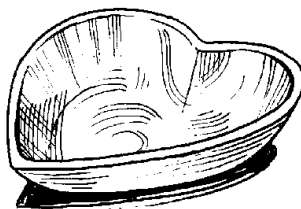


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F!D Shops Staff Writer
David Ninh's pick:

FLIGHTS OF FANCY:

The fantasy creations of English design eccentric Zandra Rhodes grab the spotlight this month in the Dallas Opera's production of *The Magic Flute*, at the Fair Park Music Hall.

In 2001, the San Diego Opera commissioned Ms. Rhodes to create costumes for Mozart's fairy tale. She was a natural choice, considering she's known as much for her own theatrical look as for the punked-up evening gowns that put her at the forefront of British fashion in the 1970s.

Now Dallas audiences can catch a glimpse of her bold designs for characters such as pink monkeys and neon dragons at the Music Hall on Friday and Feb. 19, 22 and 25. For tickets and show times, call 214-443-1000 or visit www.dallasopera.org.

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By JACKIE BOLIN
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Nordstrom

Pretty in pink. Narciso Rodriguez's first fragrance is much like his collection — sleek, chic and completely feminine.



Blush by Marc
Jacobs, \$65,
Sephora

Tickled pink. Japanese honeysuckle, jasmine, pink musk, cashmere wood — Marc Jacobs' fresh floral mix is a sweet-smelling dream.



Red hot. Woodsy and spicy, the latest scent from the famed French perfume house Creed is for both men and women. A portion of sales benefits the U.N. High Commission for Refugees.



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Just lovely. In honor of the best-selling fragrance's 10th anniversary, Cuban-born fashion illustrator and artist Ruben Toledo designed this whimsical, limited-edition bottle.



Michael Kors
with silver lariat
necklace and
heart charms,
\$65, Nordstrom

So charming. Fruity apricot and fresh tuberose mix with smoky incense to give this fragrance an unexpected allure. A nice extra — the long, dainty necklace wrapped around the bottle, a limited-time gift from Michael Kors.



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Secret

Go wild. Exclusively available at Victoria's Secret, this fruity-floral fragrance by YSL is bold and beautiful.



Bamboo
by Oscar de la
Renta, \$39.50,
Macy's

Natural beauty. Green tea, cardamom and lime make Señor de la Renta's latest scent woody and refreshing.



Dian Malouf,
jewelry designer
and author

FILE 2004/Special contributor

Multitalented Texan

Inspired by her Lone Star roots, local designer Dian Malouf creates jewelry and writes a new book

By **JACKIE BOLIN**
F!D Shops Editor

Dian Malouf is multitalented. Besides creating a bold jewelry collection that can be found in major department stores and intimate boutiques across the country, the Dallas-based designer is also a passionate photographer and author. But her inspirations all come from the same place — Texas.

For her latest book, *Seldom Heard: Ranchers, Ranchos and Rumors of the South Texas Brush Country*, Ms. Malouf returned to her childhood home of Hebbronville, in the heart of the South Texas brush country. There, she interviewed 25 ranchers and photographed their land and homes, to tell the stories of the rich, sometimes painful, lives of these remote people. The limited-edition coffee-table book is just like the artist's jewelry — special, collectible and Texan through and through.

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Gold and sterling-silver stack rings: "Heavy Braid" (left), \$455, and "Heavy Metal," \$475



Sterling-silver and gold "Papa Deer" belt buckle, \$1,220



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THE DESIGNER, IN DALLAS

Meet Dian Malouf, shop for jewelry and get a signed copy of her latest book next week at Beretta Gallery. The designer will host a trunk show and book signing at the Highland Park Village store Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 214-559-9800 for more information.

Seldom Heard: Ranchers, Ranchos and Rumors of the South Texas Brush Country by Dian Malouf (Portland Beyond Words, \$39.95)



Left, sterling-silver and mabe pearl cross pendant, \$535, and "Classic Cross" pendant with gold hammered heart, \$590

Shane Walker

Budding local florist shares his tips for giving flowers this Valentine's Day — or any day of the week



'Tropical Amazon' roses in pavé setting with green natural reindeer moss



Photos by EVANS CAGLAGE/Staff Photographer
Florist Shane Walker with one of his floral sculptures, featuring blue hydrangeas, cream 'Vendela' roses and cymbidium orchids

By **DAVID NINH**
Staff Writer

Shane Walker likes his flowers big and bold. Orchids, calla lilies, hydrangeas and roses in a palette of lively colors fill his studio, tucked away on McKinney Avenue.

"My addiction to working with flowers started in high school when I worked at a relative's shop," says the Madisonville, Texas, native. "I wanted to take nature to a new level, and I started creating what I call 'floral sculpture.'"

His awe-inspiring arrangements have become a hit among the city's fete set. His clients have included Emmitt and Pat Smith, Dennis and Karen Boulle, Mike and Natalie Maguire and the Design Industry Foundation

Fighting Aids.

For Mr. Walker, creating fabulous designs is just another day on the job, but he strives to make each creation memorable for his clients.

"Flowers are the dramatic element that make an event or an occasion not just another day," he says. "I love being the source for a client's celebration — whether it be a birthday, wedding, large party or just a quiet evening for two."

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What are some hot flowers right now?

I love the aspect of the unexpected in floral creation. Some of the most unusual flowers can create the most drama. Some of the "wow factor" flowers that I incorporate frequently are 'Black Magic' roses, lime-green or chocolate cymbidium orchids, orange mini-callas and vibrant hydrangeas.

What are your favorite flowers?

I love them all, but the standouts for me are the 'Casablanca' lily and the cymbidium orchid. The 'Casablanca' represents the formality of times past and brings elegance to any space. The cymbidium orchid is a rare and exotic statement. Although the price is more substantial than most, the shelf life of its beauty is worth the splurge.

Favorite Valentine's Day flowers?

I love to share unique and unexpected flowers that celebrate the coming of spring. French tulips are tall and dramatic flowers that come in a variety of gorgeous colors and create movement in a grouping. Hydrangeas have a grand scale that looks fabulous in an independent grouping or a mixed floral sculpture. Hyacinths are breathtaking to look at, but it is the ambience of the fragrance that makes them such a romantic choice.



Red roses with white hydrangeas and 'Cool Water' lavender roses

Any tips on giving flowers for Valentine's Day?

I think people should give from the heart, whether it's a single rose or a one-of-a-kind monochromatic flower sculpture in the recipient's favorite color scheme. The message is still the same.

What do you suggest for people who can't afford expensive flowers?

I recommend a classic array of spring blooms designed in the European tradition, with flowers arranged in groupings for more dramatic chunks of color. This makes each separate flower used feel more substantial. I will often use a large hydrangea, several tulips for height, and a cluster of roses for a simple and dramatic European feel.

Another European look is to gather several roses in a pavé grouping in a bowl with no greenery for a simple, sophisticated statement.

Any tips for people who want to make their own arrangements?

Whole Foods, Eatzi's and the Farmer's Market. You will find a lot of the basics, like roses, tulips, hydrangeas and lilies.

What resources do you use for your sculptures?

I often get asked how I was able to get an arrangement "to do that." Honestly, I make it up as I go once the idea hits me. It is often challenging to make an idea come to fruition. Let's just say it involves a lot of chicken wire, foam, hot glue, moss and luck.

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LAST WEEK'S CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Microscopic details reveal sparks of life exist in space rocks. Telescopic examination of cosmic void finds no rocks exist.
2. Veterinarians go bats over fast rabies check developed in study of rapid rabid rabbit caught running laps at greyhound racetrack.
3. While exploring an old trunk in our grandmother's attic, my sister found a mysterious packet of letters sealed with wax.
4. A lucky find of a batch of books from the library made a treasure trove for the avid children.

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Frank N. Stein, Summerfield, FL

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Vivian O. Collins, Leesburg, GA

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Barbara J. Rugg, Santa Fe, NM

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SATURDAY PUZZLE DEAR JOHN By Willy A. Wiseman, New York, New York

- ACROSS

1 Trees for dates

6 They: Fr.

9 Irritating tingle

13 Bend toward the center

19 Writer Walker

20 Jiff

21 Seldom seen

22 Air Force Academy freshman

23 Didn't spare the rod

24 Contemptuous exclamation

25 Organic compound

26 Attack of painful spasms

27 Three Johns

31 Amtrak and B&O

32 Org. of Agassi

33 In ___ (altogether)

34 Iranian bread?

35 Corporate image

38 Awesome

41 Country on the Adriatic

42 Sign of spring?

44 Hesitation sounds

45 Force

46 Recite

47 Boat races

49 Faceless ones or elevens

50 Soft Italian cheese

54 Confidence builder

55 Caramel-topped custard

56 Boozer

57 Chimney buildup

58 Mo. winter begins

59 Word after chain or junk

60 As well

61 Stop a rocket shot

62 Three Johns

68 Saudis

69 Each and every one

70 Sharer's pronoun

71 Mal de ___

72 Capolicchio of "The Garden of the Finzi-Continis"

73 Sue ___ Langdon

74 Andes plateau

75 Ted and Tina

79 Wailing lamenters

81 Boxy vehicles

82 Julius Caesar's first wife

83 Guys

84 Ratchet part

85 Pro's foe

86 Bursera resin

87 Infamous Ford flop

90 Overly perceptive

93 Grace period?

94 Golfer Isao

95 Group of gnus

96 Riviera resort

97 Tampa sch.

99 Three Johns

106 "Save the Tiger" star

107 Meal scraps

108 Actress Ruby

109 Noisy

110 Stick on a stick

111 Solo's princess

112 Altar constellation

113 Marsh of mysteries

114 Animation mogul

115 Noun-forming suffix

116 Sound of a leak

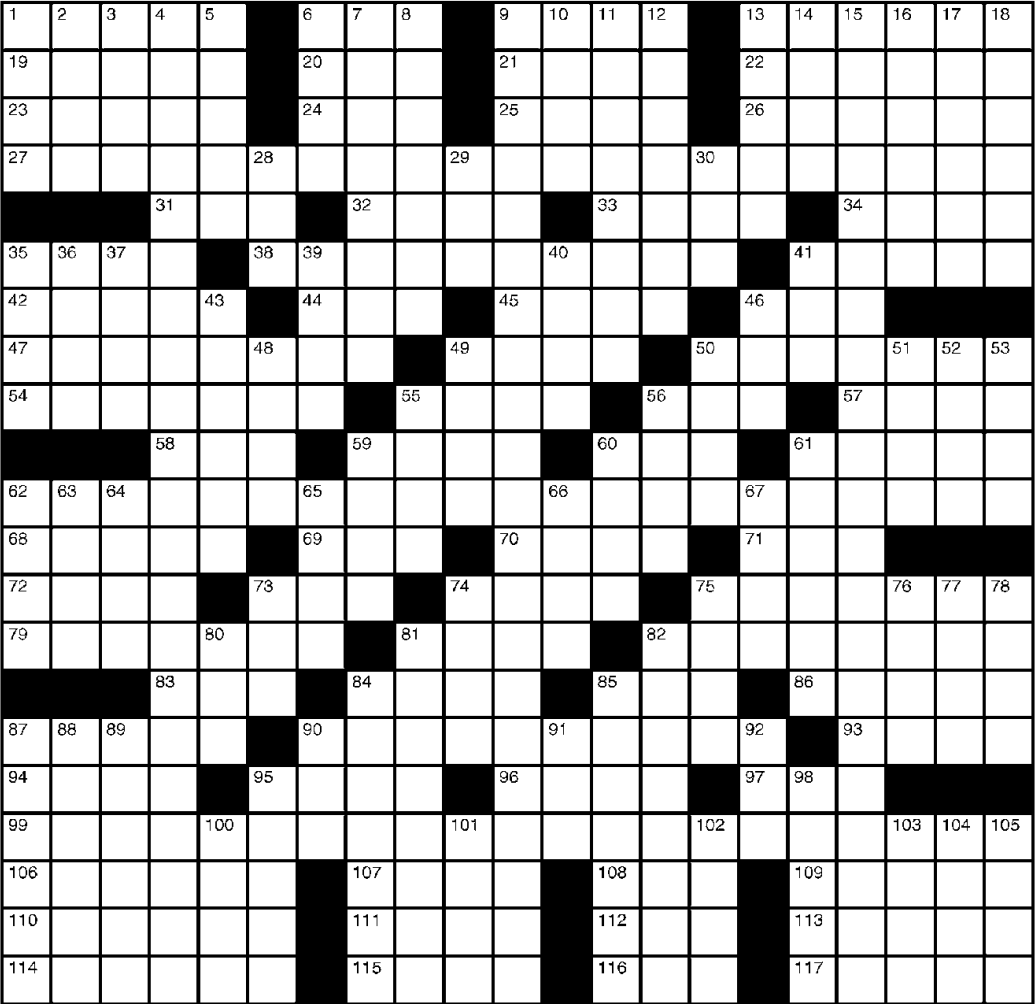
117 Transmits
- DOWN

1 Load luggage

2 Winglike parts

3 Mark ___-Baker

4 Three Johns



- 5 Passover meal

6 Cosby/Culp TV series

7 Word after major or bush

8 Rifts

9 Three Johns

10 Astronaut's drink

11 Salad toppers

12 Didn't yield

13 Twin Falls state
- 14 ___ of the above

15 Three Johns

16 De Havilland of Hollywood

17 Pertaining to direct descent

18 In a heartfelt way

28 Spring fwd. system

29 Hot time for Bardot

30 \$ percentage
- 35 "Doctor Zhivago" heroine

36 Hematite and galena

37 Band bookings

39 Raise

40 ___ Bien Phu

41 End of man?

43 Emphasize

46 Perch

48 Part of M.I.T.
- 49 Came to roost

50 Sufficient space

51 Tree with dark red, aromatic wood

52 Barreled (along)

53 ABA member

55 Flunk

56 Barnyard mamas

59 French Ms.

- 60 One-third of a WWII movie?

61 Brian of "A Night to Remember"

62 Pitcher's miscue

63 Quaker State port

64 Narrow country road

65 McKellen and Woosnam

66 Firearms

67 Siberian river

73 ___ gratia artis

74 Fido's feet

75 Speech subtlety

76 Grade sch.

77 Hoarfrost

78 "Spahn and ___ then pray for rain"

80 Cave-dwelling fish

81 Blonde bombshell Mamie

82 Deceivers

84 Trelliswork passageway

85 Droning insects

87 Scored two under par

88 Scale notes

89 Cuts corners

90 Coll. period

91 Actor Curry

92 Appropriate

95 Co-inventor of Trivial Pursuit

98 Glances over

100 Cavity

101 Psych final?

102 Poetic meadows

103 Colorful mount

104 Surprise attack

105 Aphrodite's son

The solution to today's crossword appears in Sunday Life.

DIAGRAMLESS, 21 X 21

By Annabel Michaels, Williamsburg, Virginia

- ACROSS

1 Chronic complainers

8 Add bubbles to

10 Totally out of control

12 ___ Novo, Benin

13 Latticework structure

15 Subdues

16 Fowl perch

17 Mule of song

19 Flinches

20 Swayze film

21 Group seats

23 Horned charger

24 Puts on a happy face

25 Township near Johannesburg

26 Avignon's river

27 Painful cries

28 Cad

29 Taunts

30 Cast net

31 Cut across

32 Hulk of wrestling

33 Keeps a watch

35 Food from taro

36 Singletons

37 Some peaches

38 Arrive

39 Woodlands deity

40 Animated prehistoric family

41 Snouts

42 Sleuth Holmes

44 Distinctive flavors

45 Rock bottom

46 Property holding
- 47 Coty and Descartes

48 Hale-Bopp, e.g.

49 Breaks under pressure

50 Necklace units

51 Actress Claire

52 Bates of "Misery"

53 Thoroughfares

54 Relish

55 Quilting event

56 Easily duped person

57 Nostrils

58 Movie texts

60 Big books

61 Big percussion instruments

63 Fragrant Eurasian plants

64 Sets of principles
- DOWN

1 Pitches to one side

2 Tuscany river

3 Cleanup hitter's stat

4 Seaplane's landing gear

5 Captivate

6 Least cooked

7 Wading bird

8 Makes all better

9 Plumbing joint

10 Juliet's lover

11 Repudiates

12 American patriot Thomas

14 Box in a bank

15 Dilutes

16 Poodle-collar gems

18 Recent convert

19 Cut

20 Seating for viewers

21 Noise

22 Aircraft combat missions

23 Large flightless birds

24 Dating regularly

25 Hang glides, e.g.

26 Gives new energy to

27 Intended

28 Hillsides in the Highlands

29 Deep-water crustacean

30 Reek

31 Simple melodies

32 Coarse fabric

33 Portion of bread

34 Reverberating instruments

37 Stoppages

38 Encrypted messages

Last Saturday's puzzle solved

40 Eccentric

41 Identifier

43 Verify again

45 Childhood taboos

47 Bring up the same old arguments

48 Bat lairs

50 Decanters and carafes

51 Challenges

53 In a deeply absorbed manner

54 Emma of "The Colbys"

56 Pocket breads

57 People, places and things

59 Goose the gas pedal

60 Streetcar in Southampton

62 Fade out

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bottoms**, \$14.50, Old Navy



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Ylang 23



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crystal heart**, \$150,
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Valentine's Day boxer set,
\$48, Brooks Brothers



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www.avenue.com



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coral**, \$770, Elaine Turner



**Starter charm
bracelet**, \$35, with
charms ranging from
\$35 to \$55, Juicy
Couture



"Cameron" lace boy short,
\$6, Frederick's of Hollywood,
www.fredericks.com



**"Love Hurts"
flip-flops**,
\$4.50, Old
Navy



**Cotton nightgown with
lace straps**, \$34.50, Gap



Silk ties (from left): Giorgio
Armani, \$105; Brioni, \$165; and
Paul Smith, \$83, Neiman Marcus



Heart bookmark, \$98, Cartier



**Estée Lauder "Must
Be Love" crystal
compact**, \$95, Dillard's



**Sterling silver and
18-karat heart
bangle**,
\$325, Tiffany
& Co.



**Women's poplin
boxer**, \$14.95, Gap



**Key ring with
secret message
compartment**,
\$205, Cartier



**Ceramic heart
ramekins**,
\$7.99 for set of
two, TJ Maxx

Show 'em some love

Whether fun
or romantic,
take your pick of
Valentine's Day style

By **JACKIE BOLIN**
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By Linda C. Black
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Your day ... on a scale of 1 to 10.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating:
10 is the easiest day.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY: You'll have plenty of lively resistance this year. You'll learn to take criticism. Don't be too wafty. Your best arguments will have to do with making money.

7 AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You're full of great ideas, but that doesn't mean they'll gain acceptance. Instead, you may get a long list of reasons why they'll never work.

6 PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Follow a routine that's already in place. You won't be making much money, but you'll sure learn a lot. Be careful with sharp objects, too.

8 ARIES (March 21-April 19): You're feeling fortunate, and you are, but don't get to going too fast. Gambling is not a good idea, either. Don't push your luck.

5 TAURUS (April 20–May 20): The next few days may be tough, but you are on par with the challenge. Get rid of whatever excess baggage you're carrying, now.

8 GEMINI (May 21-June 21): The more you investigate, the more you'll sort out the reality from the fantasy. Do this before committing.

7 CANCER (June 22-July 22): You're good at getting the most for your money, and getting better with practice. Look at it as a game, and it won't be such a burden.

7 LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You're gaining confidence, but don't swagger. A person who's in authority will not enjoy being challenged.

5 VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): There are more potential problems with travel now than it's worth. Your best course of action is to stay home with somebody you love.

7 LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It seems that everybody is anxiously vying for your attention. Don't let them pull you apart; set your own priorities.

7 SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A strict taskmaster may be difficult, but you're up to the challenge. Keep your good attitude, and you'll gain something valuable.

8 SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The temptation is strong to put off your chores and take off for distant places. There will be dire circumstances, however, if one task doesn't get done.

6 CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You have a soft spot when it comes to fussing over kids. You tend to buy them stuff to get them to shut up. It won't work.

BIZARRO

By Dan Piraro

**DENNIS THE MENACE** By Hank Ketcham

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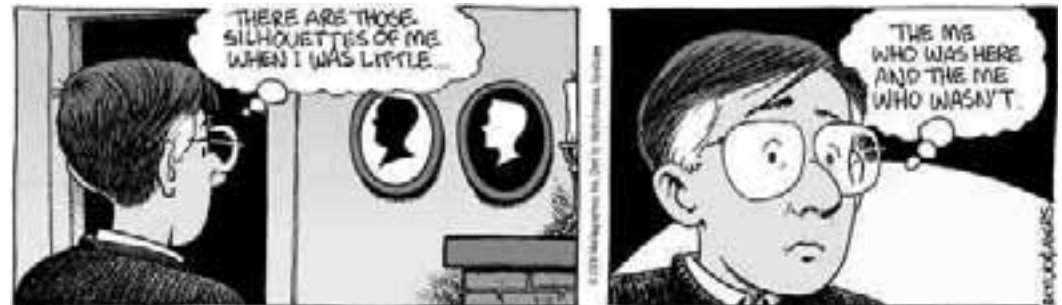
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HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

HARVEST TIME Solution: 6 letters

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I love her, but I'm just not attracted

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DEAR ABBY



JEANNE PHILLIPS

Dear Abby: I have been dating a wonderful woman for the past 16 months.

She comes from a good family, is well-educated, is financially and emotionally stable, and has two great kids who worship me.

Last night she told me she has fallen in love with me — and herein lies the problem.

Although we have much in common and have a blast together, I'm only so-so attracted to her physically, and she's starting to notice.

I don't want to lose her friendship, but I also don't want to hurt her or her kids, and I'm afraid I already have. What should I do?

Wants to Do the Right Thing

Dear Wants to Do the Right Thing: The right thing is to tell her how fond you are of her and her children and it's something that will never go away, but that you think of her more as a sister than a lover.

It won't be easy to say or to hear. But honesty is the best policy in a situation like yours.

Dear Abby: I am engaged to a wonderful man I'll call "Howard." His mother, "Tillie," is driving me crazy.

She's trying to plan our wedding with no regard to my feelings or Howard's.

She is trying to dictate the style of the wedding cake, the food that will be served, the colors we'll use and the size of the wedding. (We want something small and intimate; she wants a large

one.)

Tillie has even bought a solid off-white dress to wear, which I think is tacky. Telling her how we feel does no good. Please help!

Embattled Bride in Tennessee

Dear Embattled: Assuming that you are paying for this wedding, you should have the right to veto any "suggestions" from Howard's mother.

Tillie seems to have run her son's life so far, and she will run yours, too, unless you and Howard form a united front to prevent it.

I could suggest an elopement, but that wouldn't solve your ultimate problem.

Howard's mother will take over your lives if you give her an inch, so unless you're 100 percent positive that once you're married that Howard will stand with you, save yourself a lot of heartache and rethink your decision to marry him.

If you are seeking advice, or have advice to offer, write to Dear Abby at P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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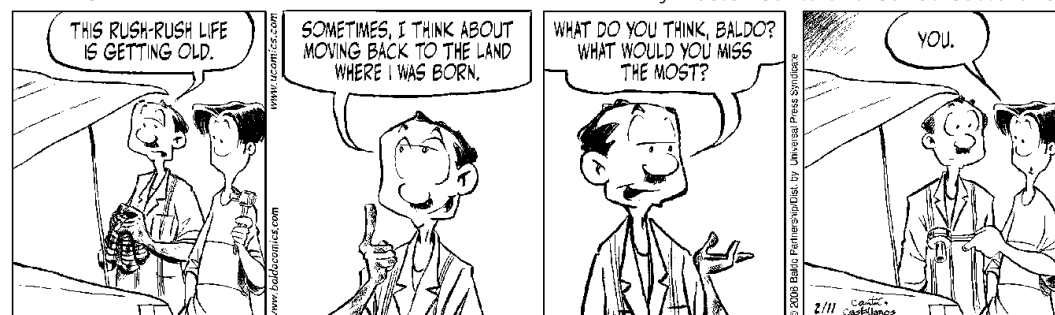
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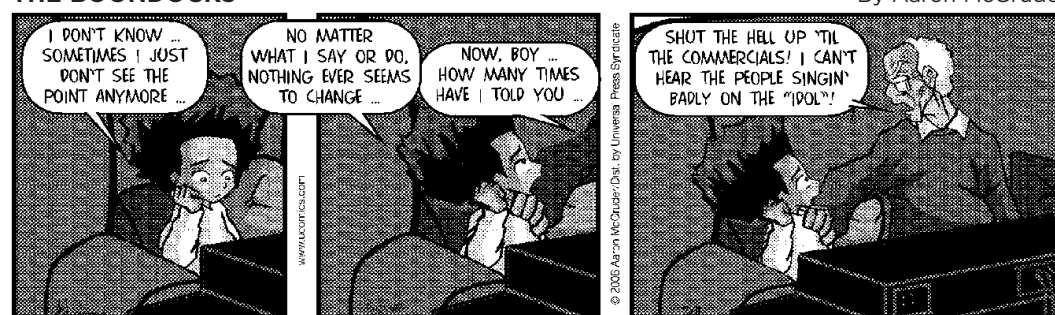
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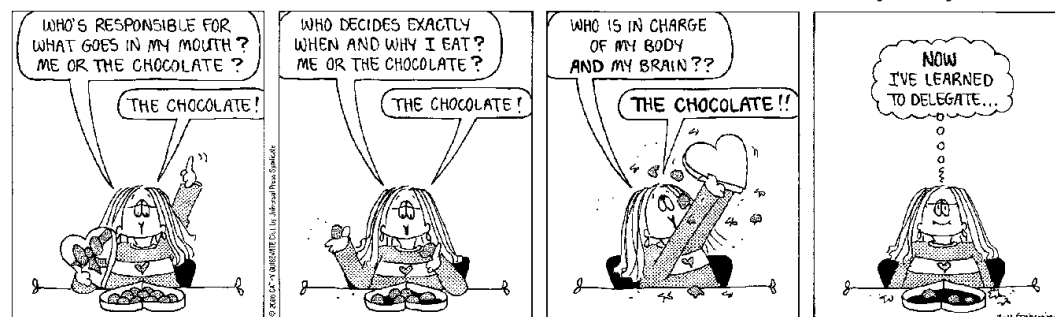
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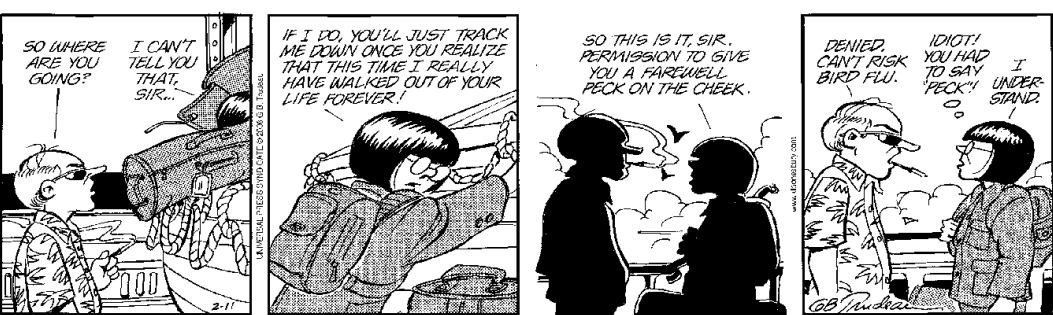


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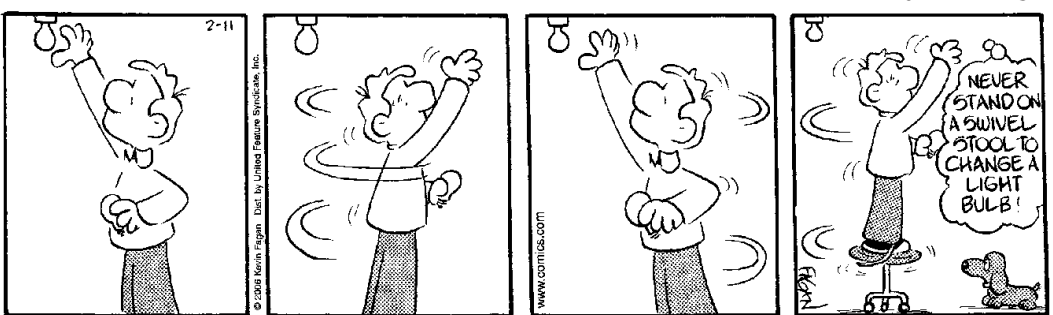
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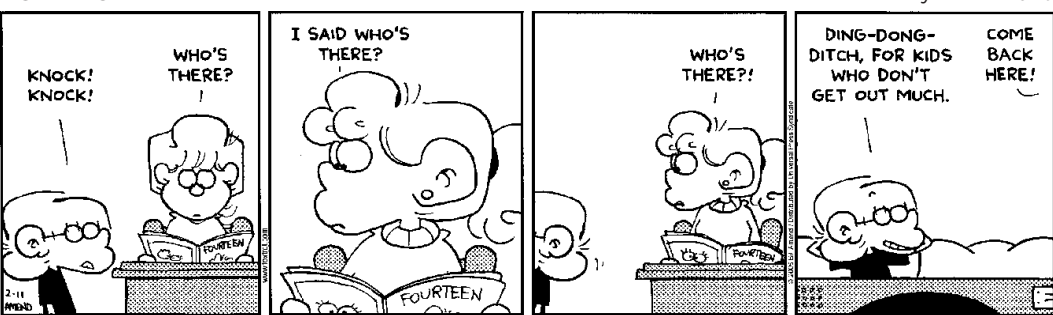
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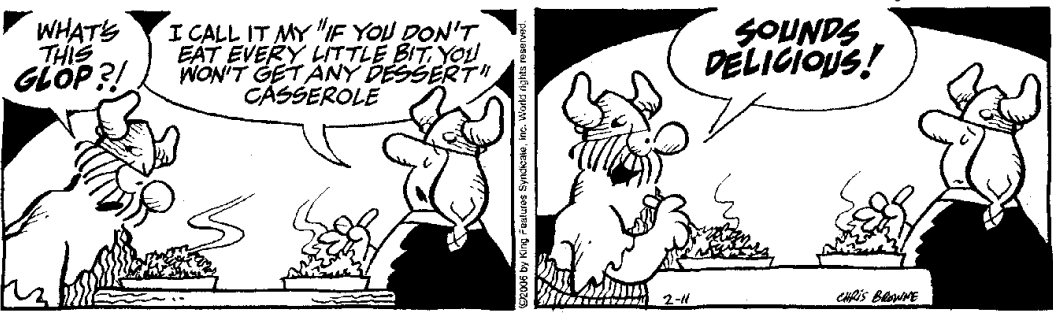
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ACROSS

- 1 Cartoonist Al
- 5 Cutting remark
- 9 Magazine displays
- 14 Land measure
- 15 Mine, in Paris
- 16 PC messages
- 17 Fast dance
- 19 On edge
- 20 Function
- 21 Track gatherings
- 22 On edge
- 23 Coward's lack
- 25 Actor Montalban
- 27 Work unit
- 29 High school misfit
- 30 "Car Talk" broadcaster
- 33 Texas border city
- 36 Bus. letter abbr.
- 37 Ward of "The Fugitive"
- 38 Makes possible
- 40 Relaxes
- 42 Oodles
- 43 Carrier to Copenhagen
- 45 Least likely to appear
- 46 Opp. of WNW
- 47 Roosevelt's mother
- 48 Switch position
- 49 New Mexico's capital
- 52 Analyze, as ore
- 56 In a fitting way
- 58 Cut off
- 60 Actor Wallach
- 61 Tartan pattern
- 62 Toeing the line
- 64 Wait on
- 65 Look after
- 66 -Aid
- 67 Diner
- 68 ABA member
- 69 Alum

DOWN

- 1 "Dirty rice" cuisine
- 2 Respond to reveille
- 3 ___ out (dwindle)
- 4 Gentle caress
- 5 Exposed
- 6 Caution light color
- 7 Humdrum
- 8 Noisy, public argument
- 9 Slow down
- 10 Make changes to
- 11 Asian cuisine
- 12 "Beth" group
- 13 Loom reed
- 18 Food Network celeb

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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- 24 Action words
- 26 Jockey Eddie
- 28 Attacks
- 31 Calculator symbol
- 32 Absorbed
- 33 Editorial strike-out
- 34 Son of Seth
- 35 Result of oversleeping, perhaps
- 37 Lord's laborers
- 39 City south of Tampa
- 41 Serengeti trek
- 44 Sure thing
- 47 Tom of talk shows
- 50 Breathing
- 51 Decathlon part
- 53 Man of La Mancha
- 54 Aluminum company
- 55 Give way
- 56 Church section
- 57 Appeal
- 59 Little whirlpool
- 63 Med. printout

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff
United Feature Syndicate

Par deals almost always include an element of judgment in the bidding as well as in the play. In today's example from the 1986 Collegiate Championships, South has to guess whether to play three no-trump or five diamonds. As you can see, three no-trump is down on a spade lead.

In five diamonds declarer's objective is to play trumps for only one loser. South plans to lead a club to dummy and a diamond back to the king or queen. Then, if the diamond ace is still at large, he will re-enter dummy to lead another diamond. The relatively small risk of a club ruff must be accepted in order to maximize the chances in diamonds. However, declarer can minimize the risk in clubs by first cutting the defenders' side-suit transportation with a heart lead at trick two. Later, declarer leads a club to the dummy and a diamond to the king. When this wins, declarer can re-enter dummy in clubs for another diamond lead.

Note what happens if declarer does not play hearts before the second round of clubs. Say declarer wins the spade lead, tries a club to dummy for a diamond to his king, then plays another club to dummy for a second diamond play. East can win the diamond ace and get to West with the heart ace for a club ruff to defeat the contract.

If the opening lead had been a club, declarer should win in dummy, lead a diamond to an honor, then lead the heart queen to achieve the same position.

Send bridge questions via e-mail at bobbywolff@mindspring.com, or write to *The Aces*, c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016.

NORTH 02-11-A
 ♠ 7 6 5 3 2
 ♥ K J 10
 ♦ 8 4
 ♣ Q 10 8

WEST **EAST**
 ♠ K 10 8 4 ♠ Q J 9
 ♥ A 8 5 2 ♥ 9 7 6 4 3
 ♦ 2 ♦ A J 10
 ♣ 7 5 4 3 ♣ 6 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A
 ♥ Q
 ♦ K Q 9 7 6 5 3
 ♣ A K J 9

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
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3 ♣	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	5 ♦	All pass

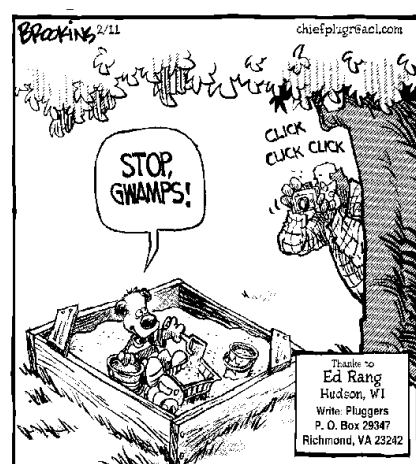
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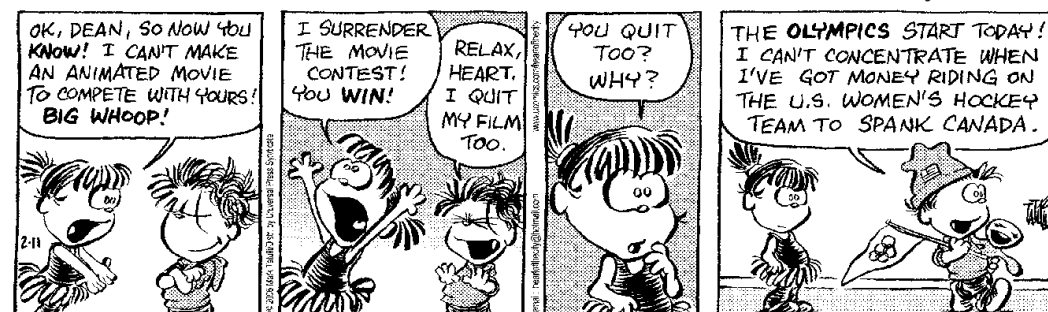
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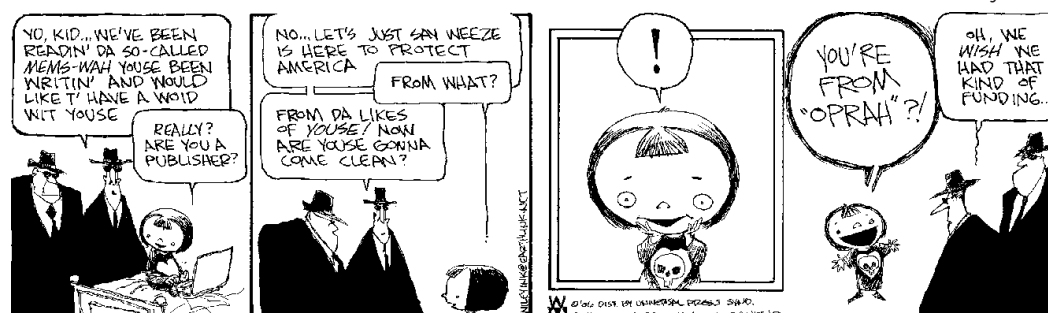
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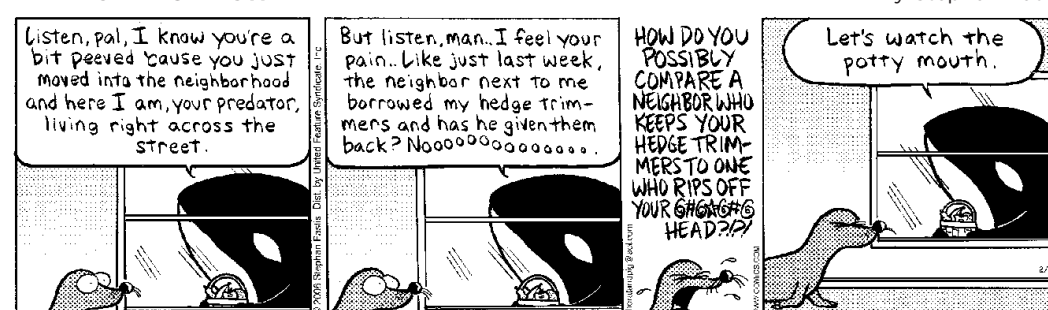
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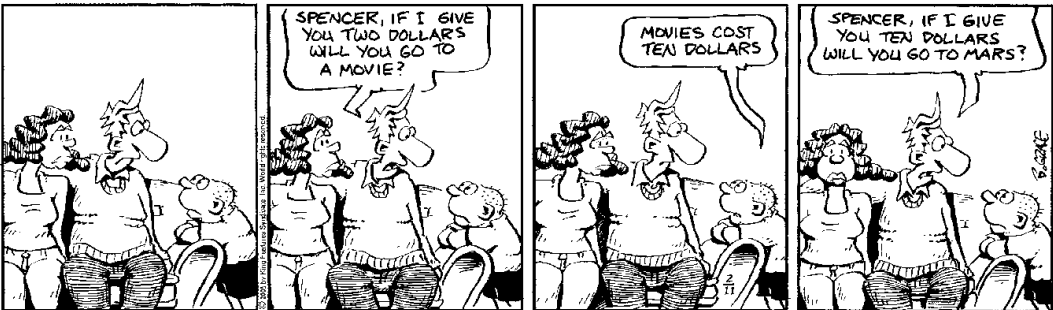
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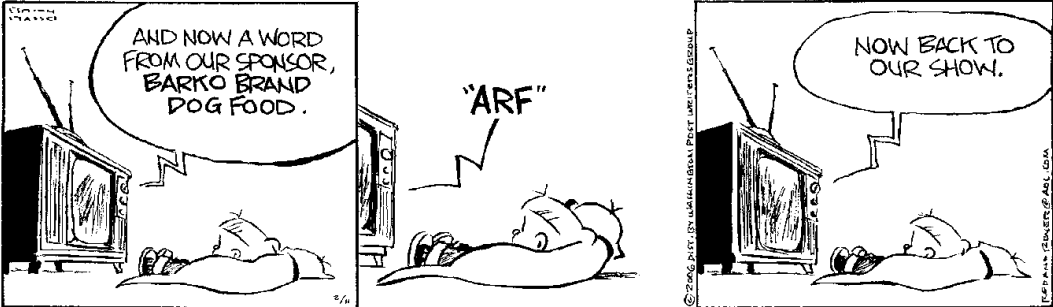
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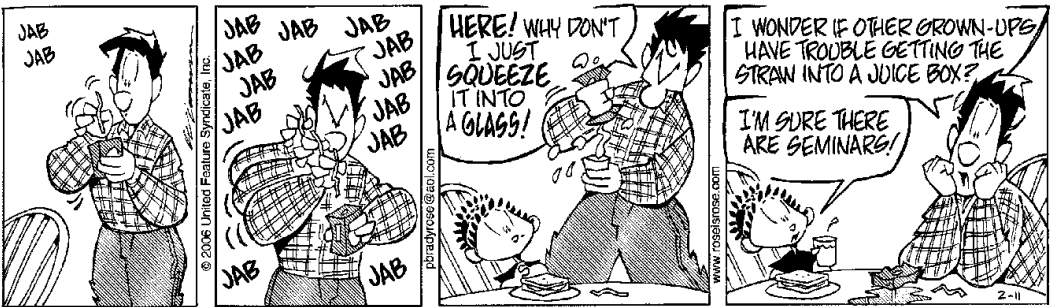
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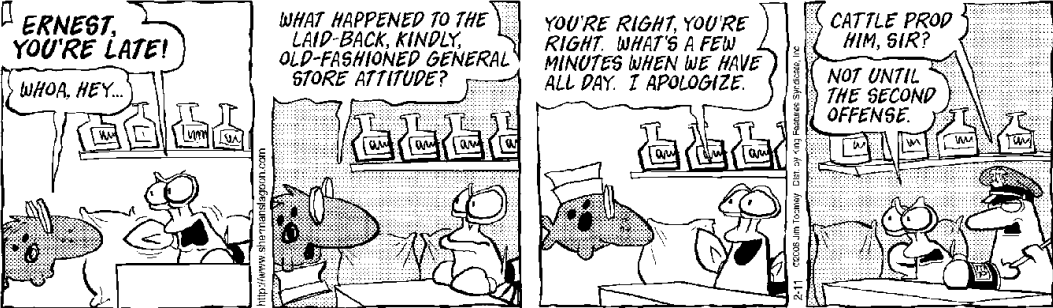
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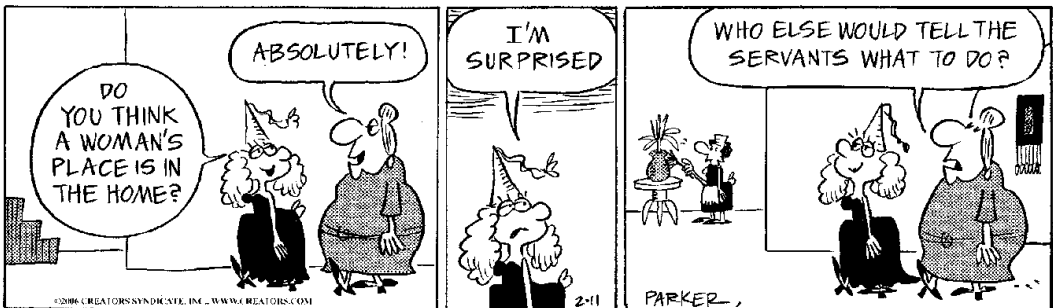
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ACROSS

- 1 Some bait
8 Best-selling novel featuring lawyer Mitch McDeere
15 Central Vermont, e.g.
17 Element of irony
18 Ship, to a poet
19 Not separate
20 Possessive on a Chinese menu
21 Semidome sites
25 Cry of disbelief
26 Son of Prince Valiant
29 Far from welcoming
30 ____-Mex
32 Cut
35 Not take risks
39 Neighbor of a Prussian
40 Unsentimental practicality
41 FI neighbor
42 He played Sam on "Cheers"
43 Expert finish?
44 Rob Roy's rejection
45 Movie inits.
47 Related Nobel-winning physicists
49 Film critic Balázs
51 "I get it!"
53 They have no grace
57 1994 Christopher Walken comedy

62 Townsman

63 Dry, in a way

64 Sail

DOWN

- 1 Comment after an accident
2 Informal rejection
3 Apartment V.I.P.
4 Col. Paul Tibbets's mother
5 Pieces of bread?: Abbr.
6 Popular sushi fish
7 Host's invitation
8 Substantial volume
9 In color
10 Spanish pronoun
11 Coca-Cola Company brand
12 Material for tablecloths and doilies
13 City named for a Civil War general
14 They're often sold with papers
16 Intelligence
22 Target
23 Project
24 Shadow site
25 One before a tribunal, maybe
26 Moderate
27 Slangy moves
28 "It didn't work out"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- 30 Part of many workouts, informally
31 From the top
33 Ukrainian port, to natives
34 As such
36 Peck at
37 Many a delivery
38 Anger, e.g.
46 Primary
47 Big do
48 Movable type
49 Part of Indonesia
50 Dark, in verse
51 French cordial flavoring
52 Natural incubators
54 Some batteries
55 Something to be slapped with
56 Abbr. on Mexican mail
58 Part of l'Indonésie
59 Decline in price
60 Typing system
61 Inconsequential invention

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Puzzle by Robert H. Wolfe



"Elfat"
rock-climbing
shoe, \$125

Adidas by Stella McCartney

You may not be able to afford her runway looks, but now you can wear Stella McCartney's designs every day of the week

By **JACKIE BOLIN**
F!D Shops Editor

With her fashion-forward line of workout wear for Adidas, now in its third season, British designer Stella McCartney has hit a grand slam.

The lightweight collection includes stylish pieces in four categories: running, gym, swim and, new for spring, tennis. But these clothes will take you far beyond your workout. Long mesh tanks, side-tie nylon shorts and zip-up hooded jackets are stylish enough to be worn all day. Sweet, ruffled cover-ups look almost too good to sweat in, but would you expect anything less from the former head designer for Chloe?

The wide-ranging collection doesn't stop with sportswear. There are also terry-cloth towels and bathrobes, protective visors and swimwear to get your pulse racing. And let's not forget accessories: Ms. McCartney pulls it all together with shoes and gym bags, in colors ranging from khaki green and dusty



PHILIPPE WOJAZER/Reuters

Designer Stella McCartney
on the runway in Paris

rose to eye-popping red.

Compared with her equally chic runway collection, the Adidas line is a steal: prices start at about \$20 for accessories and go up to \$320 for apparel.

E-mail jbolin@dallasnews.com

In Dallas, find the collection at Nordstrom or online at www.shopadidas.com.



Tennis dress with built-in sports bra in dusty rose, \$190



"Fajera" tennis shoe, \$165



Tennis jacket, \$165



Running shorts, \$55



"Nimitta" running shoe, \$145