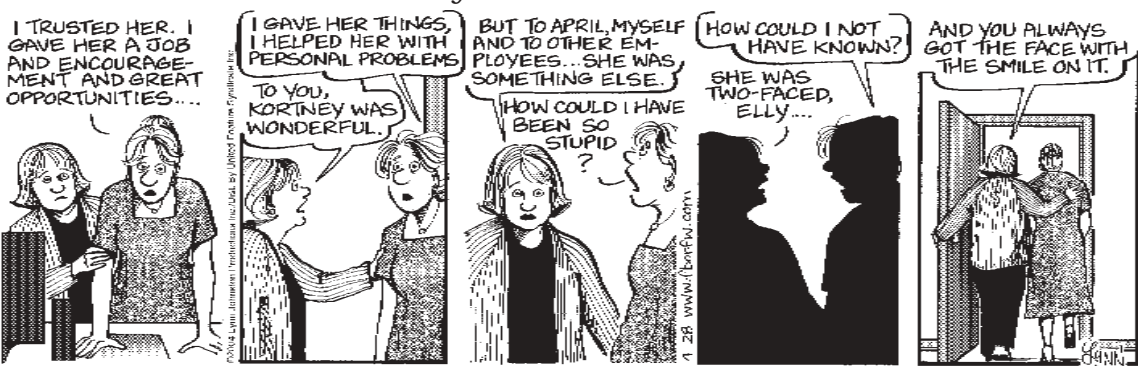


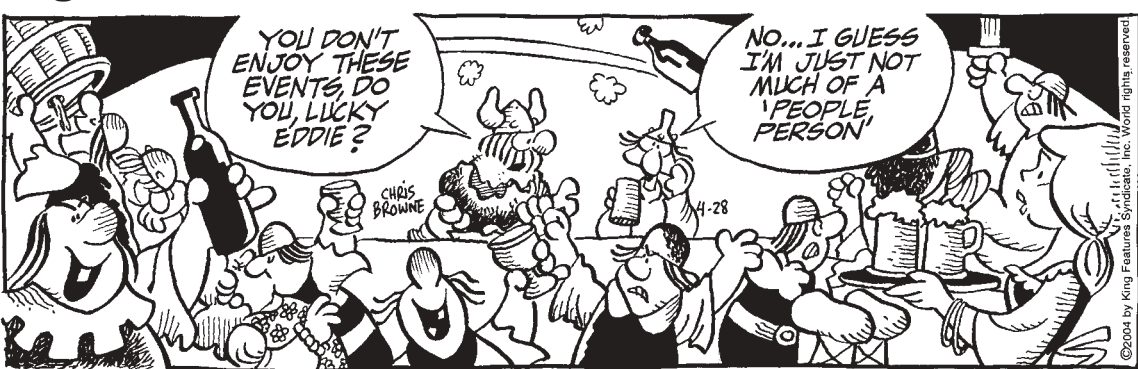
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Garfield • Jim Davis



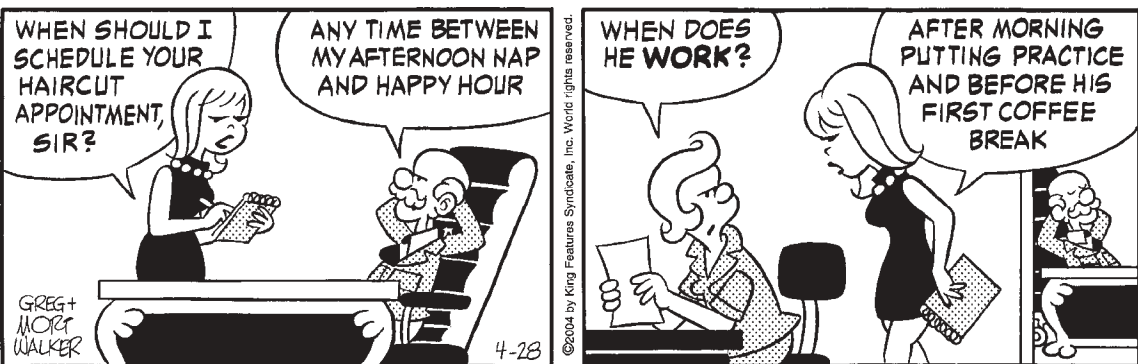
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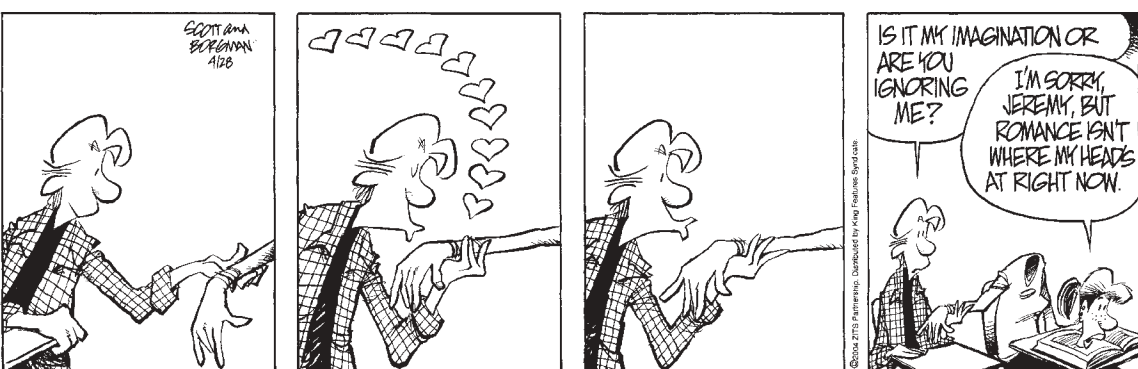
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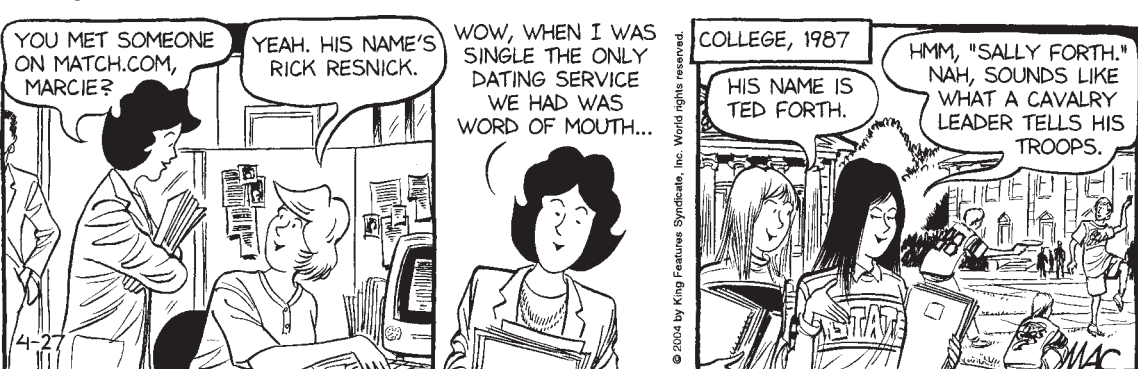
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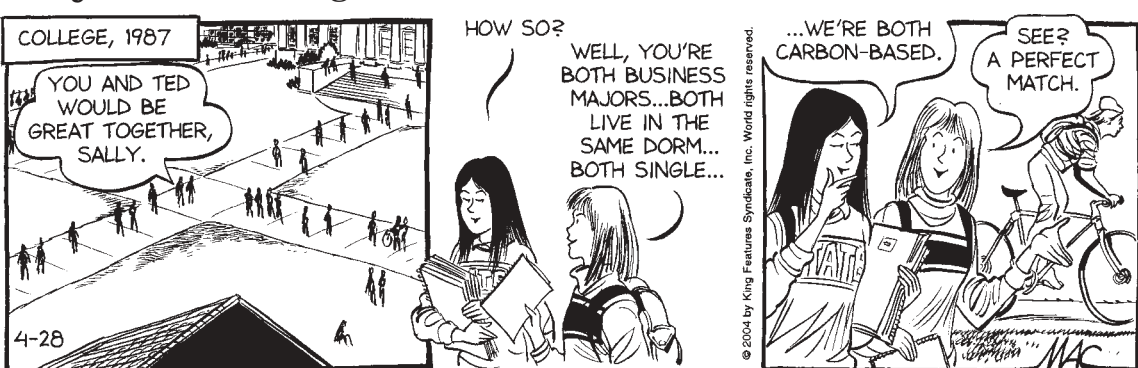
Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



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Cryptoquip

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HTN SPFUN SB PUHN FITK, PAXCU SILS RZLK
MUSEUT SOU QFBTC.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN AN ASTRONAUT IS IN ORBIT, SHOULD HE BE VIEWED AS A WHIRLED TRAVELER?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals L
T'R L FCZVSARLKTLF?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE BOLD FELLOW TOOK A BOOK ON HIS SAFARI AND TRIED TO READ BETWEEN THE LIONS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals T

Crossword

ACROSS

1 Mary's pet
5 Collection
8 It may be a proper subject
12 Intestinal portions
13 In favor of
14 Digging, in a sense
15 Bombyx mori
17 Approach
18 Partake at meal-time
19 Haggard's "She"
21 Alaska's — Mountains
24 Level
25 Griffith or Granatelli
26 Our galaxy
30 Untidy place
31 Aids for the injured
32 Carte lead-in
33 County of Ireland
35 Cornfield intruder

36 Auto-maker Ransom Eli —
37 Voters since 1920
38 Acid neutralizer
41 "Bam!"
42 Seethe
43 "Family Circus" cartoonist
48 Writer Ferber
49 Brock or Boudreau
50 French city
51 Limbs
52 Type units
53 Lascivious

21 Catch some rays
22 Con
23 Pastoral piece
24 Helsinki populace
26 Lower jaw
27 Tepid
28 Lotion additive
29 React with ennui
31 Honeycomb chamber
34 Eucalyptus eaters
35 "American Idol" judge Simon
37 Stir-fry device
38 The third man
39 Source of riches
40 Kasparov's concern
41 Asset
44 Charged bit
45 Scotty's assent
46 At present
47 Remnant

DOWN

1 Fleur-de- —
5 Lady Macbeth's vision
6 Blunder
7 Lobster delicacy
8 Octogenarian's next milestone
9 Change for a five
10 Hexagonal state
11 Asta's mistress
16 Spitball
20 Tibetan herd

Solution time: 21 mins.

G	E	M	S	O	A	R	S	K	E	N
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Yesterday's answer 4-27

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ACROSS

1 Con-struction piece
5 MGM mascot
8 Theater-goer's memento
12 Pinnacle
13 Doc's org.
14 Aesopian also-ran
15 Time-saver
17 Seaweed
18 "M*A*S*H" locale
19 Scream
21 Intense craving
24 Drenched
25 Sneaky
28 Coal-distillation residue
30 Miss. neighbor
33 Hubbub
34 A Hilton
35 Wahine's gift
36 Uncultured
37 Exam format
38 Out of play

39 Pitcher part
41 Vagrant
43 Sun-glasses
46 War hero Murphy
50 Glazier's sheet
51 A whiskey drink
54 "The Four Seasons" actor
55 Indivisible
56 Barber-shop request
57 Tufted plant
58 — out a living
59 Imagines

DOWN

1 Take pleasure (in)
2 Singer's come-back?
3 Cupid's field
4 Just
5 Fond du —, WI
6 Flightless bird
7 Four-letter word
8 Layered rock
9 Yarn
10 Desire
11 Tolerate
16 Greek cross
20 Has bills

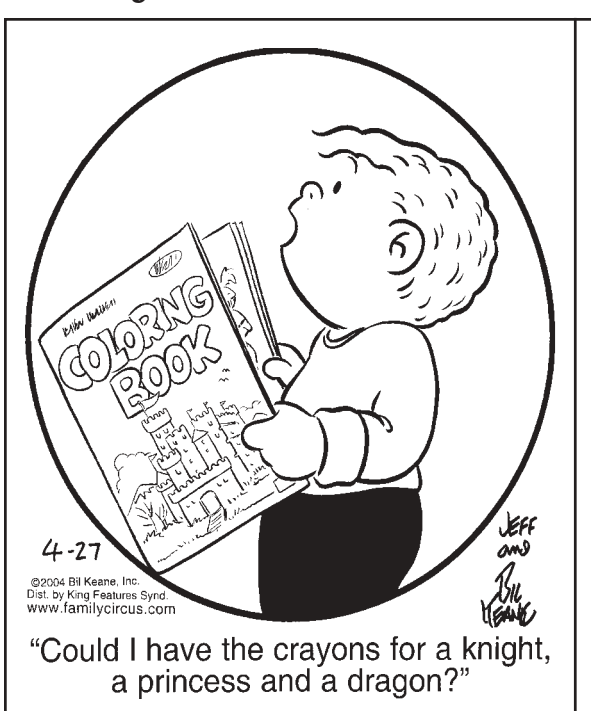
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Yesterday's answer 4-28

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Family Circus • Bill Keane



Bridge

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 5 2
♥ Q 10 8 4
♦ Q J 7
♣ K 9 5

WEST

♠ 8 4
♥ K 6 2
♦ 8 6 5
♣ J 8 6 4 3

EAST

♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ A 7 3
♦ 9 4 2
♣ Q 7

SOUTH

♠ Q 10 6
♥ J 9 5
♦ A K 10 3
♣ A 10 2

The bidding:
South 1 ♦
West Pass
North 1 NT
East 1 ♠
Opening lead — eight of spades.

A Matter of Perspective

Of the three departments of bridge — bidding, declarer play and defense — by far the most difficult is defense. When you're a defender, you see only half of declarer's resources (the 13 cards in dummy) and only half of your side's resources (the 13 cards you were dealt).

This contrasts greatly with the perspective of the declarer, who has the advantage of seeing all 26 cards held by his side. He knows exactly which high cards and how many cards of each suit are missing, and can therefore formulate a plan to make maximum use of his assets.

Consider this case where West leads the eight of spades in response to his partner's overcall. East wins with the king and returns the seven of spades, won by declarer with the queen. South leads the jack of hearts, and it does not matter which defender wins the trick.

If West takes the jack with the king, he does not have a spade to return. And if West ducks and East wins with the ace instead, he can return a spade to establish his suit but has no entry card to later cash his winners. So declarer makes four notrump, losing only a spade and two hearts.

With better defense, however, South goes down one. If East had played the seven of spades at trick one instead of the king, declarer could not have made the contract, regardless of what he did next.

West would win South's first heart lead and return a spade, establishing East's spades. Sooner or later, the defenders would score three spade tricks and the A-K of hearts to put South down one.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A J 8 6
♥ 9 8 7 5 3
♦ Q 2
♣ 10 3

WEST

♠ 10 3 2
♥ A K Q 10 2
♦ J
♣ A J 9 6

EAST

♠ 7 5
♥ 6 4
♦ K 10 9 8 7
♣ Q 8 5 2

SOUTH

♠ K Q 9 4
♥ J
♦ A 6 5 4 3
♣ K 7 4

The bidding:
South 1 ♦
West Pass
North Dble
East Pass
Opening lead — king of hearts.

The Head-in-the-Sand Approach

When you play in a doubled contract, you sometimes have to decide how far to go to try to make your bid, and how far to go to try to minimize the loss.

Here is a sad case where the declarer, in a reckless display of total obliviousness, lost control of the hand and took a bad beating as a result.

West made a takeout double of the opening diamond bid, and East not unreasonably elected to leave the double in. West led the king of hearts and shifted to the jack of diamonds.

Declarer covered the jack with dummy's queen and took East's king with the ace. South promptly returned a diamond, hoping to dispose of the adverse trumps so that he could cash his spade tricks.

The idea of drawing trumps met with enthusiastic approval by East, who proceeded to extract them all. West, in the meantime, discarded three spades and a heart.

East then made the fine play of shifting to the queen of clubs, trapping South's king. The defenders thereupon collected four clubs and three hearts to bring about a six-trick defeat, which came to a tidy 1,700 points. Of course, sets of this magnitude are almost always traceable to malfeasance in office, and this hand is no exception. Aside from the fact that a spade contract by North-South would have been far superior, the matter of declarer's line of play at one diamond doubled left something to be desired.

The very fact that East had left the double in made it a virtual certainty that he had started with five trumps. Warned by the bidding what to expect, South should have gone all out to minimize the damage.

After winning the ace of diamonds, he should have started cashing his spades instead of leading a trump. By playing this way, he could have assured five tricks to hold himself to a modest set. As it was, though, all he scored was the ace of trumps.

