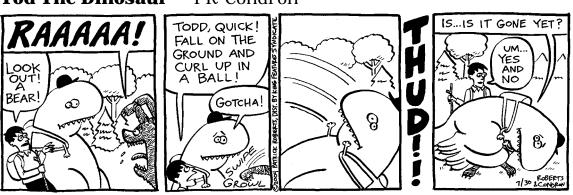
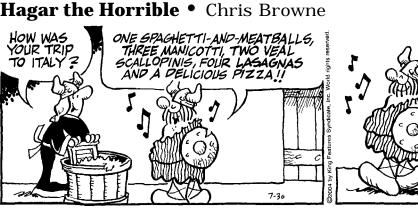
For Better or Worse • Lynn Johnston My son should be arriving soon. He's asked me to sell my house and move to an apartment close to him (DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THAT HOUSE, MICHAEL. OH, I RENTED ROOMS TO OTHERS MUCH WORSE THAN YOU AND JOSEF, DEAR... OSEF, DEAR... HOW IS HE? TS HATE THAT IS WE HAD SOME GOOD TIMES THERE. YOU WERE THE COOLEST HE'S IN DINGLE! I'LL TELL HIM HOPELESSLY IN LOVE

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Garfield • Jim Davis







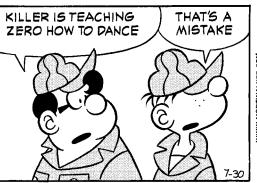
Blondie • Chic Young







Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker





Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Cryptoquip











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CLOTHES? SUIT YOURSELF! Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals R

WJJBYW JQD QHKO. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT LAMINATED PLASTIC BRAND WOULD A BIBLICAL PROPHET USE? FOR-MICAH, OF COURSE!

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals B

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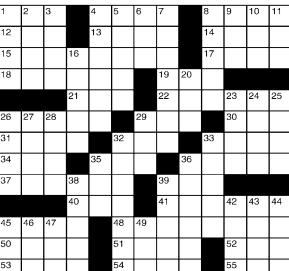
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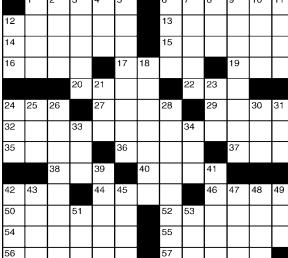
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Family Circus • Bill Keane

"Stop eating 'tato chips, Jeffy.

We're tryin' to hear the river.'

Bridge

Below are five bidding sequences. In each case, state whether you consider the last bid in the sequence to be forcing (compelling partner to bid again) or non-forcing (permitting partner to pass).

1.	Opener 1 ♠ 2 ♥	Responde 2 ♦ 2 NT
2.	2 NT	4 NT
3.	1 ↑ 2 ↑ 2 ∨	1 ♥ 2 ♦ 3 ♠
4.	1 ♦ 3 ♦ 3 ♠	1 ♥ 3 ♥
5.	3 ♦ * *	3 4

1. Not forcing. Responder has already indicated 10 points by his two-diamond bid and does not show extra values by bidding two notrump in this sequence. Therefore, if opener has minimum values, he may pass. It follows that if responder has a game-going hand, he must bid three notrump, not

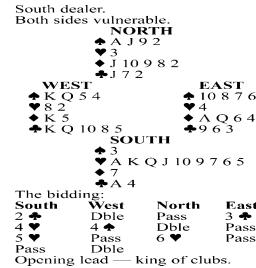
2. Not forcing. This is an invitational raise in notrump and has nothing to do with Blackwood. Responder is asking partner to go on to slam if he has a maximum two-notrump opening and to pass if he has a minimum. If opener is in the middle of his notrump range (say, 17 points playing 16-18 notrumps), he can bid five notrump and leave the final decision to partner.

3. Forcing. Responder's first two bids were forcing, and so is the three-club bid. Responder must have a game-going hand, since he failed to pass two clubs and also failed to bid three clubs (invitational) instead of two diamonds. He is apparently looking for the best game or slam contract.

4. Forcing. Opener might be inviting partner to bid three notrump with a club stopper, or he might be angling for a slam in diamonds or hearts. Responder can't tell yet which it is, but he should make the most descriptive bid he can find at this

5. Forcing. When responder names a new suit below the game level, the bid is unconditionally forcing — even when the opener's bid is preemptive. This allows responder to explore for the right contract when he has a good hand without having to make a blind stab at the best spot.

Tomorrow: A story of man bites dog.



A Story of Man Bites Dog

There are many talented players who owe much of their success to executing exotic squeezes, spectacular coups and sundry other feats of legerdemain. But sometimes these very same players are the victims—rather than the architects—of such exploits.

Consider this deal where the renowned Italian expert Benito Garozzo held the West hand in a match against Austria. South's two-club bid was strong and artificial, and Garozzo's double showed clubs. Declarer eventually wound up in six hearts doubled, and Garozzo had to decide whether to lead a spade

He reasoned that declarer might well be void of spades - judging from North's double of four spades and East's pass of the double — so Garozzo led the king of clubs. This proved a costly miscalculation (a spade lead would have stopped the slam) when declarer took the ace of clubs and played eight rounds of hearts to produce this position:

North SAJ; CJ7

East S K Q; Immaterial; D K; C Q South S 3; H 5; D 7; C 4

When South next led the five of trumps, Garozzo was forced to part with the king of diamonds. Declarer thereupon discarded a spade from dummy, led a club and so made the slam. South had found a way to make one of his losers disappear, just as Garozzo had done so often to so many of his opponents.

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