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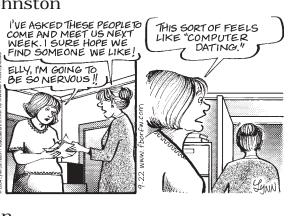
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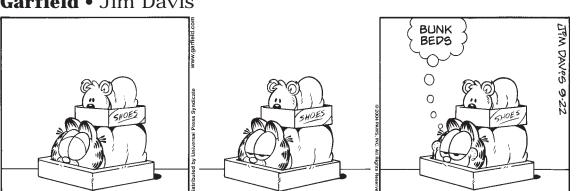
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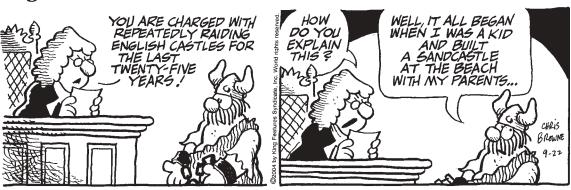




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**Hagar the Horrible •** Chris Browne



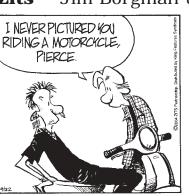
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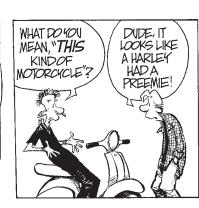
#### **Beetle Bailey •** Mort Walker



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott







#### Sally Forth • Greg Howard



# Cryptoquip

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UPFUACFNFJ BZKP ZJ FKIN, HZRTN Z

WFM TZW JBNW'HN LFMCP

MS RK ZHQT? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THEY SAY THE

FELLOW WHO DENIED SWIPING ALL THAT SOAP MIGHT FINALLY COME CLEAN.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals P

WNBA

BNWXAW TNJXY ZA UGMMAB

"WMGR GFB PCBAC." Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN MANY SCHOOL

PUPILS RAISE A HAND AT ONCE, WOULD YOU SAY THEY'RE UP IN ARMS?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals C

#### Crossword

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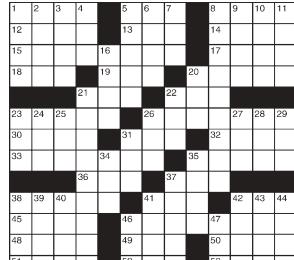
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## Family Circus • Bill Keane



South dealer. Both sides vulnerable **NORTH** J 10 8 4 **V** 10 9 6 ◆ J 9 5 WEST ◆ K Q 10 8 6 2 ◆ A Q 10 7 6 3 SOUTH ♠ A K 7 6 3 2♥ A K J 8 3 2  $\mathbf{A}$ North South West East 2 **4** 2 **4** 3 **V** Pass Pass Pass Pass strong, artificial

#### The Percentage Play

Opening lead — king of diamonds. The play most likely to succeed in a given set of circumstances is generally referred to as the percentage play. Anyone who subscribes steadily to percentage plays is bound to do well in the long run, even though the indicated percentage play might occasionally fail.

Consider this deal where South is in six spades, which appears ironclad at the start. But when he cashes the ace of spades at trick two, West shows out and complications set in.

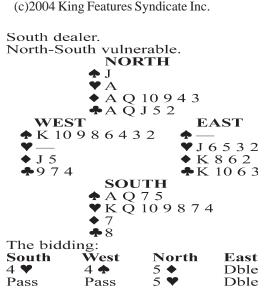
South has no ready entry to dummy for a spade finesse, and he also has a heart loser to worry about. So, faced with these difficulties, he has a problem to solve: how best to try to escape the loss of two The actual declarer failed very quickly. After play-

ing the ace of spades, he cashed the A-K of hearts and so had to go down one. It is true that after cashing one top heart, South could have led the king and another spade to estab-

lish an entry to dummy, planning to lead a heart later and finesse. However, this line of play would have failed if West had started with the Q-x of hearts. The proper line of play — the percentage play would have succeeded. At trick three, declarer should lead a low heart to the nine! East wins, but

whatever he returns, South has a heart entry to dummy for the marked spade finesse. The bidding tells declarer that West is very likely to have a 6-5 or 6-6 distribution. It follows, therefore, that he cannot have as many as three hearts. Once this is established, it becomes clear that a low

heart play at trick three is virtually certain to secure the contract Tomorrow: It's easy when you know how.



## It's Easy When You **Know How**

ten of spades.

Opening lead -

This deal occurred in the 1982 Grand National Pairs Championship. Cliff Russell, well-known Miami Beach expert who finished second in the event, held the South hand and wound up as declarer in five hearts doubled.

West led the spade ten, covered by the jack and ruffed by East. East returned a trump to dummy's ace, West showing out, and Russell, with another trump loser to come, had to find a way to dispose of his two remaining spade losers.

He started by cashing the club ace and continued with the queen. When East followed low, Russell discarded his seven of spades as West also followed low. He then ruffed the deuce of clubs, cashed the K-Q of trumps and exited with the eight of trumps to East's jack, producing this position:

North DAO 10 CJ5 K109 DJ5 West S East DK862 CK South SAQ H 109 D 7

This left East between a rock and a hard place. If he returned a low diamond, Russell would win with dummy's queen and dispose of his spade loser on the ace of diamonds; if he returned the king of clubs instead, declarer would ruff and then dispose of his spade loser on dummy's jack of clubs. Either way, Russell was certain to make five hearts doubled for a score of 850 points.



"Tell Dolly to stop tryin' to sing songs she doesn't know the words to.'