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For Better or Worse • Lynn Johnston



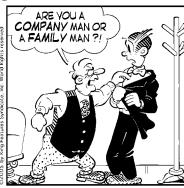






Blondie • Chic Young





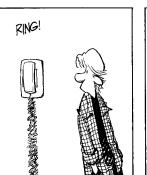


Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker





Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott











Cryptoquip

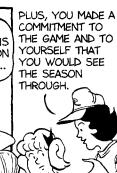






Sally Forth • Greg Howard







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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I LIKE TO NEATLY STACK AND STRAIGHTEN MY CASH ROLLS, THUS CREATING A TIDY SUM.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals L

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals J

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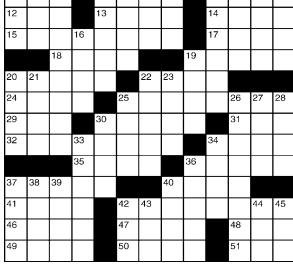
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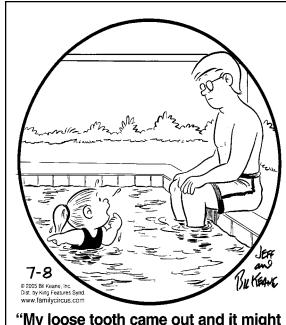
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Family Circus • Bill Keane



"My loose tooth came out and it might clog up the drain!"

Bridge

Bidding Quiz

Below are eight different bidding sequences. Where the question mark appears, state whether partner's last bid is forcing (compelling you to bid again) or non-forcing (allowing you to pass). A forcing bid is one that cannot be passed regardless of what you hold. If partner's last bid merely urges - but does not compel - you to bid again, treat it as nonforcing. North South 1.

1 H South North 1 D 1 S 3 S North South 1 H 2 C North South Pass 2 C North South 1 H 1 NT 3 H North South 3 D 3 S North South 1 C 1 H 2 C 2 D South North 1 D 1 S 2NT

1. Forcing. A jump-shift by responder is forcing to at least game.

2. Not forcing. If South has six or seven points for his one-spade bid, he may pass.

3. Not forcing. North's failure to jump-shift limits him to 13 to 18 points. South therefore can pass if he has a weak hand and prefers clubs to hearts.

4. Not forcing. Ordinarily, a new suit bid by responder is forcing, but when responder has passed originally, the change-of-suit rule no longer applies. 5. Not forcing. South may pass with six or seven

points instead of the eight, nine or 10 he might have

had for his one-notrump response.

6. Forcing. The mention of a new suit by responder below the game level is forcing, even opposite a preemptive opening bid. 7. Forcing. Just as the one-heart response is forc-

ing, so is the second new suit named by responder. North might be tempted to pass with minimal values, but he will have a lot of explaining to do when it costs him a game or a slam. 8. Not forcing. A jump to two notrump by opener

indicates 18 or 19 points and is not forcing. Tomorrow: Good old-fashioned TLC.

North dealer. East-West vulnerable. **NORTH** 982**♥**K 5 2 **♦** K 8 7 **♠** 6 4 3 A K 7 5 **♥**84 A 109 ◆ J 9 2 10.3 **♣**OJ8 -9642**SOUTH**

◆ A Q 6 5 4 The bidding: West North South East 1 4 Pass Pass NT Pass 3 ♦ Pass 4 🕶 Pass Opening lead -six of spades.

♠ Q J 10

♥ Ô J 7 6 3

Good Old-Fashioned TLC

A play that caters to an unlikely distribution of the adverse cards is clearly meritorious, whether that distribution proves to exist or not. And when the play does turn out to have been necessary, it is doubly satisfying.

Take this case where South must be on his toes to make four hearts. West leads the six of spades, and East cashes the A-K before returning a spade to declarer's queen. If South gets careless and plays a low trump to the king, East takes the ace and leads his last spade. Whether declarer ruffs high or low,

he must lose a second trump trick for down one. Similarly, South fails if he leads the queen instead of a low trump at trick four. East wins and returns a spade, and West's eight of trumps again becomes a factor in establishing the setting trick.

Declarer's safest method of play is to lead a diamond to dummy's king at trick four, discard two diamonds on the A-K of clubs and play a low trump toward his hand. He has no idea who has the ace of trumps, but he does place East with the outstanding spade, and that's why he tackles the trumps in this fashion.

When East follows low and the queen wins, the proper continuation is the jack! East wins with the ace but is powerless. He can do no better than lead a spade at this point, but South ruffs in his hand, plays a trump to the king to draw the missing trump and scores the rest of the tricks.

The hand is an excellent example of good technique, for it shows that even such a mundane trump holding as South's needs to be handled with tender, loving care for the best result to be achieved.

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"They might be made from the same thing, but cotton candy tastes better than my shirt."