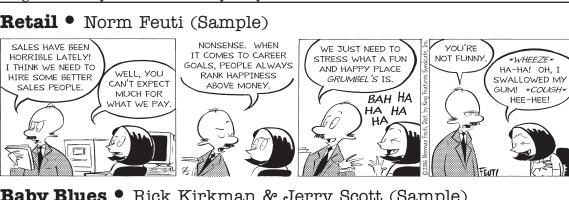
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Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott (Sample)



For Better or Worse • Lynn Johnston



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



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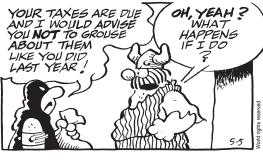
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Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne





Blondie • Chic Young





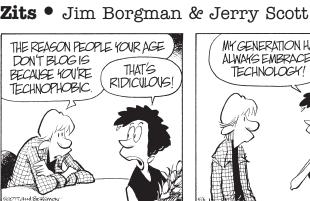


Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker





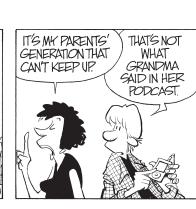




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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals I

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals T

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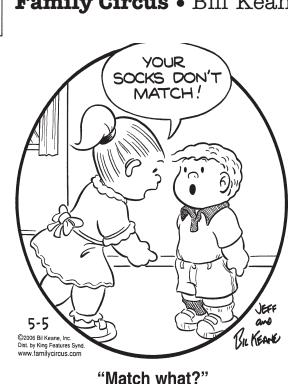
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Bridge — Test Your Play

Notrump, and North leads the queen of spades. How would you play the hand? WEST S A 7 5 S K84 H J752 **HA86**

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Three

D KQ432 D A 10 C A8 C 10763 2. The following hand is a double-dummy problem (all four hands are exposed). You, South, are declarer at Six Diamonds, and West leads the ten of hearts. You win with the king and play the ace of trumps, on which East dis-

cards a spade. How would you continue? NORTH S K 104 HAK7 D AJ432 C 83 WEST **EAST** SQ6 S J98532

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opposite

D K1087 C Q74 C J 9 6 5 2 SOUTH S A7 H Q432 D Q965 C AK10 1. You need five diamond tricks to make the contract,

and there are only two ways to try to meet this goal. The most obvious approach is to cash the A-K-Q and hope the suit divides 3-3. The alternative is to lead a low diamond from your hand

and finesse dummy's ten. If you cash the A-K-Q, you will be successful about 36

percent of the time, since that is the mathematical probability of a 3-3 division. But if you take the first-round finesse of the ten, you will succeed whenever North was dealt J-x (8 percent),

J-x-x (18 percent) or J-x-x-x (16 percent) — a total of 42 percent. It is therefore better to attempt a first-round finesse of

the ten because that approach will make the contract more often. 2. Cash the A-Q of hearts, ruff a heart in dummy, cash

the A-K of clubs, ruff a club in dummy and then cash the A-K of spades, producing this three-card position: North

S 10 DJ4 West East D K 108 Immaterial South DQ96

Ruff dummy's ten of spades with the queen of diamonds, and — wonder of wonders — West's two seemingly sure trump tricks suddenly dwindle to one!

North declarer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH Q 10 7 **♥** K Q 2 ◆ A 10 8 5 🛧 Q 7 4 WEST EAST **♥**J98 A 10 6 ◆ Q 3 2 **♦** KJ7 **A** 3 **♣**KJ10965 SOUTH **↑** A K J 9 8 4 3 9 6 4 The bidding: North Pass Opening lead -ace of clubs.

Creation of an Illusion

Although bridge is primarily a game of percentages, it nevertheless offers plenty of opportunity for ingenuity. For example, take this case where South got to four spades on the bidding shown. West led the ace and another club, declarer ruffing high when East continued the suit at trick three.

Having lost the first two tricks, and with the ace of hearts also a certain loser, declarer had to try to find a way to avoid losing any diamonds. This seemed an impossible task, for while one diamond loser could eventually be discarded on a high heart, there seemed to be no way to avoid the other one.

Declarer considered the possibility of leading a heart toward dummy, hoping West would make the mistake of rising with the ace if he had it. But South dismissed this thought because he felt certain East had the ace of hearts for his vulnerable overcall once West had shown up with the ace of clubs

South therefore concluded that his only possible chance for the contract was to lay a trap for East. Accordingly, at trick four he crossed to the queen of spades and returned the deuce of hearts!

It was very difficult for East to imagine that South would make this play without holding the jack of hearts, so, afraid that the jack might be singleton, he rushed up with the ace. South later discarded both his diamond losers on the K-Q of hearts and wound up making four spades.

You could argue, quite justifiably, that East made a poor defensive play, but even if the ploy had failed, you

would still have to give South an A for effort. (c)2006 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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have to be as big as our regular house."