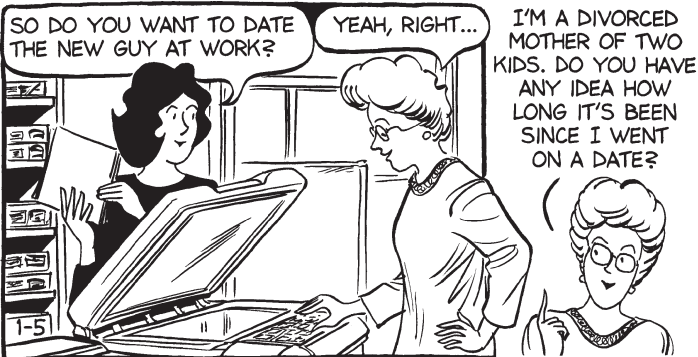


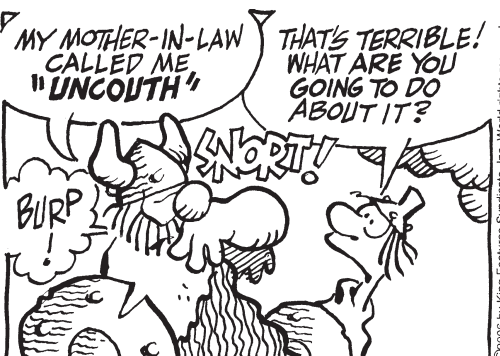
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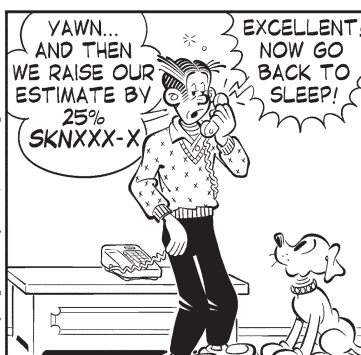
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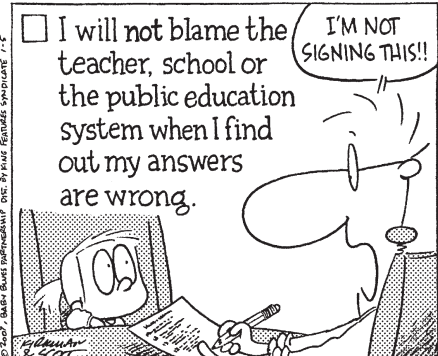
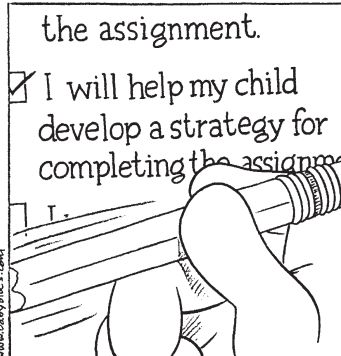
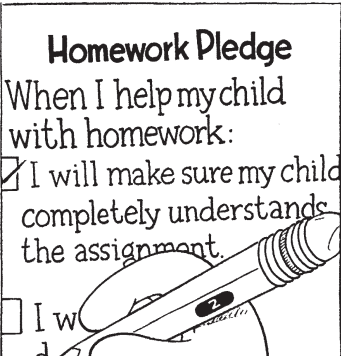
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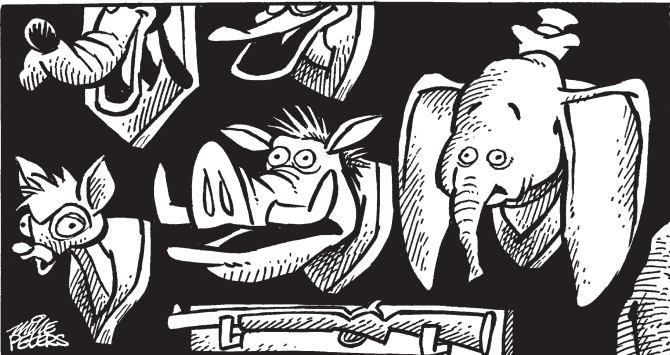
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Cryptoquip

FAQ INLUB QLDQINI AUT

IQLUPBQT PB UTNYQJKQBKQ

DQIDQFXUYYW, JN FAQW

KUYYQT APL KNBJFUBF-FQQB.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE THE BUTTER PAT WAS WINNING BIG AT THE CASINO, IT PROCLAIMED "I'M ON A ROLL!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals E

UL JCE'ON H WNMUNBNO UD

RHQQJ NDZUDVG, JCE XUVRP

GHJ PRHP GCXN PRUDVG

HON WNPPNO MNLP EDGHZ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE ROMAN EMPEROR HAD REMAINED IN ADOLESCENCE PERPETUALLY, SO THEY CALLED HIM CONSTANT-TEEN.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals R

Crossword

ACROSS

1 Judicial garb

6 Embarrassed

9 Recipe meas.

12 Part of Hispaniola

13 Flightless bird

14 Genetics abbr.

15 Wedding music-maker

16 Sasquatch

18 Sports coat

20 Booty

21 History chapter

23 Under the weather

24 Opium source

25 Ladder feature

27 Wicker-work willow

29 Governor

31 Bad-tempered

35 Rolls partner

37 Place

DOWN

1 Plato's P

2 Scull prop

3 Explosion that started it all?

4 List-ending abbr.

5 Mideast peninsula

6 Insurrectionists

7 Eastern potentate

8 Comprehended

9 Cavalry unit

10 Get nosy

11 Hamburger, e.g.

17 Rosy?

38 Post-nuptial kin

41 Drone

43 Hiatus

44 Agitate continuously

45 Source of Will Rogers' info

47 "So what?"

49 Giggly noise

52 Work with

53 Wapiti

54 Public disturbance

55 Always, in verse

56 Crucial

57 Available

19 Polish silver?

21 Mess up

22 Wish undone

24 Each

26 He served between Richard and Jimmy

28 Become frozen

30 Without delay

32 VIP

33 "Luck — Lady"

34 "Uh-huh" fully

36 Like the White Cliffs of Dover

38 Permeate fully

39 Din

40 Hybrid feline

42 Subway

45 Wan

46 Jockey's handful

48 "Yipes!"

50 Schedule abbr.

51 Kreskin's claim

Solution time: 25 mins.

E	D	A	M	C	O	T	I	C	E	D
E	R	G	O	A	N	A	N	A	P	E
L	O	A	N	L	E	I	F	L	E	A
S	P	R	A	W	L	L	O	L	L	E
		D	E	E		R	O	B		
C	O	B	S		R	A	C	E		W
A	R	T		I	D	O		C	O	P
T	O	R	O	I	D	A	L	S	K	U
		D	A	N						
N	I	C	K	E	L		C	R	A	V
O	V	A	L		A	H	A		N	E
G	A	L	E		S	O	L		T	R
O	N	L	Y		T	E	L		Y	A

Yesterday's answer 1-5

ACROSS

1 Bus-route locations

6 Apparently is

11 Where the bees are

12 Ventricle neighbor

14 Bob of daytime TV

15 Bob of reggae

16 Harlem room

17 Style of women's footwear

19 "— not choose to run"

20 Department store section

22 Crony

23 Bottom-less

24 Unruly kids

26 Find a new home for

28 Have a bug

30 Tofu source

DOWN

1 "Boston Legal" actor

2 Albania's capital

3 Sturdy wood

4 Get ready

5 Waffle enhancement

6 Tries

7 Greek vowels

8 Blunder

9 Environment

31 Intrude rudely

35 Soft palate

39 Fencing prop

40 Automaton, for short

42 Not working properly

43 Noshed

44 Used a hatchet

46 In need of repair

47 Bob of baseball

49 Bob of fashion

51 Unisex apparel

52 For the nonce

31 Hot rum drink

54 Barber-shop quartet member

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6 Tries

7 Greek vowels

8 Blunder

9 Environment

10 Nappy fabrics

11 Hiroshima destroyer

13 Mr. Magoo, for one

18 Scratch

21 Aspect

23 Senior member

25 "Sprechen — Deutsch?"

27 Car-pool lane abbr.

29 Freedom

31 Hum-dinger

32 Most suitable

33 Come back again?

34 Present

36 Rely upon

37 Less attractive

38 Computer connection

41 Lure

44 Drove

45 Show chutzpah

48 Tease

50 Swindle

Solution time: 27 mins.

R	O	B	E	S		R	E	D		T	S	P
H	A	I	T	I		E	M	U		R	N	A
O	R	G	A	N		B	I	G		F	O	O
		B	L	A	Z	E	R		L	O	O	T
E	R	A		I	L	L		P	O	P	P	Y
R	U	N	G		O	S	I	E		R		
R	E	G	E	N	T		C	R	A	B	B	Y
				R	O	Y	C	E		L	I	E
I	N	L	A	W		H	U	M		G	A	P
M	O	I	L		P	A	P	E	R	S		
B	I	G	D	E	A	L		T	E	H	E	E
U	S	E		E	L	K		R	I	O	T	S
E	E	R		K	E	Y		O	N	T	A	P

Yesterday's answer 1-6

Bidding Quiz

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has gone:

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	Dble	1 ♥	?

What would you bid with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ A83 ♥ Q6 ♦ K652 ♣ QJ74
- ♠ K754 ♥ KJ853 ♦ Q92 ♣ 6
- ♠ QJ8652 ♥ 7 ♦ Q64 ♣ A53
- ♠ 96432 ♥ 5 ♦ AJ93 ♣ J85

- Two notrump. When your partner doubles for takeout, he usually has at least the minimum values for an opening bid. If the next player passes, you must bid regardless of the relative strength of your hand.
- In today's problem, East's bid has relieved you of the obligation to respond, and with a poor hand you would definitely pass. A voluntary bid at this point would show at least moderate values, while a jump-response would suggest game-going possibilities.
- This 12-point hand might easily produce a game in notrump opposite a double, and a jump-response is therefore in order. The absence of a heart stopper should not deter you from bidding two notrump, as partner is virtually certain to have some heart strength.
- Double. East is probably horsing around, and the best way of exposing his iniquity is by doubling. If the bidding takes a new turn, which is highly likely, you can next bid spades. Partner will thus be apprised of your heart and spade length as well as the moderate strength necessary for such bidding.
- Four spades. Game in spades is extremely likely opposite a double, and the simplest way of transmitting this message is by bidding it. You would have thought game probable had partner opened the bidding as dealer, and you should feel even more bullish here, as he has implied support for spades as well as opening values.
- East's interference bid should not affect your outlook in any way. Your hand is worth about 12 points, counting distribution, and there should be little doubt in your mind that four spades is the right spot.
- One spade. With six high-card points and a singleton, you have enough strength for a voluntary bid, so you should act at this point. Of course, your spades are nothing to brag about, but bidding them is much better than not bidding at all. Remember that you're leaning on an opening bid by partner with some support for spades.

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	A 5 4 3		
♥	3		
♦	A 5 4		
♣	A Q 6 4 2		

WEST			
♠	—		
♥	A K J 4 2		
♦	K Q 10 3		
♣	J 10 9 3		

EAST			
♠	J 10 8 6		
♥	10 9 7 6		
♦	9 8 7 6		
♣	7		

SOUTH			
♠	K Q 9 7 2		
♥	Q 8 5		
♦	J 2		
♣	K 8 5		

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Dble	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	

Opening lead — king of hearts.

This deal, reported in The Bridge World magazine, presents some points of interest. To begin with, the bidding did not make much sense. South's bids were made in the light of his knowledge that North was an inveterate overbidder — as indicated by North's leap to four spades opposite a forced response. Even so, we think South should have bid at least two spades initially to show a good hand, rather than jump to six later on to make up for his previous underbid. East's double was questionable, as it might have pointed the way for declarer to make the slam by disclosing the trump situation.

Declarer did make the slam despite the bad breaks in both black suits. West led the king of hearts and shifted to the king of diamonds. South won with dummy's ace and played the ace of trumps, disclosing the 4-0 trump break.

Another trump lead brought the ten from East and the king from South. After ruffing a heart in dummy, declarer picked up East's J-8 of trumps with the aid of a finesse. This was now the position:

North — [D] 5; [C] A Q 6 4 2

West — [H] A; [D] Q ; [C] J 10 9 3

East — [H] 10 9; [D] 9 8 7; [C] 7

South — [S] 7; [H] Q; [D] J; [C] K 8 5

South cashed his last trump, and West was squeezed in three suits. He could not afford a club discard, and if he discarded the heart ace, South would cash the queen, squeezing West again. Similarly, if West discarded the diamond queen, South would cash the jack to continue the squeeze.

Sometimes, it seems, it pays to overbid!

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