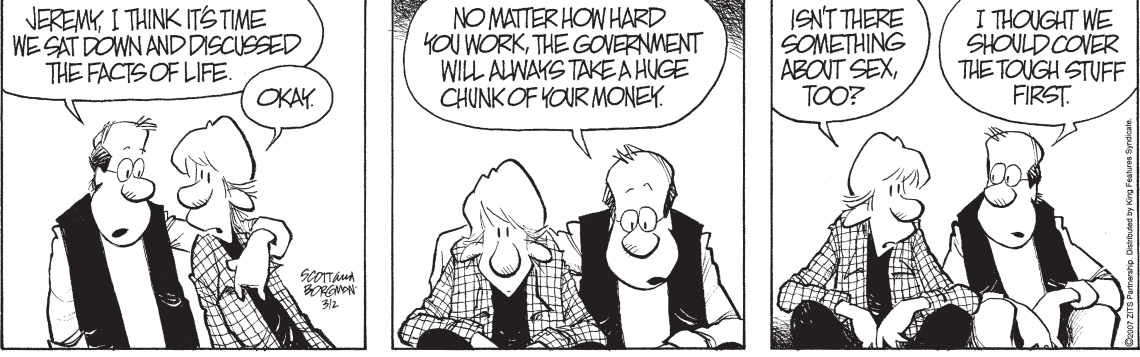


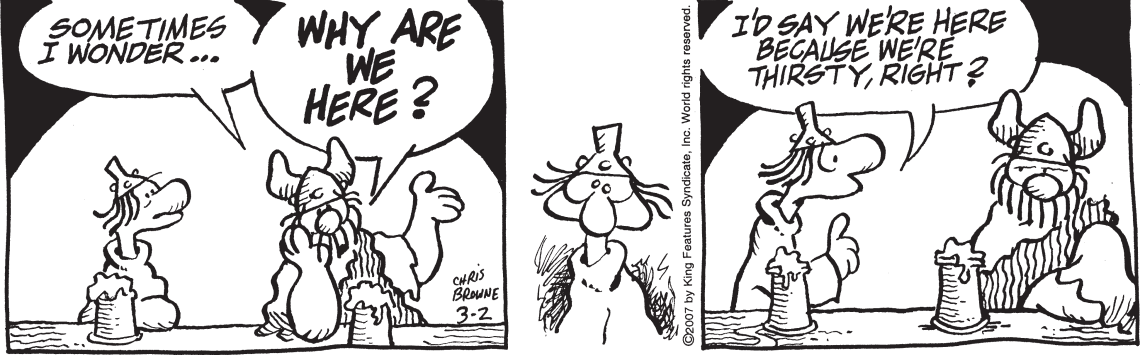
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Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Blondie • Chic Young



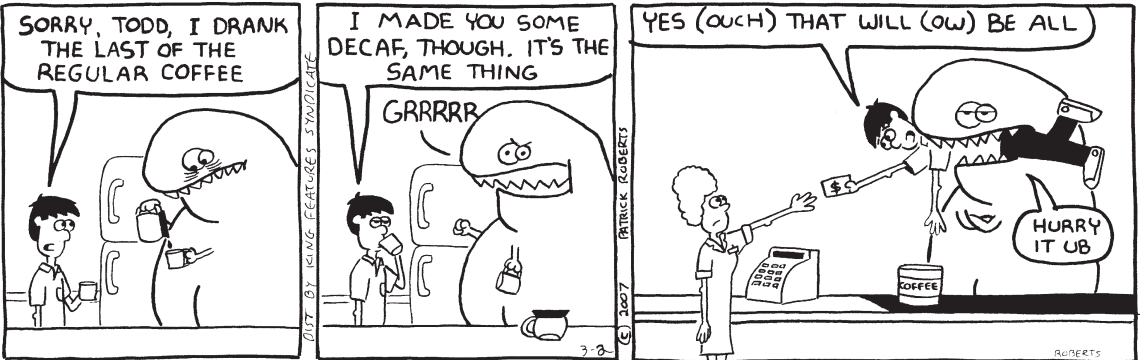
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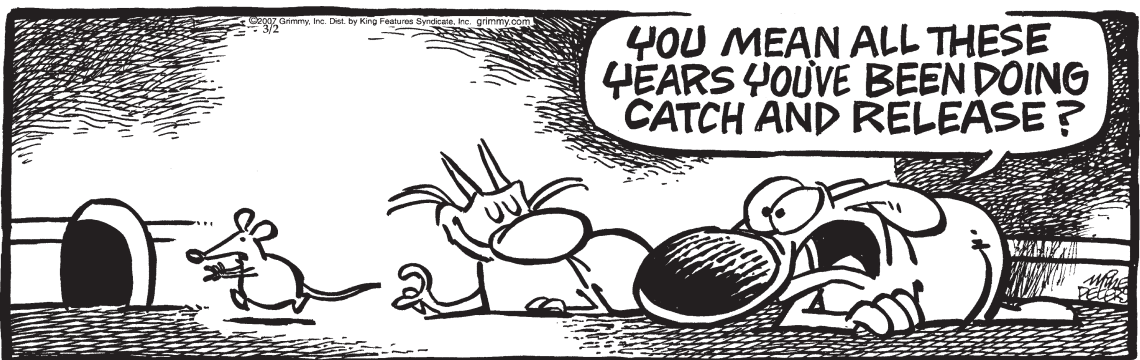
Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Tod the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Cryptoquip

PYV MKQCRY DIR DKYO DXOI
PAORQ IPQXCXY OR CRAXPE
LZYAOXRYC DRZEH MQRFPFV
FK P LRQH KCARQO.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU INSTALL SOME FACING ON A BUILDING WITH SOMEBODY ELSE, COULD YOU BE SIDING WITH HIM?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals W

BS UFK HANBW EFWOVFXU
ABTOE BG SAFIBXN INDJOI
DJNG MOFIMBN, JNTO UFK
WBE-EDNDOX DJO SNHDE?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ANY PERSON WHO WENT WITH ACTOR HARRISON TO SOCIAL FUNCTIONS WOULD PROBABLY BE A FORD ESCORT.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals F

Crossword

ACROSS

1 Zones
6 "Eureka!"
9 Hot tub
12 Uppity one
13 Stewart or Serling
14 Wrestling surface
15 Worship
16 Barbecue
18 Chess piece
20 Neighbor of Tex.
21 Boswell's write-up, briefly
23 Dundee denial
24 Talk a blue streak?
25 Responsibility
27 Steelhead, e.g.
29 Skirmish
31 Just look
35 Oak —, Tenn.
37 Near the target
38 Debate subject

DOWN

41 Simile center
43 Section of L.A.?
44 Singer Campbell
45 The answer man?
47 Tactic against
49 Unfriendly
52 Mel of baseball
53 Honest politician
54 Steam bath
55 Cries of surprise
56 Roofing gunk
57 Sign in

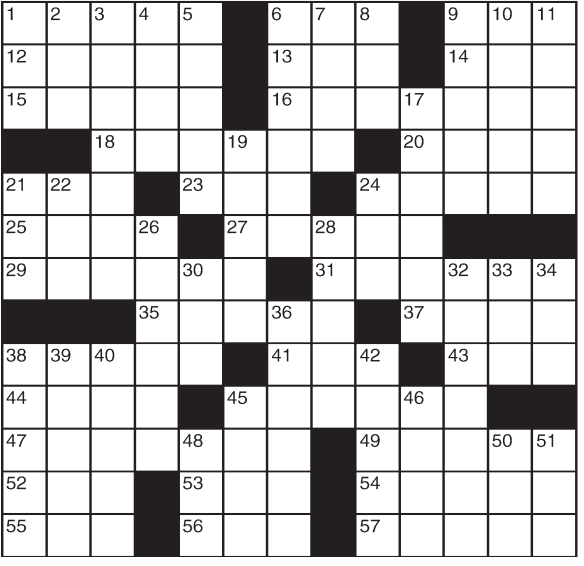
DOWN

1 Badge-earners' org.
2 Conclude
3 Crow's-nest occupant
4 Undecided
5 Ben or Gertrude
6 Sagittarius
7 Owl's call
8 Commotion
9 Defeat decisively
10 Cohort of Randy and Simon
11 Oil of roses
17 Defer obsequiously
19 Designed to restrict entry
21 Go after an apple?
22 — pickle
24 South of Spain?
26 White's style partner
28 Unpleasantly plump
30 Whopper
32 Strikers' method
33 "No seats"
34 Type units
36 Groom's toss
38 Nome dome home
39 Laziness
40 Denominations
42 Humiliate
45 Brass instrument
46 Verve
48 Feedbag morsel
50 Indivisible
51 Distant

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 3-2



ACROSS

1 Frighten
6 Manila hemp
11 Furrier's wares
12 Chopper blades
14 War
15 Perpetrate
16 Shock partner
17 Preclude
19 Cattle call
20 Author Uris
22 Blue
23 Grate
24 Bert's pal
26 Foes
28 Scot's refusal
30 Fool
31 Story
35 Summary
39 Exemplar of craziness
40 Cable-guide abbr.
42 Earring setting

DOWN

43 Freddy's street
44 Outwitted
46 Swab
47 Force
49 Larry Gelbart's forte
51 Slept soundly?
52 Warehouse stack
53 Disrespectful sorts
54 Off
55 Climax
56 Bus-route sites
57 Prohibit
58 Smooth, sheer fabric

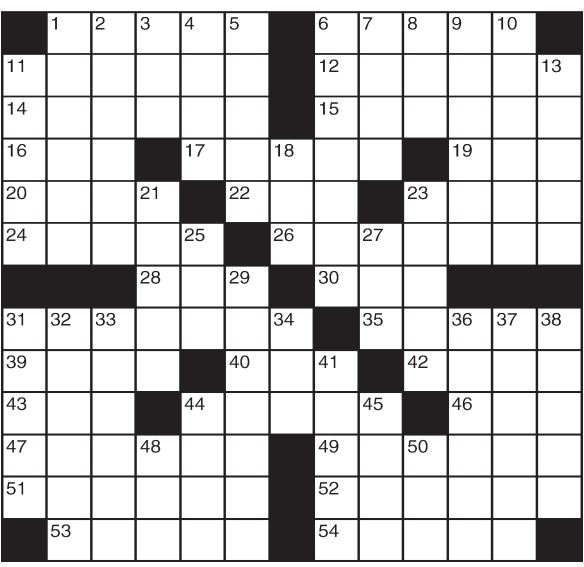
DOWN

3 Priestly garment
4 Patronize the library
5 Sen. Kefauver
6 Video-gamers' venues
7 Churlish one
8 \$ dispenser
9 They give you pause
10 Melodic
11 Climb
13 Bus-route sites
18 Prohibit
21 Smooth, sheer fabric
23 What like magnets do
25 Water (Fr.)
27 Scratch the surface
29 Embraces
31 Baldwin and Guinness
32 Side-ways umlauts?
33 Typical
34 Earner's burden
36 Bill Haley's backup
37 Homes
38 "And so to bed" diarist
41 Center of activity
44 Yard units
45 Co-ed quarters
48 Expert
50 Britt or Zetterling

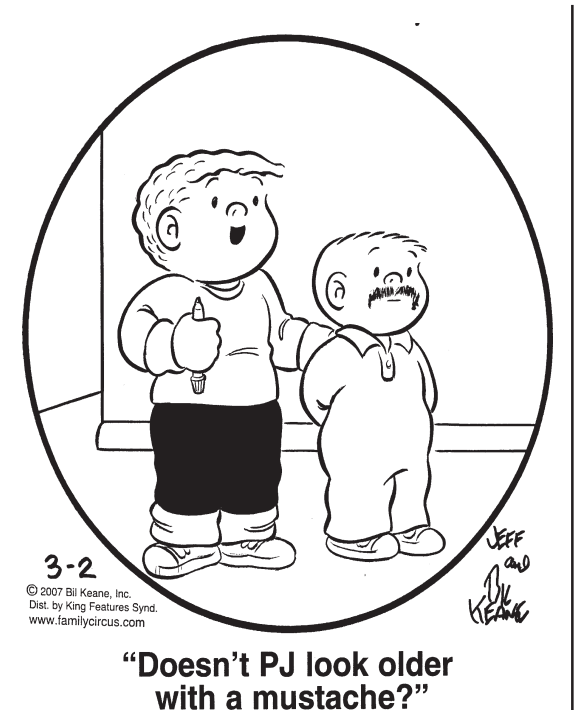
Solution time: 27 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 3-3



Family Circus • Bill Keane



Bridge

You are South, both sides vulnerable.

The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	?	?

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

1. ♠ KJ72 ♥ QJ8 ♦ AQ5 ♣ J63
2. ♠ J8643 ♥ 7 ♦ AK93 ♣ QJ5
3. ♠ KQ764 ♥ AJ2 ♦ 865 ♣ 82
4. ♠ AJ832 ♥ 943 ♦ K74 ♣ 73

Bidding Quiz

1. Three notrump. Since you have a opening bid of your own facing partner's opening bid, a game contract must be reached. The only problem is where the best game contract lies. Having already bid your spades, you now indicate your hand is suitable for notrump play also. This presents partner with the choice of passing if his hand is suitable for notrump play as well, or retreating to four spades if his hand is unsatisfactory for notrump. A two-notrump rebid over two spades would be merely invitational and not forcing, and partner would not be obligated to bid again. You should not make a bid partner can pass when you know you have sufficient values for game. 2. Four spades. The value of a hand rises or falls as the bidding progresses. Thus, if partner had opened the bidding with one heart, your hand would have dropped in value initially because it is usually better to have some length in partner's best suit than shortage. Here, however, your partner has opened in a suit in which you have a good holding, and then raised your suit. It is no exaggeration to say that your hand as a whole, with only 11 high-card points, has grown in value to the equivalent of 15 points because of the double fit in spades and clubs plus the shortness in hearts. Game in spades should therefore be undertaken at once. There is not much point to bidding your diamonds along the way. To volunteer this information would be far more helpful to the opponents than to partner. 3. Three spades. Whether 10 tricks can be made depends on the strength of partner's two-spade bid, which shows 13 to 15 points. Three spades asks partner to go on to game with a maximum for his previous bids, and to pass with a minimum. 4. Pass. Game is very unlikely since your hand is worth only about nine points. If you were to bid three spades, which is the most you could possibly do, the contract would be in danger whenever partner passed, and would likewise be in danger if partner carried on to game.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

North	South
♠ Q J 10 9	♠ K 6 2
♥ 10 9 5 2	♥ K Q J 4
♦ A Q 10	♦ 7 4 3
♣ A 7	♣ 8 5 2

WEST
♠ K 6 2
♥ K Q J 4
♦ 7 4 3
♣ 8 5 2

EAST
♠ 8 7 5 3
♥ A 7 6 3
♦ 8 6
♣ 9 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A 4
♥ 8
♦ K J 9 5 2
♣ K Q J 10 6

The bidding:
South 1 ♠
1 ♣
2 ♠
4 NT
6 ♣
West Pass
Pass
Pass
North 1 ♠
3 ♦
5 ♥
East Pass
Pass
Pass

Opening lead — king of hearts.
The Disappearing Trick

Dummy reversals are not easy to recognize because they require declarer to adopt an unnatural method of play in order to succeed. Take this case where South is in six diamonds and West leads the K-Q of hearts. Declarer ruffs, and the question is what to do next. The most obvious line of play is to draw trumps and stake the outcome on a spade finesse — essentially a 50-50 proposition. If East has the king, the slam is made; if West has the king, the slam goes down. However, there is a different method of play that offers declarer far better than a 50 percent chance for the contract — a dummy reversal. He should therefore reject the spade finesse and adopt the alternative approach. South starts by leading a diamond to the ten at trick three and ruffs another heart, then leads a diamond to the queen and trumps dummy's last heart. By this time, since South has led trumps twice and ruffed hearts three times, he has no more trumps in his hand. He next plays a club to the ace and cashes the ace of diamonds, drawing West's last trump while discarding his four of spades. Declarer's spade loser thus disappears, and he scores the rest of the tricks with the K-Q-J-10 of clubs and ace of spades. When dummy first comes down, it is certainly not obvious to declarer that his spade loser can eventually be discarded on one of dummy's trumps. That's why dummy reversals are so often overlooked. In choosing the dummy reversal over the spade finesse, it is important for declarer to first compare the merits of the two lines of play. The former approach succeeds whenever the missing trumps are divided 3-2 — a 68 percent probability — while the spade finesse wins only half the time, so he should opt for the dummy reversal.

