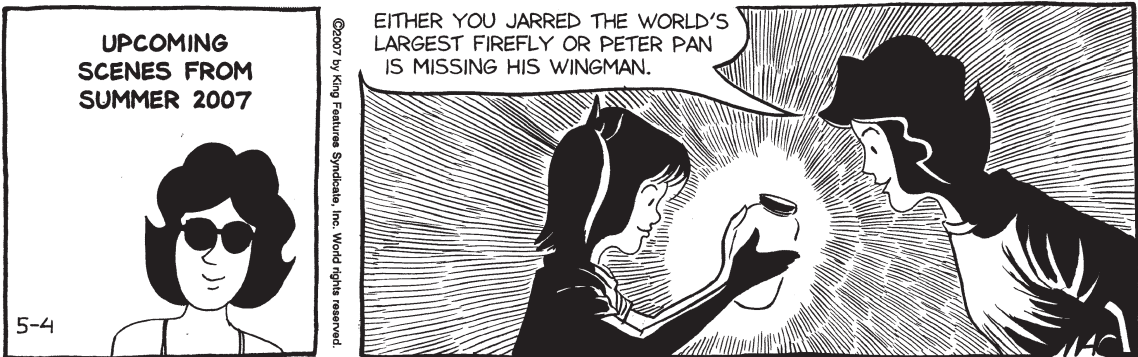


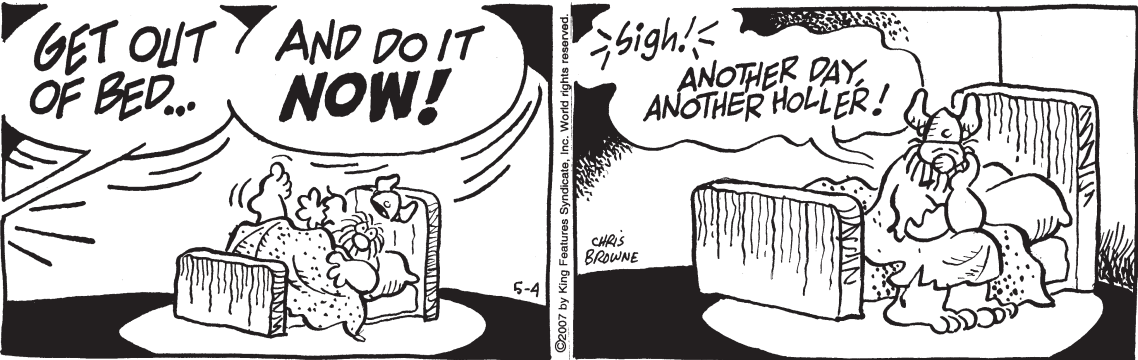
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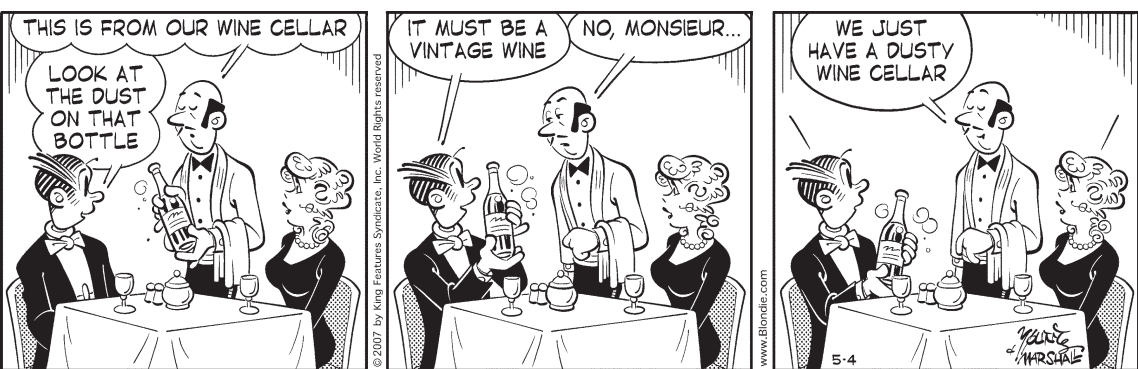
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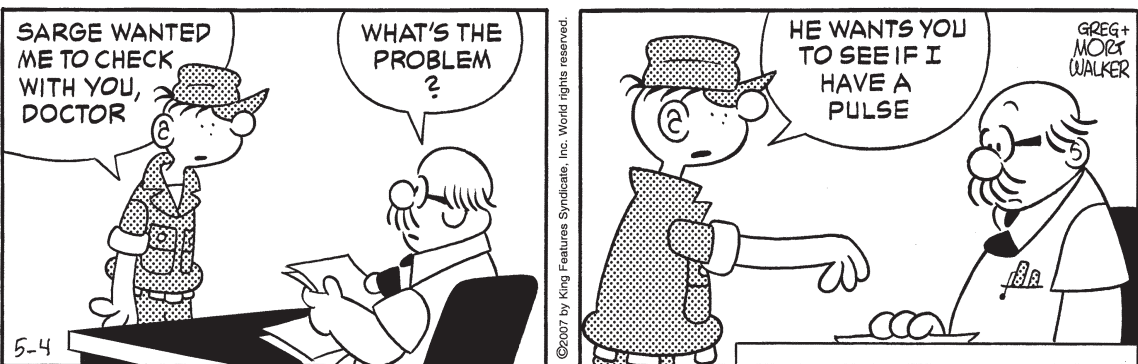
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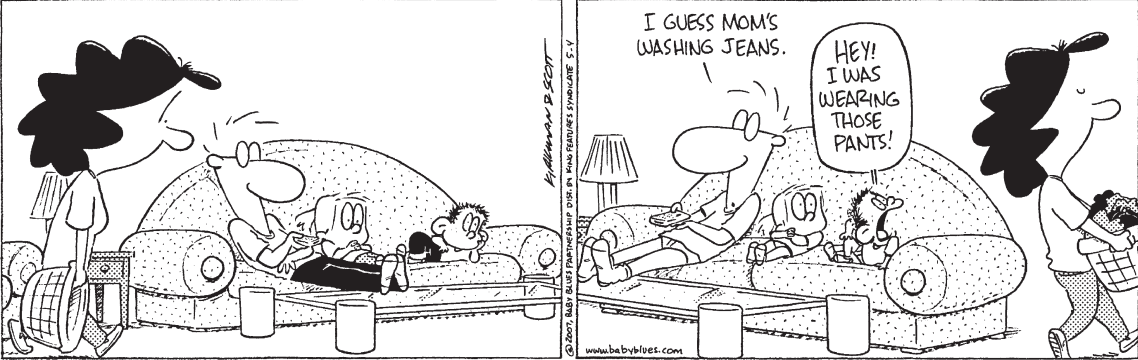
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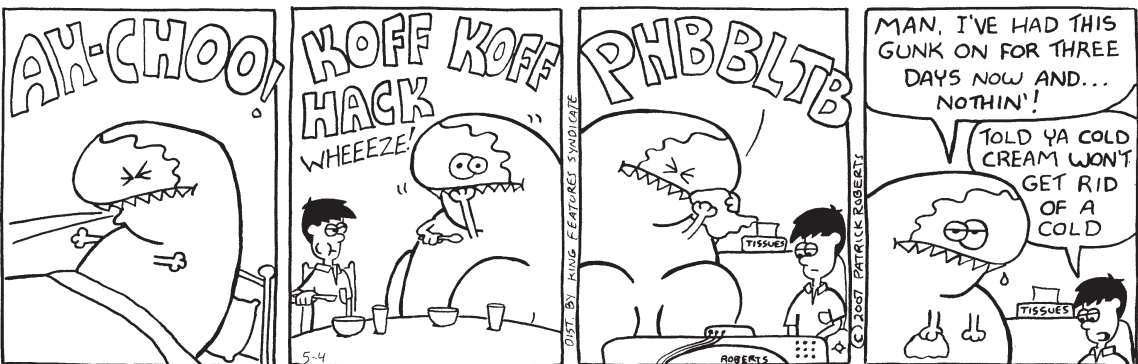
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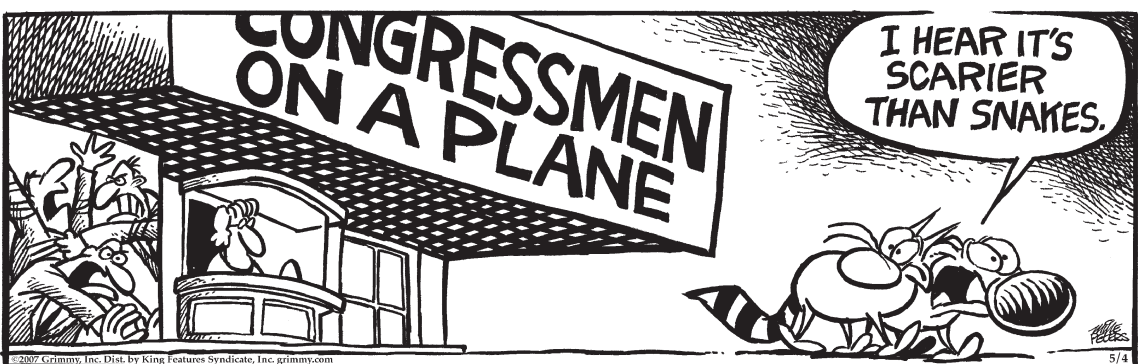
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Tod the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Cryptoquip

OXVY B RPT'U OBKJEYR
ABYV EU DZZ UFBKK CZW
XEF DZ PUV HWZHVWKT, E
WVAJZY XV'U PYLVWUDBCCVL.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SOMEONE REPLACED MR. GEHRIG ON THE DIAMOND, YOU COULD SAY THAT HE PLAYED IN LIEU OF LOU.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals O

SGOTZNG EG OLYKUYZTHHF
GFGSTHHN XGLXHG BZIGHF,
EG ETN GTBYGI KEG
YUODYTWG "NKTBG WTNKGB."
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A GUY'S WALKING CANE IS TOO SMALL FOR HIM TO USE PROPERLY, I RECKON HE'S UNDERSTAFFED.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals H

Crossword

ACROSS 36 Not wan 37 Scarab, for one 39 Allow 40 Black-and-white diver 41 Be there — 45 Philadelphia attraction 48 Hive dweller 50 Bread spread 51 Exam format 52 Scepter topper 53 Portent 54 Wedding-dress accessory 55 Whether or —

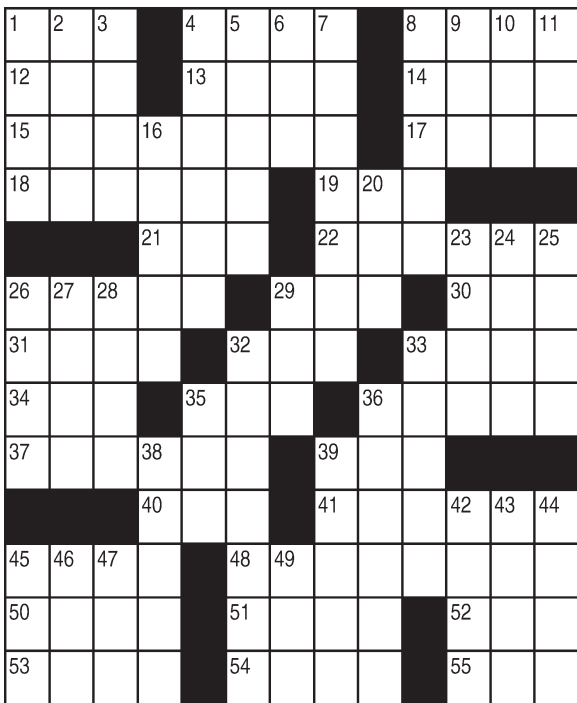
DOWN 1 Tibetan monk 2 Minuscul bit 3 Mexican money 4 Set off one 5 Become one 6 Comprehend 7 Distended 8 Purple shade 9 Commotion 10 Extinct bird of New Zealand 11 Ernie of Keebler ads 16 Rather A long time

23 Second-hand 24 Sought restitution 25 Spruced up 26 Spill the beans 27 Characterization 28 Lecherous look 29 Feathery neckwear 32 "The Cherry Orchard" writer 33 Eccentric 35 Actor Gulager 36 Narrate again 38 Claw 39 Veranda 42 Black, in poetry 43 Pianist Peter 44 Creditor's concern 45 Greet the villain 46 Freddy's street 47 Appomattox VIP 49 Raw rock

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 5-4



ACROSS 1 Tea variety 6 Wahines' greetings 12 Tire type 13 Rest 14 "2001: A Space Odyssey" writer 15 Forgoes restaurants 16 Bullets 17 Burn some 19 Youngster 20 Presidential power 22 Dundee denial 24 Egos' counterparts 27 007 villain 29 Despondent 32 Signs of wonder 35 Unaccompanied 36 Great Lakes tribe 37 "Of course" 38 Pole employee

40 Verve 42 Exemplar of easiness 44 Sci-fi knights 46 Open a bit 50 Proportions 52 Character 54 Hymn renderers 55 Walking on air 56 Pace 57 Angers

DOWN 1 Tropical tree 2 Cheese choice 3 Russian ballet company 4 Squirrel's hangout 5 Shockingly exciting 6 Neighbor-hood 7 Memorize up your mind 8 Make up your mind 9 Inn 10 One side of the Urals 11 Fax 12 GE merger co. 18 Esteemed 21 NYC summer hrs. 23 Attorneys' org.

24 Smart figures? 25 Twosome 26 TV channel knob, e.g. 28 Young-man joke 30 Guitar's kin 31 Double curve 33 Costa del — 34 Culpa precursor 39 Norwegian inlet 41 Birth-related 42 Circle portions 43 Money of Thailand 45 Being, to Brutus 47 Twine fiber 48 Belligerent deity 49 Crimson 51 Afternoon hour 53 "When We Were Kings" subject

Solution time: 27 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 5-5

Bridge

NORTH
♦ A 8 5
♥ A 4 3 2
♦ A 9
♠ A K Q 3

WEST
♥ 6 4 3
♦ 10 9 8
♠ 8 7 5 4
♣ J 8 6

EAST
♥ 9
♦ K Q J 7 5
♦ K Q 10 6 3
♠ 7 4

SOUTH
♦ K Q J 10 7 2
♥ 6
♦ J 2
♠ 10 9 5 2

This is a double-dummy problem. The contract is Seven Spades, and West leads the ten of hearts. You are permitted to look at all four hands in attempting to find the solution. How should you play the hand?
* * *

Test Your Play
It might appear that you must lose a diamond come what may, but obviously the diamond loser can be avoided; if it couldn't, this hand would not be presented here as a problem. As usual, when you have all the remaining tricks but one, the first thought to pop into your head should be the possibility of a squeeze. For a squeeze to be effective, one opponent or the other must have two suits to guard; otherwise, the squeeze cannot succeed. Since you must assume the clubs will break favorably, the two suits one of the defenders will have to guard are hearts and diamonds. This presupposes that the hearts are divided 5-3 or 6-2, so that only one of the defenders can guard hearts. You therefore win the heart lead with the ace, ruff a heart and draw four rounds of trumps to produce this position:

North
[H] 4 3
[D] A
[C] A K Q 3

West
[H] 9
[D] 8 7 5
[C] J 8 6

East
[H] K Q
[D] K Q 10
[C] 7 4

South
[S] 7
[D] J 2
[C] 10 9 5 2

You must now cash the A-K-Q of clubs, being careful to drop your 10-9-5, and then lead the three of clubs. East, who is down to a pair of K-Q's, cannot withstand the pressure of the fourth club lead. If he discards a heart, you next ruff the three of hearts, establishing dummy's four; if he discards a diamond instead, you cash the ace of diamonds before ruffing a heart and score the last trick with the diamond jack. Either way, East is a deceased pigeon.

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ A K 6
♥ K 10 8
♦ 10 8 3
♠ Q 7 5 2

WEST
♦ J 10 5 2
♥ 5 3 2
♦ 9 4
♠ J 10 9 4

EAST
♦ Q 7 3
♥ 4
♦ 7 6 5 2
♠ A K 8 6 3

SOUTH
♦ 9 8 4
♥ A Q J 9 7 6
♦ A K Q J
♠ —

The bidding:
North Pass
3 ♥
4 ♠
5 ♠
Opening lead — jack of clubs.

East
Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

South
1 ♥
4 ♦
5 ♣
7 ♥

West
Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

A Dazzling Accomplishment

Of all the plays that confront the experienced declarer, one of the most difficult is the dummy reversal. This is not because the execution of a dummy reversal is difficult — it is rather that declarer simply does not recognize the opportunity to employ it when the occasion arises.

For example, take this deal where North-South reached a contract of seven hearts. This appeared to be a highly ambitious undertaking, since South had only 12 tricks in sight.

One way to proceed is to ruff the club lead and draw two rounds of trumps, hoping the adverse hearts are divided 2-2. If this turns out to be the case, the contract is made because a spade can later be discarded from dummy on South's fourth diamond, after which declarer's third spade can be ruffed in dummy.

The trouble with this method of play is that it depends on a 2-2 trump break, which occurs in only two deals out of five. But a dummy reversal will succeed about 90 percent of the time, and therefore offers a much better chance of success. It works like this:

Declarer ruffs the club high and leads a low heart to the eight. He trumps another club high and leads a heart to the ten. He ruffs a third club and leads a spade to the king. Declarer then ruffs dummy's last club and leads a spade to the ace.

South is now out of trumps, having ruffed four clubs and led trumps twice. When dummy's king of hearts is next cashed, drawing West's last trump, South gets rid of his remaining spade. He then takes the rest of the tricks with the A-K-Q-J of diamonds.

Family Circus • Bill Keane

