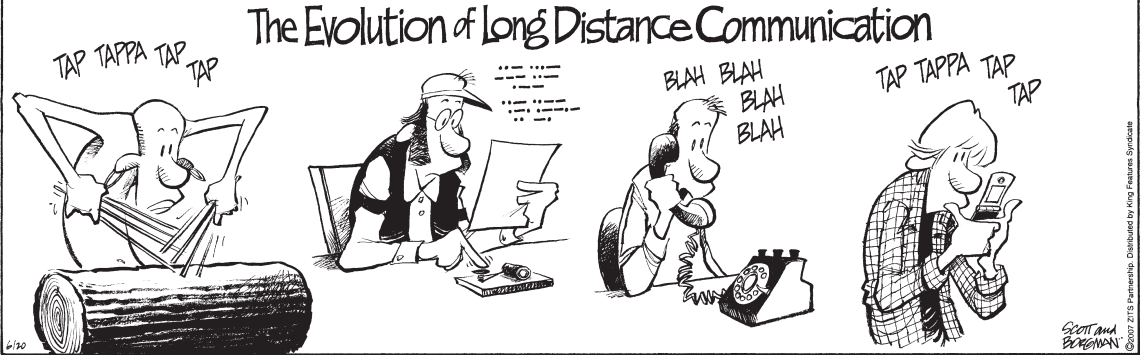


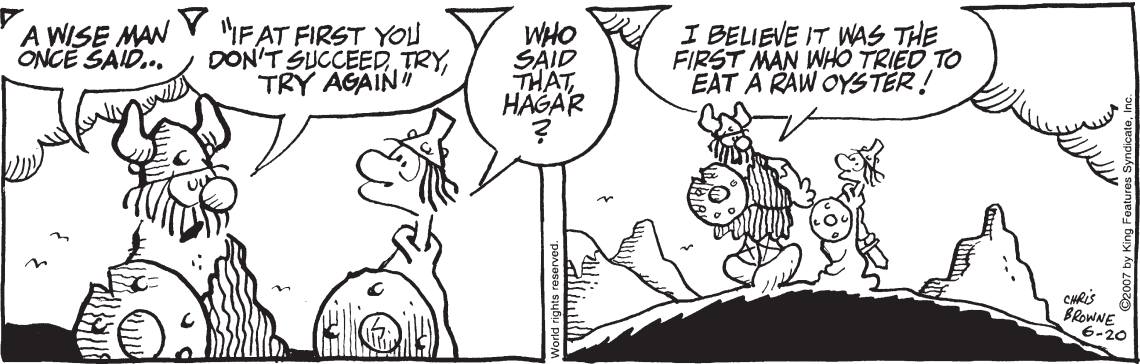
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Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



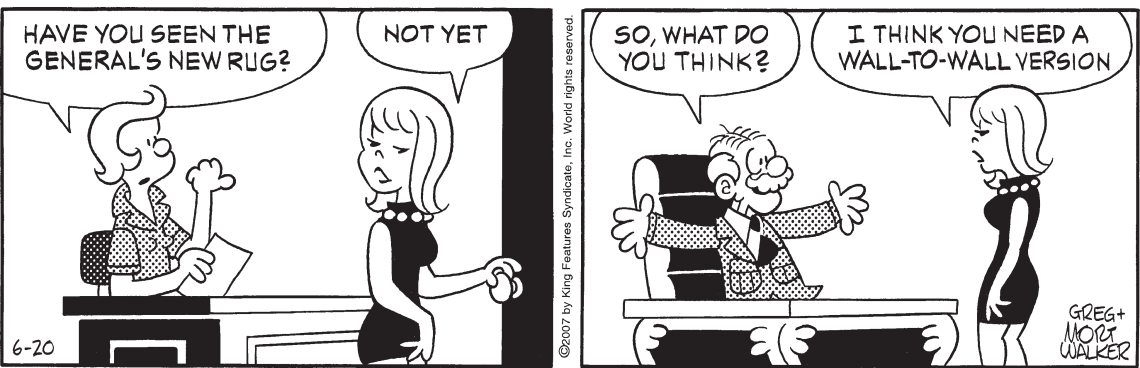
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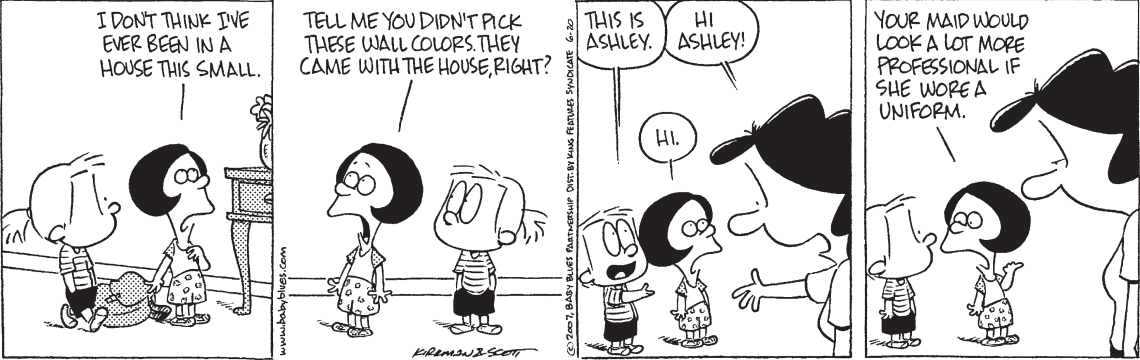
Blondie • Chic Young



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Tod the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Cryptoquip

HA DEZ MWV RQWVPPHSN
LMLVWR HS M FWMYD
AWVSYD, RECV LVELKV CHNQU
FKMHC DEZ'WV ES M UVMW.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN VICE PRESIDENT AARON BECAME HUNGRY, YOU MIGHT SUPPOSE HIS FAVORITE FOOD WAS A BURR-ITO.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals R

SFA RHJ EWUNWDW MGFM
FSMHQ OFSV OJKM WCBUHRWP
F UNDW-NA GHJKVWWBWBQ
MH EW GNK UWCCHA FNPW?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU ARE SHREDDING PAPERS IN A CRAZY FRENZY, SOME PEOPLE MIGHT CLAIM YOU'RE ON A TEAR.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals T

Crossword

ACROSS 36 Yale students 37 Tear-jerker need (Var.) 38 Yarn-fineness measure 41 London atmosphere 42 "American —" 43 Grandeur 48 Malaria symptom 49 Place-kicking prop 50 Recess 51 Give temporarily 52 Still 53 Eyelid problem 21 Hint

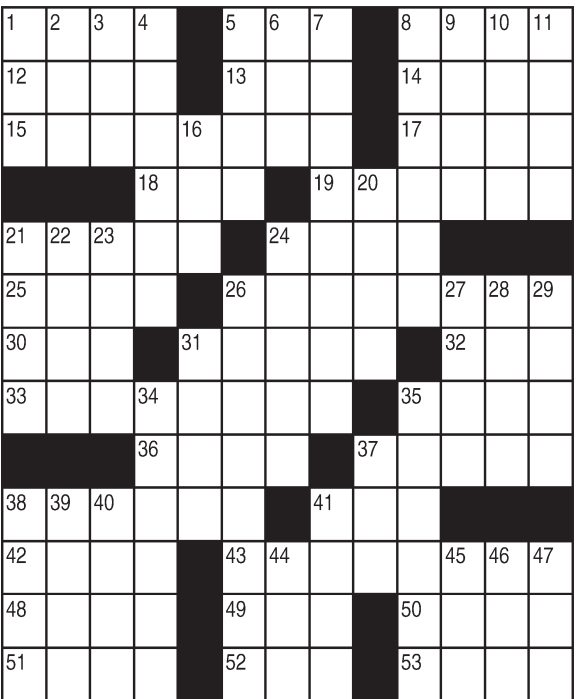
DOWN 1 That girl 2 Crony 3 Pub order 4 Big kahuna 5 Actress Cannon 6 Charged bit 7 Rebel-lious sailor 8 Truthful 9 Stench 10 Bigfoot's cousin 11 On the briny 16 Posses-sive pronoun 20 Tampa Bay team, for short 21 Hint

22 Pitch 23 Daughter of Elizabeth 24 Dairy-case wares 26 Whole 27 Tehran's land 28 Sty cry 29 Inquisi-tive 31 Hardy cabbage 34 Con-cealed in mystery 35 Irreligious people 37 Glutton 38 "Don't touch that —!" 39 Advan-tage 40 It may be a common object 41 Yard trio 44 Marvin or Majors 45 "To be or — ..." 46 Shyly flirtatious 47 — out a living

Solution time: 21 mins.

WIN	CHAT	S	COG
ADO	LEVEE	ORE	
CORPU	LENT	RAN	
	SEL	STAP	LE
ARCTIC	ELMO		
COO	NAG	FEERIE	
HURL	TAR	SALE	
EXPOS	GEM	TEL	
	OEGE	CAPERS	
KOREAN	ITA		
ABA	CORPUS	CLE	
TIL	CHER	BERG	
ESS	WHOSE	SAG	

Yesterday's answer 6-19



ACROSS 1 Curved lines 5 Founda-tion 8 Dame Myra at the piano 12 Basketball hardware 13 Candle tally 14 European capital 15 Alienate 17 On 18 Small plateaus 19 Entitle-ments 21 Capri, e.g. 24 Turn blue? 25 Existed 28 Tennis legend Arthur 30 Danson or Koppel 33 Type measures 34 Sen. Kefauver 35 George's brother 36 Eccentric 37 Teeny bit 38 Con game 39 Scull prop 41 Heap

43 Revolu-tionary War traitor 46 Goof-up 50 Poker holding 51 Rough calcula-tion 54 Expecto-rated 55 Shelter 56 "Ars Amatoria" poet 57 Sicilian spouter 58 Actress Thompson 59 Capone adversary

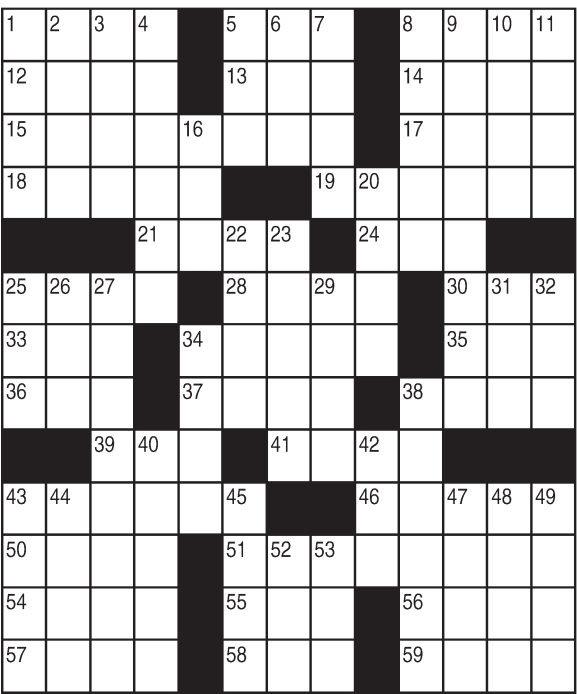
2 Kennedy matriarch 3 Barracks array 4 Ankle woe 5 Prohibi-tion 6 Heckler's missile 7 Antelope's playmate 8 Song-writer Car-michael 9 Apprecia-tive of beauty (Var.) 10 Coin aperture 11 Bribes 16 Fool 20 Mid-month date

22 Ultimate 23 Bar legally 25 Stein or Stiller 26 Ostrich's kin 27 Tallinn dweller 29 Half (Pref.) 31 Mound stat 32 Flow blocker 34 Count counter-part 38 Preach-er's speech 40 Heart line? 42 Luau souvenir 43 Basilica section 44 En-grossed 45 Farmer's place 47 Big dance party 48 He gave us a lift 49 Ohio nine 52 Witness 53 Mad Hatter's quaff

Solution time: 21 mins.

S	P	A	T		D	I	M		H	O	Y	A
H	A	L	O						Y	O	O	D
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					L	E	N	D		Y	E	T

Yesterday's answer 6-20



Bridge

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 7 5 3
♥ Q J 8 5
♦ A Q 2
♣ K J 8

WEST
♠ K 10 4 2
♥ 4 3
♦ 8 3
♣ 10 9 7 6 2

EAST
♠ J 9 8
♥ 7
♦ J 10 6 4
♣ A Q 5 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q 6
♥ A K 10 9 6 2
♦ K 9 7 5
♣ —

The bidding:
South 1♥
West Pass
North 3♥
East Pass

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

Hidden Asset

From the time declarer sees dummy in today's deal, his total focus should be: How can I avoid two spade losers?

There are two obvious possibilities. The opposing diamonds may be divided 3-3, in which case a spade can be discarded from dummy on the fourth diamond, or the spade finesse may succeed.

South should reason that if the diamonds break evenly or the spade finesse works, the slam is a certainty. He should therefore proceed on the assumption that both will go against him, and seek still another approach that might overcome an unfavorable lie.

He begins by covering the club ten with the jack, hoping it will force the ace (it is assumed that West would not underlead the ace against a slam). But East produces the queen, and South ruffs it.

Two rounds of trumps follow, after which the A-K-Q of diamonds are cashed, ending in dummy. The 4-2 diamond division is thus revealed, and the crucial play is at hand.

The club king is led, forcing East to cover with the ace. South ruffs East's ace and trumps the diamond nine in dummy.

The eight of clubs is now led, and after East follows low, declarer discards a spade on it! West wins with the nine but has no safe return. If he leads a spade, it goes into the A-Q, and if he returns a club, South trumps in dummy and sheds the queen of spades.

The play described is what's known as a loser on a loser. South's six of spades, which is a loser in any case, is disposed of at a propitious moment to create a sure-fire endplay. In this deal, declarer has to carefully manage his club plays from dummy so that West — who is marked with the nine of clubs by his opening lead — can be put on lead at precisely the right moment.

Tomorrow: A military scenario.
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South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 7 4 2
♥ K 6 5 4
♦ 9 5 2
♣ Q 8

WEST
♠ Q 10 8
♥ J 10 8 3
♦ J 6
♣ A K 10 2

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

SOUTH
♠ A J 9 5 3
♥ A Q 7 2
♦ A K 4
♣ 9

The bidding:
South 1♠
West Pass
North 2♠
East Pass

Opening lead — king of clubs.

A Military Scenario

Like a general on the field of battle, a declarer has 26 soldiers at his command, and if he deploys them with maximum efficiency, he can usually achieve everything it is possible to achieve.

Consider this deal where South was in four spades. West led the club king and continued with the ace, ruffed by South. Ordinarily, declarer would have made 10 or 11 tricks, losing a club, a diamond and per haps a spade or a heart (but probably not both).

However, when declarer played the K-A of spades, he discovered he had a sure trump loser, and when he next played the A-K of hearts, he learned he had a heart loser as well.

Unfazed by these developments, South proceeded to make the con tract anyway. Having learned that West had exactly three spades and four hearts, declarer realized there was a good chance West could be endplayed. At trick seven, there fore, South conceded a trump to West's queen. West then made the normal return of the jack of hearts.

South took the heart with the queen, cashed his A-K of diamonds and then led the seven of hearts to West's ten. West's last two cards were the 10-2 of clubs, so he was forced to yield a ruff-and-discard, and with it the contract. (Alternatively, South could have led the four of diamonds instead of a heart at trick 11, forcing East to yield the ruff-and-discard.)

The hand vividly demonstrates how a declarer can overcome one or more unexpected bad breaks. South started as a heavy favorite to avoid either a trump or a heart loser, but both those hopes were dashed early in the play. He nevertheless marshaled his forces in time to execute a successful endplay and so bring home the contract.

Tomorrow: A case of eavesdropping.
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