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Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



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This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region *must contain only one* instance of each numeral. The solution to today's Sudoku puzzle is right.

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Bridge

RIGHT OUT

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OF THE BLUE

I **NEVER** RAKE LEAVES!



Family Circus • Bil Keane





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Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott





Cryptoquip

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WOULD YOU CALL THAT BRANCH DRESSING? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals P

The Cards Speak for Themselves

One of the indispensable adjuncts of good dummy play is the ability to count out a hand. In many deals, as the play proceeds, a stage is reached when the distribution of each opponent's hand can be established with absolute certainty. This advantage often makes the difference between the success or failure of the contract.

The knack of counting out a hand is one that can be easily acquired. The recipe consists of two simple ingredients: the ability to count to 13, and the will to do

Take this case where South became declarer at six notrump as shown. He won the opening diamond lead and tried the club finesse, losing to the king. East returned a diamond, and declarer then cashed all his hearts, diamonds and clubs, leaving him with four spades in each hand. He had to win them all to make the contract.

When South next led a low spade to dummy's king, West played the eight and East the deuce. Declarer now proceeded on the basis that the eight was either a singleton or would be followed by the jack, but when he cashed the queen of spades and East showed out, the slam went down the drain.

West's falsecard was a fine piece of work, but it should not have succeeded. If South had kept track of the play more carefully, he would have known after the ninth trick that East started with six hearts (West had shown out on the second round of that suit), three diamonds and three clubs, and therefore at most one spade.

West's clever play of the eight of spades then could not have deceived declarer, and the slam would have come rolling home.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz. (c)2008 King Features Syndicate Inc.



"The 1980s."

Crossword

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