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Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



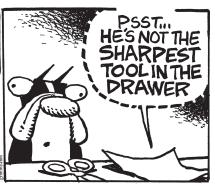




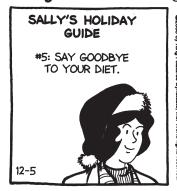
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters







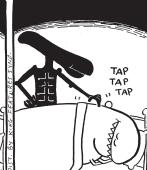
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Cryptoquip

12/5 Today's Cryptoquip Puzzle:

Answer to 12/4 Cryptoquip:

SLDP HWCE ALFEEAGCLR

UJOODP PWD PDKSE GFSCLR

LJDL ECRLE. WJ OCSJE HD

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SOME ALCOHOL IS

PRODUCEĎ FROM DECÔRATIVE WOOD VARNISH,

YOU MAY END UP WITH LACOUER LIOUOR.



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12/5 Today's Sudoku Puzzle:

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	5	1	7				2	
				6			4	5
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8	6 2 9			3				
	9				8	6	1	
						3		

Difficulty Level ★★★★

12/05

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 the past Sudoku puzzle is to the right.

12/4 Sudoku Puzzle Answer:

2	9	3	8	1	4	6	7	5	l
5	6	8	2	7	3	1	9	4	l
1	7	4	9	5	6	2	8	3	
3	1	9	6	4	7	8	5	2	
8	4	5	3	2	9	7	6	1	1
6	2	7	1	8	5	3	4	9	
9	8	6	5	3	1	4	2	7	1
4	3	2	7	9	8	5	1	6	
7	5	1	4	6	2	9	3	8	
Difficulty Level ★★★ 12/04									

Bridge

You a	re South,	neither	side vul-				
nerable. The bidding has been:							
East	South	West	North				
1 🛧	Dble	Pass	1 Y				
Pass	?						
What would you bid now with							
each of the following four hands?							
1 A AVOCO # 177 A A 16 A VO							

1. ♠ AKQ62 ♥ J74 ♦ AJ6 ♣ K8 2. ♠ AQ93 ♥ QJ86 ♦ AKJ2 ♣ 10 3. **♠** AJ6 ♥ KQJ32 ♦ AQ5 **♣** 74 4. ♠ AQ62 ♥ J5 ♦ KQJ3 ♣ AJ8

Bidding Quiz

1. One spade. This may seem to be an enormous underbid, but that is not really so. By doubling one club and then bidding one spade over partner's heart response, you portray a strong hand -typically 17 points or more -- that was too good for an immediate one-spade overcall of one club.

At this point, you must keep in mind that partner's one-heart reply to your takeout double does not promise any strength at all. You hope to hear from **Crossword** partner again, but if he passes, the odds strongly favor that there is no game in the hand.

2. Three hearts. With your excellent trump fit, 17 high-card points and singleton club, you don't need much more than K-10-x-x-x of hearts in partner's hand to have a good play for game. A two-heart bid would be too pessimistic, and four hearts too optimistic. Three is just about right.

3. Two hearts. Again you have 17 highcard points, but your distribution is not nearly as good as in the previous hand. There is no singleton club here, and that makes a world of difference. Moreover, the raise to two hearts is in itself a very positive move; it tells partner you had more than a minimum double, as well as a trump fit, and that is really just about all you have in this case.

4. One notrump. This may seem unduly conservative, but since partner has promised no strength, one notrump is as far as you should want to go. If you were to jump to two notrump instead, you would be contracting single-handedly for 62 percent of the tricks with only 45 percent of the points in the deck, and you would thus be placing yourself in distinct jeopardy. The onenotrump bid, on the heels of your takeout double, indicates a hand of at least opening notrump strength.

Tomorrow: Declarer resists temptation. (c)2008 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Their tails go faster when they see Mommy."

56 Golfer

DOWN

limit

2 Past

3 Belts

4 Duel

Ernie

35 That is
(Lat.)
37 Church
section
38 New
again
41 Congre-

gant's

seat

43 Started

44 Bocelli

solo

45 Breakfast

option

47 Southern

49 Lessen

53 Disen-

54 Empha-

size

52 Superla-

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Belgian

mouthed 13 Microbrewery product 14 Ostrich's kin

lier, typically 16 "Ben-Hur" author 18 Race place **20** Augments,

15 Gondo-

with "out" **21** Long March leader 23 Copper 24 Thing of value

25 Heidi's home **27** Some exams 29 Grated 31 Petunia, for one

slyly 11 Visitor Solution time: 25 mins. Yesterday's answer 12-5

17 Textbook medias chapter **19** Home 21 Scratch 57 Fashion 22 Miss neighbor **24** The whole

1 Upper shooting match 26 Helix 28 Following 30 Tokyo, once

tool 5 Skin (Suff.) 32 Midsize 6 Bored kangaroo 33 Prior one 7 Remark re Yorick 34 Wine **8** He option spoke for

36 Pays out 38 Less Bugs 9 Birds' bills refined 10 Host 39 Obliterate **40** Isn't dicular

perpen-42 Sports 45 Spring 46 Touch 48 Tramcar contents **50** Up to, in

51 Compass

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