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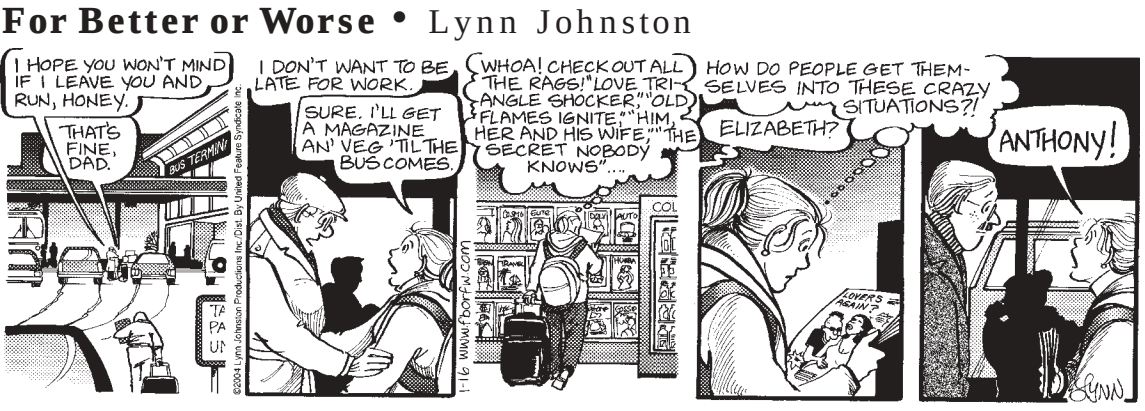

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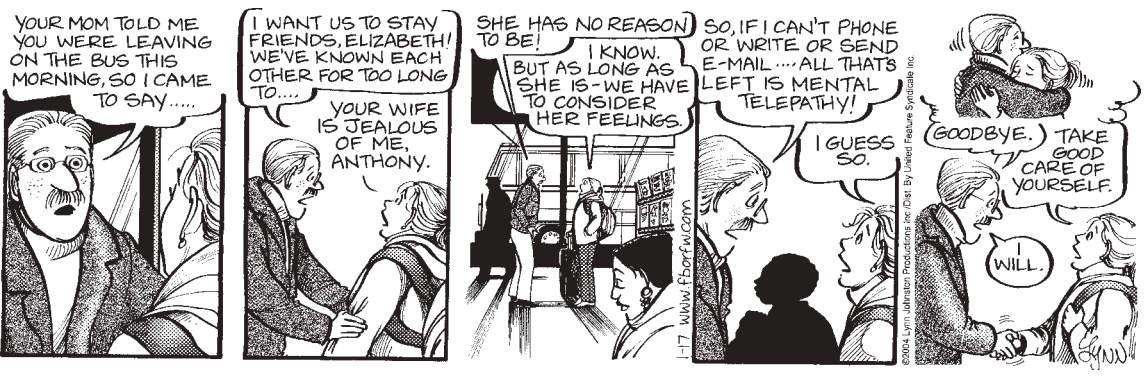

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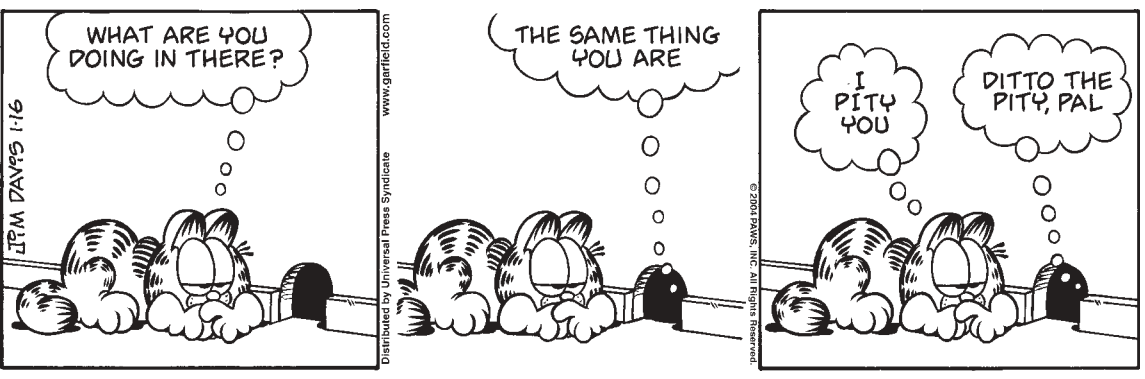

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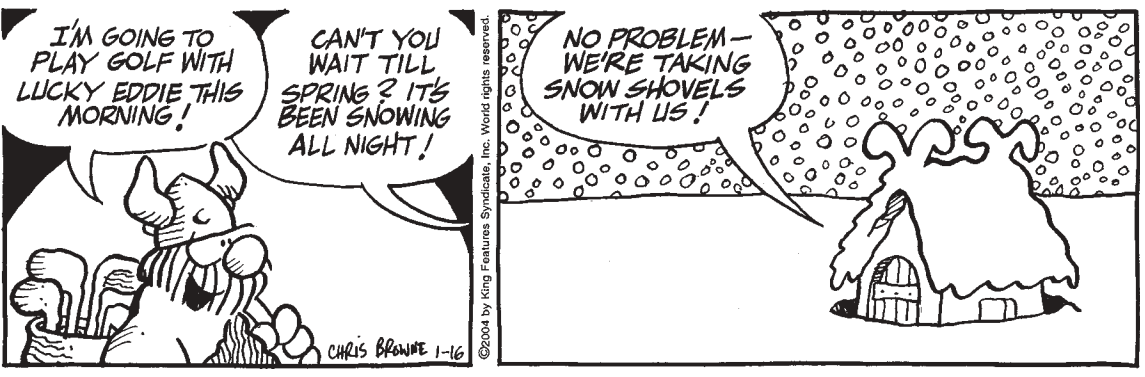

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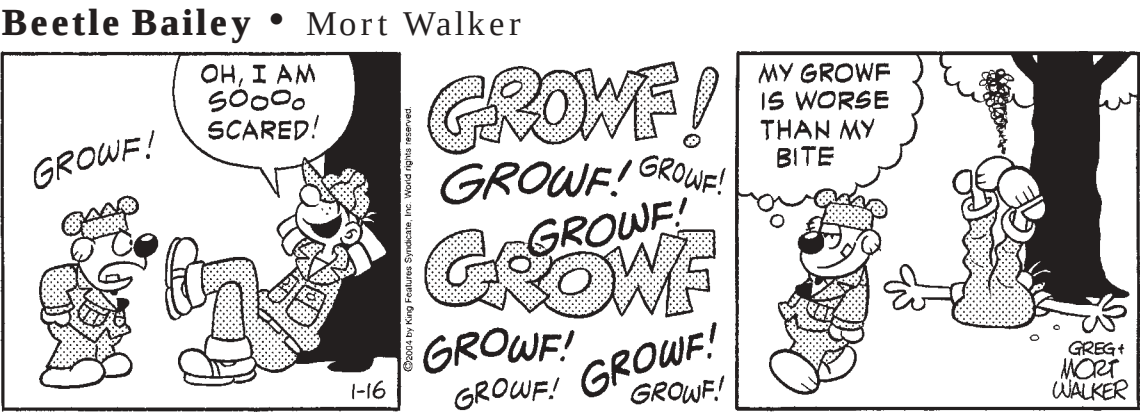

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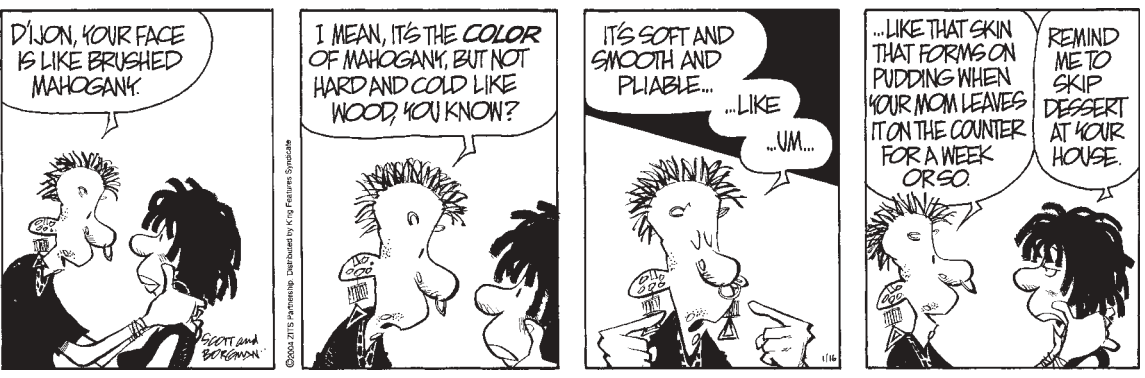

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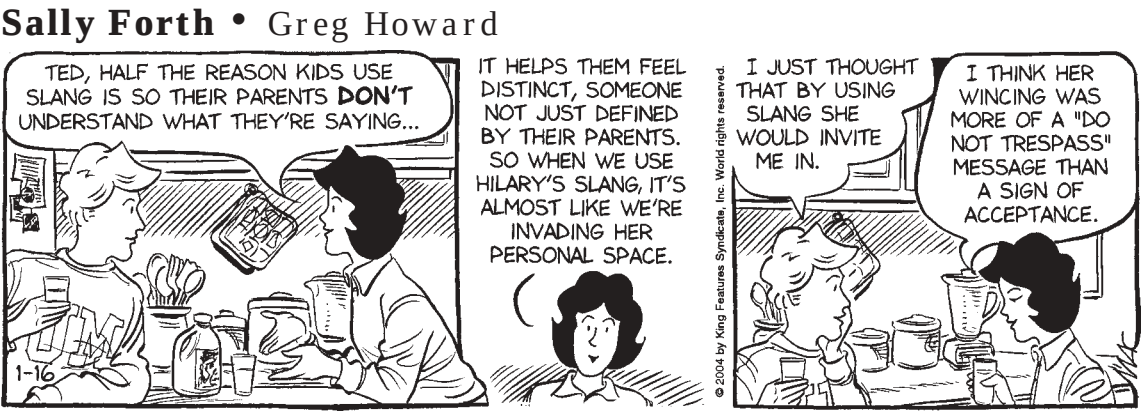

Cryptoquip

L U H C R R C I Q A P G Y ' N R Q I O R V L A N R R I O N I F I A F G I H I R R A T I A O R C I T I N R - N R P I N N I Y G U N R ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I TRIED HELPING A HYPOCHONDRIAC BY REASSURING HER THAT LIFE IS NO BED OF NEUROSES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals S

R P V B R V F V E I Z E Z S L D E X C D R H D A V S E R X H S X L B M P V B X X T V M L A X H Z D Z E Q Z F V B V Q ' D S I V S T .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MIGHT THE WORLD'S TWENTY MOST TENSE PEOPLE GET TO BE ON THE BEST-STRESSED LIST?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals C

Crossword

ACROSS
1 Answer, on "Jeopardy!"
4 Part of Addams' sig.
8 Greek consonants
12 Prefer charges
13 Grate
14 Competition
15 Sham
17 Layered mineral
18 Roman council
19 Without further ado
21 Possesses
22 Fabricated report
26 Dish's mate
29 Yon lassie
30 "Ostentatious? —?"
31 Baserunner's goal
32 Mean mongrel
33 Actor Neeson
34 A long time
35 Dander
36 Chaplain
37 Deceptive
39 Somewhere out there
40 Prune
41 Flip over
45 Dad
48 Fibbed
50 Verve
51 Cookbook compiler Rombauer
52 Vast expanse
53 Stare stupidly
54 One of the Mamas
55 Wapiti

DOWN
1 Venomous vipers
2 Guaranteed
3 Acute
4 Iraklion resident
5 Big name in hosiery
6 Chowderhead
7 Katharine's frequent co-star
8 Diadem
9 — Solo
10 Unfriendly
11 Driver's license datum
16 Western resort lake
20 Bireme need
23 Surrounded by
24 Bellow
25 Exemplar of thinness
26 "— All That"
27 Milne bruin
28 Science magazine
29 Cry's partner
32 Mysterious
33 Future pupa
35 Judge Lance
36 Tibetan critters
38 — steak
39 Leonard Maltin's topic
42 Differently
43 Money of Cambodia
44 Shipbuilding wood
45 Al Bundy's wife
46 Miss. neighbor
47 Manhandle
49 Feast-famine link

Solution time: 25 mins.

J	E	E	R		C	H	I	P		F	A	T
E	L	L	E		A	U	T	O		U	G	H
F	U	L	L	D	R	E	S	S		L	E	I
F	L	A	I	R	S			E	L	L	E	N
			E	U		C	A	R	O	B		
B	U	F	F		C	A	B		W	O	O	F
O	S	U			A	P	E			R	H	O
Y	E	L	P		V	E	T		H	E	M	P
		L	O	S	E	R		B	O			
R	O	M	E	O			P	A	N	D	A	S
A	G	O		F	U	L	L	H	O	U	S	E
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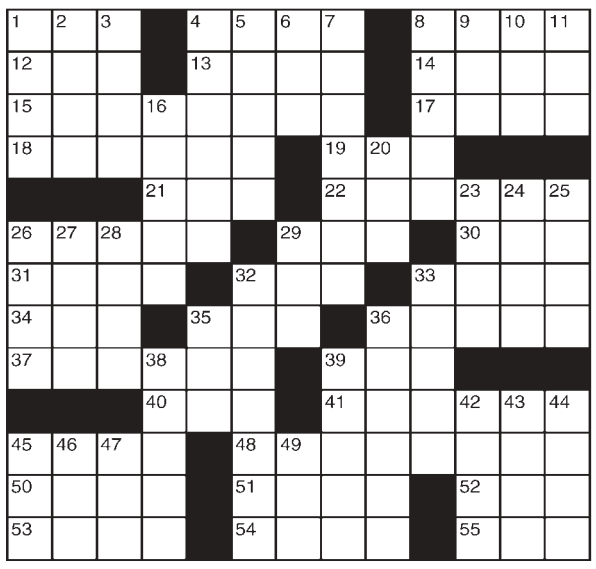
Yesterday's answer 1-16



ACROSS
1 "Garden of Earthly Delights" painter
6 Gives a leg up
12 Big shot
13 Parisian ruffian
14 Reach
15 Situated below
16 God of thunder
17 Antelope's playmate
19 Infinitesimal
20 Ersatz
22 Emulating
24 Nonstick spray
27 Boast
29 Sea flier
32 Voluntary helper
35 Additionally
36 Trig function
37 "Births = deaths" stat
38 Post-proof abbr.
40 Sipowicz's org.
42 — Darya
44 Particular
46 Incursion
50 "The Naked and the Dead" author
52 Show
54 Completely
55 Actor Timothy
56 Ready to nod off
57 Barkin or Burstyn

DOWN
1 This and that?
2 Aware of
3 Snowman's accessory
4 O'Hare loc.
5 Its capital is Tegucigalpa
6 Thorn in one's side
7 Phantom's bailiwick
8 Feedbag tidbit
9 "Dancing in the Dark" composer
10 Friend's address
11 Withered
12 Rabbit's hideaway?
18 Vet
21 Six-pack, perhaps
23 Floral wear
24 Woods' org.
25 "You've got mail" letters
26 Summertime pest
28 Cupbearer of the gods
30 Kindergarteners' break
31 Chang's closest relative
33 Female kangaroo
34 Agt.
39 9-Down's lyricist partner
41 Rehearsal
42 "Lucky Jim" author
43 Horace or Herbie
45 Helen of —
47 Stud fee
48 Computer-screen symbol
49 Lair
51 Privy
53 Actor Kilmer

Solution time: 27 mins.

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

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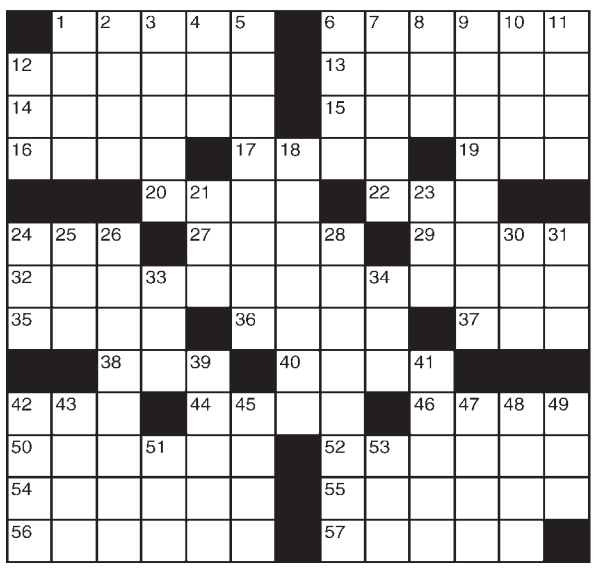

Bridge

Two Double-Dummy Problems

1. Spades are trumps, and it's your lead with the South hand. How would you make all the tricks?

NORTH [S] 5 [H] K 7 4 3 [D] K [C] K
WEST [S] — [H] 6 [D] Q 5 3 [C] 9 4
EAST [S] — [H] Q 10 [D] 10 9 6 [C] Q 3
SOUTH [S] Q [H] 5 [D] A J 8 [C] A 10

Cash the diamond ace and lead the jack. If West covers with the queen, ruff in dummy, overtake the king of clubs with your ace and play the queen of spades, placing East under severe pressure.

He cannot spare a heart, which would make dummy's hearts all tricks; he cannot spare the diamond ten, because you'd then cash your eight, squeezing him again; nor can he spare the club queen, because you'd cash your ten, continuing the remorseless squeeze.

If West ducks the diamond jack, you discard a heart from dummy, ruff the diamond eight, overtake the king of clubs and play the queen of spades, placing East once again in the same hopeless predicament.

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2. You are on lead with the South hand and, with diamonds as trumps, must make five of the last six tricks. How would you proceed?

NORTH [S] A 2 [H] A Q 6 [D] Q [C] —
WEST [S] K Q [H] 10 [D] — [C] K 5 3
EAST [S] 3 [H] K J 8 [D] — [C] A Q
SOUTH [S] 4 [H] 2 [D] K [C] 6 4 2

Play a spade to the ace and ruff a spade. East is forced to discard a club on this trick and, furthermore, must discard the ace. (If he discards the queen, you play the deuce of clubs next and discard a heart from dummy, forcing East to win and return a heart into dummy's A-Q.)

Now lead the deuce of clubs. If West follows low, you discard a heart, compelling East to win the club and return a heart into the A-Q. If West instead goes up with the king of clubs to prevent East from being endplayed, you ruff in dummy and return the six of hearts. If East wins the heart, he must yield two heart tricks to dummy; if West wins the heart, he must yield two club tricks to you by leading from the 5-3 into your 6-4!

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 9 7 3 2
♥ —
♦ 8 5 3 2
♣ A 7 6 2

WEST
♠ 6
♥ A 10
♦ A K Q 9 4
♣ K 10 9 5 3

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

SOUTH
♠ A J 10 8 5 4
♥ 9 7 2
♦ 7
♣ J 8 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♦
2 ♠	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
4 ♠	5 ♥	Pass	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dble

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

The Art of Card-Reading

The ability to count out a hand is the greatest single asset in declarer's bag of tricks. Counting is not really difficult — you never have to go beyond the number 13 — but the fact is that most players seem to look upon it as something beyond their reach.

Yet observe how easy it is in this hand where South is in five spades doubled.

You might not agree with the bidding, but that's the way it went.

West led the king of diamonds and continued with the ace. Declarer ruffed and cashed the ace of spades, felling the king. In alternating order, he then trumped three hearts in dummy and two diamonds in his hand, ending in dummy after the last heart ruff.

By this time, dummy consisted of one trump and four clubs, while South had two trumps and three clubs. Then came the key play — a low club from dummy.

East won with the queen and, having only hearts left, was forced to lead one.

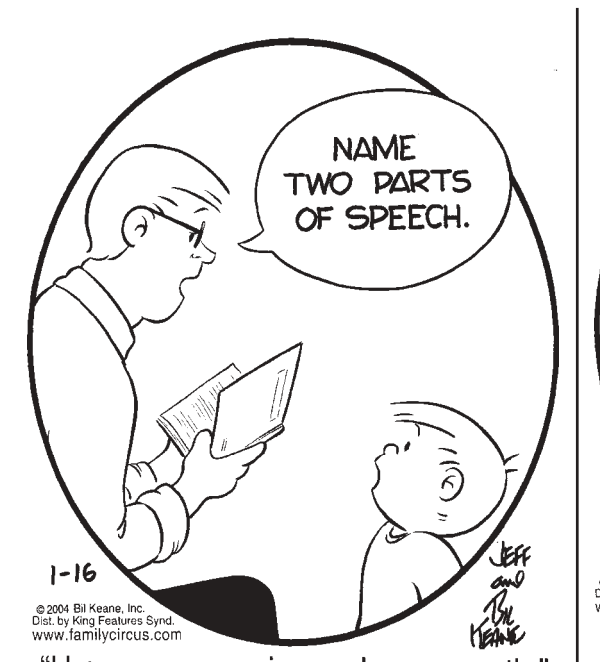
This permitted South to dispose of his remaining club loser as the heart was ruffed in dummy, so he made five spades doubled. Note, though, that if he had led the ace and another club at the crucial point, he would have gone down one.

The particular South in this case was well-versed in the art of counting.

The play to this point had revealed that East started with one spade, eight hearts (since West had shown out on the third heart lead) and three diamonds (since East had shown out on the fourth lead of the suit).

With 12 of East's cards accounted for, it was certain that he had started with exactly one club. The low club play was made in the hope that East's lone club was the singleton K, Q or 10, in which case one defender or the other would have to commit harakiri on the next lead.

Family Circus • Bill Keane



"Umm ... your voice and your mouth."

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and ... of the Baker's Man."