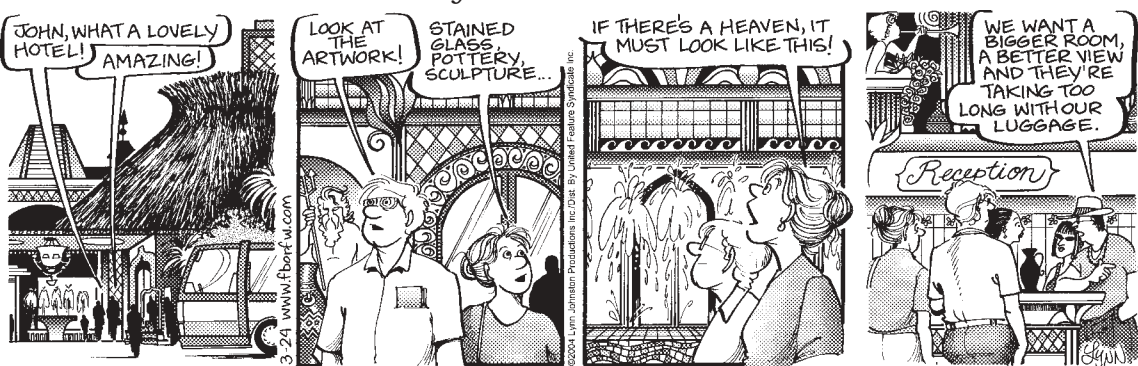


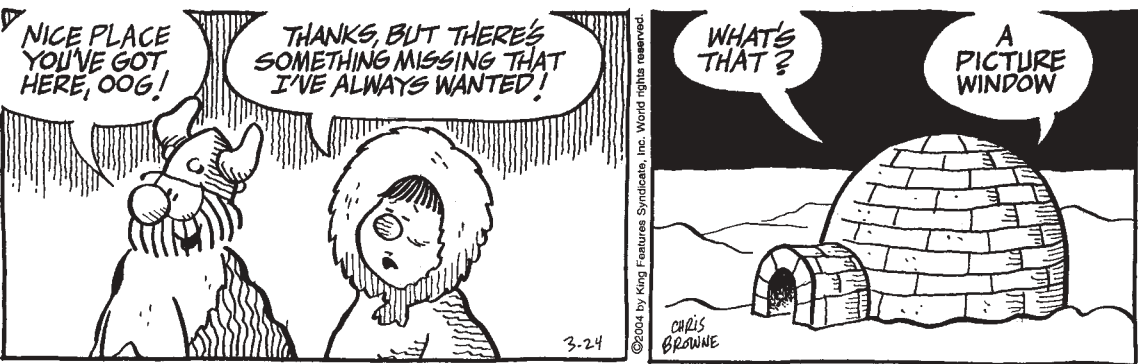
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**Garfield • Jim Davis**



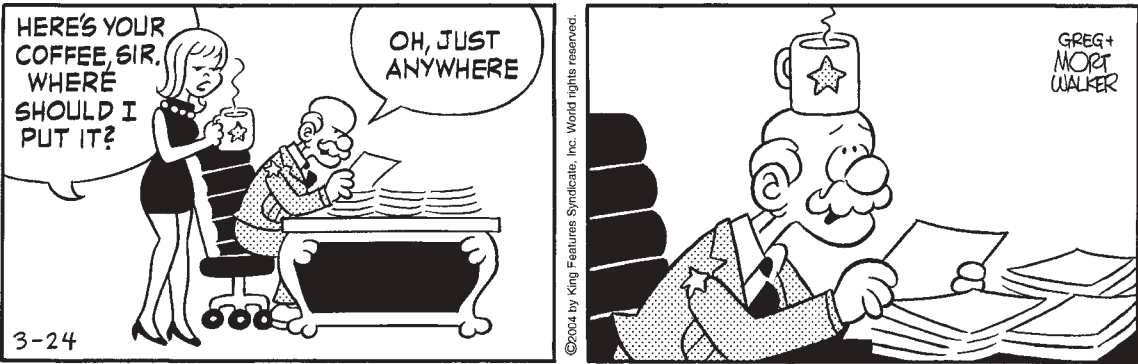
**Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne**



**Blondie • Chic Young**



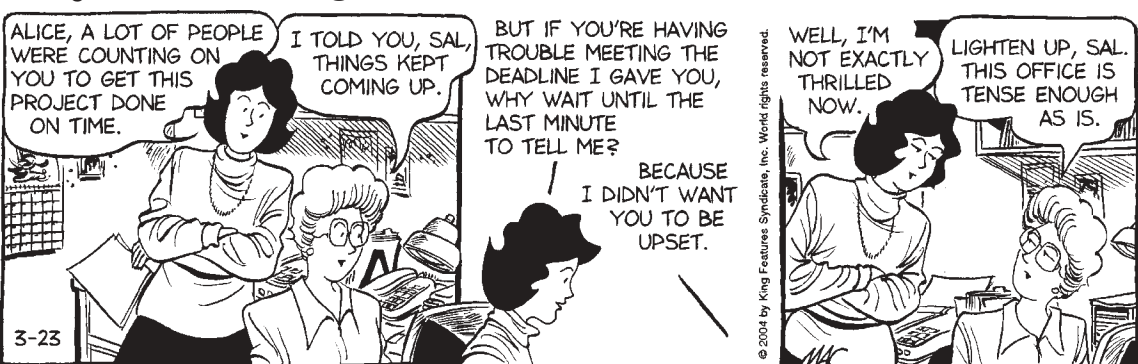
**Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker**



**Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott**



**Sally Forth • Greg Howard**



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**Cryptoquip**

SY SRRTFSDL VLMCYDCPY OHA'B LHT BQUAW Z  
 PM S MSV CQ S DGCYN DCMMSUAJ VZJ EHTCO  
 DGSD NPLQ CY PYL LFS OMIUAUBMCL VM BQHTJQB  
 SYV PTD DGL PDGLF. HI ZD Z "AZSDZEW"?  
 Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AS THE ANNUAL ORTHOPEDICS CRUISE DEPARTED, EVERYBODY BEGAN TO YELL "BONE VOYAGE!"  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals R  
 Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AN ACCURATE DEFINITION OF A FAD IS A THING THAT GOES IN ONE ERA AND OUT THE OTHER.  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals S

**Crossword**

**ACROSS**  
 1 One who's gonna get it?  
 5 "First Wives Club" co-star  
 9 Titanic message  
 12 Cartoonist Peter  
 13 Notion  
 14 "Hail, Caesar!"  
 15 Clean a wall, one way  
 17 Put the kibosh on  
 18 Steerer's place  
 19 Country club employee  
 21 Check ore  
 24 Send by FedEx  
 25 Smile broadly  
 26 Playfully prancing  
 30 Grecian vessel  
 31 November birthstone  
 32 "Nevermore" man

**DOWN**  
 1 Possesses  
 2 Historic time  
 3 B&B  
 4 Clinton in-law  
 5 Mound  
 6 Leading man  
 7 Unsel'd of basket-ball  
 8 City in Mississippi  
 9 Plover's cousin  
 10 "Metamorphoses" poet  
 11 Alluring  
 16 Ottoman governor

**33** Polliwogs  
**35** Musical symbol  
**36** Chimney dust  
**37** "White Men Can't Jump" actress  
**38** "Understood"  
**40** Retain  
**42** — not choose to run  
**43** Woodshop supply  
**48** Postal Creed word  
**49** Object of reverence  
**50** Helpless?  
**51** Branch  
**52** Kett of comics

**20** Melody  
**21** Touch  
**22** Anti-toxins  
**23** Desert weather occurrence  
**24** Exercise centers  
**26** Stallion-to-be  
**27** Mimic  
**28** Winning margin, maybe  
**29** Saxophonist Stan  
**31** Jessica Lange Oscar movie  
**34** Luau bowlful  
**35** Meal  
**37** Energy  
**38** Ms. Lollobrigida  
**39** Stench  
**40** Gordian baffle  
**41** Writer Ferber  
**44** Performance  
**45** "Wham!"  
**46** Connecticut collegian  
**47** Deterioration

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

AMOS SCI AMMO  
 ROTATION ROAD  
 BOTHWAYS OOZE  
 AIM PRUDES  
 STERN BIAS  
 IOTA CORNERS  
 DOC SOLID EAR  
 THATOUT MERE  
 ELKS MADAM  
 HARROW AID  
 ALAI ANDDRIED  
 LIZA RADIATOR  
 FEEL EMS SONY

Yesterday's answer 3-23

**Bridge**

South dealer.  
 North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ 8 5 2  
 ♥ K J 10 9 6  
 ♦ 9 3  
 ♣ K 6 2

**WEST**  
 ♠ K 10  
 ♥ 8 4 3  
 ♦ Q 10 8 2  
 ♣ J 9 8 4

**EAST**  
 ♠ 9 7 6 4 3  
 ♥ A Q 2  
 ♦ J 7 5  
 ♣ 10 5

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A Q J  
 ♥ 7 5  
 ♦ A K 6 4  
 ♣ A Q 7 3

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
 3 NT  
 Opening lead — four of clubs.

**Duck Soup**

A shortage of entries to dummy is usually just as apparent to the defenders as it is to the declarer. The defenders should therefore try to shape their play so as to take advantage of declarer's limited communication with dummy.

For example, consider this deal where South was permitted to make three notrump, though proper defense would have defeated him.

West led a club, and South won East's ten with the ace. Hearts was obviously the suit to attack, so declarer led a heart to the jack, East taking the queen. East returned a club, taken by declarer with the queen in order to preserve the king as a later entry.

South then forced out the ace of hearts and wound up making four notrump, scoring two spades, three hearts, two diamonds and three clubs.

However, the contract should have been defeated, and East was the player at fault. When the heart was led to the jack at trick two, East should have allowed it to win! Presumably, declarer would next have taken a spade finesse. West would win and probably return a club. Regardless of what South then did, he would finish a trick short, scoring just two spades, a heart, two diamonds and three clubs.

The advantage of ducking the first heart is that declarer scores only one heart trick instead of the three he ends up with if East takes the first heart. This represents a difference of two tricks, or the difference between making the contract with an overtrick and going down one.

East should reason that he can cut declarer off from dummy's hearts if he refuses to take the queen immediately. He can see that dummy is too short of entries to bring in the heart suit and should defend accordingly.

Usually, the holdup play is utilized by the declarer, but there are many cases — and this is one of them — where the defense can successfully adopt the same strategy.

South dealer.  
 North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ A 10 7 3  
 ♥ J 10 9  
 ♦ Q  
 ♣ A 9 8 6 2

**WEST**  
 ♠ Q 9 8 4 2  
 ♥ 6 3 2  
 ♦ K J  
 ♣ K J 10

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

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ K 5  
 ♥ A K Q 8 7 5  
 ♦ A 8 4 2  
 ♣ 3

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1 ♥ Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
 2 ♥ Pass 3 ♣ Pass  
 3 ♥ Pass 5 ♣ Pass  
 7 ♥ Pass 6 ♦ Pass

Opening lead — six of hearts.

**Precision Bidding**

This deal occurred in the 1981 national Open Pairs championship.

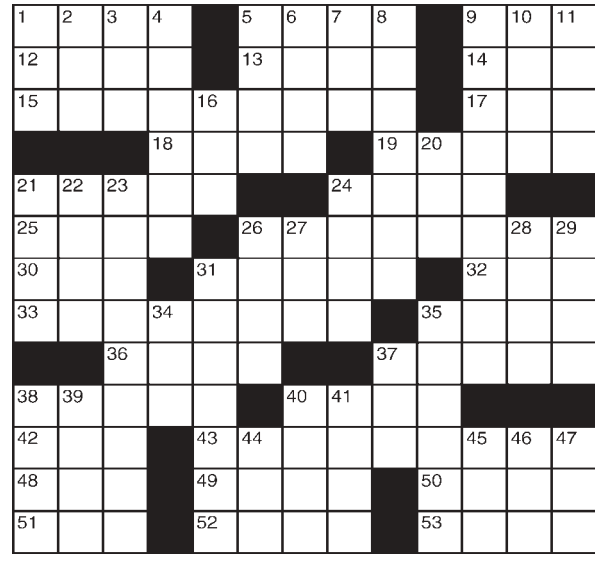
When Harold Lilie and David Berkowitz were North-South, they got to seven hearts on the sequence shown. The bidding was highly artificial, but they knew exactly what they were doing when they undertook a grand slam with only 27 high-card points between them.

South's opening one-club bid was artificial and promised at least 16 high-card points. North's two-club response showed a genuine club suit and at least nine high-card points. Two hearts was natural and asked partner about heart support. Two notrump denied the ace, king or queen of hearts.

North's three-spade bid showed the ace of spades as well as secondary heart support. Four diamonds and five clubs each indicated first-round control of those suits; five spades and six diamonds promised second-round control of those suits. That was all Berkowitz needed to know, and he bid seven hearts.

The contract would have been laydown without a trump lead, since declarer could ruff three diamonds in dummy to produce 13 tricks. But when West led a trump, declarer had to play carefully to make the grand slam.

Berkowitz won the heart lead in dummy, cashed the ace of clubs, ruffed a club, cashed the ace of diamonds, ruffed a diamond, then ruffed a club, a diamond and another club, establishing the club nine as his 13th trick. After drawing trumps, he claimed the rest of the tricks for a score of 2,210 points. As it turned out, Berkowitz and Lilie were the only pair to bid the grand slam.



**ACROSS**  
 1 Mandible  
 4 Caesar co-star  
 8 Panache  
 12 Pub  
 13 Speedy steed  
 14 Hydrox rival  
 15 "Sesame Street" Muppet  
 16 Herald  
 18 Brother of Groucho  
 20 Antlered beast  
 21 Swine  
 24 Licit  
 28 Convertibles' counterparts  
 32 Portrayal  
 33 "I" strain?  
 34 Minute groove  
 36 Play-ground game  
 37 Catcall?  
 39 Whaler gear  
 41 "Loves me (not)" determinant

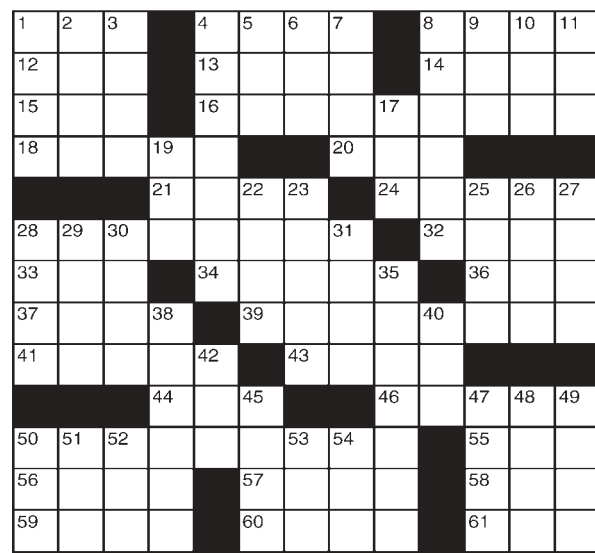
**DOWN**  
 4 Partnership  
 5 Man-mouse link  
 6 Train portion  
 7 French cleric  
 8 "Doonesbury" character  
 9 Work unit  
 10 Witness  
 11 Anderson's  
 59 Vortex  
 60 Wee  
 61 Rabbit's hiding place?

**17** Under the weather  
**19** Third degree  
**22** Morbid style of rock  
**23** Use an atomizer

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

HEIR HAWN SOS  
 ARNO IDEA AVE  
 SANDBLAST NIX  
 HELM CADDY  
 ASSAY SHIP  
 BEAM CAPERING  
 URN TOPAZ POE  
 TADPOLES REST  
 SOOT PEREZ  
 GOT IT KEEP  
 IDO SANDPAPER  
 NOR ICON SOLO  
 ARM ETTA TWIT

Yesterday's answer 3-24



**Family Circus • Bill Keane**

