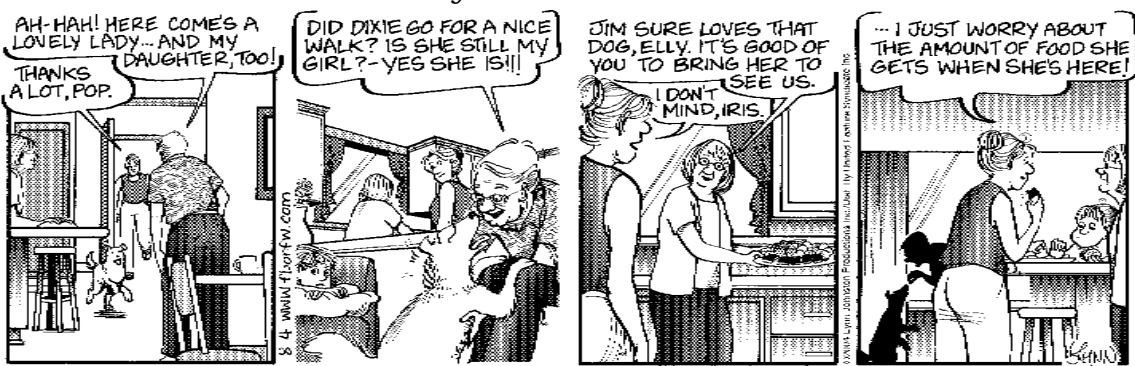
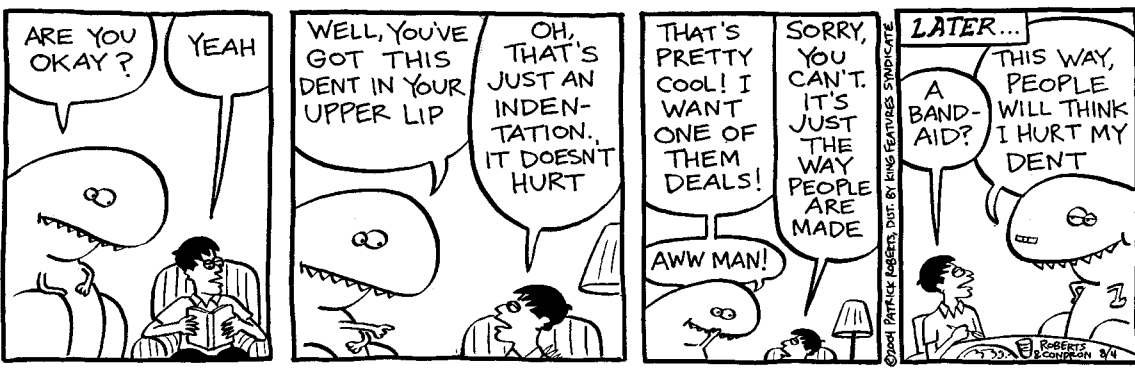


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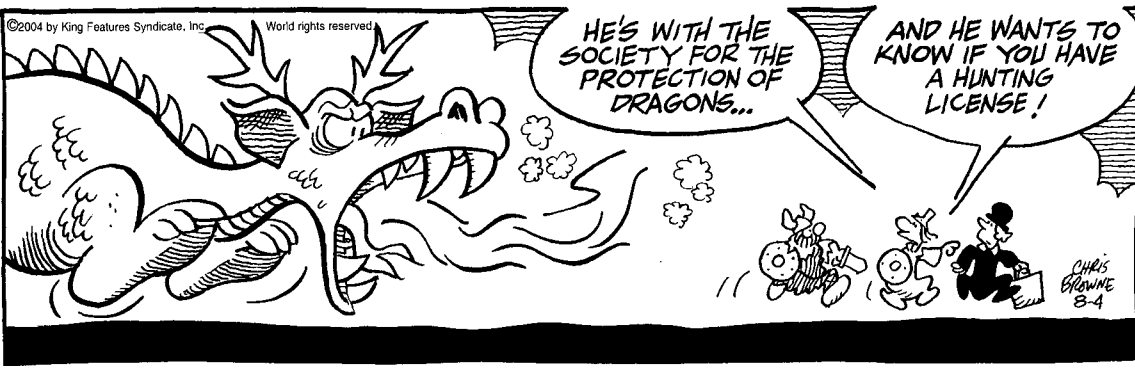
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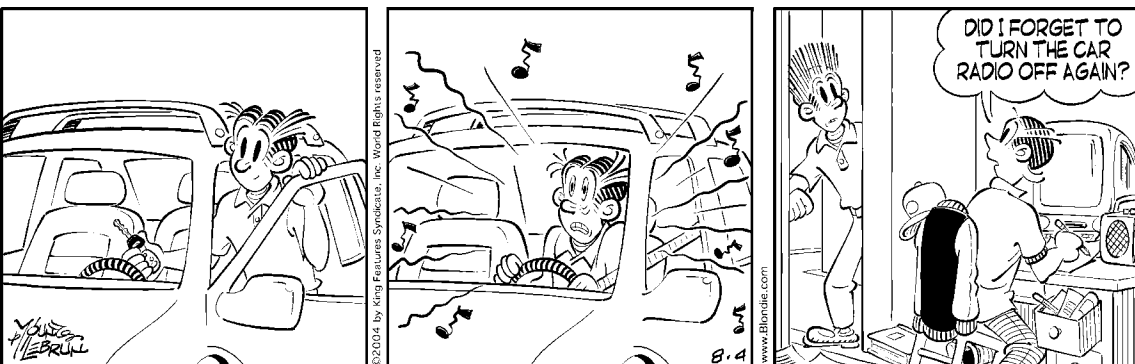
### Garfield • Jim Davis



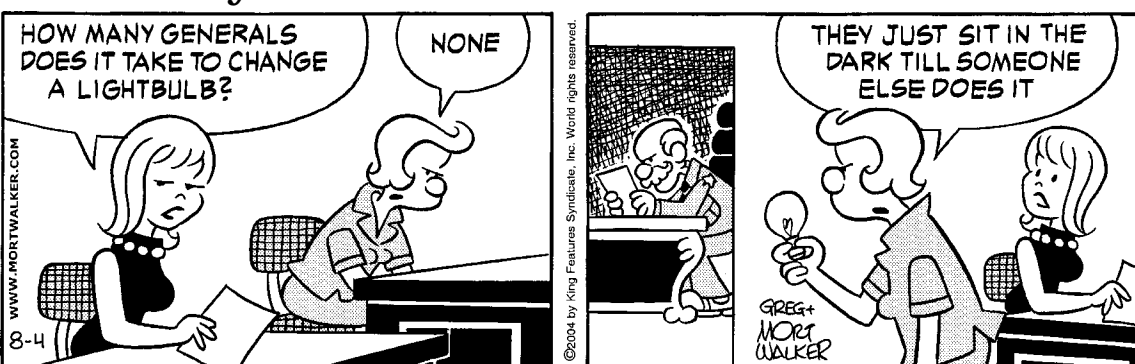
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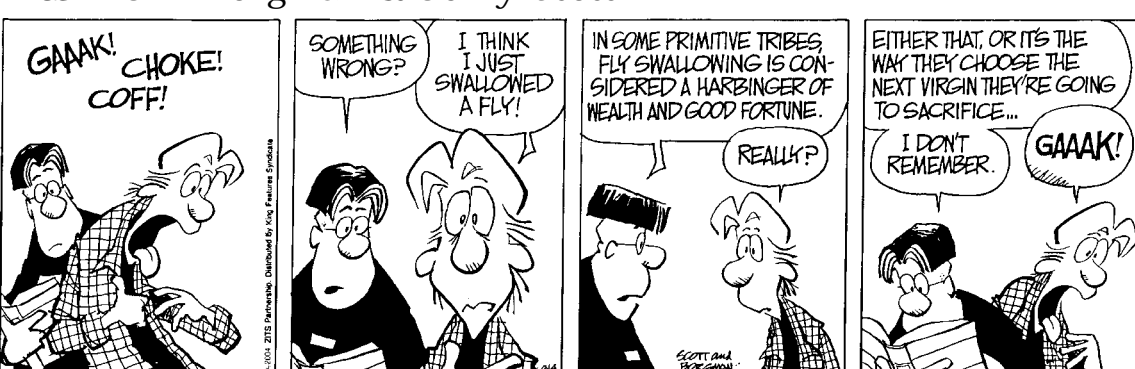
### Blondie • Chic Young



### Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



### Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



### Sally Forth • Greg Howard



### Cryptoquip

S WTZ VEDQT HTFSHIQWF    XYW AYWRV DLOZDHI  
 S DTWIEH EA ITTH VTSN    GUOG GUI RWLPKIOSFM  
 ZSL USJITI "NBT VTHUBSWN    SYWRV NYFDHZRX PI FHYAH  
 EA DTWQLEW."  
 Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I FELL A WHOLE LOT WHILE I ICE-SKATED. I SUPPOSE I WAS ON THE RINK OF DESTRUCTION!  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals N

OM GKIIGYGORIKM.  
 Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A NEW MOVIE REGARDING A VENDOR OF DEER MEAT WAS CALLED "THE MERCHANT OF VENISON."  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals T

### Crossword

**ACROSS**  
 1 Stomach  
 5 Playing-card spot  
 8 Global septet  
 12 Emanation  
 13 Language suffix  
 14 Green stroke  
 15 Com-mo-tion  
 16 Aussie critter  
 18 Rug cleaner  
 20 Kitchen come-on  
 21 Place-kicker's pride  
 22 Pismire  
 23 Pleasure craft  
 26 Monster  
 30 Carte lead-in  
 31 Predicament  
 32 Grecian container  
 33 Sternutation sound effect  
 36 Precipitateness  
 38 Tyrannosaurus

**DOWN**  
 1 Elliot of The Mamas and The Papas  
 2 Old Testament book  
 3 Met melody  
 4 Cordiality  
 5 Tea type  
 6 Golfer  
 7 Nerd-pack occupant  
 8 Capital of Laconia  
 9 Modern-day coin  
 10 Teeny bit  
 11 Old portico  
 17 "West Side Story" group  
 19 Caudron  
 22 "La Cage — Folles"  
 23 Tie up the phone  
 24 Milwaukee product

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

SPAN GUM ISLE  
 CEDE INA NATR  
 ARAB FORASONG  
 TUMULT CREPES  
 LASH RCA  
 METAPHOR TUBA  
 AMI POWER LAW  
 GUTS PINAFORE  
 MOE EDGE  
 ADORNS EERIER  
 FOURSTAR ROVE  
 APSE AGE EWES  
 REEL GOD TART

Yesterday's answer 8-3

### Bridge

South dealer.  
 Neither side vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
 ♠ Q J 10 5  
 ♥ A 10  
 ♦ A 6 5 4  
 ♣ Q J 8

**WEST**  
 ♠ 9 6 2  
 ♥ Q 8 5 2  
 ♦ K 3  
 ♣ A 7 5 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ —  
 ♥ J 9 7 6 3  
 ♦ Q J 10 9  
 ♣ K 10 6 3

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A K 8 7 4 3  
 ♥ K 4  
 ♦ 8 7 2  
 ♣ 9 4

The bidding:  
**South** 2♣    **West** Pass    **North** 4♠    **East** All Pass  
 Opening lead — two of hearts.

### Experts Are Human Too

You might think that the best players in the world, when they get together each year to participate in the world championship, might perform miracles that would dazzle and astound the average bridge player.

But, alas, this is not always the case. It turns out that experts are human too, and that they make mistakes like anyone else. For an example of how far they are sometimes off the mark, consider this deal from the 1979 world championship match between Italy and the United States.

At both tables, South opened with a weak two-spade bid and North raised to game. When a U.S. pair was North-South, the Italian West led a heart. Declarer won with dummy's ace, drew three rounds of trumps ending in his hand, then led the four of clubs, West following low as East took dummy's jack with the king.

East returned the queen of diamonds, overtaken by West with the king, which South allowed to hold. West continued with a diamond, but by now the bird had flown the coop. Declarer won with dummy's ace, crossed to the king of hearts and led a second club. West won with the ace, but that was the last trick for the defense. Since West had no more diamonds, South was able to discard his second diamond loser on dummy's queen of clubs to make his game.

At the second table, the play followed similar lines, and the Italian South also made four spades.

Both Wests botched the defense when declarer first led a club toward dummy. To defeat the contract, West had to rise with the ace and shift to the king of diamonds. A difficult play, no doubt, but far from impossible.

Furthermore, not only was there a defensive slip, but the bidding also left something to be desired. Three notrump was ice-cold against any lie of the cards!

East dealer.  
 North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ 5 4 3  
 ♥ Q 4 2  
 ♦ K J 4 3  
 ♣ K J 9

**WEST**  
 ♠ Q 10 2  
 ♥ J 8  
 ♦ A 9 8 6 5  
 ♣ 5 4 3

**EAST**  
 ♠ A K J 8 7 6  
 ♥ 10 9 7 3  
 ♦ Q 10  
 ♣ 7

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ 9  
 ♥ A K 6 5  
 ♦ 7 2  
 ♣ A Q 10 8 6 2

The bidding:  
**East** Pass    **South** 1♠    **West** Pass    **North** 1♦  
 1♠    2♣    2♠    3♣  
 Pass    3♥    Pass    4♠  
 Pass    5♣  
 Opening lead — two of spades.

### Extraordinary Foresight

Assume you get to five clubs and West leads a spade. East takes his king and continues with the ace, which you ruff. How would you proceed?

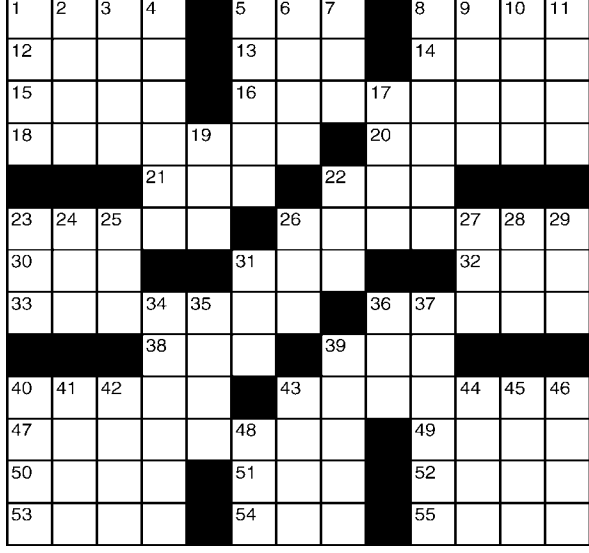
The best approach is to lead a diamond right away. When you do, West follows low, and you must then decide whether to play the jack or king from dummy. This is not really a difficult decision. You play the king on the basis that East presumably would not have passed originally had he held the ace of diamonds and five or six spades headed by at least the A-K.

After the king wins, your only remaining concern is the possibility of losing a heart trick. This danger does not exist if the missing hearts are divided 3-3, or if the adverse trumps are 2-2, in which case you can ruff your fourth heart in dummy.

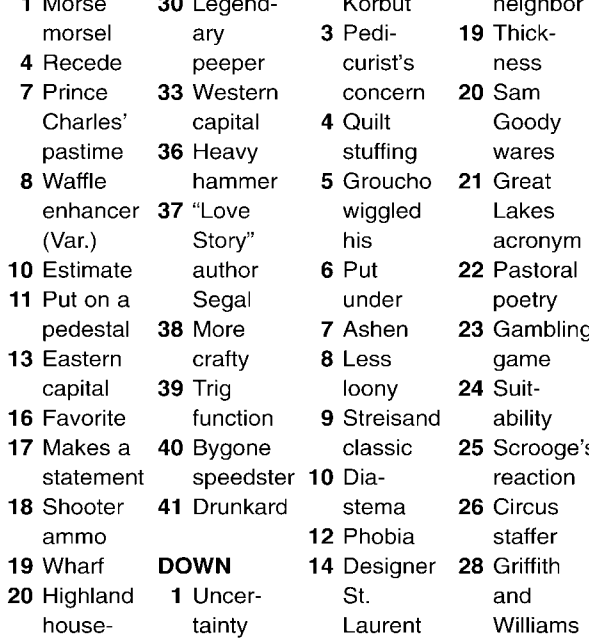
As a good technician, however, you should also try to cover the possibility that the trumps are not divided 2-2 and the hearts are not divided 3-3. It is only after thinking along these lines that you realize the best method of play is a dummy reversal.

You therefore ruff dummy's last spade at trick four and exit with a diamond. East wins with the queen and, let's say, returns a heart. You win with dummy's queen, ruff the four of diamonds with the ace of trumps, lead a low trump to dummy's nine and ruff the jack of diamonds with the queen of trumps.

You now lead your last trump, the ten, to dummy's king and play the jack of trumps, on which you discard the six of hearts. You then take the last two tricks with the A-K of hearts to make the contract. Your 11 tricks consist of seven trumps (rather than the obvious six), a diamond and the Q-K-A of hearts.



### Family Circus • Bill Keane



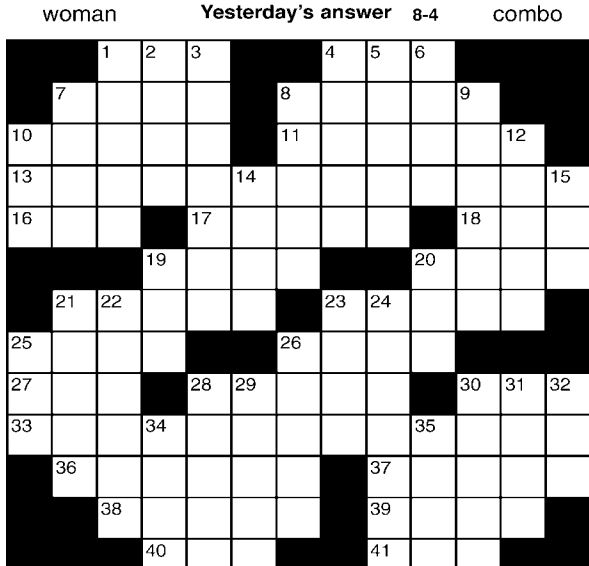
**ACROSS**  
 1 Morse morsel  
 4 Recede  
 7 Prince Charles' pastime  
 8 Waffle enhancer  
 10 Estimate  
 11 Put on a pedestal  
 13 Eastern capital  
 16 Favorite  
 17 Makes a statement  
 18 Shooter ammo  
 19 Wharf  
 20 Highland household  
 21 Roman septet  
 23 Wasn't colorfast  
 25 Gist of a letter  
 26 Lights-out melody  
 27 "Little Women" woman

**DOWN**  
 2 Gymnast Korburt  
 3 Pediatricist's concern  
 4 Quilt stuffing  
 5 Groucho wiggled his  
 6 Put under  
 7 Ashen  
 8 Less loony  
 9 Streisand classic  
 10 Diastema  
 12 Phobia  
 14 Designer St. Laurent

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

CRAW PIP SEAS  
 AURA ESE PUTT  
 STIR KANGAROO  
 SHAMPOO AROMA  
 TOE ANT  
 YACHT BUGABOO  
 ALA FIX URN  
 KERCHOO HASTE  
 REX SAD  
 AMOUR SKIDDOO  
 WATERLOO URSA  
 OMIT ADA CULT  
 LESS PAL EGOS

Yesterday's answer 8-4



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