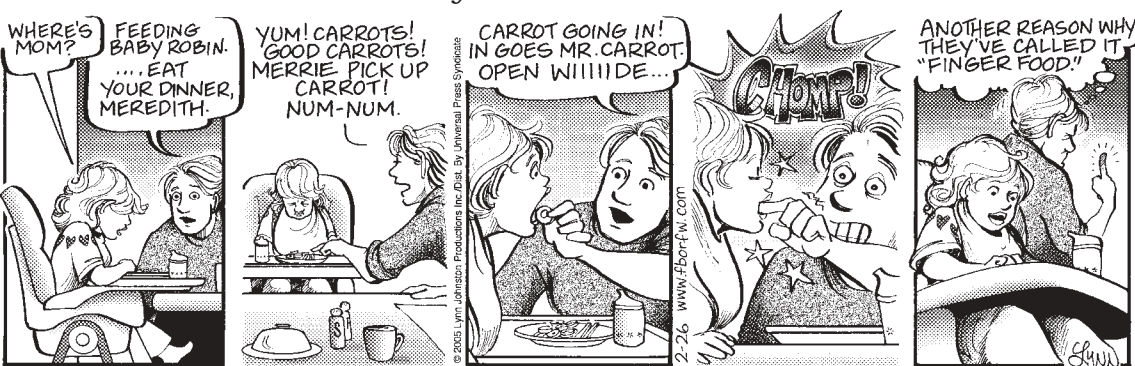


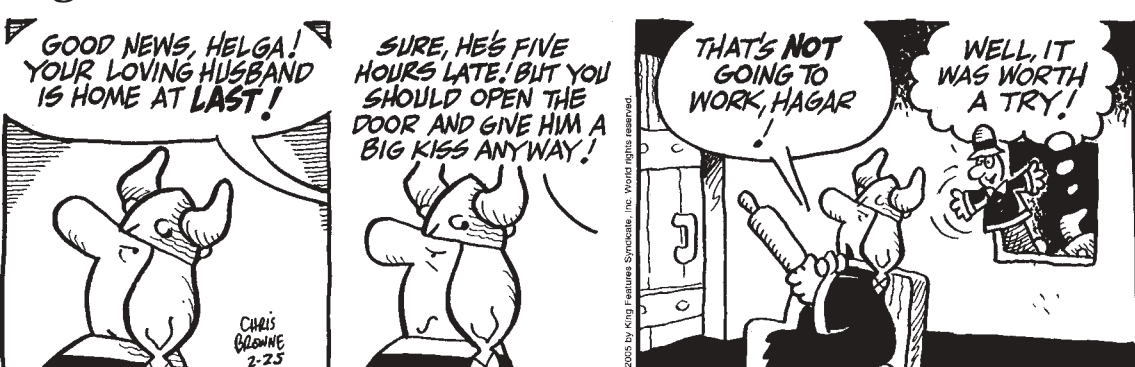
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**Garfield • Jim Davis**



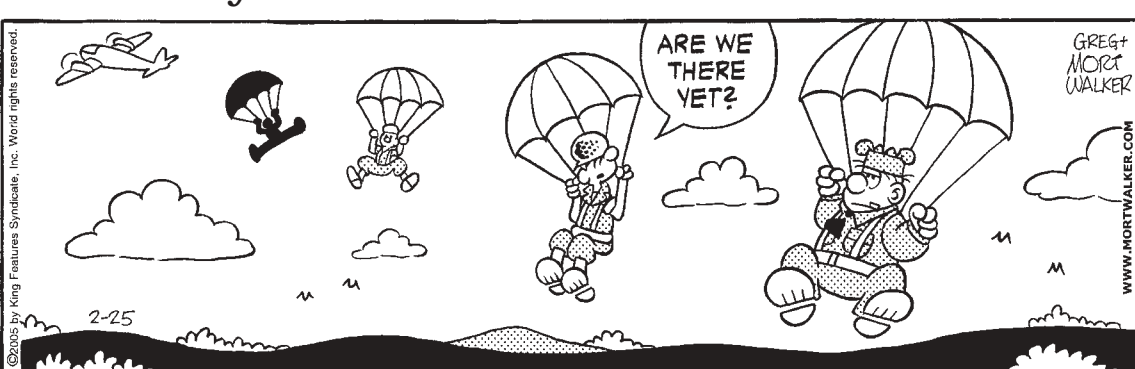
**Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne**



**Blondie • Chic Young**



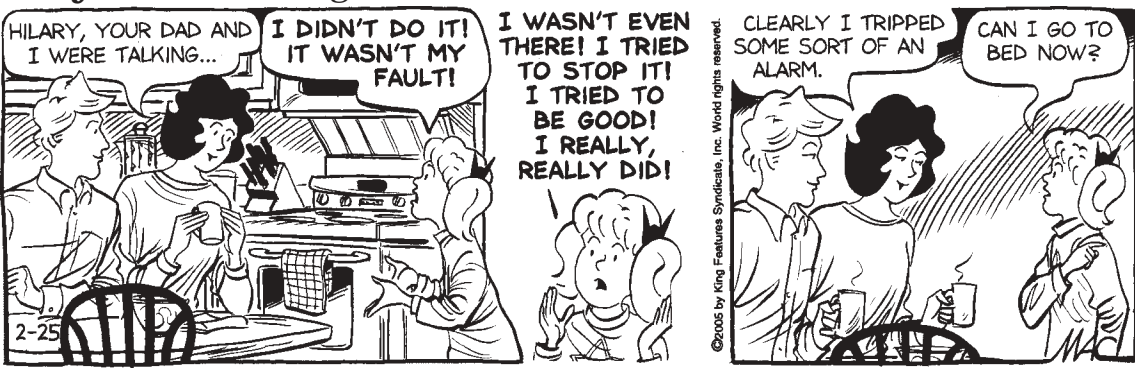
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**Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott**



**Sally Forth • Greg Howard**



**Cryptoquip**

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 KN RNVZAQKNR IV Z YFQFT-VSSM EJD, K'N YZD  
 EAQUNA'V ZJIGL.  
 Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT COULD A PRIOR PRESIDENT'S DENTURES BE CALLED? THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE.  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals T

KM'Y Z MZBB SHNFH!  
 Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TO SOME WAGGISH PEOPLE, PRESS CENSORSHIP MIGHT BE DESCRIBED AS WRITER'S CLAMP.  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals R

**Crossword**

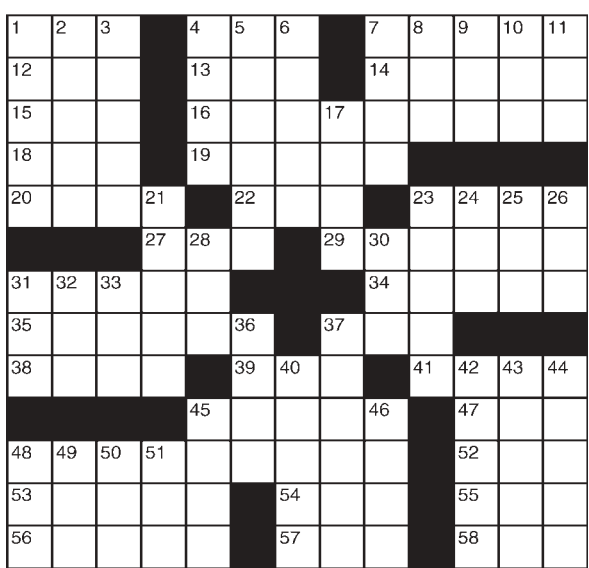
**ACROSS**  
 1 Cheerleaders' call  
 4 Height of fashion?  
 7 Tonto's horse  
 12 401(k) alternative  
 13 "Huzzah!" to Jose  
 14 "Stormy Weather" singer  
 15 Part of MPH  
 16 Pantomime clown  
 18 Conclusion  
 19 De-squeaked  
 20 Shafts of light  
 22 Artists' source  
 23 Splicing material  
 27 Hasten  
 29 Section of Manhattan  
 31 Cause (havic)  
 34 Sluggish creek  
 35 Paul Newman movie

**DOWN**  
 1 More mature  
 2 Sports venue  
 3 Half a legendary comedy duo  
 4 That's a laugh  
 5 "Seinfeld" role  
 6 Actress Oberon  
 7 Lean-to  
 8 — au vin  
 9 Tulsa sch.  
 10 One (Pref.)  
 11 1992 Pearl Jam album  
 17 Kevin's "King of Queens" co-star  
 21 Form  
 23 "—"  
 24 Nevada town

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

A	M	P	H	E	A	P	L	A	M	E
L	O	O	E	T	N	A	A	L	U	M
P	O	R	T	R	A	I	T	C	A	L
R	U	M	S	T	A	T	E	L	E	Y
E	L	I	X	I	R	I	R	E		
C	A	D	T	O	P	C	A	P	O	N
H	I	G	H	B	E	E	L	O	N	E
O	R	E	O	S	A	B	E	R	C	A
L	L	U	C	B	U	M	P	E	R	
P	U	L	L	M	A	N	R	I	O	
E	P	E	E	P	O	R	O	S	I	T
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Yesterday's answer 2-25



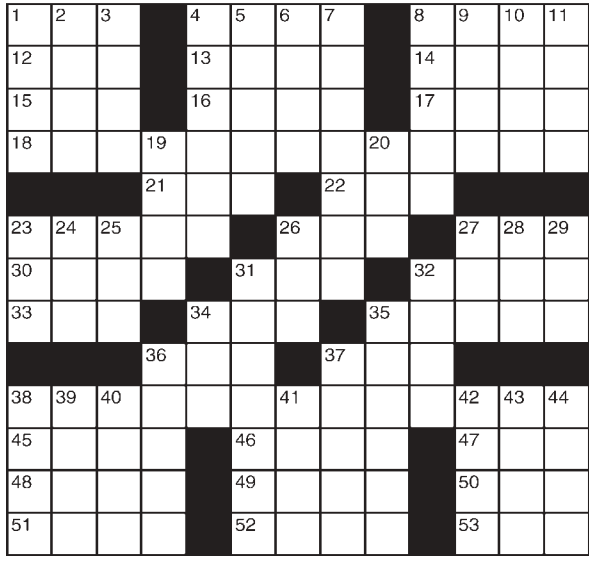
**ACROSS**  
 1 Hot tub  
 4 Got a hole-in-one  
 8 Cantina order  
 12 Anderson's "High —"  
 13 From one end to t'other  
 14 Sportswear brand  
 15 Guitar's cousin  
 16 Bar  
 17 Miss Gulch's prey  
 18 Sitcom boy  
 21 Doctrine  
 22 — Arbor, Michigan  
 23 Gall  
 26 Work unit  
 27 Turtle-dove tally  
 30 Emanation  
 31 Craze  
 32 Suitor  
 33 Corral  
 34 Museum stuff  
 35 Friars' tribute

**DOWN**  
 1 Theatergoer's souvenir  
 2 Chang's closest kin  
 3 Neighbored  
 4 Motionless  
 5 Bracelet attachment  
 6 Clapton or Idle  
 7 Unimaginative one  
 8 Tennessee footballer  
 9 Black Sea gulf  
 10 Pigeon coop  
 11 Bloodhound's clue  
 19 Passport endorsement  
 20 Passport endorsement  
 23 Upper limit  
 24 Be contrite  
 25 Coffee-shop vessel  
 26 Pack away  
 27 Darjeeling, e.g.  
 28 Existed  
 29 Away  
 31 Supermarket fixture  
 32 Dalton portrayal  
 34 Puncturing tool  
 35 Capybara or vole  
 36 English county  
 37 Doctrine  
 38 Basilica benches  
 39 Condominium, e.g.  
 40 Gruesome  
 41 Bulldogs' alma mater  
 42 From the beginning  
 43 Actress Sorvino  
 44 Agile

**Solution time: 27 mins.**

R	A	H	E	M	S	C	O	U	T
T	R	A	O	L	E	H	O	R	N
P	E	R	H	A	R	L	E	Q	U
E	N	D	O	I	L	E	D		
R	A	Y	S	N	E	A	G	E	N
W	H	I	E	H	A	R	L	E	M
W	R	E	A	K	B	A	Y	O	U
H	A	R	P	E	R	M	A	Y	
O	G	R	E	U	S	A	S	H	A
H	A	R	B	I	N	G	E	R	
U	L	C	E	R	A	G	O	P	I
B	L	A	N	D	N	E	D	O	E

Yesterday's answer 2-26



**Family Circus • Bill Keane**



**Bridge**

**Bidding Quiz**  
 You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been:  
 West North East South  
 1 S 2 D Pass ?  
 What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?  
 1. S KJ74 HAJ6 D Q3 C K952  
 2. S 85 H KJ843 D QJ4 C K75  
 3. S 6 H 92 D A875 C AQ9643  
 4. S AJ93 H KQ74 D 9 C 8764  
 5. S 75 H KQJ8742 D 74 C A8  
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1. Three notrump. Before discussing the proper action, it might be best to define the meaning of a non-jump-overcall on the two-level. Generally, this shows not only a very good suit, but also the values for an opening bid.  
 Once this definition is accepted, it becomes clear that this is a game-going hand. Two notrump, which would be invitational and not forcing, would be totally inadequate.  
 2. Three diamonds. A partner who overcalls is usually much more interested in learning whether you have support for his suit and the values for a forward-going bid than to learn whether you have a suit of your own and a hand of indeterminate strength. It is therefore better to raise diamonds with the given hand than to bid two hearts, which you could also do with S 974 H KJ9852 D 6 C Q83. You are hoping, after you raise diamonds, that partner will be able to bid three notrump.  
 3. Four diamonds. Here you want to invite game in a suit rather than notrump. True, you have only 10 high-card points, but your distributional features more than make up for your lack of high-card strength. A good case can also be made for leaping directly to five diamonds.  
 4. Pass. Chances for game are poor, considering your lack of support for partner's suit. To bid two hearts with a four-card suit is out of the question, and two notrump is likewise not feasible because partner's diamonds might prove useless as a significant source of tricks in notrump. Partner is a favorite to make what he has bid — two diamonds — so you should get out of the bidding while you still have the chance for a plus score.  
 5. Four hearts. Given partner's two-level overcall, you should be a heavy favorite to make four hearts, so you should bid it directly. It would be wrong to bid only three hearts, which is highly invitational but not forcing.

North dealer.  
 East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ 8 6  
 ♥ K Q 10 8 4  
 ♦ 5 3  
 ♣ A 7 5 2

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

**EAST**  
 ♠ Q J 10 9 7  
 ♥ 7 6 2  
 ♦ J 8 6  
 ♣ J 4

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

The bidding:  
 North East South West  
 Pass Pass 1 ♥ 2 ♦  
 3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥  
 Opening lead — king of diamonds.

This hand was played in the U.S. Team Trials some years ago by Edwin Kantar, Los Angeles star. He reached four hearts as shown, and West cashed the A-K of diamonds before shifting to a trump. Kantar's prospects were not bright at this point. It seemed certain from the bidding that West had the king of clubs, which meant two club tricks were likely to be lost. And Kantar would indeed have lost two club tricks had he played the suit normally — that is, a club to the ace followed by a club to the queen.  
 But Kantar played the hand "abnormally." He won West's trump shift in dummy, cashed the A-K of spades, ruffed a spade, played a trump to the ace and ruffed a diamond in dummy to produce this position:

North  
 H 10  
 CA 752

West East  
 D Q S Q J  
 C K 1063 H 7  
 C J 4  
 South  
 H J 9  
 C Q 9 8

Kantar now led the deuce of clubs from dummy, covering East's four with the eight. West won with the ten and, aware that he could not afford a club return, played the queen of diamonds.  
 Declarer ruffed with dummy's ten, and East was helpless. If he discarded a spade, South would discard a club and take the rest of the tricks. So East discarded the jack of clubs, hoping to leave declarer stranded in dummy with East now void of clubs.  
 But Kantar had an answer to this also. He overruffed the ten with the jack, drew East's trump with the nine and led the queen of clubs through West's king to put the finishing touch on a very well-played hand.  
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