

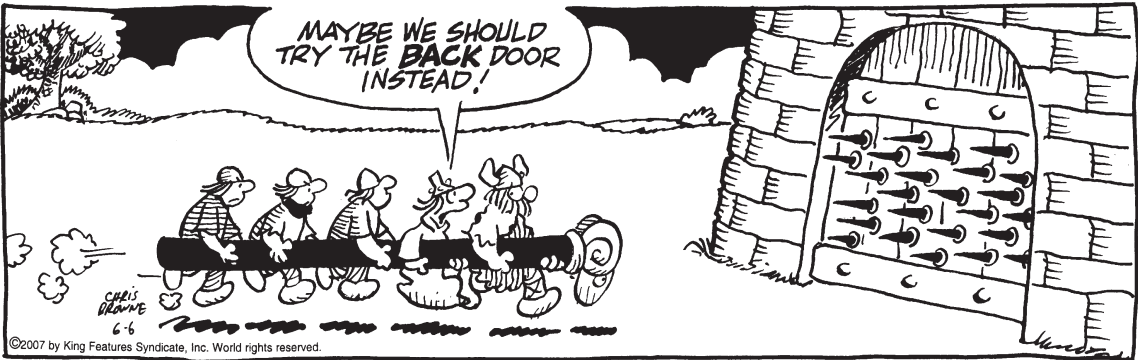
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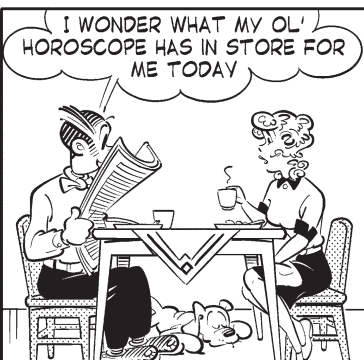
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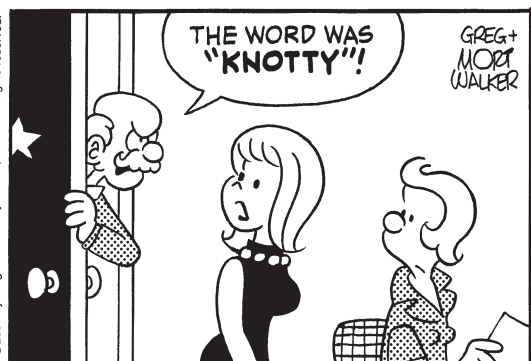
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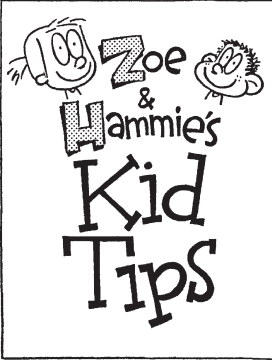
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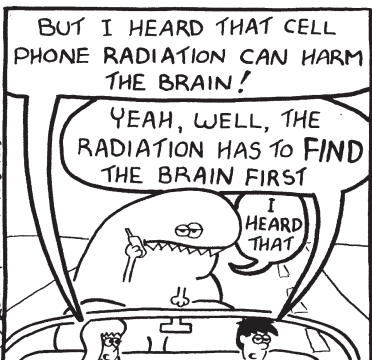
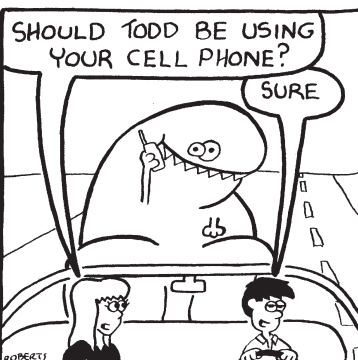
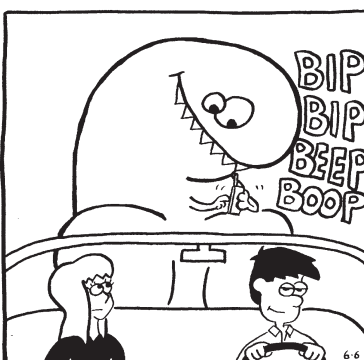
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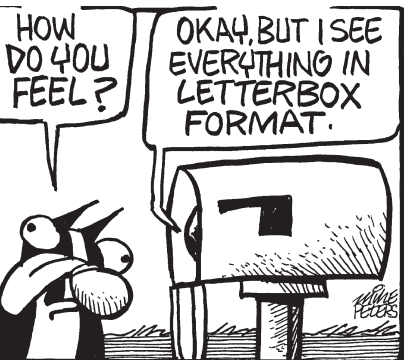
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Tod the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Cryptoquip

NWCQ ETI MT QTK NFQ D GJY RLDUKNSB ZO RJDRF-  
NCFXWK-UTVV ZTQKCVK, MIKK DM OSNFYO. Z  
ZTIUM ETI VDE ETI NCAC OIUUD OY CDI HZVJG ONC ZG'O  
GCDKCQ GE D VUFL LDAXFQ?  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF EMPLOYEES PAUSE  
TO TAKE SOME REFRESHING SIPS OF SODA,  
MIGHT THEY BE DRINKING BREAK FLUID?  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals Y  
MNLHYB NSB BNSVYLDIO.  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN YOU DO NOT  
WIN A WEIGHT-LOSS CONTEST, COULD YOU  
SAY YOU WERE BEATEN BY A SLIM MARGIN?  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals T

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cain's victim
  - 5 Regis and Kelly's network
  - 8 San —, CA
  - 12 Founda-tion
  - 13 Drench
  - 14 — and crafts
  - 15 Greek vowels
  - 16 "OK" gesture
  - 18 To this point
  - 20 Black wood
  - 21 "— the ramparts ..."
  - 22 Dollar bill
  - 23 Pickling solution
  - 26 "Pulp Fiction" actress
  - 30 Fond du —, Wisc.
  - 31 Scenery chewer
  - 32 "Little Women" woman
  - 33 Bambi's rabbit friend
- DOWN**
- 3 Type of poem
  - 38 Sweet potato
  - 39 Addition-ally
  - 40 Wound souvenirs
  - 43 Lightning accompa-niment
  - 47 Thanks-giving, e.g.
  - 49 Race-driver Earnhardt
  - 50 Hippo-cratic —
  - 51 Branch
  - 52 Historic times
  - 53 Experts
  - 54 Buck's mate
  - 55 Land-lord's due
  - 19 Retainer
  - 1 Help with a crime
  - 2 Shower alternative
  - 3 Birthright barterer
  - 4 Textbook segment
  - 5 "When You Wish Upon —"
  - 6 Physicist Niels
  - 7 PC processor
  - 8 Talk on and on
  - 9 Approxi-mately
  - 10 Dazzle
  - 11 Catch sight of
  - 17 Waiter's handout
  - 25 Hosp. section
  - 26 Pitch
  - 27 Scratch
  - 28 Parisian's pal
  - 29 Big Apple abbr.
  - 31 Height of fashion?
  - 34 Aromatic resins
  - 35 Get a good grade
  - 36 Reed or Rawls
  - 37 There
  - 39 Rose-mary's partner
  - 40 Halt
  - 41 Burn somewhat
  - 42 Car
  - 43 Poi source
  - 44 Challenge
  - 45 Verve
  - 46 What-ever's left over
  - 48 Old man

Solution time: 21 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 6-5

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
12					13				14			
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47						48				49		
50						51				52		
53						54				55		

- ACROSS**
- 1 Year-end abbr.
  - 4 Tavern
  - 7 Check
  - 8 Hears the alarm
  - 10 Winter warmer
  - 11 Not digital
  - 13 Brief showbiz gig
  - 16 "Once Upon a Mattress" prop
  - 17 Bull-winkle, e.g.
  - 18 Kanga's offspring
  - 19 Nil
  - 20 Sur-rounds, with "in"
  - 21 Tolerate
  - 23 Part of LED
  - 25 Drop (down)
  - 26 Myster-ious character
  - 27 Tier
  - 28 Praises highly
  - 30 Old French coin
  - 33 Tiny villages
  - 36 Wipes out
  - 37 Pica alterna-tive
  - 38 Dictator's aide
  - 39 As well
  - 40 Mound stat
  - 41 "— Boot"
  - 2 Carolina college
  - 3 Asserted
  - 4 Suit compo-nent
  - 5 Soviet procla-mation
  - 6 4-Down acces-sory
  - 7 Treat for Fido
  - 8 Rodeo rider's yell
  - 9 Took to the skies
  - 10 Stocky steed
  - 12 Travel-ocity mascot
  - 14 "An Inconven-ient Truth" name
  - 15 Two, in Tijuana
  - 19 Energy
  - 20 Weeding tool
  - 21 Unes-corted
  - 22 Viny shelters
  - 23 Ranch visitor
  - 24 As an alterna-tive
  - 25 Favor-able voter
  - 26 — -Japanese War
  - 28 Last-place finisher
  - 29 Sports venue
  - 30 Popular cheese
  - 31 Aware of
  - 32 Work with
  - 34 Detest
  - 35 Earthen-ware pot

Solution time: 21 mins.

1

Chopped

12

Travel-

into

city

cubes

mascot

Solution time: 21 mins.

A	B	E	L	A	B	C	J	O	S	E	
B	A	S	E	S	O	P	A	R	T	S	
E	T	A	S	T	H	U	M	B	S	U	P
T	H	U	S	F	A	R	E	B	O	N	Y
				O	E	R	O	N	E		
B	R	I	N	E	T	H	U	R	M	A	N
L	A	C	H	A	M	A	M	Y			
T	H	U	M	P	E	R	L	Y	R	I	C
				Y	A	M	T	O	O		
S	C	A	R	S	T	H	U	N	D	E	R
T	H	U	R	S	D	A	Y	D	A	L	E
O	A	T	H	A	R	M	E	R	A	S	
P	R	O	S	D	O	E	R	E	N	T	

Yesterday's answer 6-6

		1	2	3			4	5	6				
	7						8				9		
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Bridge

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**

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

**WEST**

♠ Q 6 2  
♥ 9 8  
♦ K 10 3  
♣ K 8 7 5 3

**EAST**

♠ A 9 5 4  
♥ 7 5 3 2  
♦ 6 4  
♣ Q 9 6

**SOUTH**

♠ K J 8 7  
♥ K J 6  
♦ A 8  
♣ A J 4 2

The bidding:  
South 1 NT  
West Pass  
North 2 ♣  
East Pass

Opening lead — five of clubs.

Bridge Is a Partnership Game

Signals are one of the most important ingredients of sound defensive play. There are many different types of signals, and the defenders should always be on the lookout for an opportunity to make use of them. Today's deal illustrates one type of situation that can arise. Let's say you're West and lead a club against three notrump. Declarer takes your partner's queen of clubs with the ace, then plays the ace and eight of diamonds. You could win the trick with the king, but that would not be the wisest thing to do. Assuming East followed suit, you'd have to guess what to do next and might easily go wrong.

Instead of deliberately putting your head in a noose, you should play the ten of diamonds and wait for declarer's next move. He is virtually sure to continue with a diamond at trick four, and on this trick East will have an opportunity to indicate what he'd like you to do.

As it happens, on the third diamond East signals with the nine of spades. It is then easy for you to lead a spade, even though South bid the suit earlier. After East takes the ace, he returns the nine of clubs through declarer's jack, and your side cashes four clubs tricks for down two.

Note that in this particular case you did not find the winning defense on your own, which can happen in some deals. Here you required some vital assistance from partner, and by refusing to take the king of diamonds at trick three, you gave him a chance to help you out.

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ Q J 6 4 2  
♥ 10 8  
♦ A 6 4 3  
♣ J 2

**WEST**

♠ 7  
♥ 5 3 2  
♦ K J 10 7  
♣ 8 7 5 4 3

**EAST**

♠ 8 3  
♥ 9 7 4  
♦ 9  
♣ A K Q 10 9 6

**SOUTH**

♠ A K 10 9 5  
♥ A K Q 6  
♦ Q 8 5 2  
♣ —

The bidding:  
South 1 ♣  
West Pass  
North 2 ♣  
East 3 ♣  
South 4 ♣  
West Pass  
North 4 ♦  
East Pass

Opening lead — four of clubs.

Paging Sherlock Holmes

"Holmes," said Dr. Watson as he showed the famous detective the accompanying hand, "here is a further example of the ill fortune that has recently plagued me. I contracted for six spades, and West led a club. I ruffed, drew trumps, played the A-K-Q of hearts, discarding a diamond from dummy, then led a diamond to the ace and a diamond back. "Alas, East showed out, and West took two diamond tricks to put me down one. I had expected East to have the king of diamonds, in view of his vulnerable three-club bid, but to my dismay, defeat suddenly became my portion."

"My dear Watson," Holmes replied as he refilled his pipe, "things are not always what they seem. Just as many enthusiasts who love the game dearly, but who fail to make full use of their deductive powers, you neglected to utilize clues you could have exploited. "It was eminently correct to ruff the club, draw trumps and cash three hearts, but you should then have ruffed the six of hearts in dummy and the jack of clubs in your hand. In so doing, you would have learned that East had started with precisely two spades and four hearts. East's vulnerable three-club overall would have suggested that he had at least six clubs; hence, he could not have been dealt more than one diamond.

"Accordingly, you would next have played a low diamond from your hand and a low diamond from dummy! You could then sit back and reap the rewards of your astute analysis. Whoever took the trick would be forced to yield the slam."

"A marvelous diagnosis, by Jove," said Watson admiringly. "Purely elementary," the great detective replied. King Features Syndicate

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