

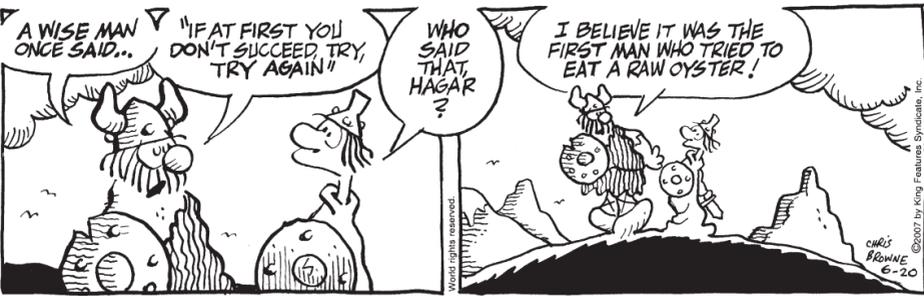
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



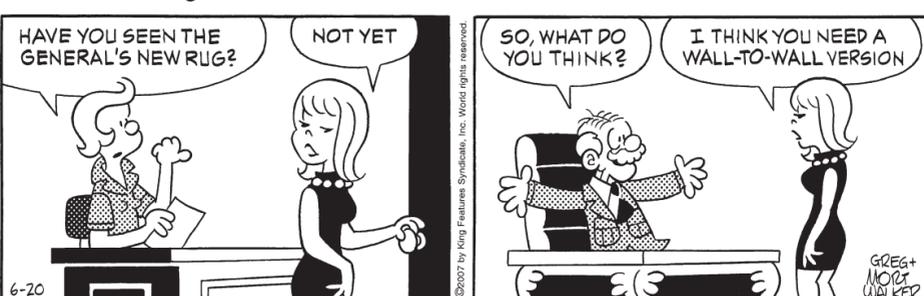
Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Blondie • Chic Young



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Tod the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Cryptoquip

HA DEZ MWV RQWVPPHSN SFA RHJ EWUNWDW MGFM
 LMLVWR HS M FWMYD FSMHQ OFSV OJKM WCBUHRWP
 AWVSYD, RECV LVELKV CHNQU F UNDW-NA GHJKVWWBWBQ
 FKMHC DEZ'WV ES M UVMW. MH EW GNK UWCCHA FNPW?
 Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN VICE PRESIDENT AARON BECAME HUNGRY, YOU MIGHT SUPPOSE HIS FAVORITE FOOD WAS A BURR-ITO. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU ARE SHREDDING PAPERS IN A CRAZY FRENZY, SOME PEOPLE MIGHT CLAIM YOU'RE ON A TEAR.
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals R Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals T

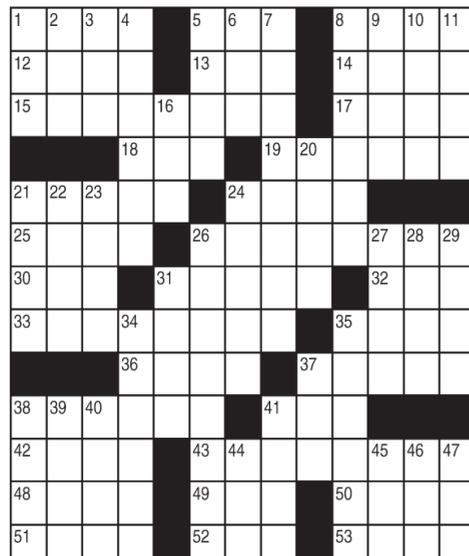
Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Lovers' quarrel
 - 5 Badly illuminated
 - 8 Georgetown athlete
 - 12 Head light?
 - 13 Ad-dressee
 - 14 Idolaters' poetry
 - 15 Pachyderm
 - 17 Staff member?
 - 18 Cacophony
 - 19 Spain and Portugal
 - 21 Utter confusion
 - 24 Responsibility
 - 25 Breathing organ
 - 26 Vote
 - 30 Grecian receptacle
 - 31 Elbows' counterparts
 - 32 Carnival city
 - 33 Lift
 - 35 Cookware
- DOWN**
- 22 Pitch
 - 23 Daughter of Elizabeth
 - 24 Dairy-case wares
 - 26 Whole land
 - 27 Tehran's land
 - 28 Sty cry
 - 29 Inquisitive
 - 31 Hardy cabbage
 - 34 Concealed in mystery
 - 35 Irreligious people
 - 37 Glutton
 - 38 "Don't touch that—!"
 - 39 Advantage
 - 40 It may be a common object
 - 41 Yard trio
 - 44 Marvin or Majors
 - 45 "To be or ..."
 - 46 Shyly flirtatious
 - 47 — out a living

Solution time: 21 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 6-19



- ACROSS**
- 1 Curved lines
 - 5 Foundation
 - 8 Dame Myra at the piano
 - 12 Basketball hardware
 - 13 Candle tally
 - 14 European capital
 - 15 Alienate
 - 17 On
 - 18 Small plateaus
 - 19 Entitlements
 - 21 Capri, e.g.
 - 24 Turn blue?
 - 25 Existed
 - 28 Tennis legend Arthur
 - 30 Danson or Koppel
 - 33 Type measures
 - 34 Sen. Kefauver
 - 35 George's brother
 - 36 Eccentric
 - 37 Teeny bit
 - 38 Con game
 - 39 Scull prop
 - 41 Heap
 - 43 Revolutionary War traitor
 - 46 Goof-up
 - 50 Poker holding
 - 51 Rough calculation
 - 54 Expect-rated
 - 55 Shelter
 - 56 "Ars Amatoria" poet
 - 57 Sicilian spouter
 - 58 Actress Thompson
 - 59 Capone adversary
 - 2 Kennedy matriarch
 - 3 Barracks
 - 25 Stein or Stiller
 - 26 Ostrich's kin
 - 27 Tallinn dweller
 - 29 Half (Pref.)
 - 31 Mound stat
 - 32 Flow blocker
 - 34 Count counterpart
 - 38 Preacher's speech
 - 40 Heart line?
 - 42 Luau
 - 43 Basilica section
 - 44 En-grossed
 - 45 Farmer's place
 - 47 Big dance party
 - 48 He gave us a lift
 - 49 Ohio nine
 - 52 Witness
 - 53 Mad Hatter's quaff
 - 22 Ultimate
 - 23 Bar legally
 - 25 Stein or Stiller
 - 26 Ostrich's kin
 - 27 Tallinn dweller
 - 29 Half (Pref.)
 - 31 Mound stat
 - 32 Flow blocker
 - 34 Count counterpart
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 - 40 Heart line?
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 - 45 Farmer's place
 - 47 Big dance party
 - 48 He gave us a lift
 - 49 Ohio nine
 - 52 Witness
 - 53 Mad Hatter's quaff
- DOWN**
- 1 That girl
 - 2 Crony
 - 3 Pub order
 - 4 Big kahuna
 - 5 Actress Cannon
 - 6 Charged bit
 - 7 Rebel-lious sailor
 - 8 Truthful
 - 9 Stench
 - 10 Bigfoot's cousin
 - 11 On the briny
 - 16 Posses-sive pronoun
 - 20 Tampa Bay
 - 21 Hint
- Solution time: 21 mins.**
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| S | P | A | T | D | I | M | H | O | Y | A |
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| D | E | N | T | E | R | F | O | G | | |
| I | D | O | L | E | G | E | L | E | G | A |
| A | G | U | E | T | E | E | N | O | O | K |
| L | E | N | D | Y | E | T | S | T | Y | E |
- Yesterday's answer 6-20

Bridge

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ 7 5 3
 ♥ Q J 8 5
 ♦ A Q 2
 ♣ K J 8

WEST
 ♠ K 10 4 2
 ♥ 4 3
 ♦ 8 3
 ♣ 10 9 7 6 2

EAST
 ♠ J 9 8
 ♥ 7
 ♦ J 10 6 4
 ♣ A Q 5 4 3

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

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
 6♥ Opening lead — ten of clubs.

Hidden Asset

From the time declarer sees dummy in today's deal, his total focus should be: How can I avoid two spade losers?

There are two obvious possibilities. The opposing diamonds may be divided 3-3, in which case a spade can be discarded from dummy on the fourth diamond, or the spade finesse may succeed.

South should reason that if the diamonds break evenly or the spade finesse works, the slam is a certainty. He should therefore proceed on the assumption that both will go against him, and seek still another approach that might overcome an unfavorable lie.

He begins by covering the club ten with the jack, hoping it will force the ace (it is assumed that West would not underlead the ace against a slam). But East produces the queen, and South ruffs it.

Two rounds of trumps follow, after which the A-K-Q of diamonds are cashed, ending in dummy. The 4-2 diamond division is thus revealed, and the crucial play is at hand.

The club king is led, forcing East to cover with the ace. South ruffs East's ace and trumps the diamond nine in dummy.

The eight of clubs is now led, and after East follows low, declarer discards a spade on it! West wins with the nine but has no safe return. If he leads a spade, it goes into the A-Q, and if he returns a club, South trumps in dummy and sheds the queen of spades.

The play described is what's known as a loser on a loser. South's six of spades, which is a loser in any case, is disposed of at a propitious moment to create a sure-fire endplay. In this deal, declarer has to carefully manage his club plays from dummy so that West — who is marked with the nine of clubs by his opening lead — can be put on lead at precisely the right moment.

Tomorrow: A military scenario.
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South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K 7 4 2
 ♥ K 6 5 4
 ♦ 9 5 2
 ♣ Q 8

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

EAST
 ♠ 6
 ♥ 9
 ♦ Q 10 8 7 3
 ♣ J 7 6 5 4 3

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

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass
 4♠ Opening lead — king of clubs.

A Military Scenario

Like a general on the field of battle, a declarer has 26 soldiers at his command, and if he deploys them with maximum efficiency, he can usually achieve everything it is possible to achieve.

Consider this deal where South was in four spades. West led the club king and continued with the ace, ruffed by South. Ordinarily, declarer would have made 10 or 11 tricks, losing a club, a diamond and per haps a spade or a heart (but probably not both).

However, when declarer played the K-A of spades, he discovered he had a sure trump loser, and when he next played the A-K of hearts, he learned he had a heart loser as well.

Unfazed by these developments, South proceeded to make the contract anyway. Having learned that West had exactly three spades and four hearts, declarer realized there was a good chance West could be endplayed. At trick seven, there fore, South conceded a trump to West's queen. West then made the normal return of the jack of hearts.

South took the heart with the queen, cashed his A-K of diamonds and then led the seven of hearts to West's ten. West's last two cards were the 10-2 of clubs, so he was forced to yield a ruff-and-discard, and with it the contract. (Alternatively, South could have led the four of diamonds instead of a heart at trick 11, forcing East to yield the ruff-and-discard.)

The hand vividly demonstrates how a declarer can overcome one or more unexpected bad breaks. South started as a heavy favorite to avoid either a trump or a heart loser, but both those hopes were dashed early in the play. He nevertheless marshaled his forces in time to execute a successful endplay and so bring home the contract.

Tomorrow: A case of eavesdropping.
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