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BY JERRY SCOTT & JIM BORGMAN





HAGAR THE HORRIBLE® TIME TO SEPARATE THE MEN FROM THE BOYS!

BY CHRIS BROWNE HOW DO YOU KNOW WHICH IS WHICH?

FRANK AND ERNEST® Grank Erme's

FIX-OF SHOP

BY BOB THAVES

PICKLES® IT'S ONLY DECEMBER EIGHTH AND ALLI'VE EATEN TODAY IS FUDGE AND CANDY CANES





BEETLE BAILEY®

WHY CAN'T YOU EVER

SAY ANYTHING COMPLIMENTARY

ABOUT ME?

BY Greg Walker, Brian Walker and Neal Walker

things to

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BABY BLUES® SANTA'S WATCHING. BE NICE!

BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT I CAN DO NICE TO THAT. ME, TOÓ. EACH OTHER. **PEASONABLE!** WHAT

THE BORN LOSER®

BY ART & CHIP SANSOM



& JOHN ROSE BY F.LASSWELL



HI AND LOIS®



GREG

BECAUSE ALL THAT YOU'RE GOOD AT IS

GOOFING OFF!



HOLLER GEN'L STORE **CRABGRASS®**

RADIO

THERE'S A PARENTAL IS IT? WARNING ON THIS MOVIE,

BLOOD PRESSURE.

NOT SUITABLE FOR

PARENTS WITH HIGH

MOM, CHECK

BY TAUHID BONDIA WANNA TELL ME HOW THIS HAPPENED? OUT THIS CHICKEN POK POK I'M NOT LEGALLY WALK MILES bok bok box REQUIRED TO ANSWER THAT. TAUGHT ME! pox pox

BLONDIE®

BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL









BY LYNN JOHNSTON

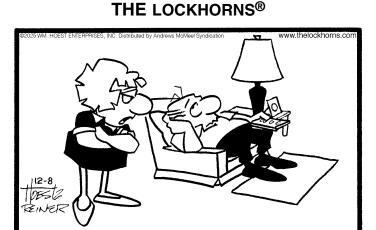
OUR ROCK BAND IS GONNA PLAY AT THE CHRISTMAS WOW! WHAT DANCE THIS AN HONOR! YEAR!



THE FAMILY CIRCUS®

REALITY CHECK®

Dave Whamond



YOU NEED TO APOLOGIZE FOR THAT APOLOGY YOU TRIED TO MAKE ME THINK WAS AN APOLOGY."



learned that now instead of waiting 'til you were five."

WHAMP ... HE JUST MIGHT BE A GENIUS 1 DID A SELF PORTRAIT BY PROJECTING SALIVA ON A CANAS. IT WAS MY SPITTING IMAGE!

BRIDGE®

North dealer. East-West vulnerable. **NORTH**

- **♠** Q J **♥**J 9 6 **♦** K Q 7 4
- **WEST ♠** K 9 8 5 3 **★** 10 4 2
- **♥**532 ♥KQ ♦ A 2 ♦ J 10 9 5 **♣**J86 ♣Q 10 7 2 **SOUTH**

EAST

- **♠** A 7 6 **♥** A 10 8 7 4 **♦**863
- The bidding: North South West East

1 NT Pass Pass Opening lead — ace of diamonds. It isn't easy to see how South can make four hearts after West starts out by leading the ace and another

diamond. Declarer apparently must lose a spade, a heart, a diamond and a diamond ruff and go down one against best defense. But the late Albert Dormer, British expert and one of the most

prolific writers on all facets of the game, managed to make the con-

tract after reaching four hearts on

the bidding shown.

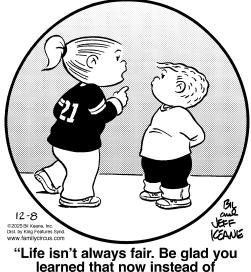
BY STEVE BECKER

Moreover, he found the way to make 10 tricks in a rather simple fashion. He led the heart jack from dummy at trick three and, when East's queen of hearts appeared, won with the ace. However, instead of continuing with a trump, which seemed the natural thing to do and would have been fatal, he first cashed the A-K of clubs and ruffed a club. **Dormer then led** a trump to East's

king, and the remarkable effect of this sequence of plays was that East was on lead in a helpless position. If he returned a spade, declarer would finesse, losing to the king, but South's only losers in that case would be a spade, a heart and a diamond. If East returned a diamond

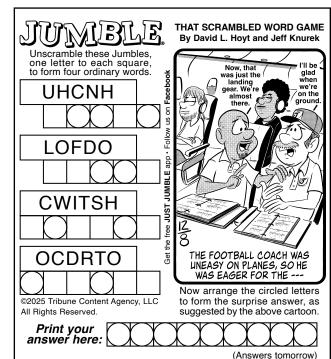
instead of a spade, the outcome would be the same. After ruffing, West would find himself on lead, also in a no-win position. With only spades remaining in his hand, he would have had to return one, and Dormer would then lose only a diamond, a heart and a diamond

By playing three rounds of clubs before leading the second round of trump, declarer had left West with no safe exit card if he got the diamond ruff he was looking for.









HUMAN

Answer: Would the new QB throw lots of touchdowns? It

was too soon to - PASS JUDGMENT

SPEEDY

JINGLE

Jumbles: ZESTY

Saturday's

Tomorrow: Brilliant defensive play.

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