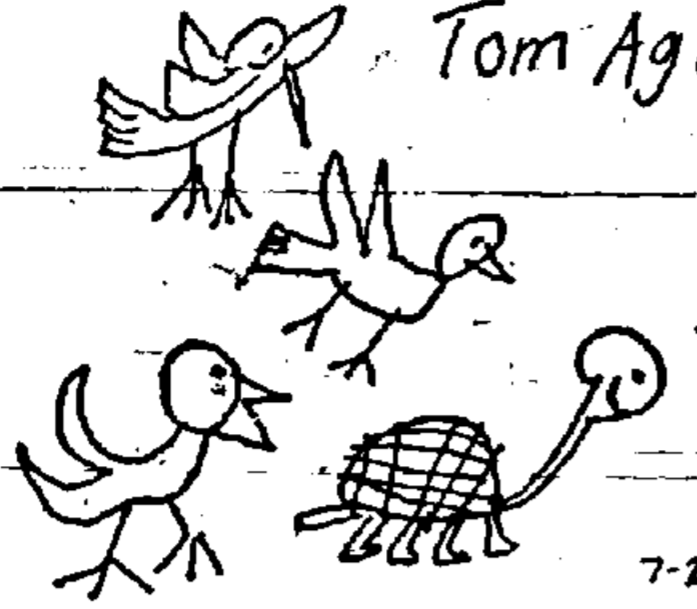


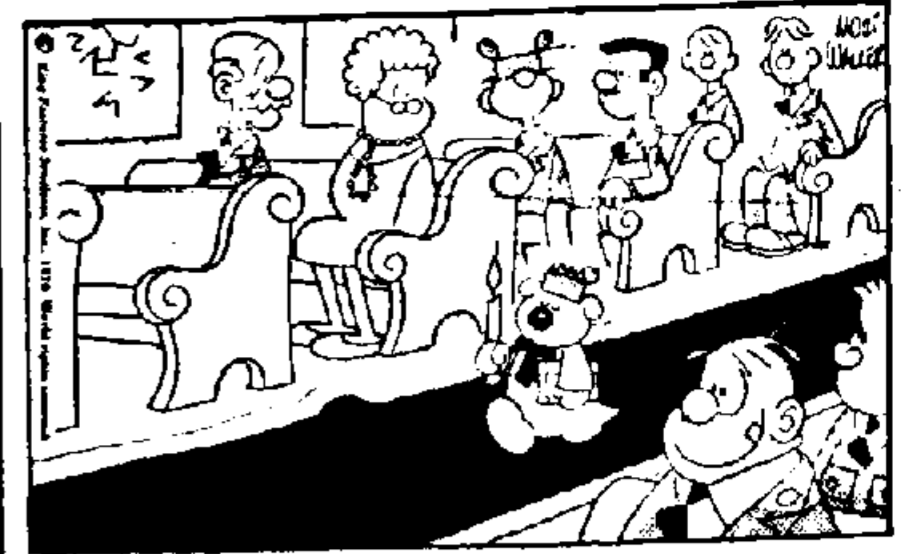
"The object of the game . . ."

Dear God,
I think it is nice
to have such beautiful
animals around me.
Tom Age 7



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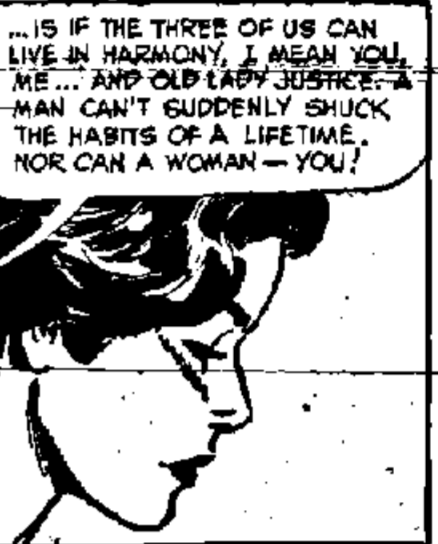
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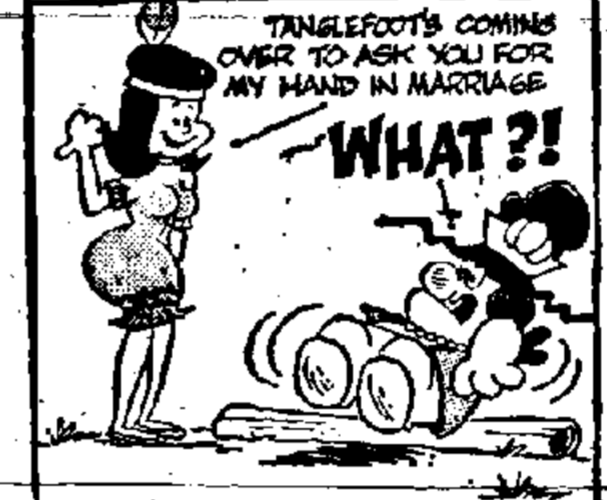
THE JACKSON TWINS



THE HEART OF JULIET JONES



REDEYE



TIGER



BLONDIE



CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. Jay Becker

(Top Record-Holder in Masters' Individual Championships, May)

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 7 4
♥ 5
♦ K J 7 6 3 2
♣ 7 6 5

WEST
♠ 10 5
♥ K J 10 8 7 5
♦ 4
♣ Q 10 9 4

EAST
♠ A Q 4 3
♥ 9 8
♦ A K J 6 3 2
♣ A Q 9 6 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 9 6 3 2
♥ 6 2
♦ A Q 10 5
♣ 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ 2 ♥ 2 ♠ 3 ♠
4 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ 4 ♠
5 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Double

Opening lead - four of diamonds.

High-card point count takes a back seat to distribution in some hands, as is evidenced by this deal played in the 1969 Blue Ribbon Fairs.

The bidding shown occurred at the table where Larry Cohen and Dr. Richard Katz held the North-South cards.

Cohen and Katz were a relatively unknown pair when they won the Blue Ribbon Fair event in 1968 from a distinguished field of experts. Then, just to show it was no accident, they came close to-

winning again last year when they finished fourth.

Katz opened with a spade and was raised to two spades after West had come in with two hearts.

East, confident that the bidding would not suddenly die, bid three clubs rather than jump-raise his partner to four hearts, for which he certainly had the values.

Katz had only 12 high-card points for his opening bid, but he showed how highly he prized them when he announced his void by making a cuebid in clubs.

Cohen showed his long side suit by bidding four diamonds, and it was now that East weighed in belatedly with four hearts.

Entrailed by Cohen's four diamond bid, which fitted his hand to a T, Katz made a second slam try on his 12 high-card points by jumping to five spades. This suggested that he had no control over hearts and that he had two losers in the suit. At the same time it strongly implied that there was a slam in the hand if North had first or second round control of hearts.

So Cohen, exhibiting full faith and confidence in partner, leaped to six with his 7 high-card points, which East quite understandably doubted. West had a diamond and Katz had no trouble sliding home with 13 tricks.

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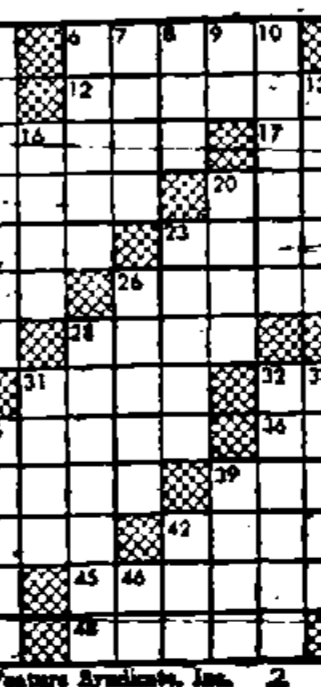
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle

- Across
- Purse
 - Emt blood
 - Orca genital
 - Looked consequently
 - Detest
 - Commonplace
 - Symbol for cerium
 - Worm
 - Transaction
 - Lair
 - Pronoun
 - River ducks
 - Dispatched
 - Note of scale
 - Envelope
 - Details
 - Masculine
 - Period of time
 - Applauds
 - Distinct in Germany
 - Rupees (abbr.)
 - Rodents
 - Recreation area
 - College degree (abbr.)
 - Devoured
 - Damages
 - Participle ending
 - Saint (abbr.)
 - Vaid
 - Color
 - Kind of dog
 - Place for horses
 - Highways
 - Doctrine
- Down
- Reptiles
 - Chapeau
 - Reptiles
 - Compass point
 - Smudges
 - Page of book
 - Lamprey
 - Tauonic deity
 - Cheese
 - Relative pronoun
 - Depressions
 - Share
 - Prophecy
 - Bird's bills
 - Partner
 - Meat cordial
 - Unrefined
 - Second of two
 - Hindu garment
 - Outcome
 - Mediterranean vessel
 - Young salmon (abbr.)
 - Pay attention
 - River in Germany
 - Greek letter
 - Freight
 - Proposition
 - Symbol for tellurium



1-PURSE
2-EMT BLOOD
3-ORCA GENITAL
4-LOOKED CONSEQUENTLY
5-DETEST
6-COMMONPLACE
7-SYMBOL FOR CERIUM
8-WORM
9-TRANSACTION
10-LAIR
11-PRONOUN
12-RIVER DUCKS
13-DISPATCHED
14-NOTE OF SCALE
15-ENVELOPE
16-DETAILS
17-MASCULINE
18-PERIOD OF TIME
19-APPLAUDS
20-DISTINCT IN GERMANY
21-RUPEES (ABBR.)
22-RODENTS
23-RECREATION AREA
24-COLLEGE DEGREE (ABBR.)
25-DEVOURD
26-DAMAGES
27-PARTICIPLE ENDING
28-SAINT (ABBR.)
29-VAID
30-COLOR
31-KIND OF DOG
32-PLACE FOR HORSES
33-HIGHWAYS
34-DOCTRINE
35-REPTILES
36-CHAPEAU
37-REPTILES
38-COMPASS POINT
39-SMUDGES
40-PAGE OF BOOK
41-LAMPREY
42-TAUONIC DEITY
43-CHEESE
44-RELATIVE PRONOUN
45-DEPRESSIONS
46-SHARE
47-PROPHESY
48-BIRD'S BILLS
49-PARTNER
50-MEAT CORDIAL
51-UNREFINED
52-SECOND OF TWO
53-HINDU GARMENT
54-OUTCOME
55-MEDITERRANEAN VESSEL
56-YOUNG SALMON (ABBR.)
57-PAY ATTENTION
58-RIVER IN GERMANY
59-GREEK LETTER
60-FREIGHT
61-PROPOSITION
62-SYMBOL FOR TELLURIUM



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