Tod The Dinosaur • PR & Condron









Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne





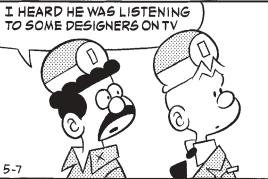
Blondie • Chic Young







Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker





Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Sally Forth • Greg Howard







Cryptoquip

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals L

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WKFFOS K EVKWG XEKV. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHY IS THE WORLD'S SMALLEST PRISON DUBBED "THE PARAMECIUM"? IT ONLY HAS ONE CELL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals E

Crossword

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Yesterday's answer 5-8 time

Family Circus • Bill Keane



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Bidding Quiz You are South, not vulnerable against vulnerable opponents. The bidding has been:

South West North East 1 NT Pass Pass Pass Pass 2 D Pass Pass 2 H Pass Pass

What would you now bid with each of the following four hands?

- 1. S K3 H KJ109 D Q85 C AQJ2 2. S KQ6 H A4 D J973 C AQJ5 3. S KQ65 H A8 D QJ7 C KQJ3 4. S AK4 H J1093 D QJ2 C AQ6
- 1. Pass. You can't fight city hall. Partner obviously has a bad hand. He passed your opening notrump bid, rescued one notrump doubled and then passed West's two-heart bid. He might have two or three high-card points, but that's about the most you can expect. It would be wrong to double, since you have no assurance you can beat two hearts, or to bid two notrump or three diamonds. You stand to lose more
- than you can gain by taking further action. 2. Three diamonds. The same observations about partner's hand apply here also, but with this distribution there is a much firmer basis for competing with a raise to three diamonds.

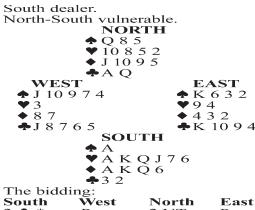
Your potential losers are two diamonds, a spade, a heart and a club. It is unlikely that three diamonds can be defeated more than a trick, while East-West can probably make two hearts. Obviously, down one at three diamonds, whether doubled or not, is better than two hearts bid and made.

3. Three diamonds. Here, also, it is better not to give up. True, partner might not have a face card, but even so, it is hardly likely he will be defeated more than one trick. All he needs is five or six diamonds to the 10-9 to have a chance for eight tricks.

Of course, partner might have a better hand and make nine tricks, but that is not the primary reason for bidding three diamonds. As before, the opponents are likely to make at least two hearts, and you have a chance of stopping them without great risk to your side. 4. Pass. You have to stay put in this case, because

there is no way of safely contesting the bidding further. Your potential losers in a diamond contract are a spade, two hearts, two diamonds and one or two clubs. A raise in diamonds could therefore lead to a two-or three-trick set, which would prove especially expensive if you were doubled. Another reason for passing is that, with your

trump holding and top tricks, you might be able to defeat two hearts. Tomorrow: It's a real problem.



Pass Pass Pass Pass Pass strong, artificial Opening lead — jack of spades.

hearts against an opening spade lead on this deal. Players who enjoy double-dummy problems – which means that declarer is permitted to see all four hands — are welcome to struggle with this one. Obviously, if South staked the outcome on a club finesse, which would be a reasonable thing to do in

It's a Real Problem

It's not easy to see how South can make seven

actual play, he would go down one. But if declarer omnisciently decides that East has both black kings, he can make the contract against any defense. He wins the jack of spades with the ace and plays five rounds of trumps, discarding dummy's queen of clubs on the last one! When he then cashes the A-K-Q of diamonds, this becomes the position:

North S Q8—D J—CA West East S 109 S K 6 C J 8 — C K 10 South H 6—D 6—C 32

Now South leads a diamond to the jack. West cannot afford to discard the spade nine, because if he does, declarer will lead the queen from dummy, trapping East's king and West's ten to make the eight a trick. So West discards a club.

Dummy wins the diamond, and East now feels the pinch. He cannot discard the spade six because South will ruff the eight, felling the king to make the queen a trick. So East discards the club ten.

Declarer thereupon cashes the ace of clubs and scores the last two tricks with the six of trumps and deuce of clubs!

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"Mommy, will you write 'Happy Mother's Day' on here? But don't look at it!"