







### Garfield • Jim Davis







### Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne

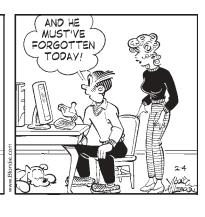




### **Blondie •** Chic Young

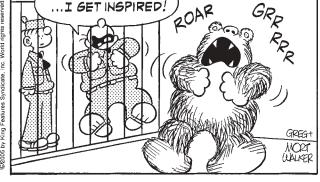






### **Beetle Bailey •** Mort Walker





**Zits •** Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott







### Sally Forth • Greg Howard







### **Cryptoquip**

ECRYK KPUCANVSZVP

QCE VC VQSPZK Z APPKYP,

X C R ' K TSCIZIYX I R V

ULNN VQP TCLAV.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN ASTRONOMER WORKS SOMEWHERE ELSE AT NIGHT, I TAKE IT HE'S MOONLIGHTING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals S

KFDE C W M D C W Z Z

X D Z U D P D X

TED OTLZA MGVBNTVM,

FD NFXTKM

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I WOULD DEMONSTRATE HOW TO THREAD A NEEDLE,

W YDPDX BUNOF.

BUT YOU'D PROBABLY MISS THE POINT. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals L

### Crossword

41 Scott

Joplin's

style

Good

Earth"

heroine

bribery

49 Indulges

52 Greek

53 Early

54 "If -

vowel

bird?

was" 55 Congeal

57 Second

attempt

Wiz there

56 Larry's pal 19 Bolivian

brooding

47 Ideal

**DOWN** 

1 Dr.

2 Ms.

Jekyll's

Gardner

3 Sunshade

4 Portent

5 Song of

sorrow 6 Kansas

River

7 Remark

8 Apiece

9 Calgary

Stam-

10 Decorate

11 Under a

17 Poise

city

21 Branch

pede, e.g.

bad spell

re Yorick

city

22 Greet the

bad guv

24 Spelldown

capital

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wall of a

castle

Ferrell

movie

36 Vitamin C

source

38 Figures

(out) 39 Cheer up

40 Weight

ment

42 Thorn in

Carter's

45 Walt Kelly

Novotna

comic

strip

46 Nil. to

48 Ritzy

50 Mess

rock

51 Put into

10 Place for

11 High-IQ

with

18 Caviar

21 Impos-

sible to

miss

23 Capitols

caps

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jingle

32 Insertion

33 Critter

34 Before

36 Singer

37 Sitcom,

e.g.

38 Stranger

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27 Prison

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25 Right

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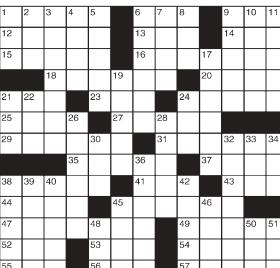
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- ACROSS 1 Discontinuance 6 Spigot 9 Bleach-
- 43 Ump 44 "The erites' crv **12** Use 13 Spanish 9-Across?
- 14 Praise in 45 Music-biz verse 15 Cleopatra's carrier
- 16 Contradiction 18 Points of view
- 20 Dijon daddy 21 Tummy muscles
- 23 Tibetan beast **24** Fair 25 Origin
- 27 Promenade 29 He was Doc Ock in "Spider Man 2' 31 Big East team 35 Barber shop
- need 37 \$50. in "Monopo-

### Solution time: 25 mins. Yesterdav's answer



35 Bas-relief 54 Thomp-

son and

Lazarus

**DOWN** 

1 Eager

one?

2 Texas

city

3 "-- was

4 Capital

until

look

song

Earth

9 City of

8 It came to

3/23/01

Dock job

1998 Goo

Goo Dolls

1990

5 Villainous 29 Olio

saying,

material

39 Huff and

nated

42 Lean-to

Tell's

home

Crucible'

Cockney

49 Hitchcock

movie

51 "Hogan's

locale

Heroes'

-mâché

53 Viscous

setting

46 Difficult,

to a

47 Stay

44 "The

puff

40 Illumi-

### **ACROSS**

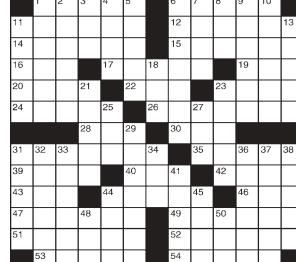
- 1 Spills the beans 6 An arm and a leg 11 Roughly
- 12 Bobolink's 43 William cousin 14 Nautical

90 days

- 15 Military pilots
- 16 "Hail, Caesar!" 17 Vengeful group of movie-
- dom 19 Foundation 20 Take it
- from the top 22 Montmartre
- 23 Host Letterman 24 Discovery
- 26 Liked a 28 Shade source 30 Some-
- thing to chew on 31 Like Hester's

## Solution time: 27 mins.





### Family Circus • Bill Keane

# 2-4

"You better eat more, Sam, or you'll never grow big like Marmaduke."

### **Bridge**

North

What	would	you bid	<b>now</b> wi
2 💠	Pass	?	
1 💠	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1101 011		South	1100

East

each of the following four hands?

- 1. ★ 963 ♥ AQJ74 ♦ K8 ♣ J95
- 2. ♠ K952 ♥ KJ96 ♦ A84 ♣ Q7
- 3. ♠ 83 ♥ AJ952 ♦ KJ96 ♣ 82 4. ♠ 96 ♥ AK983 ♦ A75 ♣ K74
  - \* \* \*

South

West

### **Bidding Quiz** 1. Three clubs. Partner's rebid limits his hand to

13 to 15 points, but game possibilities cannot be dismissed when you have 11 high-card points and partner might have 15. The raise to three clubs indicates a mild interest in game and is not forcing. It simply states that there might be a game if partner is in the

upper half of the range for his previous bids. Observe that it is more important to show your club support than to rebid your hearts. If partner has threecard heart support, he will bid three hearts next if he elects to continue over three clubs.

2. Three notrump. It would be wrong to bid only two notrump, which would merely invite game and would allow partner to pass. Whenever you have an opening bid facing an opening bid, you should make certain of getting to game, and clearly the most attractive spot with this hand is three notrump. 3. Pass. When you have only nine points oppo-

site a partner whose rebid indicates 13 to 15 points, there is no game. The only remaining problem is to find the best partscore contract, and there is no good reason here to think that hearts or diamonds would serve as a better trump suit - particularly when partner is more likely to have six clubs than five for his rebid. It is therefore best to leave well enough alone by passing. 4. Two diamonds. This unorthodox bid is the best

solution to an awkward situation. Your side has a game somewhere, but at this point there's no way of knowing whether the best spot is hearts, clubs or notrump. Two diamonds is a forcing bid, since it is a new suit named by responder. Partner cannot pass, even with

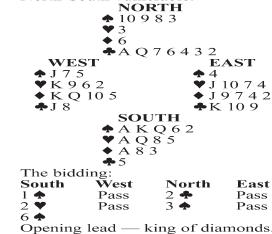
minimum values. Strictly speaking, three-card suits are not biddable, but occasionally it is necessary to improvise a bid. Partner's rebid over two diamonds should point the way to the best contract. Tomorrow: Viennese gambit.

NORTH

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North-South vulnerable.

South dealer.



### Viennese Gambit

Here is a neat hand played many years ago by Viennese expert Siegfried Klausner. Not many declarers would have found the way to bring home the

The principle involved is known as a gambit — a term borrowed from chess — where a player deliberately sacrifices a piece in the expectation of later capturing one or more of his opponents' pieces in

West led the king of diamonds. Klausner saw that it was impractical to play the hand on a crossruff because it would be difficult to ruff back and forth without eventually running into an overruff.

So he decided to bank his hopes on the establishment of dummy's clubs, even though there was an apparent shortage of entries to dummy to accomplish his purpose.

He won the ace of diamonds, led a club to the ace and ruffed a club, taking care to trump with the queen rather than a low trump. This was the first of two fine

Next. Klausner played the ace of spades, both opponents following suit. Then he played the two of spades, deliberately conceding a trump to the jack, even though this would have cost him a trick if the spades had been divided 2-2. It was the second excellent play he made, and it was this vital move that assured fulfillment of the contract.

West won with the jack, but there was no way of stopping the slam. He did as well as he could by returning a diamond, forcing dummy to ruff, but Klausner then ruffed a club with the king, led the six of spades to the ten and so won the rest of the tricks.

If Klausner had earlier neglected to ruff the two of clubs with a high trump, or had failed to lead a low spade after cashing the ace, he would have gone

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"Mommy, my room is all cleaned up! Come and look, it might not last!'