

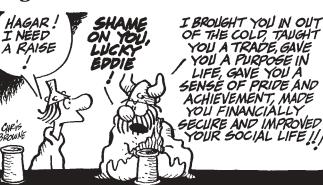
## **Garfield •** Jim Davis







**Hagar the Horrible •** Chris Browne





Blondie • Chic Young

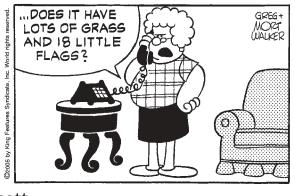






**Beetle Bailey •** Mort Walker





**Zits •** Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott









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Sally Forth • Greg Howard





### Cryptoquip

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TBFN H XHRN AD TAAF

LTHXFWHBT.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SUPPOSING AN INSECT WAS SINGING WITH CLOSED LIPS, MIGHT IT BE CALLED A HUMBUG?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals O

JAN CGC VTUNZ JR YNVXN

PRCXNCJ, LGJ TAN J A N

IRGCZ KJ ZKIIKPGYJ JR

TAVUN JAN AVLKJ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A POST OFFICE BURNED DOWN, I PRESUME IT WOULD LOOK LIKE A CASE OF BLACKMAIL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals F

### Crossword

ACROSS 36 Birth-DOWN 1 "Poppy-1 Unfortustone, nate e.g. cock!' 37 More, to 2 Easy occurrence Manuel stride 38 Obey 3 Layered 5 Clamor-Allen ous

quartz partner 4 Humorist Funt of 13-5 Rub the voyage!" Across wrong 8 Injure 42 Water way 6 Reddish-12 Chaplin's (Fr.) 45 Zhivago's brown widow 13 See 5love color 7 "Abso-

46 Abolition-Across 14 Cookie ist Frederick name 15 Small 48 "Lucky Jim" telescope 17 Hideous author 18 Whammy 49 B&B

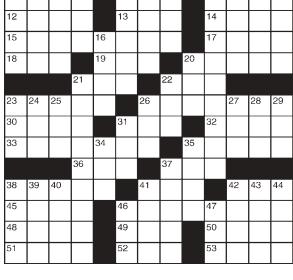
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sect 26 Ammunition 30 Actress Moore 31 Shack **32** Met melody 33 California crop 35 Song of

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6 Exist

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## **ACROSS**

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43 Pigeon's

45 Subtle

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**54** "Got it"

55 Stolen

56 Pavarotti

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12 Entice 13 Raw rock 47 Man's 14 "SNL" alumna

Nora 15 Pulpit figure 17 Anatomical network 18 "A Street- 57 "Hawaii

car ... role 19 Earlier, poetically 59 Supreme 21 Spread seed

22 Galvanizing materia 23 Back talk 26 Ring decision 28 Macabre cartoonist

31 Journey 33 Perch 35 Host Jay 36 Pants material 38 Diary

Five-0" often 10 Golden star Jack 58 Resort Rule word 39 Capricorn 11 From the 42 Legends start leader? 16 What a DOWN stent will 1 European prevent Predeterrange 2 Brusque mine Solution time: 21 mins.

Yesterday's answer

36

# Family Circus • Bill Keane

# "We'll be the good guys and

you're the insurgents!"

# **Bridge**

22 Stick out

thumb

bother

26 Clear the

tables

period

28 Before, in

verse

29 Muppet

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31 Height of

**34** "Holy

35 Throe

37 Saddle

38 Bridge

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like a sore

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable. **NORTH ♦** Q 10 8 3 **♥**A 7 6 ♦ A Q 4 ♣Q83 WEST **EAST 1** 7 5 ♠ K J 9 2 **♥**52 **♥** 10 9 4 3 **♦** 10 9 8 **♦** 6 3

♣A K 7 6

East

Pass

**Pass** 

**SOUTH ♠** A 6 4 ♥KQJ8 ♦ KJ752 The bidding: South West North

Pass

Pass

♣J 10 9 5 2

4 🖤 Opening lead — jack of clubs.

Most hands played by declarer are of a simple sort. They do not require specialized knowledge or heavy thinking for the best result to be obtained. Since these types of hands are so numerous, the player who consistently fares well on them — avoiding occasional pitfalls along the way - is well on the way to becoming a first-rate declarer. Consider this deal where South went down in a

2 NT

contract he should have made. West led a club and continued with a second club, ruffed by declarer. South then drew three rounds of trumps, hoping

the suit was divided 3-3. When East showed out on the third heart, the jig was up. West ruffed the third diamond lead and cashed three club tricks, and declarer finished down two. What South had done, in effect, was to pin all his

hopes on a 3-3 trump division, about a 1-in-3 proposition. Instead of settling for such a low-percentage probability, declarer should have sought a way to add to his chances by catering to a possible 4-2 trump division, which occurs in about 48 deals out of 100. To this end, South should refuse to trump the second club lead, and also the third club lead if the de-

discards two spades, and the defense collapses as a result. South takes the next 10 tricks regardless of what the defenders do. By adopting this method of play, South makes the contract whenever the adverse trumps are divided 3-3 or 4-2. He increases his chances of making four hearts from 36 percent to 84 percent, and goes from

fense continues the suit. On these clubs declarer

being a 2-to-1 underdog to a 5-to-1 favorite. South dealer.

Neither side vulnerable. **NORTH ♠** 9 7 5 4 **♥** A J 10 9 6 **♦** 6 3 **♣**62 WEST **EAST** ♠ Q 10 8 2 **♠** J 6 **♥**K 5 2 **♥** Q 8 4 ♦ K 10 9 7 **♦** 8 4 2 ♣QJ1083 **4**95 **SOUTH ♠** A K 3 **₹**73 **♦** A Q J 5 ♣A K 7 4 The bidding:

Pass 3 NT Opening lead — queen of clubs. Experience is a marvelous teacher, but one of the dangers of long association with bridge is the gradual

growth of a lethargic attitude toward commonplace

West

North

East

Pass

situations Take this case where South is in three notrump. Let's say South ducks the opening club lead and wins the next club with the king. He then plays a heart and, when West follows low, finesses the nine. If East takes his queen, which seems the natural thing to do, South has no trouble scoring 10 tricks. Whatever East returns, declarer takes a second heart finesse and easily makes the contract with an overtrick, scoring four hearts and two tricks in each of the other

If East does not take his queen, South still gets home safely. He takes a successful diamond finesse crosses to the ace of hearts and repeats the diamond finesse. Declarer thus scores two spades, two

hearts, three diamonds and two clubs. However, South would find it impossible to make nine tricks if West played the king of hearts on the first heart lead! This would limit South to just one

Declarer might duck the king, hoping West also had the queen, or might take the king and attempt a diamond finesse. Either way, though, South can't

make nine tricks. West should surely play the king of hearts when the suit is first led despite the usual practice by a defender of playing second-hand low. General rules are always subservient to common sense, and, in the present case, West should apply that invaluable

commodity to the situation at hand. West should reason that if South has the queen of hearts, the king is doomed, come what may. He therefore plays the king on the assumption that East has the gueen, and hopes that by doing so he will restrict dummy to one heart trick.

