

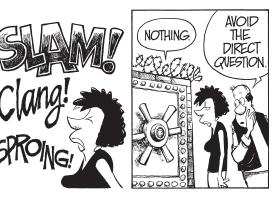




**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott







**Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne







**Blondie** • Chic Young





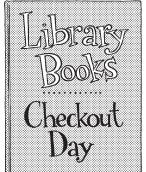


Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker

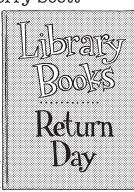




**Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott









Tod the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts







**Mother Goose and Grimm** • Mike Peters



## Cryptoquip

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals Y

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals T

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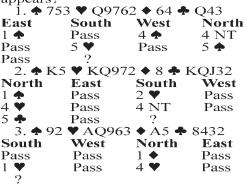
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### Bridge

You are South, both sides vulnerable, in each of the following three hands. What would you bid at the point where the question mark appears?



### **Bidding Quiz**

1. Six clubs. The four-notrump bid by partner was equivalent to a strong takeout double. After his fivespade bid, which commits you to slam, you should assume he is very likely void in spades and has a powerful two-suiter in diamonds and clubs. If he were satisfied with hearts, he'd either pass or go on to six hearts if his hand was strong enough to do so.

It follows that partner wants you to choose between diamonds and clubs, and you should make the choice happily with your Q-x-x of clubs, which should add significantly to partner's hand. Three possible holdings for partner might be:

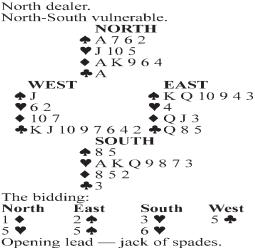
> [S] -- [H] A5 [D] AKQ83 [C] AKJ972 [S] -- [H] AK4 [D] KQJ95 [C] AKJ85 [S] -- [H] AJ [D] AKQ752 [C] AK986

2. Seven hearts. Partner's five-club response to Blackwood shows either no aces or four aces. He can hardly have no aces, considering his first two bids, so he must have all four. A grand slam is therefore virtually assured, and there is no reason not to bid it straightaway. Partner's hand should look something

#### [S] AJ732 [H] AJ86 [D] A9 [C] A5

3. Five diamonds. This hand is obviously on the verge of a slam, since partner leapt to game in hearts without knowing you had passed a hand worth nearly an opening bid. Partner has in effect said that he thinks you will have a good play for game even if you have only a six-point hand and just four mediocre hearts. However, you can't bid six all by yourself, as he might have two immediate losers in one of the black suits.

Five diamonds is clearly a slam try showing the ace, since you would pass four hearts if you were interested only in game. The diamond cuebid will enable partner to bid six hearts with a hand such as [S] A7 [H] KJ85 [D] KJ762 [C] AK, which offers an excellent play for 12 tricks.



# It's All in the Mind

A top-notch declarer is said to be one who is not happy unless he is miserable! And since the actual declarer in this deal was immediately disconsolate when dummy first appeared -- it seemed likely he would lose a spade and a diamond at six hearts -- he was no doubt in the ideal state of mind to try to find a successful resolution.

Accordingly, he won the spade lead with the ace, cashed the A-K of trumps and ace of clubs and then played three more trumps to produce this position: North

[D] AK9 West [D] 107 KJ109 [C] East [S] KQ10 [D] QJ3 South 73 [H]

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[D]852 When declarer now led the seven of trumps, discarding the diamond nine from dummy, East was presented with a Hobson's choice. If he discarded a diamond, South would cash dummy's A-K of diamonds and lose only a spade trick.

If East instead discarded the spade ten, the outcome would be the same. In that case, declarer would next lead the eight of spades, losing to East's queen. East could then do no better than return a diamond to the king. Declarer would then ruff the six of spades to establish dummy's seven as his 12th trick.

### Family Circus • Bill Keane



"Mommy, can we have Pease Porridge Hot for dinner?'

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