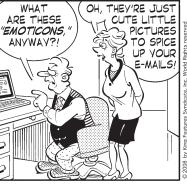
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**Blondie** • Chic Young







Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



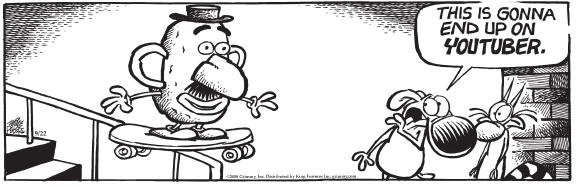


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#### Cryptoquip

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CHANGE FORMS: "LITTLE MORPHIN' ANNIE." Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals Z

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Difficulty Level ★

This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to today's Sudoku puzzle is right.

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## **Bridge**

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH A Q 4 3 ◆ K 10 8 7 3 **EAST** WEST **♠** K 9 **♥**QJ62 ♥A 10 8 7 5 3 ◆ Q 6 5 2 **♣**J 10 **♦** A J 4 ♣Q764 **SOUTH ♠** J 10 8 7 6 2 **♥**K94 The bidding: South West North East Pass Pass! Pass Pass Pass Dble queen of hearts. Opening lead -

#### West dealer.

A pass is generally regarded as a sign of weakness, but there are times when it can be used to mask an ulterior purpose.

For a striking example of the lethal power of a strategic pass, consider this deal featuring Peter Weichsel, one of th world's top players.

Weichsel, North, overcalled West club bid with one diamond, which wa certainly the normal action to take. Ear then bid one heart, and South barged with two spades, a weak bid as played b Weichsel and his partner. But after We next bid three hearts, Weichsel passed!

He realized, of course, that he had the values for a three- or four-spade bid, b he felt confident that East would not dro the bidding before game was reached.

As expected, East did continue of to four hearts -- though after a length pause during which Weichsel no dou died a thousand deaths -- and Weichsel belatedly bid four spades. This rolled around to West, who thought that North was sacrificing, so he doubled.

This turned out to be a disastrous decision when declarer made the contract with two overtricks, losing only a diamond. As a result, North-South scored a tidy 1,190 points, directly attributable to Weichsel's well-judged second-round

pass. It is true that the pass of three hearts would have turned sour had East been sufficiently inspired to pass also, but Weichsel had the courage to back his conviction that East would bid. His judgment was amply rewarded when everything turned out exactly as he had planned.

Tomorrow: Things are not what they seem.

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# Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Maybe we could just get him bubble-wrapped.'

2 Vicinity

4 St.

3 Blue hue

Francis

home

short-

shade

7 Stallion's

tailed bird

5 Small,

6 Blond

ion

8 Didn't

blink

9 Action

tor

**11** Flex

10 "So be it"

17 Work unit

19 Leaning

Tower

accelera-

**22** Big

fracas

employe

24 Couric's

25 Chop

26 Chemi-

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33 "Zounds!

36 Beatnik's

drums

38 Hardly

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42 Fermi's

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43 Silent

44 Stairway

part 46 Press

47 Carry

48 Spuds

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30 Lotsa

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### Crossword

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bt	once
	23 Solidify
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blue?

contest **32** 1988 movie.

dog 53 Common Mkt. 54 Unrivaled 55 Disarray 56 Postopposite 57 Tolkien's

41 Birth-

right

42 Restitu-

up to

49 Wolfram

51 Heehaw

52 "Beetle

Bailey

45 Look

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- creatures **DOWN** 28 Turned 1 Platter 31 Spelling
  - Solution time: 24 mins.
- "Without **34** Go schussing 35 Sailor's mop 37 Intensify
- 39 Deity

Saturday's answer 9-22 35