

WHATEVER GETS TRIP THING, HUH? YOU TO SHAVE OR AT LEAST CHANGE CLOTHES

Crossword

34 Hearty

35 Paul

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40 Year

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36 Nursery

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37 Ordeal

40 Knitting

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47 Advertise

46 Choir

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17 Indigent

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19 Pivot

20 Overly

22 Poetic

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25 Wind

29 Main-

14 Re planes 42 Keyboard

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12 Cheer-

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13 Blood-

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15 Brass

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Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott







Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



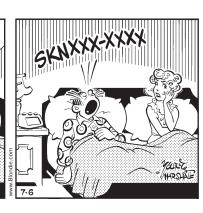




Chic Young Blondie •







Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker





Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



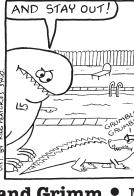


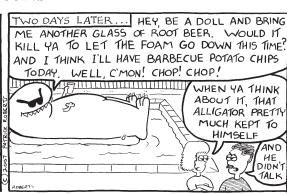




Tod the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts

HI, TRENT. COULD TODD POSSIBLY COME OVER AND SHOO AN ALLIGATOR OUT OF OUR POOL? WE'VE TRIED LURING IT OUT AND MAKING LOUD NOISES BUT NOTHING WORKS SURE HE'LL BE RIGHT OVER





Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters





Cryptoquip

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ZJEWJTUX EJXJULNF. HMLQ'NL

UNLJH JH FWTX ZCXHNCS. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A SHOREBIRD SHOWS SHAMELESS BOLDNESS, I GUESS YOU

MIGHT SAY THAT'S SEA-GALL. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals H EYB FBGGYFD RMUR

FYCD PYOAF CTSMR

JYIFTQDX U XDSBOUX KUX

YP FYUG U KURMQUE JUAD? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HE JOKED THAT DISC JOCKEYS COULD MAKE GOOD CAMPAIGN MANAGERS. THEY'RE GREAT AT SPIN CONTROL. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals D

(Abbr.) lander's memento 43 Jungfrau, 30 IV quantie.g. ties? 44 Salary 45 Supple-31 Geological time ment, 32 String with instrument Yesterday's answer 7-6 "out" 10 13 26 27 38

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4 Jamie

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5 Render

6 Spot of

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7 Like

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5 Insane	verse
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13 Capri, for	48 Black
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14 Carnival	49 Gumbo
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15 Host	50 St. Louis
16 Ollie's	team
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32 Smells	RAH ODOR AERO								
33 Jungle	TROMBONE POOR								
critter	WOOLHINGE								
34 Peers	CAMPYFEET								
36 Climbed	ARESCLARINET								
37 Freddy's	L E I F O U R S E R A M A N D O L I N S W I G								
street	RUDD BABES								
38 Common-	TRIAL PURL								
est	RINGCALLIOPE								
	ALTOPLUGOAK								
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Yesterday's answer 7-7									

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Bridge

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4 Hero of

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7 Beati-

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11 Rent

16 Broom

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20 Tranquil

21 Vicinity

22 Liquid 23 Deserve

25 Freezing

26 Revitaliz-

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28 "Price Is

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34 Ganges

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36 Swell

37 Snare

39 Busy

38 Incense

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40 Asset

42 Book-

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20 TV

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show host

22 Arts sup-

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24 Olympics

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26 Commo-

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27 High-arc

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1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Diamonds. North leads the ace and another spade. How would you play the hand? West **•** O

♣AKQ64 2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, North leads the jack of hearts. How would you play the hand? West East **♠** A K 7

◆ A J 9 5 3 10 7 6 4 2 ♣Q 8 6 4 3

Test Your Play

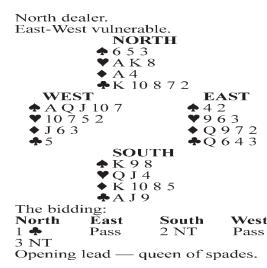
1. The danger is that the opposing clubs might be divided 4-1, in which case if you were to discard a heart on the king of spades at trick two, you would very likely finish down one.

The best method of play is to ruff the second spade lead, draw trumps and then play the A-K of clubs. If both opponents follow suit, you have the rest of the tricks, but if either opponent shows out on the second club, you still have two heart finesses to fall back on to save the day. Thus, you would make the slam on the suggested line of play if North held something like SA1098 HK1097 D7643 C 9, but you would almost surely go down if you made the mistake of prematurely discarding a heart on the king of spades at trick two.

2. After winning the heart, you must resist the temptation to immediately develop the diamond suit. Four diamond tricks and four tricks in the majors would not be enough, and when you attempted to score the ninth trick by leading a club, the enemy would grab the ace and cash at least three hearts to put you out of business.

Instead of pursuing such a hopeless course, you should win the heart and lead a low club at trick two. This play offers a legitimate chance for the contract. If North has the A-x or A-x-x of clubs, he must play low; otherwise, you'll breeze home with nine tricks — two spades, two hearts, a diamond and four clubs.

Once you succeed in "stealing" a club trick, you can then attack diamonds, intending to finesse if South follows low. Unless North turns up with all three missing diamonds, you make the contract.



A 100 Percent Solution

The most interesting hands to play are those where there is a substantial danger of defeat and declarer, despite the threat, finds a way to protect himself against every possible lie of the adverse cards.

Consider this simple example where West leads the spade queen against three notrump. Declarer's only real problem is the location of the queen of clubs. If he knew where the missing lady was located, nine tricks would become a certainty, since a finesse in the right direction would easily do the job.

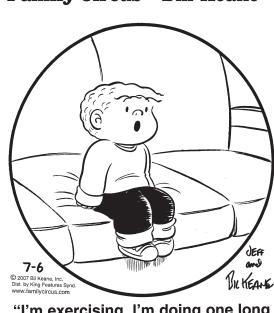
But, lacking this information, South nevertheless found a line of play that ensured the contract. He started by ducking the queen of spades. This kept West on lead and free to attack wherever he wished, but powerless to inflict mortal damage whatever he

If West continued with the ace and another spade, South would counter by leading the A-J of clubs, willing to lose a finesse to East, who could do him

If West elected instead to lead the jack of spades at trick two, South would win and follow the same plan. If the club finesse lost to East's queen, East either wouldn't have a spade to return because the suit was originally divided 5-2, or he would return a spade, in which case the spades were divided 4-3. Either way, South would be sure to score at least nine

tricks. Also, and with equal effectiveness, if West chose to shift to a heart or a diamond at trick two, declarer would win in dummy, lead the ten of clubs and let it ride. He wouldn't care whether the finesse won or lost, because if West had the queen, he couldn't harm South, while if East had the queen, the finesse could be repeated to assure the contract.

Family Circus • Bill Keane



"I'm exercising. I'm doing one long sit-up."