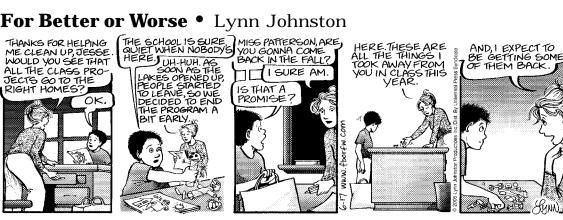
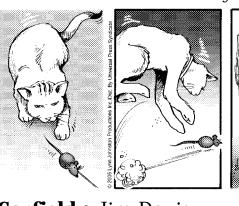
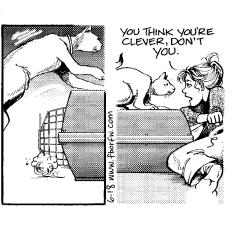
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# Cryptoquip

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PHGA QY NHXXL GHPP.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FOR THE SAFETY OF NOAH DURING THE FLOOD, DO YOU THINK THAT GOD SENT AN ARKANGEL?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals L

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VGLI GL'Y J YRCJ SLPE! Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THAT GUY IS SO HIRSUTE, HE DECÎDED TO LEGALLY CHANGE HIS NAME TO HARRY MANN.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals K

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26 Bear hair

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29 Cowboy

31 Progress

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37 Thwart

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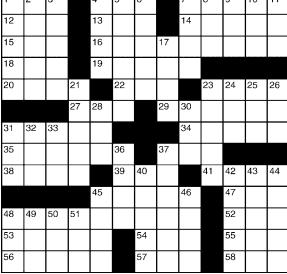
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Solution time: 25 mins.

Yesterday's answer 6-17



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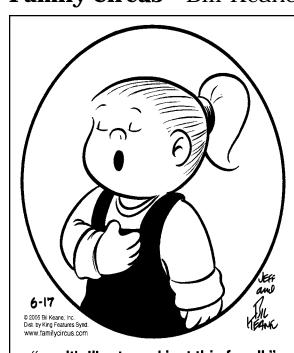
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"... with liberty and just this for all."

### **Bridge**

#### **Bidding Quiz**

You hold the following hand: S AKQ8 H 85 D J74 C AQ73

- 1. You are the dealer. What would you bid? 2. Your partner deals and bids One Diamond.
- What would you respond? 3. Your left-hand opponent bids One Diamond,
- partner passes, and your right-hand opponent bids One Heart. What would you bid? 4. Your partner bids One Heart, and the next player doubles. What would you bid?
- 5. Your partner bids One Heart, you respond One Spade, and partner bids Three Diamonds. What would you bid? 6. Your left-hand opponent bids One Club, and
- your right-hand opponent bids One Spade. What would you bid? 1. One club. Despite your 16 points and 4-4-3-2
- is better to bid a suit when you have two suits unstopped. As usual when holding clubs and spades of equal length, you start with the lower-ranking suit. One spade. Game is certain, but that doesn't mean you must jump to two spades. A jump-shift would indicate a probable slam, and this hand is not

distribution, which suggest opening one notrump, it

- in that class. Change one of your hearts into a spade, and you would have an acceptable two-spade response. One spade is 100 percent forcing. 3. Double. This indicates the values for an open-
- ing bid and support for the two unbid suits. It would be wrong to bid one spade, which would suggest greater spade length and less in high-card strength. Redouble. This promises 10 points or more in
- high cards. Your plan is to go to game eventually or double the opponents for penalties. 5. Four clubs. A small slam is certain, since partner's jump-shift indicates at least 19 points in

high cards and distribution. Your real goal at this point

is a grand slam. Four clubs is a waiting bid that forces

- partner to reveal the nature of his jump-shift. He might have: Š J972 H AKQ63 D AK65 C — S 6 H AK9643 D AKQ83 C 10 or similar holdings. You'll have to wait to see what partner does over four clubs.
- 6. Pass. The value of a hand nearly always changes as the bidding progresses. Before the bidding started, you were hoping to find partner with spade or club length, but that possibility is now greatly reduced. The best strategy is to play possum and hope the opponents climb too high.

**EAST** 

**↑**863

**♦** J 9 5 2

**♣**973

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## South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH ♠** Q 9 5 2 **♥**632 **♦** 8 4 3 🗭 A J 4 WEST

- **•** 7 **♥**QJ84 ◆ A Q 10 6
- **♣**K 10 8 5 **SOUTH**
- ♠ A K J 10 4 no-no 34 Ram's **♥** A K 5 ma'am **♦** K 7 35 Bowling 春 Q 6 2 rounds 36 Again

The bidding:

North South East West Dble Pass 4 🏚 Opening lead — queen of hearts.

### **Look Before You Leap**

Assume you're in four spades and West leads the queen of hearts. How should you play the hand? Your potential losers are a heart, two diamonds

and a club. You could try leading a diamond to the king at some point, but, considering the bidding, this is not very likely to succeed. Oddly enough, your best chance lies in permitting

West to win the opening heart lead! The purpose of this play is to forestall East's ever gaining the lead in hearts to return a diamond through your king, which could prove fatal.

Once the heart is ducked, you can feel fairly certain of the contract. Let's say West continues with a heart, which is the best he can do.

You win with the king, draw three rounds of trumps, cash the ace of hearts and lead a low club to the jack. After the finesse wins, as you expect it to from the bidding, you play the ace and another club.

West takes your queen with the king but is helpless. He is forced either to return a diamond and make your king a trick, or hand you a ruff-and-discard. Whichever he chooses, the contract is home.

If you were to make the mistake of winning the opening heart lead, which seems a perfectly natural thing to do, you could be defeated by perfect defense thereafter.

The hand points up once more the importance of formulating a plan before you play to the first trick. To win the queen of hearts and then start thinking runs contrary to that time-tested adage: Look before

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"For Father's Day I made you some POPcorn!"