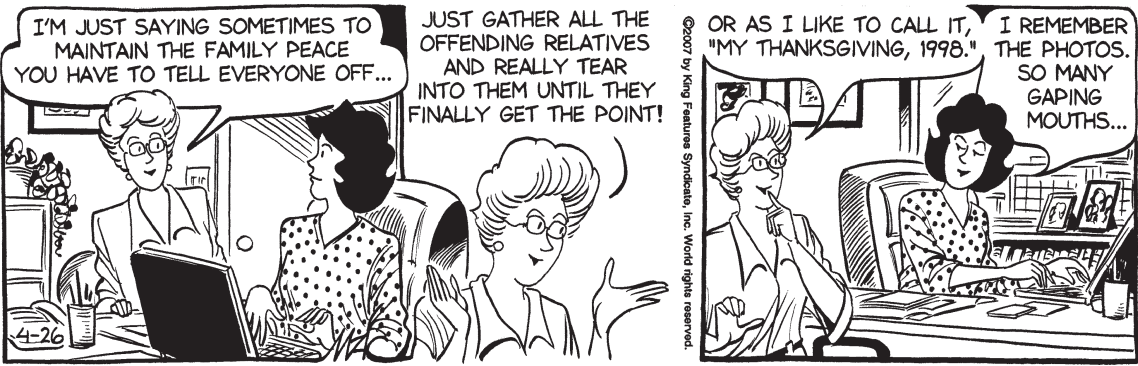


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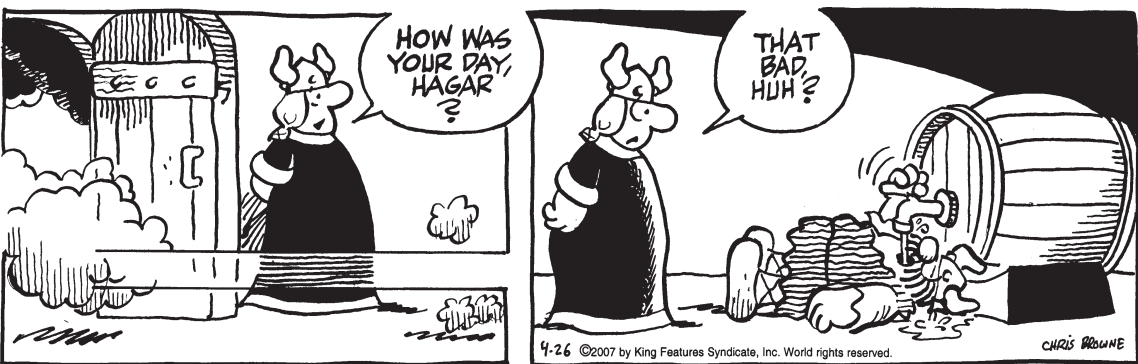
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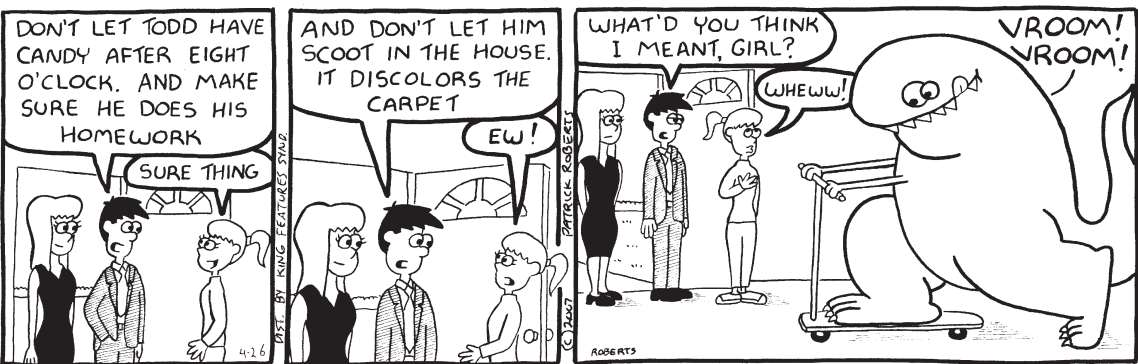
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Cryptoquip

Y T M I J Q S M Y Z P Y Z E

Y Z B S Q F R J Z S P J Q J E J I V M Q J E

D T T - V Y R Y S B , P D F V E Y S

L J T D Q L Y E E J Z T V F S J ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DURING THEIR COSMIC OUTINGS, THE THIRSTY ALIENS LIKED TO MAKE A STOP BY THE SPACE BAR.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals F

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

		5		9	2			
								6
2		4						1
	6	3			9	4		
				7				
		1	8			3	2	
3						6		9
7								
			2	8		7		

Difficulty Level ★★ ★

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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.

6	3	5	1	9	2	8	7	4
1	9	7	4	5	8	2	3	6
2	8	4	6	3	7	5	9	1
8	6	3	5	2	9	4	1	7
5	4	2	3	7	1	9	6	8
9	7	1	8	6	4	3	2	5
3	2	8	7	1	5	6	4	9
7	5	6	9	4	3	1	8	2
4	1	9	2	8	6	7	5	3

Difficulty Level ★★ ★

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Bridge

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠	A Q 9	♠	6
♥	K J 8 3	♥	Q 7 6 5 2
♦	A J 10	♦	9 8 5 3 2
♣	9 7 4	♣	J 3
WEST		SOUTH	
♠	8 5 3	♠	K J 10 7 4 2
♥	9	♥	A 10 4
♦	7 4	♦	K Q 6
♣	A K Q 10 6 5 2	♣	8

The bidding:  
West North East South  
3 ♠ 5 ♥ Pass 4 NT  
Pass 5 ♥ Pass 6 ♠  
Opening lead — king of clubs.

The So-Called Educated Guess

Declarer is often faced with the problem of resolving which way to finesse against a missing queen. From a mathematical standpoint, this appears to be a straightforward 50-50 proposition, but in fact a skillful declarer will "guess" correctly far more than One way of improving the success ratio is for declarer to try to learn as much as possible about the opponents' distribution before committing himself one way or the other. How he goes about doing this is shown in today's hand.

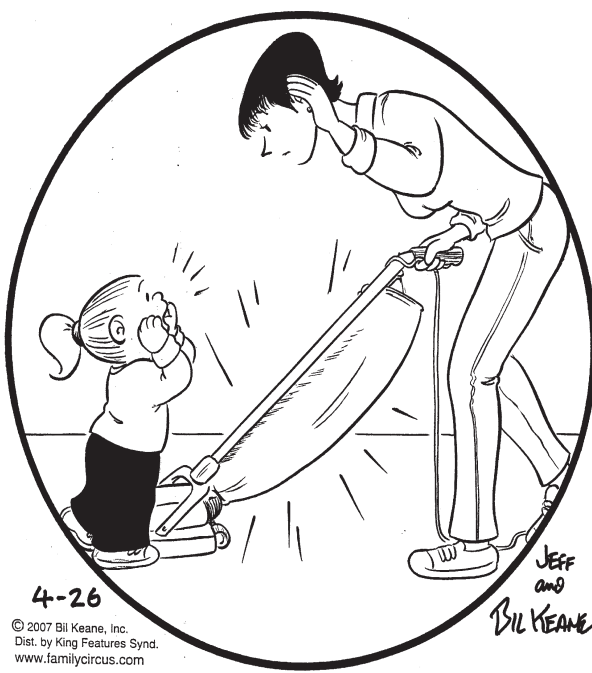
West led the king of clubs and continued with the ace. Declarer ruffed, drew three rounds of trumps, West following suit to all three, and then ruffed dummy's last club. East's diamond discard confirmed that West, as expected, had started with seven clubs.

One more piece of information regarding West's distribution remained to be uncovered, and South quickly resolved it by cashing the A-K-Q of diamonds, West showing out on the third round. The picture of the hand West held originally was now complete. He had started with seven clubs, three spades, two diamonds and therefore only one heart.

Declarer was now ready to tackle the heart suit, but, thanks to his careful preparatory steps, the location of the queen was no longer a guess. Either East had the missing damsel or West had it singleton. So, at trick ten declarer led a heart to dummy's king. When the queen did not appear, South next led a heart to his ten to bring home the slam.

Admittedly, there are deals where declarer, despite diligent efforts, will be unable to significantly increase his chances of locating a missing queen. But in the present case, by simply adding up to 13, South was able to raise his chances from 50 percent to 100 percent.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



Crossword

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
1 Radio's Limbaugh	1 Coll. mil. org.
5 Tackle moguls	2 Caspian Sea feeder
8 Scratches (out)	3 Withered st.
12 Sweet sandwich	4 "Yippeel!"
13 Stashed	5 Lurid novels
14 Wield the shears	6 Tease
15 Poi base	7 Concept one?
16 Praise in verse	8 Date, e.g.
17 Dag-wood's boss's wife	9 Door hardware
18 Reverend, e.g.	10 Green land
20 Long-legged shorebird	11 Lovers' quarrel
22 Request	19 "— not!"
23 Annoy	21 Complete
24 Youngest	24 Clear the tables
27 List-condensing phrase	25 Illustrations
32 Web address	
33 Kind of pron.	
34 Operated	
35 "She — Conquer"	

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

SLID	OAK	SAPS
TORI	VIT	PLOP
ABOVE	ALL	OLGA
BONER	NACHOS	
SASH	TKO	
MOAT	TACO	UZI
OWL	SERUM	RID
EEL	AWES	ASPS
FAN	SPAM	
STONES	PURGE	
THUG	THAT	SALL
TEARS	OUT	ETAS
MIST	WEE	DADA

Yesterday's answer 4-26

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13			14			
15				16			17			
18				19		20	21			
			22			23				
24	25	26		27	28	29			30	31
32				33				34		
35			36	37				38		
			39			40	41			
42	43			44	45			46	47	48
49				50	51			52		
53				54				55		
56				57				58		

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