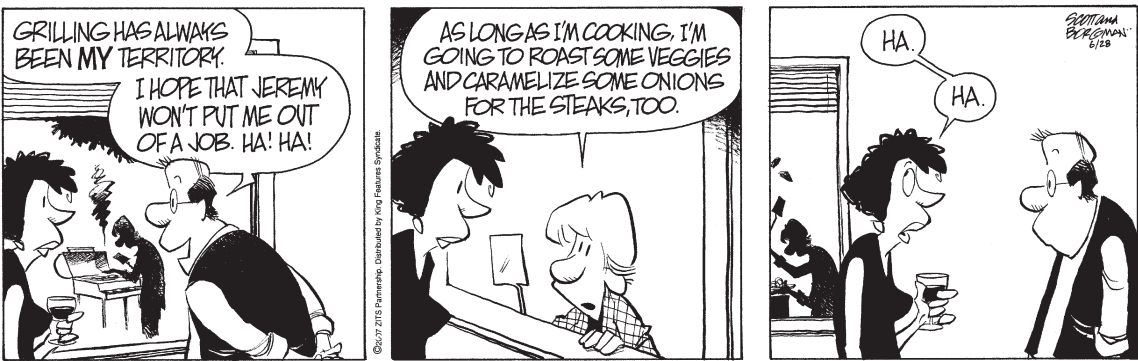


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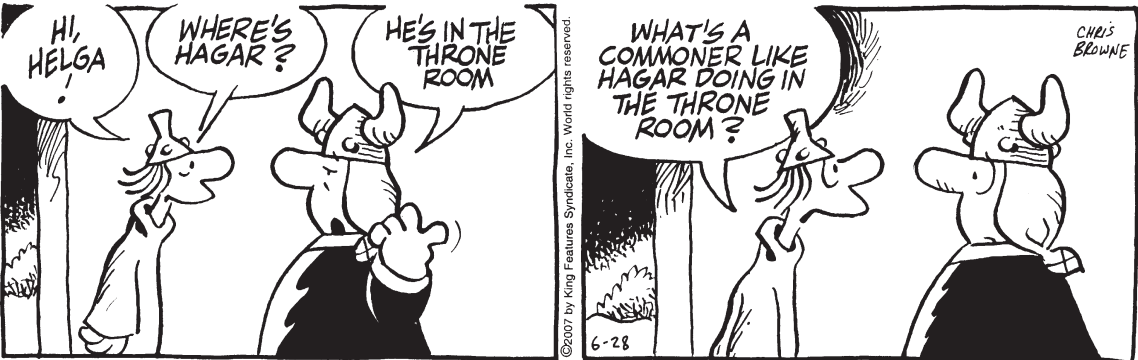
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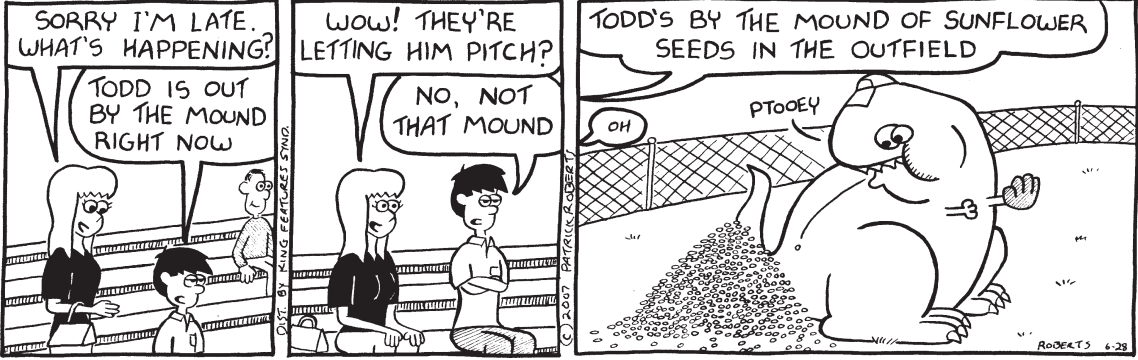
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Cryptoquip

G P Y U F E K Y Y A K F X
M R B P F U F B G Y U Z X G Z B F V V C
X V M E E Z X P . Z G L R V C
U Y V Y F X Y A Z G X W L V V Y R
X W L U Y - F A Z B F V V C .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU'RE SEEKING TO LOCATE YOUR LONG-LOST FATHER, FIRST TRY CHECKING THE CLASSIFIED DADS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals T

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Bridge

South dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 7 3
♥ K 2
♦ K 10 9 5
♣ 10 6 3

WEST
♠ 6 2
♥ J 9 7
♦ 8 6 4 2
♣ Q J 9 5

EAST
♠ 9 4
♥ 10 8 6 5 4 3
♦ A
♣ A K 7 4

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 8 5
♥ A Q
♦ Q J 7 3
♣ 8 2

The bidding:

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

A Play Fit for a Monarch

There are hands where one defender is in a much better position than his partner to see the best chance of defeating the contract. In these cases, the player with the better perspective should take over, if possible, and direct the defense for his side.

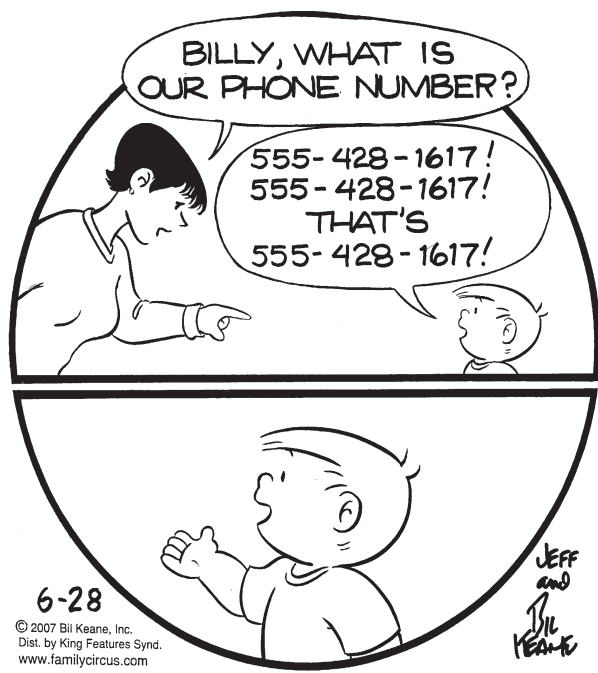
For example, take this deal where West led the queen of clubs against four spades. East signaled with the seven and won the next club with the king. But when East then tried to cash his ace, South ruffed, drew trumps and conceded the ace of diamonds to make the contract.

East was entirely at fault for allowing declarer to make four spades. He merely went through the motions of defending, basing his hopes entirely on the possibility that South had three clubs instead of two.

A much better plan would have been to make use of the knowledge that West's queen-of-clubs lead indicated he also had the jack. With that in mind, East should have overtaken the queen with the king, cashed the ace of diamonds and then returned a low This sequence of plays by East would have clearly marked the ace of diamonds as a singleton, and would have made it easy for West to return a diamond at trick four to defeat the contract.

It is true that many players holding the East hand would mechanically play the seven of clubs at trick one, giving no thought whatever to the primary objective of every good defender: to defeat the contract. Over the long haul, such players would almost surely find themselves on the short end of the score.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I'm practicing to be a radio announcer someday."

Crossword

- ACROSS**

1 Jodie Foster movie

5 Angry

9 Sch. group

12 Cruising

13 Be in charge of

14 Sleeve content

15 Travelers' IDs

17 Seek damages

18 Down Under

19 County of England

21 Fashionable

22 Permit

24 Put one over on

27 Crafty

28 Goes up and down

31 Cable network

32 Football filler

33 Cheerleader's cry

34 A-number-one

36 Dundee denial

37 Decisive time
- DOWN**

1 California wine region

16 Wrestling victory

20 Weep

22 Jennifer Garner series
- Solution time: 25 mins.**

A	H	E	M	B	A	T	T	A	S	K
S	O	D	A	E	R	R	R	U	I	N
A	U	D	I	E	N	C	E	I	S	L
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O	V	A	S	E	A	S	T	I	R	S
F	E	U	D	S	I	P	E	A	C	H
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T	I	C	K	E	T	G	O	O	G	L
A	C	R	E		A	U	R	E	V	O
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A	N	T	S		S	I	M	E	S	S

Yesterday's answer 6-28

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11
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15					16					17		
18								19	20			
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