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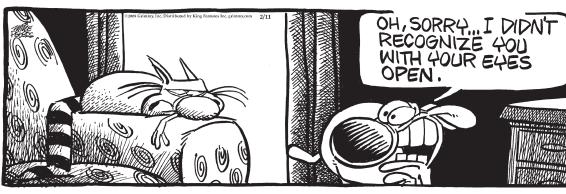


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Cryptoquip

ADNQ LKBLTK MZM RZCIKF YNVKR KVLTBW PBF QDK YBU

BP VKCMZCI DZR ANFMFBUK?

QNWTBF'R QNZTBFR.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: STRUGGLING TO EKE OUT A LIVING, POETS HAVE ADOPTED A NEW WORKING MOTTO: "RHYME DOESN'T PAY."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals P

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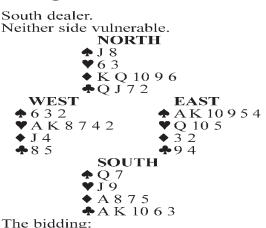
This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to today's Sudoku puzzle is right.

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Bridge

South

1 NT



All Pass Pass 3 NT Opening lead – seven of hearts.

East

North

Famous Hand

West

The average player feels that the expert is rarely subjected to the assorted ignominies that frequently befall lesser mortals. Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth.

For starters, tactical and strategic considerations may influence an expert to take an action that on a particular deal might end in disaster. Then, too, the expert's natural aggressiveness in bidding games will sometimes lead to contracts that fail by several tricks -- occasionally doubled to boot.

A case in point arose in the final of the 2006 world team championship at the table where the Swedish pair of Peter Bertheau and Fredrik Nystrom held the North-South hands, respectively. They reached three notrump as shown.

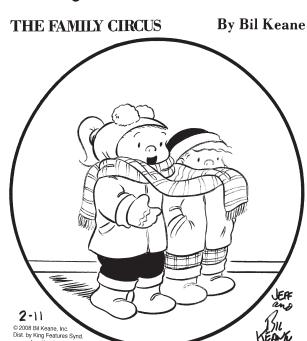
Both players acted on the principle that when the bulk of a partnership's length and strength is in the minor suits, the best potential game lies in notrump. And to a certain extent, they were right, as the combined hands contained 10 tricks in the minors.

But after West led a low heart, the outcome proved both tragic and comical. The defenders proceeded to collect six heart tricks followed by six spade tricks, setting the contract eight tricks!

One would certainly think that this result could not be equaled, but amazingly enough, the North-South pair at the other table, Tor Helness and Geir Helgemo of Norway, produced the identical auction, and so seemed headed for the same fate. That is, until East, Peter Fredin of Sweden, doubled three notrump, asking for the lead of a major suit.

Helgemo decided to trust Fredin's assessment, and retreated to four clubs, passed all around. The defenders then collected two hearts and two spades to score a one-trick set -- plus 50 -- but this could not come close to matching the plus 400 achieved by East-West at the first table, and the Norwegians came away with an 8-IMP gain. (c)2007 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Look, Mommy! My scarf has room for a passenger."

Crossword

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entree 20 Run like a horse 21 Cigar remnant 23 Craze

24 Pair from each state 28 Staff 31 Neighbor of Arg.

32 Deuces toppers 34 Method 35 Cripple 37 Courtroom punishment 39 Sermon subject

Solution time: 24 mins. Saturday's answer 2-11

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