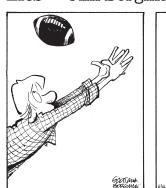
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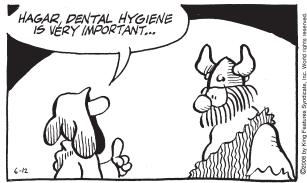
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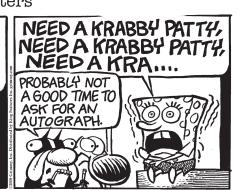




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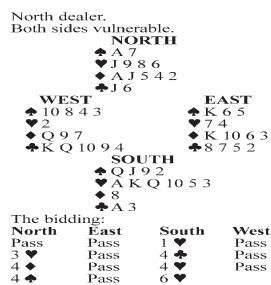
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This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to today's Sudoku puzzle is right.

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#### **Bridge**



### **Good Bidding and Good Play**

Opening lead — king of clubs.

The Blackwood Convention is a very useful gadget for getting to or staying out of slams. But in the same way you don't use a rake to clean your fingernails, or a teaspoon to dig a well, you don't use Blackwood when the information it elicits may not help you get to the right con-

For example, take this deal where South cuebid four clubs over three hearts, indicating first-round club control and interest in a slam even though his partner had passed originally.

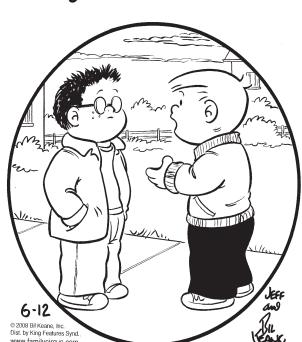
North cooperated by bidding four diamonds, and South could then do no better than retreat to four hearts since he had no idea what his partner held in spades. If North did not have a spade honor, it would be dangerous to venture beyond the four-level. But when North next bid four spades, showing the ace, it was easy for South to undertake six hearts, which proved to be an excellent contract.

Declarer won the club lead with the ace, played a diamond to the ace and ruffed a diamond high. Next came a low trump to the eight and another diamond ruff high. Now a low heart to the jack, followed by a third diamond ruff, established the diamond jack as a trick.

South then led the queen of spades, but went up with the ace when West played low. After discarding his club loser on the jack of diamonds, declarer conceded a spade to score a well-bid and wellplayed vulnerable slam.

Note that by choosing this method of play, South guaranteed the contract if he found the diamonds divided 4-3 and the trumps 2-1, and at the same time preserved his chance of making the slam via a spade finesse if the diamonds or trumps were unfavorably divided. Most important of all, he did not stake everything on an early spade finesse, which would have proved fatal.

## Family Circus • Bil Keane



"My regular name is Billy, but my 'in-trouble' name is William."

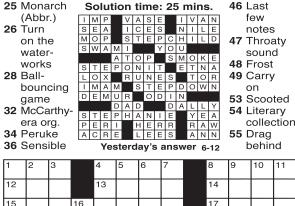
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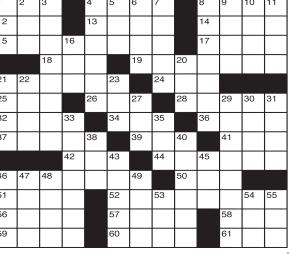
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