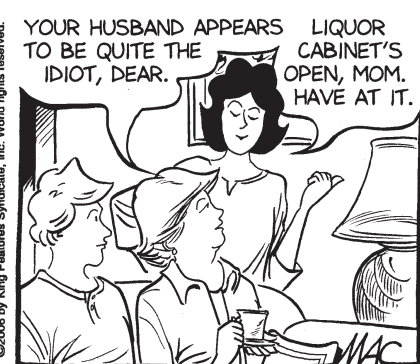
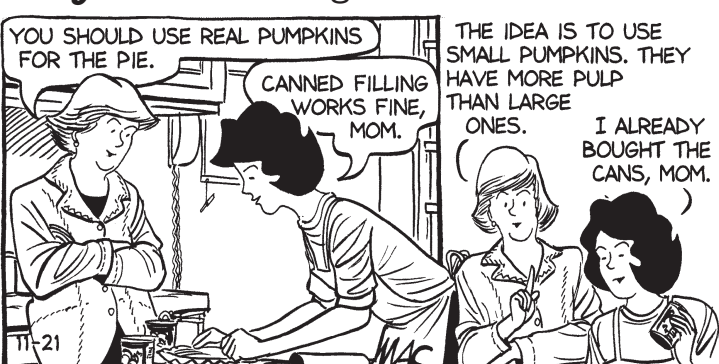


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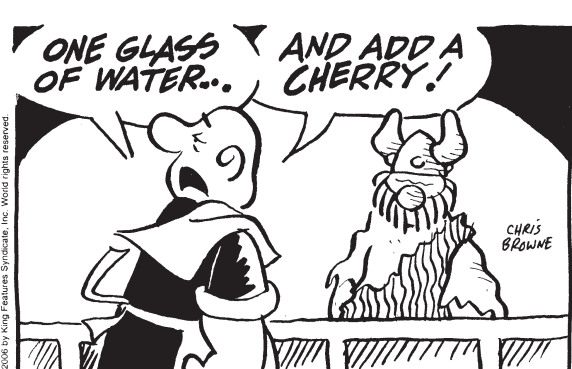
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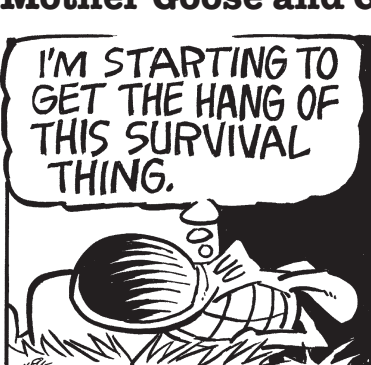
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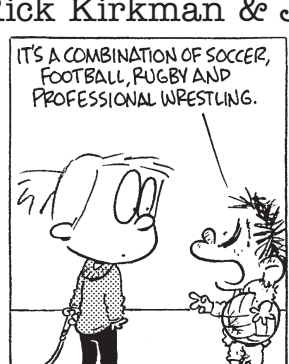
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**Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters**



**Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott**



**Conceptis Sudoku**

by Dave Green

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

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

**Difficulty Level** ★

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**Bridge**

West dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:  
West Pass North 3♥ East Pass South 3♠  
West Pass North 4♠ East Pass South 4NT  
West Pass North 5♦ East Pass South 5NT  
West Pass North 6♦ East Pass South 6♣  
Opening lead — six of diamonds.

**Famous Hand**

This deal occurred in the final of the 1960 World Bridge Olympiad. It received wide mention in bridge circles because of the implicit drama of the hand and the setting in which it was played.

South was B. Jay Becker, former editor of this column.

He and his partner, Norman Kay, representing the United States, were pitted against an Italian pair and reached six spades as shown.

West led a diamond, and Becker won the king with the ace. He entered dummy, led a spade, finessed the queen and lost to the singleton king. Becker later lost another trump trick to East's ten and went down one.

At the conclusion of the play, and before knowing the outcome at the other table, everyone involved agreed that the result was likely to be duplicated.

It was clearly against the odds for declarer to cash the ace of spades to try to protect against a singleton king in the West hand.

This play would lose the contract if East had been dealt K-10-x-x.

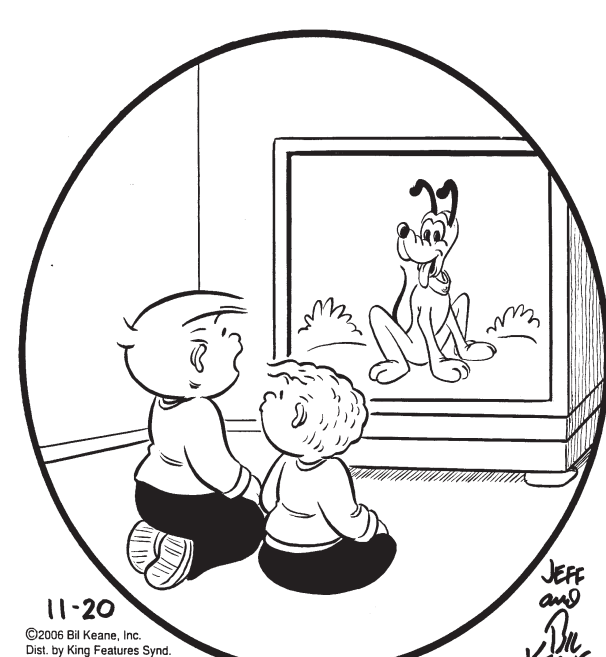
The proposition is simple if one looks at only the North-South cards. Omitting those hands where South's choice of plays makes no difference, declarer weighs the possibility of West's being dealt the singleton king against those hands in which he is dealt the singleton 6, 4 or 3. Obviously, a singleton low card will be dealt to West three times as often as the singleton king. The odds are therefore 3-to-1 in favor of finessing the queen.

The deal would not have created much of a stir except that Eugenio Chiaradia, the Italian declarer at the other table, was also in six and made seven! He cashed the spade ace, caught the king and later finessed against East's ten.

Afterward, when asked why he had abandoned the odds in favor of the ace play, he explained that West had led a club initially rather than a diamond. Fearing a potential club ruff, he had banded down the ace in order to extract the opposing trumps as quickly as possible.

Tomorrow: Reward for good behavior.  
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**Crossword**

<b>ACROSS</b>	1 Revealing skirt	5 Eisenhower, familiarly	12 The same, in a bibliography	13 Spanish literary hero	14 Aware of	15 Envelope feature	16 Close watch	18 Author Molnar	20 One or the other	21 Campus housing	23 Story of a lifetime?	24 Yellow-brown gemstone	28 Acceptability, for short	31 Under the weather	32 Herbie and Horace	34 Crafty	35 Sauced	36 made from	37 1990s 3-D puzzle craze	39 Opposite of "trans-"	41 Mound	42 King of the fairies	45 Nutty candy	49 Big name in frozen foods	51 One of the Three Bears	52 Smell	53 Witness	54 Dance lesson	55 Slithery	56 Pitch	57 Longings	<b>DOWN</b>	1 Offend	2 Inactive	3 Approach	4 Block	5 Sundae	6 Spectra or	7 Rim	8 Imaginatively phrased	9 Small, as a town	10 Eyelid	11 Gardener, at times	17 Equal-rights movement, for short	19 Standard	22 Talkative bird	24 Frank McCourt book	25 U.N. workers org.	26 Soapy by-product	27 MIT grad, maybe	29 Tarzan portrayer	30 Change color	33 Grain storage structure	36 Put on the line?	38 Oafish	40 "Mayday!"	42 Reed instrument	43 Wait	44 Bird's home	46 Fence opening	47 Prayer ending	48 Reveille's opposite	50 Nay canceler
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Solution time: 24 mins.

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

Saturday's answer 11-20

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15				16				17		
18				19				20		
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24	25	26					27	28	29	30
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"NAZVZ ONFZVZ GZVZ."

Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A HOUSEKEEPER IS PICKING FOOD FROM A CAFE MENU, SOMEBODY MIGHT SAY "MAID TO ORDER."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals O