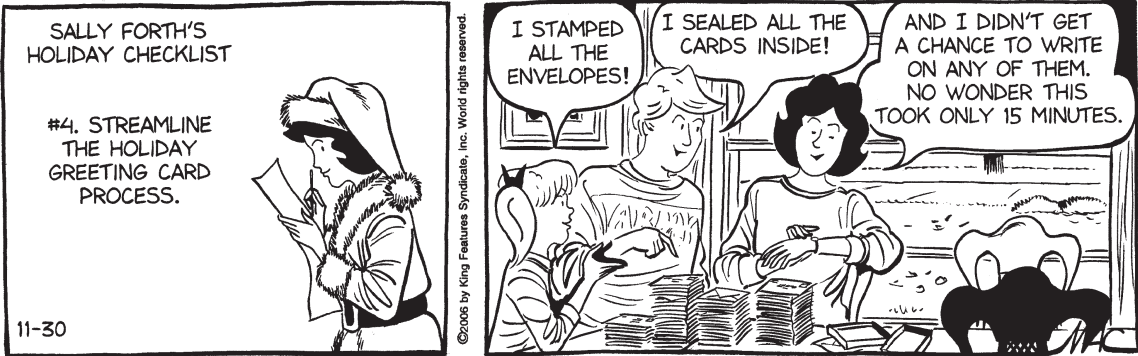
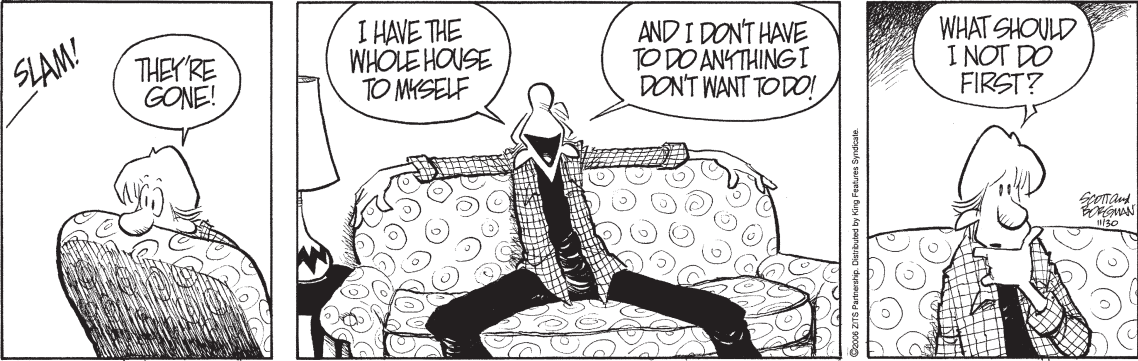


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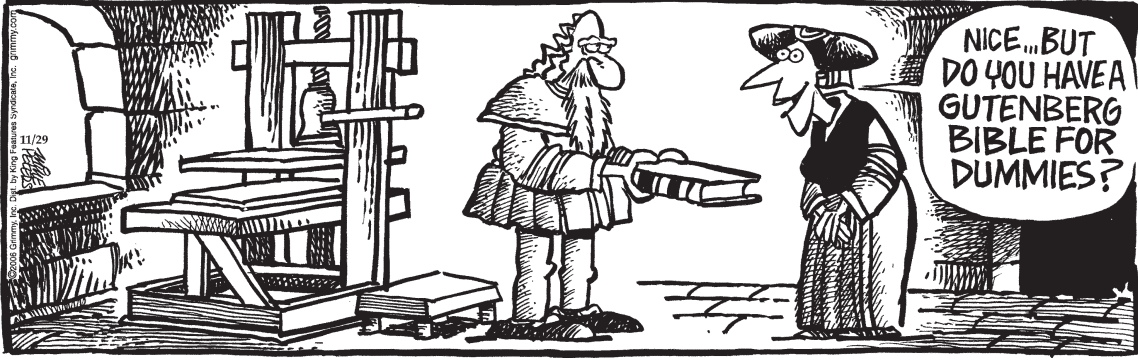
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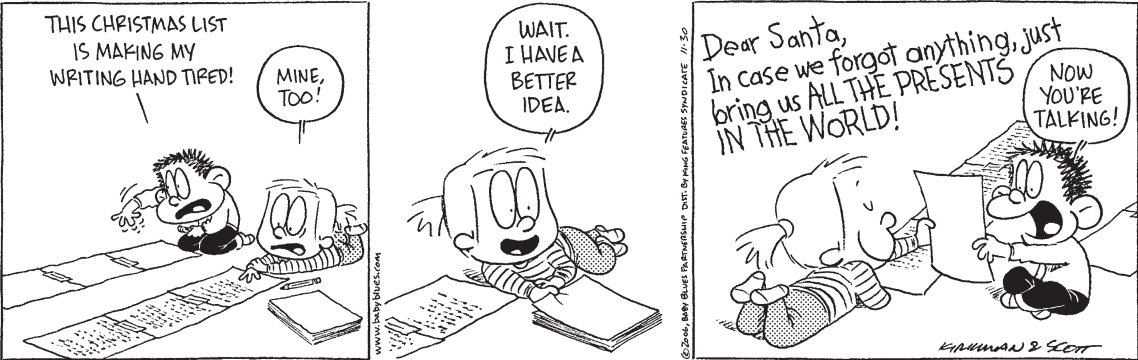
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Cryptoquip

SC Z GTINZF GIAGVNU  
SR EVFF JAVVN EZQ, S  
BJVRR QIJ GIJFW RZQ  
UTZU SU'R SA CJFF RSAB.  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TO BE GOOD AT WORKING WITH TOOTHED WHEELS, IT HELPS TO BE A SPROCKET SCIENTIST.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals S

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★

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Bridge

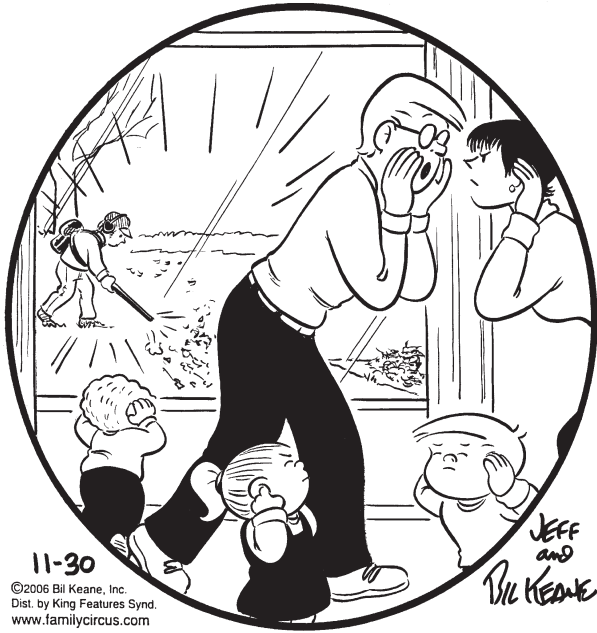
East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
NORTH  
♠ A K  
♥ 10 9 2  
♦ 9 6 4  
♣ J 9 7 6 3  
WEST  
♠ J 6  
♥ Q 8 6 4  
♦ K Q 10 5  
♣ 10 8 5  
EAST  
♠ 9 4  
♥ K 7 3  
♦ A J 8 7 2  
♣ A Q 4  
SOUTH  
♠ Q 10 8 7 5 3 2  
♥ A J 5  
♦ 3  
♣ K 2  
The bidding:  
East 1♦ South 1♠ West 2♦ North 2♠  
3♦ 4♠  
Opening lead — king of diamonds.

A Problem of Logistics

Solving an entry problem is often the critical factor in the play of a hand. Consider this case where the defense starts off with two rounds of diamonds. South ruffs and would like to take two heart finesses, as well as lead a club toward his king. Since he has only two entries to dummy to attempt these three plays, South has a problem of logistics to solve. The best way to resolve the problem is to lead a trump to the king at trick three and return a low heart, finessing the jack after East follows low. West takes the queen and can do no better than return a diamond. South ruffs, crosses to dummy with a trump and leads the ten of hearts, finessing again after East follows low. This is declarer's second lead from dummy, and when the finesse succeeds, he discontinues hearts and leads a club to the king. Since East, as expected, has the ace, South accomplishes his mission; his only losers prove to be a heart, a diamond and a club. Note that if East covers the ten of hearts with the king on the second round of the suit, South is able to return to dummy with a low heart to the nine to make the crucial club lead toward the king. Note also that if South starts playing the hearts by leading the ten from dummy, instead of the deuce, he later runs into a dead end. The next time he gets to dummy with a trump, he can lead a heart or a club — but he can't do both. As a result, he finishes down one.

Tomorrow: Test your play.  
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Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Kreskin's claim  
4 Morse bit  
8 Trade  
12 Actress Thompson  
13 "When you see — reach ..."  
14 — Alto, Calif.  
15 Arguer's goal  
17 Sandwich treat  
18 Trinity member  
19 Waste (away) bit by bit  
21 "Touched by an Angel" star  
24 Every last crumb  
25 Altar affirmative  
26 Rotation duration  
28 Excitingly fashionable  
32 Campus home  
34 Chart  
36 Albacore  
37 Command  
39 Set of equipment

**DOWN**

1 Right angle  
2 Ocean  
3 Long-popular TV game show  
4 Began to develop  
5 Past  
6 Turf partner  
7 Many-headed monster  
8 Directed attention to  
9 Imperfection  
10 Sheltered  
11 Indigent  
16 Heavy weight  
20 Sort  
21 Sister of Pygmalion

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

OLD	FALK	DEER
WEE	ILIE	ROSE
EEC	ELEPHANTS	
DROPS	TOW	
ITAS	WELSH	
ELEGANCE	RATA	
DIY	STAKE	WET
GREW	ELEVENTH	
YESSES	EDIT	
BEE	DATUM	
ELECTRODE	EGO	
LAVA	SHUN	ALP
FOAM	TOOT	LYE

Yesterday's answer 11-30

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
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	
59				60					61	

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