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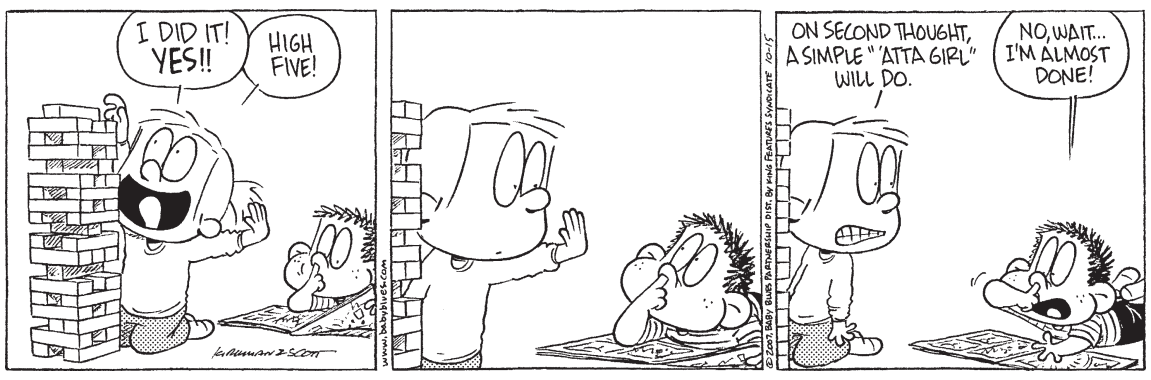

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Cryptoquip

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: SONG BY DON HO CONCERNING ALL THOSE LITTLE MISTAKES PEOPLE TEND TO MAKE: "TINY BOBBLES."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals Y

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 10/15

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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.

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

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Bridge

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8
♥ A 10
♦ A K J 7 4
♣ K J 10 4 2

WEST
♠ K 10 9 7 6 5 4
♥ J 8 4 2
♦ —
♣ 8 3

EAST
♠ Q 3 2
♥ 9 6 5
♦ Q 3 2
♣ A Q 6 5

SOUTH
♠ A J
♥ K Q 7 3
♦ 10 9 8 6 5
♣ 9 7

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	3 ♠	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦		

Opening lead — two of hearts.

Famous Hand

Small mistakes are sometimes responsible for big losses. For a typical example, consider the accompanying deal played between the United States and Italy in the 1979 world championship.

The bidding and opening lead were exactly the same at both tables. At the first table, with an American pair holding the North-South cards, declarer won the heart lead with dummy's ace, cashed the A-K of diamonds and ace of spades, then led a club toward dummy. Unfortunately, not only were the trumps divided 3-0, but East also had the A-Q of clubs, so the contract went

At the second table, the Italian declarer made five diamonds. He played the ten of hearts from dummy at trick one, and it won the trick. This seemingly inconsequential play made all the difference in the outcome.

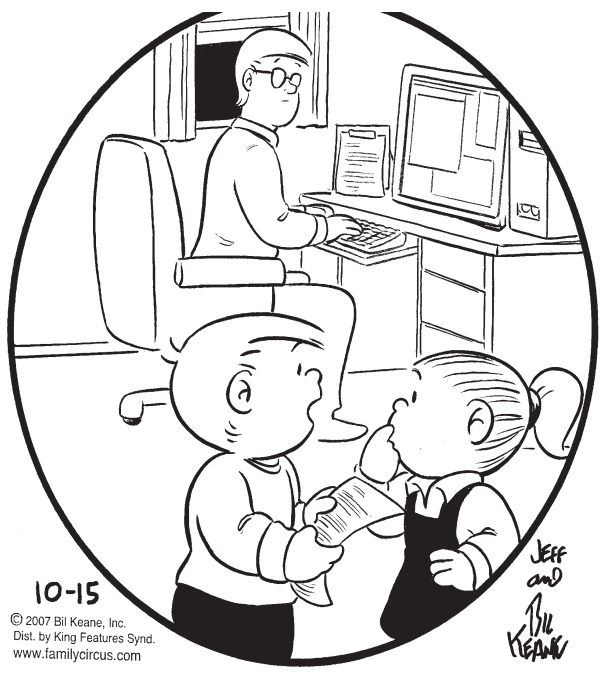
Declarer next cashed the A-K of trumps and ace of hearts before playing a spade to his ace. Then came the king of hearts, both defenders following suit and leaving only the jack outstanding (which West was known to hold).

At this point, South ruffed his jack of spades in dummy and returned a trump, compelling East to win the trick with the queen.

This left East in a hopeless position. Whether he returned a club or a spade, declarer could not lose more than one club trick. And so, thanks to playing the ten of hearts from dummy at trick one, the Italian declarer succeeded where his American counterpart had failed.

The odds were probably better than 10-to-1 that declarer's first play from dummy would have no effect on the ultimate outcome, but this happened to be that one time.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I'd rather text my report. Then I wouldn't hafta spell whole words."

Crossword

ACROSS
1 Crone
4 Easy as —
7 Bygone Russian leader
11 Piece of work
13 Doo follower
14 Trumpet
15 Lima's land
16 Lanka preceder
17 Wee amount
18 Let out lava
20 Highland hillside
22 Massage
24 Blew hard
28 Wife of Ahab
32 Inlet between cliffs
33 Macro-gamete
34 Space
36 — Major
37 Tendon
39 Access to all the rooms
41 Bring forth
43 Speck
44 Elevator name
46 Windsor's merry denizens
50 Quaker's address
53 Whether or —
55 Honey-comb compart-ment
56 Rise high
57 Wilde-beest
58 Facility
59 Saucy
60 See 33-Across
61 Started

DOWN
1 Longtime USO emcee
2 Mimic
3 Mentor
4 Commer-cials
5 Zinger
6 Tweet
7 12-Down VIP
8 Menag-erie
9 Craft
10 Genetics abbr.
12 Ruling group of nine
19 Bath site
21 "— Wieder-sehen"
23 Plead
25 Chop-sticks alternative
26 Gaelic
27 Crucial time
28 Canseco or Feliciano
29 Satan's specialty
30 New Mexico tribe
31 Once around the track
35 Cushion
38 Humor
40 Spread seeds
42 Slight coloration
45 Melody
47 Osso buco meat
48 Otherwise
49 Coaster
50 Recipe meas.
51 Weeding implement
52 Rowing need
54 Yank

Solution time: 24 mins.

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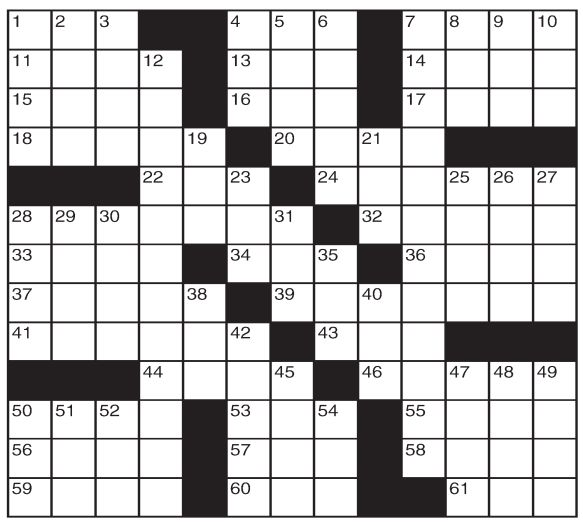
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