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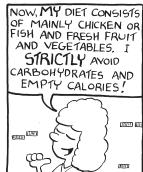


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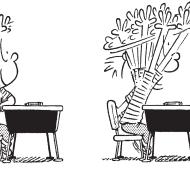






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Cryptoquip

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ORS JO'O CVZXP OVV ZVUVZ. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE IS STRIKINGLY EERIE, PEOPLE COULD SAY IT'S SPOOK-TACULAR.

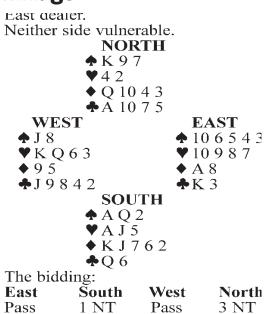
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals E

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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



Keep Your Eye on the Ball

Opening lead — four of clubs.

A declarer occasionally becomes engrossed with trying to make the ma mum number of tricks in a particu suit that he loses sight of the far m important goal of making the contr For example, take this deal wh

West leads a low club against th notrump. Declarer plays low fr dummy, losing to the king, whereupon East shifts to the ten of hearts.

It does not matter what South does on this trick -- the damage is already done. His ace of hearts is forced out, and, sooner or later, when South gets around to leading diamonds, East takes the ace and continues hearts to put the contract down one. Declarer winds up losing a diamond, a club and three hearts.

South can make the contract very easily by taking the ace of clubs at trick one and establishing the diamonds. The most he can then lose against any distribution of the cards is the ace of diamonds and three clubs.

Going up with the ace of clubs at trick one should not be a hard play to make, since nine tricks are then certain. Nevertheless, many declarers would automatically follow low from dummy to the opening trick without giving the matter much thought.

The more cautious declarers would not risk losing the contract in order to try to gain an extra club trick or two by following low from dummy. Rather, they would recognize that the contract was assured if they put up the ace, and would proceed accordingly.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Math is a lot more fun when you're counting Halloween treats!"

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