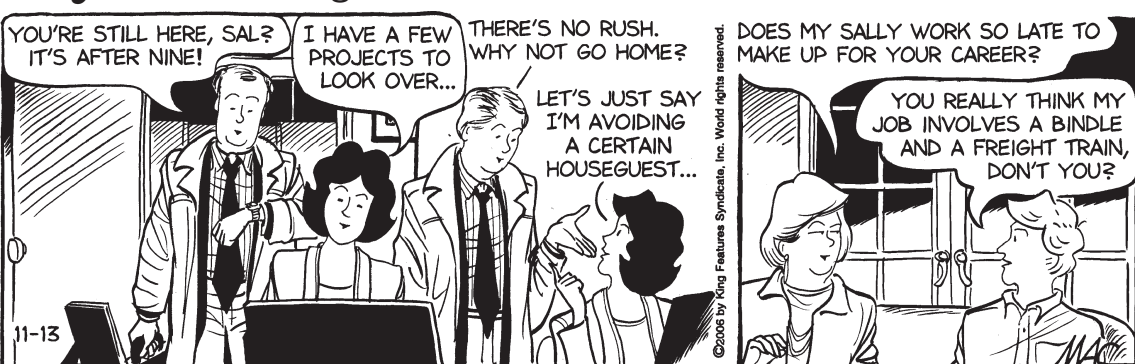
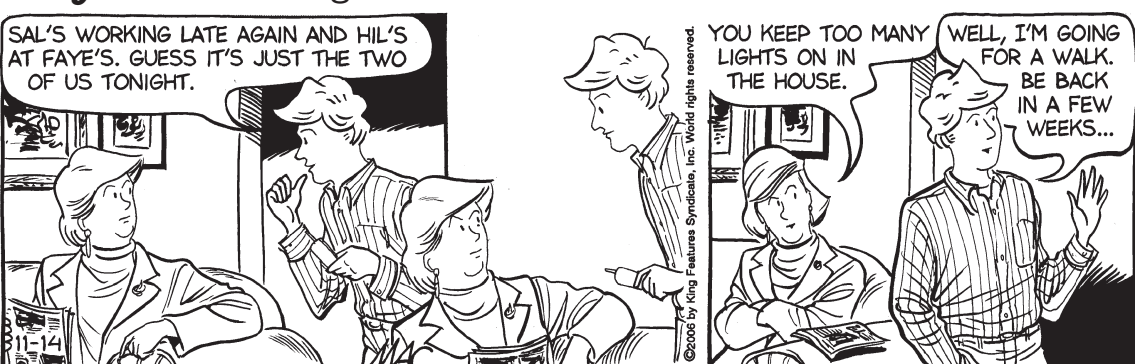


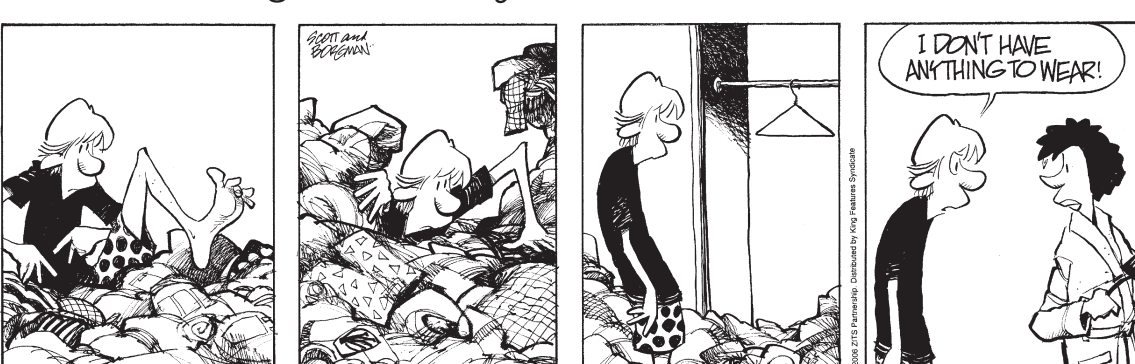
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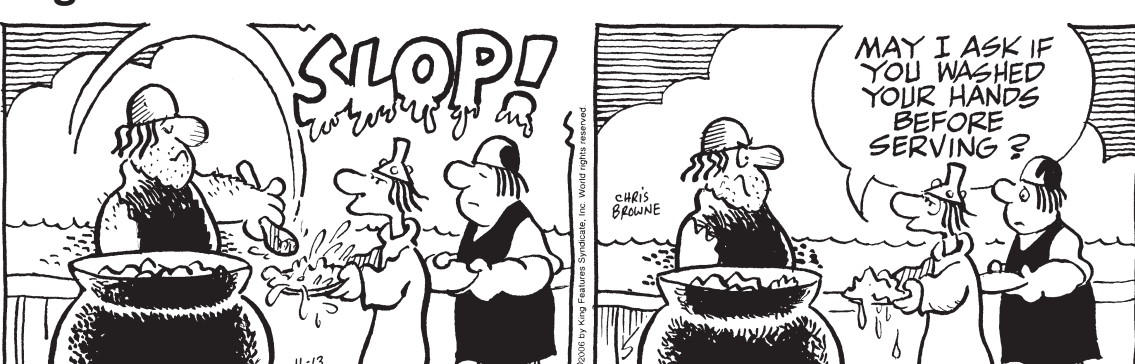
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**Conceptis Sudoku**

by Dave Green

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

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

**Difficulty Level ★**

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**Bridge**

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ K 7  
♥ A 10 9 8  
♦ J  
♣ K Q J 7 6 5  
**WEST**  
♠ A 6 5 4 3 2  
♥ 5  
♦ 10 7 6  
♣ 10 8 2  
**EAST**  
♠ Q J 10 9 8  
♥ 7  
♦ A 4 3 2  
♣ A 4 3  
**SOUTH**  
♠ —  
♥ K Q J 6 4 3 2  
♦ K Q 9 8 5  
♣ 9

The bidding:  
**South** 4♥  
**West** Pass  
**North** 5♥  
**East** Pass  
6♥ Pass Pass Dble  
Opening lead — ace of spades.

**Famous Hand**

This deal was played in a national pair championship in 1932. The hand itself was not especially remarkable, but when one considers the setting in which it occurred, there emerges a poignant human-interest story.

East-West had already played more than half the afternoon session when they encountered this deal. During that time, they had achieved the unenviable record of having lost seven aces during the play, mostly on defense.

They were naturally disheartened by the time this deal came along. North-South quickly arrived at six hearts (there was no Blackwood convention in those days), and East doubled. He was hoping to recover some of the points his side had lost earlier in the afternoon. His two aces looked colossal to him.

West promptly plunked down the ace of spades, announcing jubilantly: "Well, here's one ace we won't lose."

West was mistaken, of course. South trumped the ace, led a low heart to the eight and discarded his singleton club on dummy's king of spades. Declarer next led the king of clubs, covered by East with the ace. South ruffed, entered dummy with a trump and cashed the Q-J of clubs, discarding two of his five diamonds.

When the adverse clubs turned out to be divided 3-3, declarer was able to discard his remaining three diamonds, so he wound up making six hearts doubled with an over-trick!

If West had led anything but a spade originally, the contract would have gone down one, and West's comment would not have achieved immortality.

As it was, though, East-West, who started the hand having had seven aces go up in smoke, managed in this deal to increase their total loss to 10!

Tomorrow: A stitch in time saves nine.  
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**Family Circus • Bil Keane**



"When I own a home on Mars, Daddy, you can drop in anytime you're in the neighborhood."

**Crossword**

**ACROSS**  
1 Dress (up)  
4 Will Ferrell movie  
7 Wine area of California  
11 Egg  
13 Kilmer who played Batman  
14 Oklahoma city  
15 Rani's wrap  
16 Literary collection  
17 Notion  
18 Wet snow  
20 Olympic champ  
22 Vat  
24 Pertaining to a people  
28 Small bunch of flowers  
32 Mistreat  
33 Operator  
34 — Mahal  
36 Valhalla VIP  
37 Trumpet sound

**DOWN**  
1 Pitch  
2 Office shape  
3 Mentor  
4 Longoria of "Desperate Housewives"  
5 Singer k.d.  
6 Signal light  
7 Place for 12-Down  
8 Moreover  
9 Slapstick missile  
10 Computer language for short  
12 Longtime PBS figure  
19 Embrace

**21** Greek vowel  
**23** Cudgel  
**25** Undressed  
**26** Egyptian fertility goddess  
**27** Penny  
**28** Tiny protuberances  
**29** Norway's capital  
**30** Close up tight  
**31** Puppy's cry  
**35** Occupation  
**38** Away from WSW  
**40** Scull prop  
**42** Street urchin  
**45** Portrayal  
**47** Caprice  
**48** Verdi opera  
**49** Midday  
**50** Doctrine  
**51** Health resort  
**52** Trail the pack  
**54** Anti-quoted

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

**Saturday's answer 11-13**

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**Cryptoquip**

HK G IWRFVL WK AHCZ

GTGINCHQ FGTGPHALP

ULTL AW PFLGE, UWRVQ ZWR

IGVV ANGA AHIE AGVE?

**Saturday's Cryptoquip:** WHAT WOULD MAKE A SMALL DABBLING DUCK ACT VERY FEARLESSLY? IT MIGHT BE ITS NERVES OF TEAL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals Y