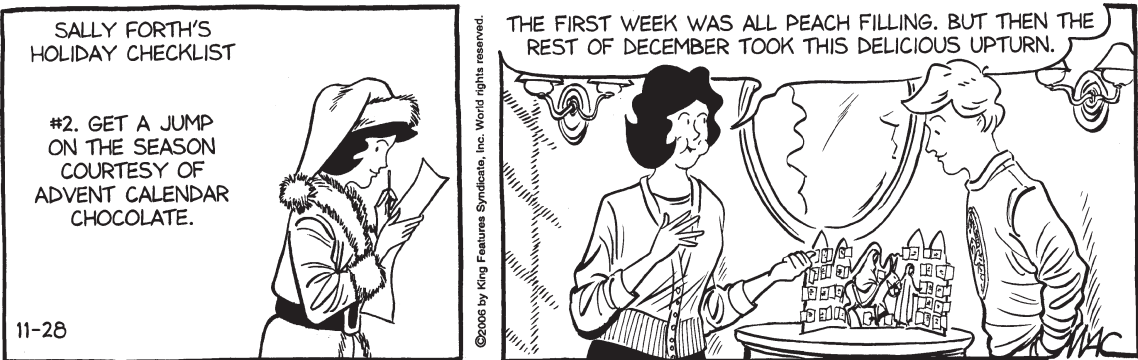


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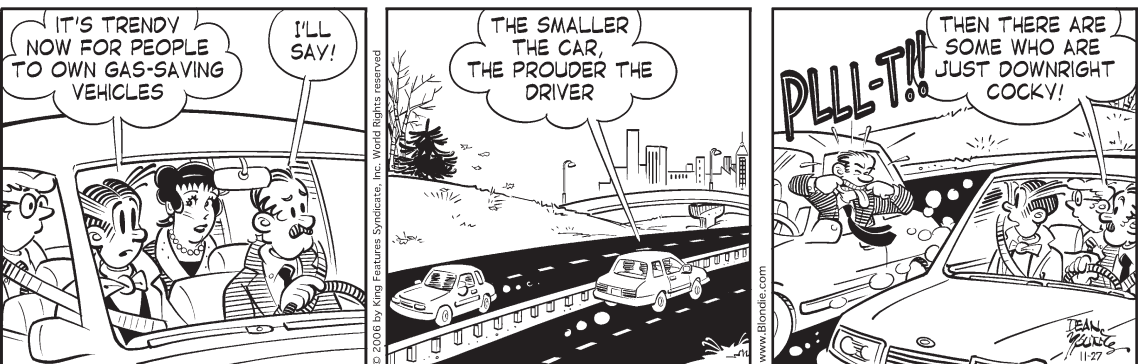
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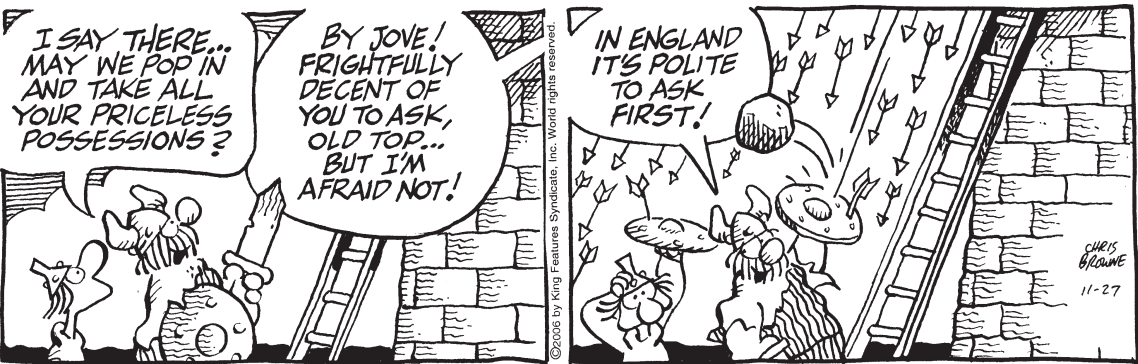
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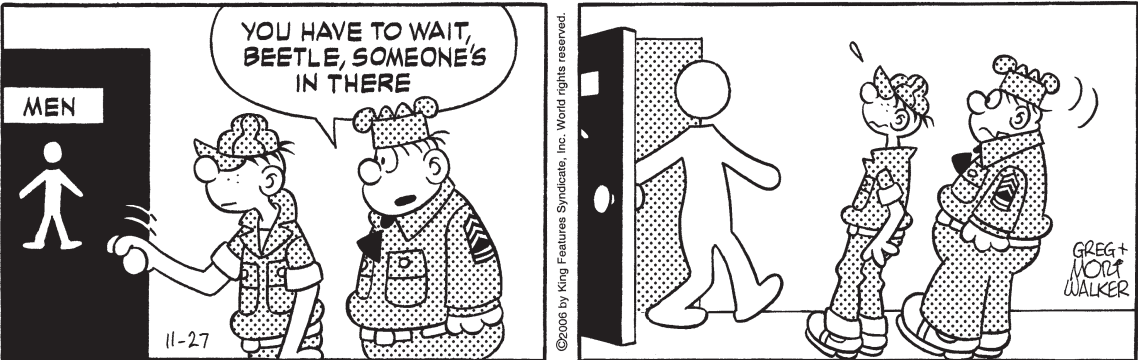
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Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Cryptoquip

KL BQW UGA SGXKQWDZB

YQZQXCA TWGXAD YQSCXKFT

BQWX YGX PUCCZD, PQWZA

BQW MC G LCFACX MZCFACX?

Saturday's Cryptoquip: THE TV HAD BEEN PLACED SO FAR AWAY FROM ME, I COULD ONLY VIEW IT BY USING A TELLY SCOPE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals Y

Conceptis Sudoku

by Dave Green

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

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★

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Bridge

East dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 9 7 5  
♥ 6 3 2  
♦ J 3  
♣ A Q 7 3

WEST

♠ A K Q 10 4 2  
♥ J  
♦ 9 6 4  
♣ K 10 5

EAST

♠ 8 6 3  
♥ 10 5  
♦ A K Q 8  
♣ J 8 6 4

SOUTH

♠ —  
♥ A K Q 9 8 7 4  
♦ 10 7 5 2  
♣ 9 2

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♥
2 ♠	4 ♥	4 ♠	Dble
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	Pass
Dble			

Opening lead — queen of spades.

Famous Hand

The margin between victory and defeat in a given hand is often razor-thin.

Forexample, take this deal played in the 1983 Vanderbilt Team Championship.

When Norman Kay and Edgar Kaplan held the North-South cards, they wound up in five hearts doubled on the sequence shown, and West led the queen of spades, ruffed by declarer.

Kaplan played a low diamond to the jack, won by East with the queen.

East returned a trump to South's ace, and another diamond was won by East's eight. Back came a second trump to the king, and Kaplan ruffed the diamond seven with dummy's last trump. Next came a spade ruff followed by two more trumps, producing this position:

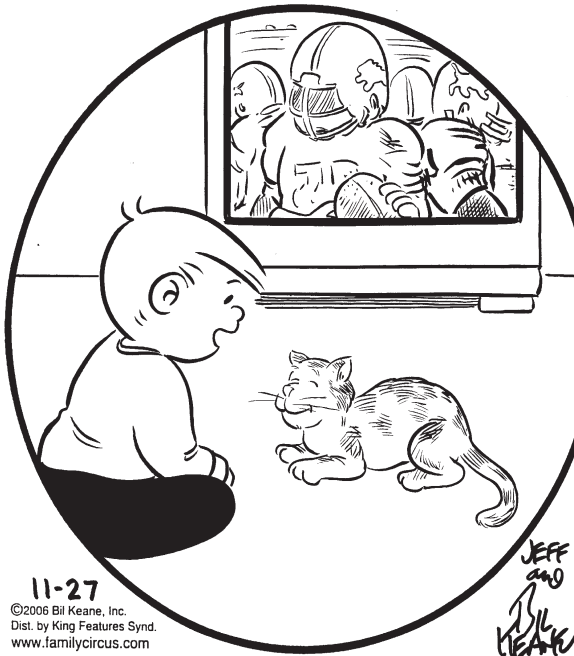
North  
[S] J  
[C] A Q 7  
West  
[S] A  
[C] K 10 5  
East  
[D] A  
[C] J 8 6  
South  
[H] 9  
[D] 10  
[C] 9 2

Declarer now played his last trump, forcing West to part with a club. After Kaplan discarded dummy's jack of spades, East, who could not spare his diamond, also parted with a club. Declarer then led a club to the queen and took the last three tricks with the Q-A-7 to make the contract.

Of course, all the cards had to be perfectly placed and the timing also had to be precisely right for the double squeeze to succeed. But coincidences like this seem to occur quite often when there's a good helmsman at the wheel.

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



"You'd be happy in Detroit, Kittycat. Their teams are Lions and Tigers."

Crossword

ACROSS  
1 — mater  
5 Name-tags, for short  
8 Skilled  
12 Bible  
14 Go like a butterfly  
15 Spectators collectively  
16 — song (inexpensively)  
17 Sullivan and McMahon  
18 Secular  
20 "The Stranger" author  
23 Scoff  
24 Works with  
25 Bygone type of eatery  
28 Wrestling win  
29 Auto style  
30 Joke  
32 Southern  
34 Positive  
35 "Winnie-the- —"

36 Fulton's power source  
37 Fame  
40 Sauce source  
41 Computer symbol  
42 Fall-related  
47 Drink quickly  
48 You'll find them in a perfect world  
49 Sharpen coin  
50 Earl Grey, for one  
51 "Zounds!"

2 Brock of baseball  
3 Stylish, in the '60s  
4 Farewells  
5 Charged particles  
6 Billy Ray Cyrus series  
7 Bony  
8 Validate  
9 United nations  
10 Old Italian coin  
11 And others (abbr.)  
13 Hotel furniture  
19 A billion years (var.)  
20 Half a pint

21 Largest continent  
22 List of options  
23 A son of Jacob  
25 Balloonist  
26 Chills and fever  
27 "G.W.T.W." plantation  
29 Pack away  
31 Jewel  
33 Loofah, e.g.  
34 Block  
36 Opening course, often  
37 Wealthy  
38 Sound comeback  
39 Person, place or thing  
40 Old portico  
43 Salt Lake athlete  
44 Run-down horse  
45 Literary collection  
46 Hallucinations letters

DOWN  
1 Khan title  
Solution time: 24 mins.

ORFF	RAJA	ZIP
DELI	ARID	URE
DEAR	BEGS	NOT
SKYE	BAS	ACNE
	TMI	ARM
MADRAS	WEBBED	
ABOUT	LUIGI	
DANCER	WALLOP	
	KOI	RYA
HEMS	AWWE	NOGO
ORE	SLAT	CHIP
AGE	OTIC	EIRE
ROT	BOTH	SOLD

Saturday's answer 11-27

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		31
	32	33					34			
			35				36			
37	38	39			40					
41				42	43			44	45	46
47				48						
49				50				51		