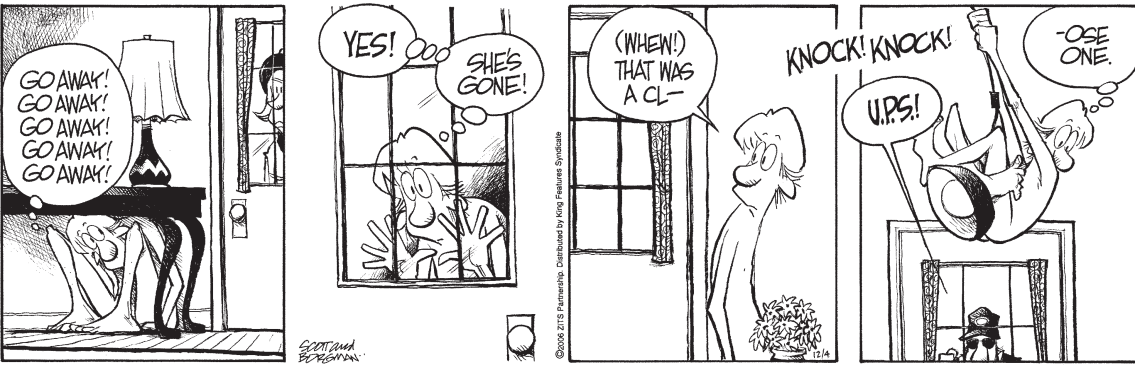


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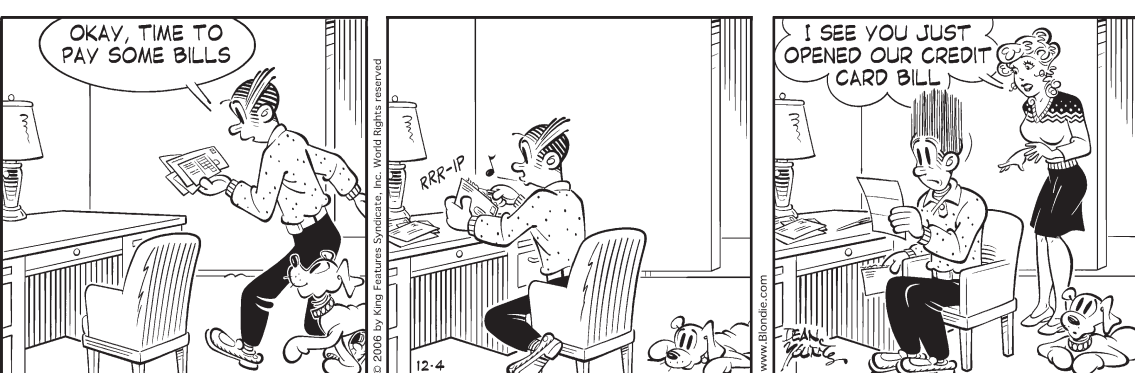
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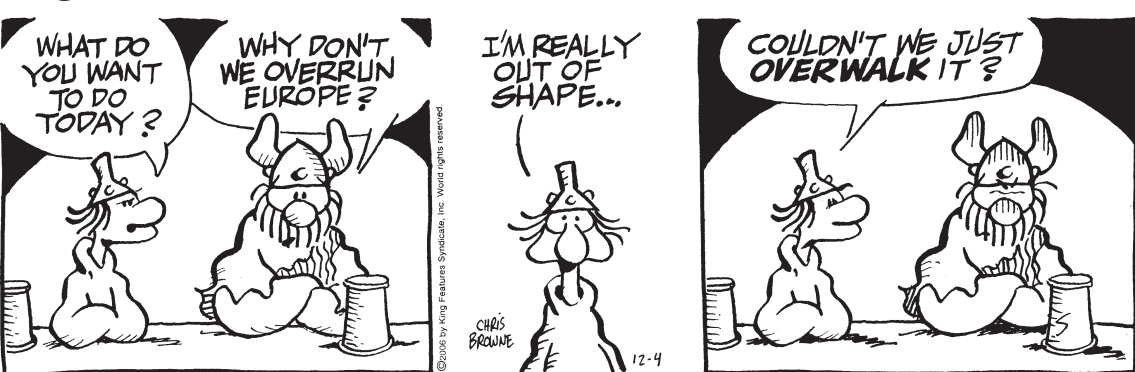
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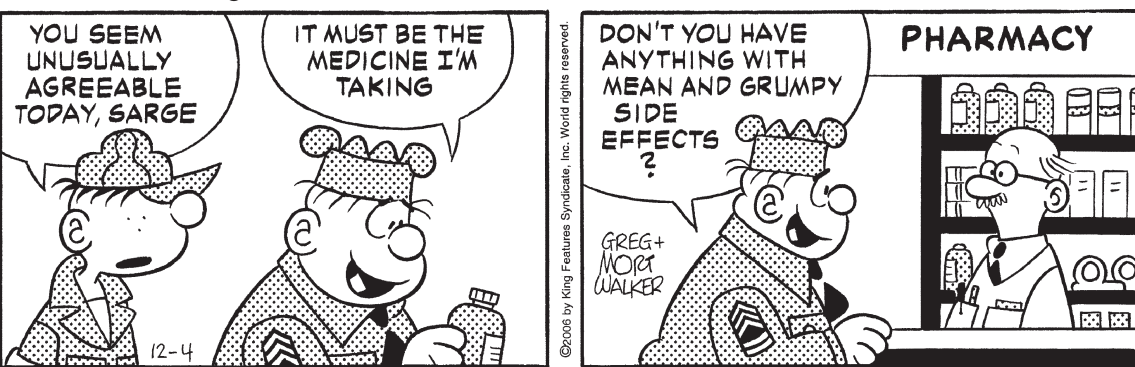
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Cryptoquip

JYZB JLOVC KLO MZVV Z
 QNOGN BEZRRIC DGQDCI
 KLOE MZE BDEI? D'C QZK
 YI'Q Z JYIIV QBDGNIE!
 Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN SOMEONE IS COMMANDED TO CHANGE A WORKOUT REGIMEN, I RECKON THAT'S A RETRAINING ORDER.
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals Y

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★

12/04

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

Difficulty Level ★

12/04

Bridge

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

The bidding:
 South West North East
 5♦ Pass Pass Pass
 Opening lead — king of spades.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in the 1995 World Junior Bridge Championship, which was won by a six-member team from Great Britain. The biennial contest, restricted to players 25 or younger, was held in Bali, Indonesia. The deal is from a round-robin qualifying match between Great Britain and New Zealand, which ended up losing to the British in the final. The bidding was the same at both tables, both Souths opening five diamonds in first seat. The opening lead — the king of spades, on which both Easts played the eight — was also the same, but the defense differed significantly thereafter.

When a New Zealand pair held the East-West cards, West switched to the heart jack at trick two. West had worked out from the play to the first trick that his partner had started with exactly the A-J-8 of spades, since if East had held the A-8, he would almost surely have over taken the king with the ace and returned the eight. East won the heart jack with the ace, on which declarer dropped the queen.

Unfortunately, this left East in the dark as to how many spades and hearts everyone held, and he was also uncertain about who had the heart king. Ultimately, he tried to cash the ace of spades, and that was that. South ruffed, drew trumps and discarded the heart deuce on a high club to make the contract.

At the other table, where twin brothers Justin and Jason Hackett were East-West for Great Britain, Jason found the winning defense.

Anticipating that his brother would have a problem as to how to continue after taking the hoped-for heart ace, Jason laid down the heart king at trick two and continued with a second heart to Justin's ace to defeat the contract.

Of such stuff are world champions made.

Tomorrow: Look before you leap.
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I don't like a stopped-up nose 'cause I might not be able to breed."

Crossword

ACROSS
 1 Carrot companion?
 4 Hardly lively
 9 Attempt
 12 Kid at Halloween, maybe
 13 Foolish
 14 Coloration
 15 Aggressive warrior
 17 18-wheeler
 18 That guy
 19 Causing distress
 21 Fabled site of "Seven Cities"
 24 Sweater material
 25 Perp. to vert.
 26 Sprite
 28 DuPont creation
 31 "How sweet —!"
 33 Dimwit
 35 Verdi opera
 36 Less ruddy
 38 They're between las and dos
 40 30-Down in French
 41 Dregs
 43 One who leaves homeland
 45 Influenza
 47 Commu-nications instr.
 48 Meadow
 49 Pat Boone song
 54 Landers or Sothern
 55 Super-man comparison
 56 Trigger's passenger
 57 Pesticide letters
 58 Ragwort plant
 59 Ram's mate
DOWN
 1 Fairy-tale home builder
 2 Ostrich's cousin
 3 Mimic
 4 Manly
 5 1-, 2- and 3-Down, e.g.
 6 Crony
 7 Post-wedding relative
 8 Church officer
 9 Exhilarating
 10 Destroy
 11 Safe-cracker
 16 Greek P
 20 George-town athlete
 21 Poker coin
 22 Tittle
 23 Genius-level
 27 Obese
 29 Stench
 30 Appella-tion
 32 Leak out slowly
 34 Acts inspired by devout-ness
 37 Meal
 39 Having 29-Down
 42 Dividing mem-branes
 44 Under the weather
 45 Pleased
 46 Tear in bits
 50 Stimp'y's cartoon companion
 51 Raw rock
 52 Take an oath
 53 Storm center

Solution time: 24 mins.

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

Saturday's answer 12-4

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	52	53
54			55						56		
57			58						59		

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