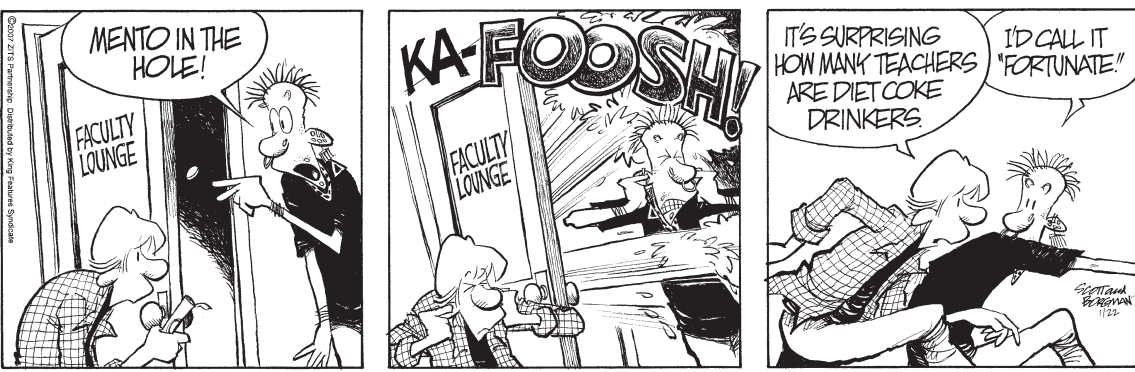


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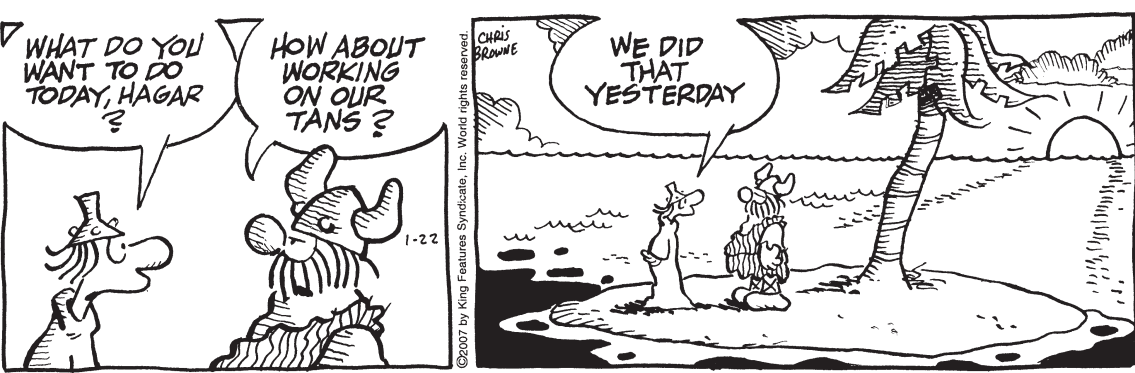
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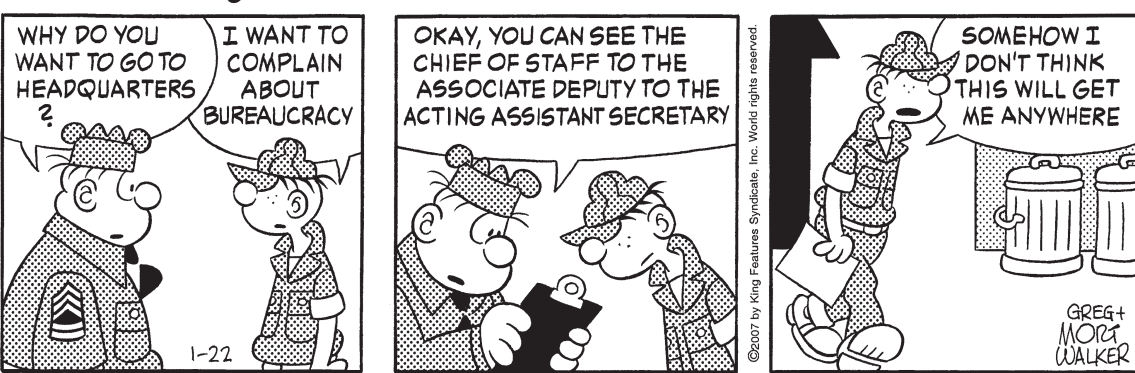
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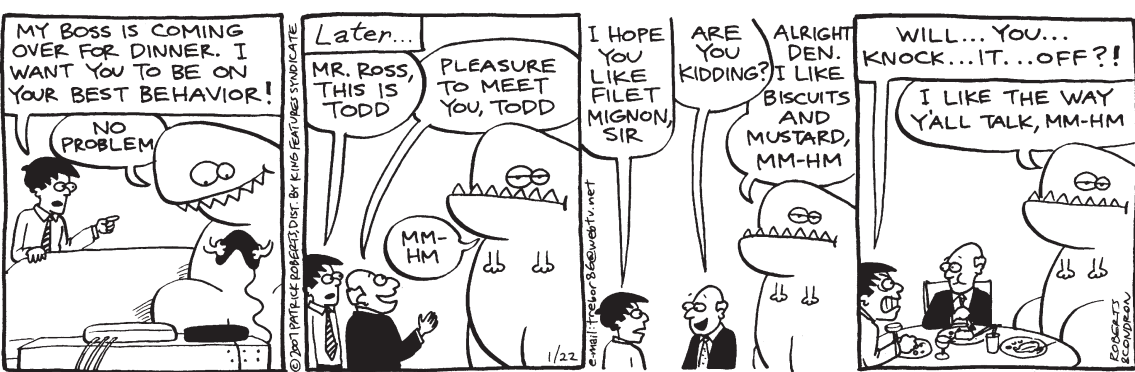
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**Conceptis Sudoku**

by Dave Green

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

**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.

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

**Difficulty Level ★**

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**Bridge**

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

<b>NORTH</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♠	A 5 4	♠	K Q J 8 3
♥	A	♥	8 2
♦	10 9 3	♦	K J 7 6 5
♣	J 10 9 7 6 5	♣	Q
<b>WEST</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>	
♠	10 9 7 2	♠	6
♥	J 10 5 4	♥	K Q 9 7 6 3
♦	8	♦	A Q 4 2
♣	A K 4 2	♣	8 3

The bidding:  
 North 1♣ East 2♥ South 3♠ West  
 Pass 4♠ 5♦ Pass  
 Pass Dble  
 Opening lead — king of clubs.

**Famous Hand**

Odd things happen, even in national championships. For example, take this deal played in the Vanderbilt Teams.

The four players at the table were all well-known Life Masters. The bidding was not letter-perfect, but it often isn't under the stress of competition.

North was a player who seldom passed when it was his turn to bid, and he elected to open one club.

East-West were no shrinking violets either, and they quickly reached four spades (which probably would have gone down one).

South was now faced with a difficult problem.

After great thought, he bid five diamonds — which East, of course, doubled — and everyone passed.

West led the king of clubs and continued with the ace, East discarding a heart. West then shifted to a spade.

Declarer took dummy's ace and returned the ten of diamonds, covered by the king and ace. He then crossed to the ace of hearts and led the nine of diamonds, covered by East's jack and South's queen.

Six tricks had been played, and South had won four of them.

At this point, East turned to declarer, showed him his cards and said matter-of-factly, "I think the rest are mine."

And so they were. East had the 7-6-5 of diamonds and K-Q-J-3 of spades. Whatever declarer led next, East would win the trick with a trump and cash the 7-6 of diamonds and four spades to defeat the contract seven tricks — 2,000 points!

Of course, South could have saved a bushel of points had he not persisted with trump leads.

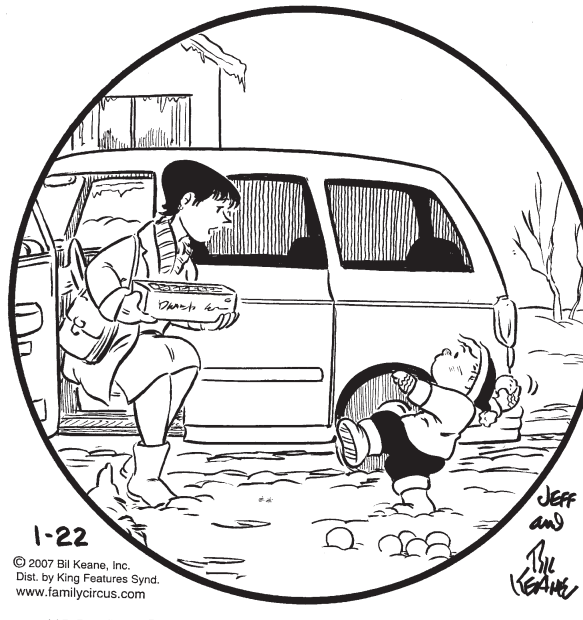
Instead, he should have tried to score his low trumps and save what he could from the wreck. If he had, though, this column featuring a 2,000-point penalty would never have been written.

Tomorrow: Let's not rock the boat.

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**Family Circus • Bil Keane**

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"Hold it, Jeffy! Are you sure you want to throw that at a woman carrying doughnuts?"

**Crossword**

- |                             |                          |   |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <b>ACROSS</b>               | <b>DOWN</b>              | <b>Solution time: 24 mins.</b>  |
| 1 "Planet of the —"         | 1 Request terminus       | BLA H O T T O U M P<br>L A M A C H E W T E A<br>O V E N C U R L A N N<br>G A N G U S E T H U G<br>J I T N E Y A I K I D O<br>U S A G E L I N E R<br>S M U T T Y H A N D L E<br>F A U N A S S F E S S<br>I N N P R O S I D E A<br>A N I E L U L V I E D<br>T O T P Y L E E T N A |
| 2 "Urban transport"         | 2 Bake-sale grp.         |   |
| 3 A billion years           | 3 Chest protector        | Saturday's answer 1-22  |
| 4 Magical symbols           | 4 "Meet Me — Louis"      |   |
| 5 Robyn, e.g.               | 5 Literary collection    |   |
| 6 GI entertainers           | 6 One of Hawaii's Maunas |   |
| 7 Force into the public eye | 7 Type units             |   |
| 8 Now                       | 8 Ordinal suffix         |   |
| 9 "— Lang Syne"             |                          |   |
| 10 "Spam-let" creator       |                          |   |
| 11 Approach                 |                          |   |
| 12 Super-market stack       |                          |   |
| 13 Wheel-base               |                          |   |
| 14 "Ostentatious display"   |                          |   |
| 15 Tiny fly                 |                          |   |
| 16 Dorothy's home           |                          |   |
| 17 Author Fleming           |                          |   |
| 18 Send forth               |                          |   |
| 19 Illinois city            |                          |   |
| 20 Admonition to Nanette    |                          |   |
| 21 Over-bearing             |                          |   |
| 22 Despot                   |                          |   |
| 23 Writer Hentoff           |                          |   |
| 24 Shoulder band            |                          |   |
| 25 Poolroom necessities     |                          |   |
| 26 Fourth canonical hour    |                          |   |
| 27 Summer-time desserts     |                          |   |
| 28 Frog-dissection class    |                          |   |
| 29 Bikini half              |                          |   |
| 30 Musical transition       |                          |   |
| 31 "— the ramparts ..."     |                          |   |
| 32 Bewitch                  |                          |   |

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 EKY EB GEIEHON'R  
 BIQYKGR VTR HQK-RJQKKG?  
**Saturday's Cryptoquip:** IF YOU'VE GOT NO MONEY SAVED UP TO SPEAK OF, IT MIGHT BE SAID THAT YOU HAVE A BLANK ACCOUNT.  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals T

