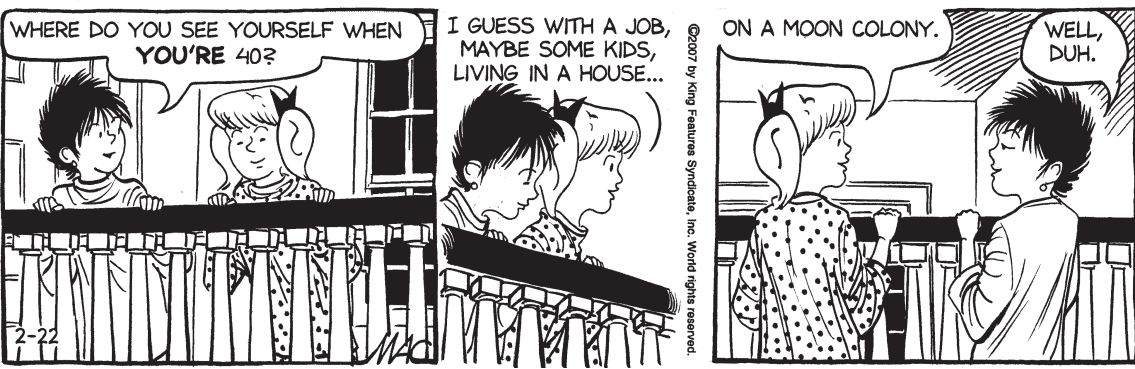


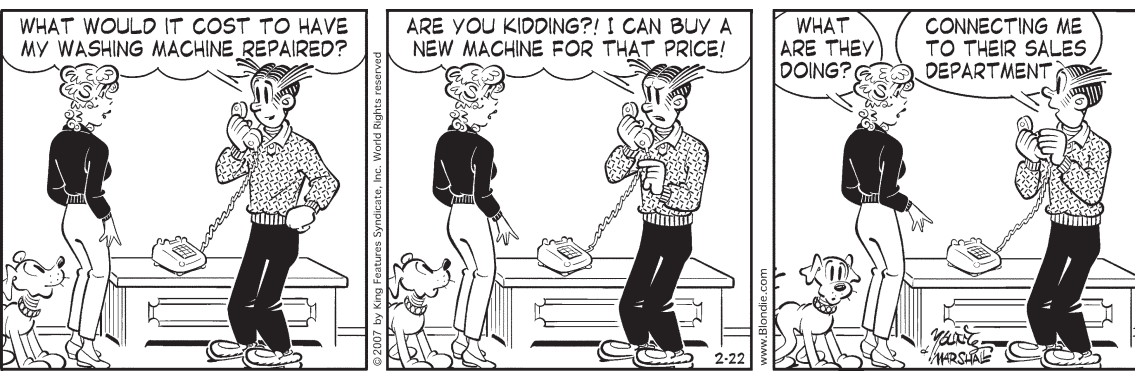
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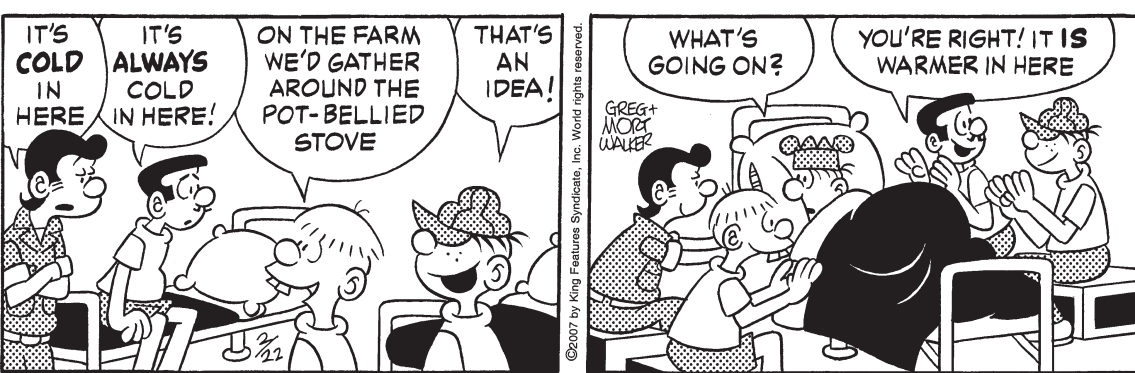
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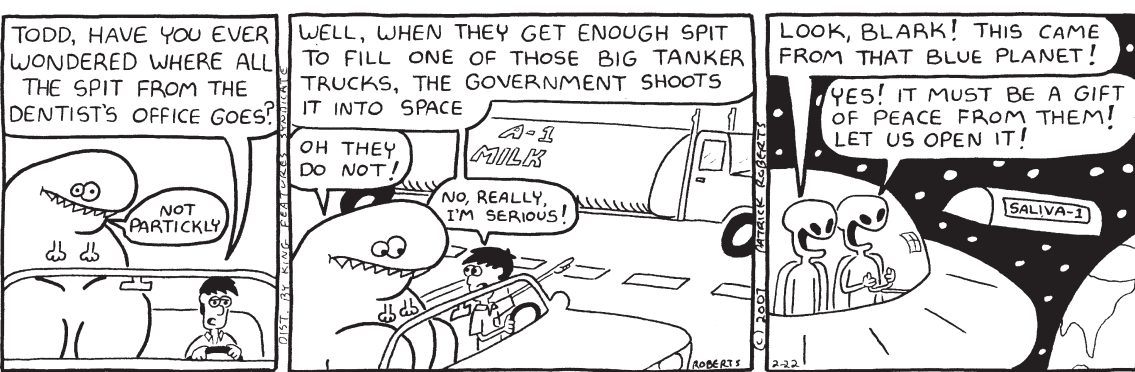
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Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Tod the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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.

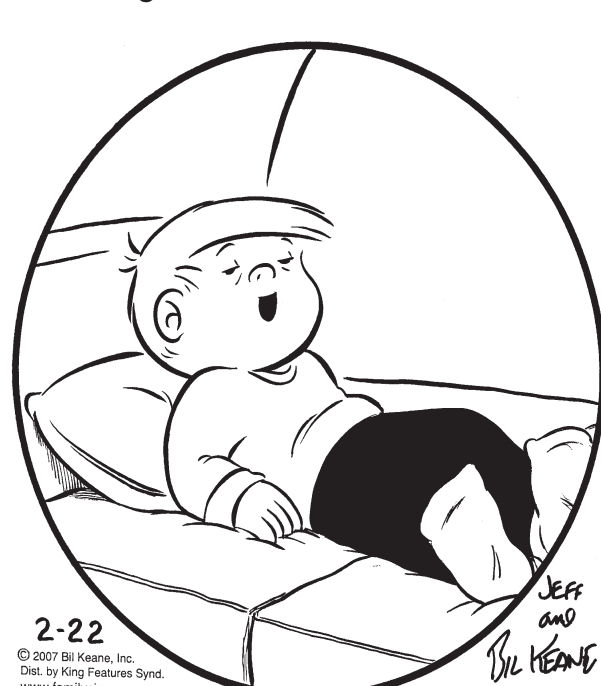
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6	7	9	8	3	2	4	5	1
5	1	3	4	7	6	2	9	8
7	4	6	3	5	8	9	1	2
9	8	5	7	2	1	6	3	4
1	3	2	9	6	4	5	8	7

Difficulty Level ★★

Bridge

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH: ♠AKQ2, ♥1076432, ♦874, ♣874
WEST: ♠J, ♥AQ10865, ♦KJ9, ♣KJ9
EAST: ♠KJ97432, ♥Q85, ♦Q102, ♣—
SOUTH: ♠109876543, ♥A, ♦A653, ♣—
The bidding: West 1♥, North Pass, East 4♥, South 4♠
Dble
Opening lead — jack of spades.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



The night Sylvia played in her first duplicate tournament was a night to remember. She had been a member of the club only two or three weeks, but even in that short period of time the membership had become aware of her extraordinary exploits.

We had never previously seen such a player. It wasn't that Sylvia was a poor player — we had lots of them at the club — it was just that her thought processes were so different from those of any other player. Her mistakes were so far removed from ordinary human error that it was clear that her approach to the game was totally unique.

Despite this, Sylvia's frequent misadventures occasionally resulted in a sensational triumph, and it was these victories that made her the most-talked-about member of the club.

A few of the members were opposed to allowing Sylvia to play in the duplicate for fear she would spoil the game, but most were in favor of the idea. They were curious to see what would happen, and they didn't have long to wait. On the very first board, Sylvia became declarer at six spades on the hand shown, and West led the jack of spades.

It is hard to explain what happened now. I don't know whether it was the tension of the moment, or the excitement of playing in her first duplicate, or what the reason was that caused her to do what she did, but the fact is that Sylvia played the two from dummy!

This astonishing play was greeted by a strange and eerie silence on all sides. West then shifted to a club. Sylvia took the ace, cashed the ace of diamonds, played a spade to the queen, ruffed a diamond, played a spade to the king and ruffed another diamond, establishing dummy's last three diamonds. She then led a spade to the ace and discarded three clubs on the 10-7-6 of diamonds to make the cOf course, if she had won the opening lead with one of dummy's honors, she would have gone down!

Crossword

- ACROSS: 1 Pomeranian's perch, 4 Radar-screen dot, 8 Blueprint, 12 Lemieux milieu, 13 Exceptional, 14 Unrivaled, 15 Exemplars of pride, 17 Car, 18 Bad hairpiece, 19 Hollywood double, 21 Buck, 24 Choose, 25 Blackbird, 26 Fresh, 28 Reservation residence, 32 Wishes otherwise, 34 Be a couch potato, 36 Depend (or), 37 English homework, maybe, 39 Check output, 41 Brewery, 42 Part of UCLA, 44 Football, in most places, 46 Rifle attachment, 50 Gorilla, 51 Sandwich treat, 52 Certain laborers, 56 Billboard, 57 Small pie, 58 Debtor's letters, 59 Succumb to gravity, 60 Charitable donations, 61 Barbie's longtime beau
- DOWN: 1 Back talk, 2 Expert, 3 Shiny buttons (Brit.), 4 Heavy work shoe, 5 Fond du —, WI, 6 Irritates, 7 Basil-based sauce, 8 Fern's home?, 9 Noisy, 10 Con, 11 Night light, 16 — -de-, 20 Suitable, 21 Challenge
- 22 Responsibility, 23 Cleric's title (Abbr.), 27 Drenched, 29 Anti-war demonstrator, 30 Model Mac-pherson, 31 Watchful one, 33 Bars, 35 Petrol, 38 Thither, 40 Brags, 43 Dividing membranes, 45 Book-keeper (Abbr.), 46 Employer, 47 Pavarotti solo, 48 Safe-cracker, 49 Blue hue, 53 Slot-machine part, 54 Prouette pivot, 55 Baltimore newspaper

Solution time: 25 mins.

ATM	LAMA	AFAR
POE	AGAR	CONE
ERR	POST	CARDS
DIVOT	SAC	
TORO	NIFTY	
POSTPONE	ALSO	
UPA	SMILE	EAR
MAID	POSTMARK	
ALLEN	NEAP	
BAG	GHOST	
POSTHASTE	GOO	
AFRO	SPUR	RAM
STAR	PLANE	EKE

Yesterday's answer 2-22

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UEOOFUB ZFE GF EYM WHJB
UFIB OHUUVLK XWFEKWXU.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A MAN FALLS AND CHIPS A TOOTH, I GUESS YOU MIGHT SAY IT HAPPENED ACCIDENTALLY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals U