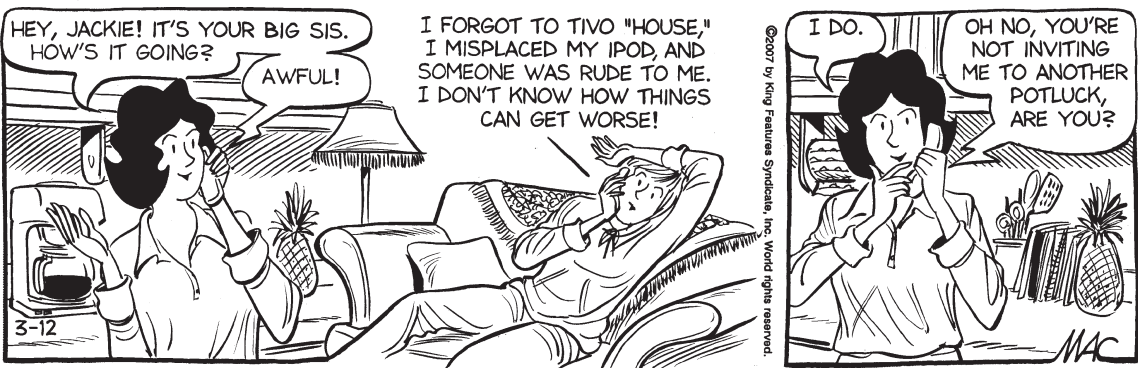


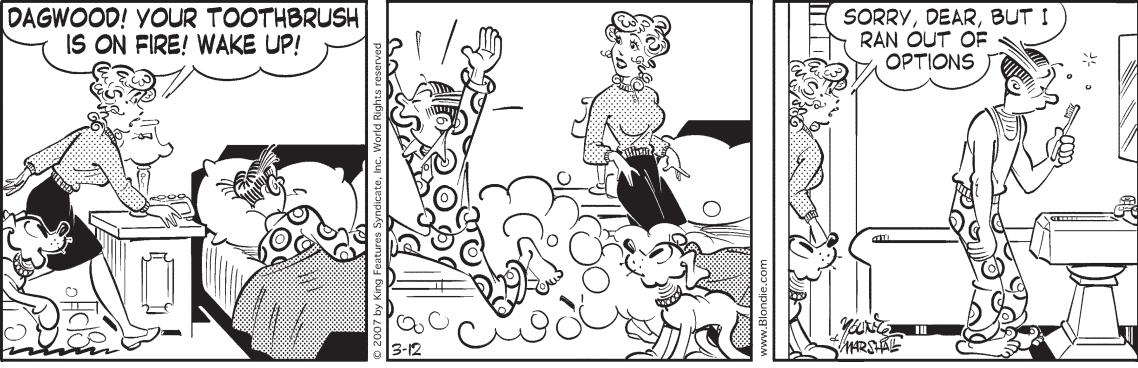
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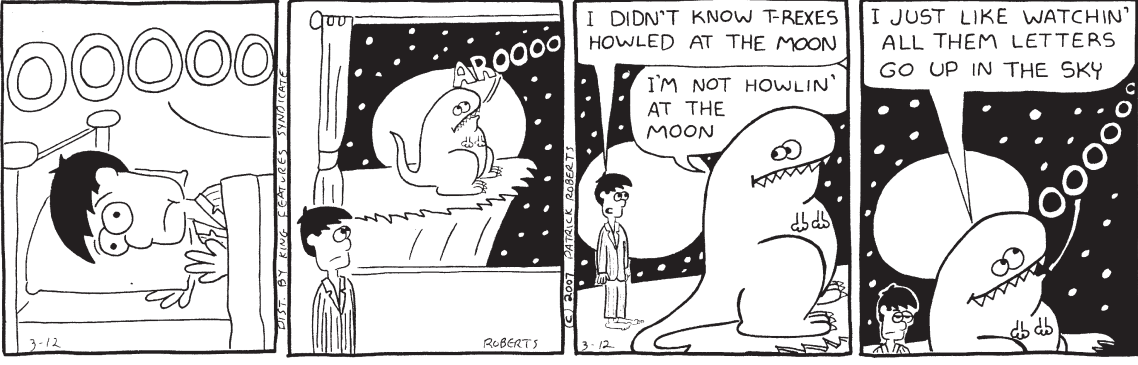
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Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Tod the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Cryptoquip

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IQQLBEC QADQXDJ RE CAD
R.J.T. TALBVW YDC CAD CRCVD
LK IBWRCLJ RE QARDK.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: A COUPLE OF CELEBS HAVE BEEN FOUND IN A VERY LETHARGIC STATE. I GUESS THEY ARE STUPOR-STARs.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals T

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★

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Bridge

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ J 4
♥ A 8
♦ Q 10 9 8
♣ J 10 9 5 2
WEST
♠ K 10 7 5
♥ 10
♦ 7 6 5 4 2
♣ K 6 3
EAST
♠ Q 9 2
♥ K 9 7 6 5 2
♦ K J
♣ 8 4
SOUTH
♠ A 8 6 3
♥ Q J 4 3
♦ A 3
♣ A Q 7
The bidding:
East 2♥ South 2NT West Pass North 3NT
Opening lead — ten of hearts.

Famous Hand
This deal occurred in the semifinal of the 1995 Spingold Knockout team championship. It demonstrates dramatically how a slight difference in judgment can radically affect the outcome of a deal.

The auction was identical at both tables: South arrived at three notrump after East opened with a weak two-heart bid. Both Wests led the heart ten, and both declarers played the eight from dummy.

It was here that the play diverged. At one table, Mike Passell, East, elected not to take his king in order to stop declarer from scoring three heart tricks. This could have been the winning play on another layout, but on this occasion the duck proved very costly.

Declarer, Lew Stansby, won the ten with the queen and played the A-Q-7 of clubs. West took his king on the third round and returned a low spade to East's queen, which held. The nine-of-spades return was also ducked by declarer, who still needed a ninth trick.

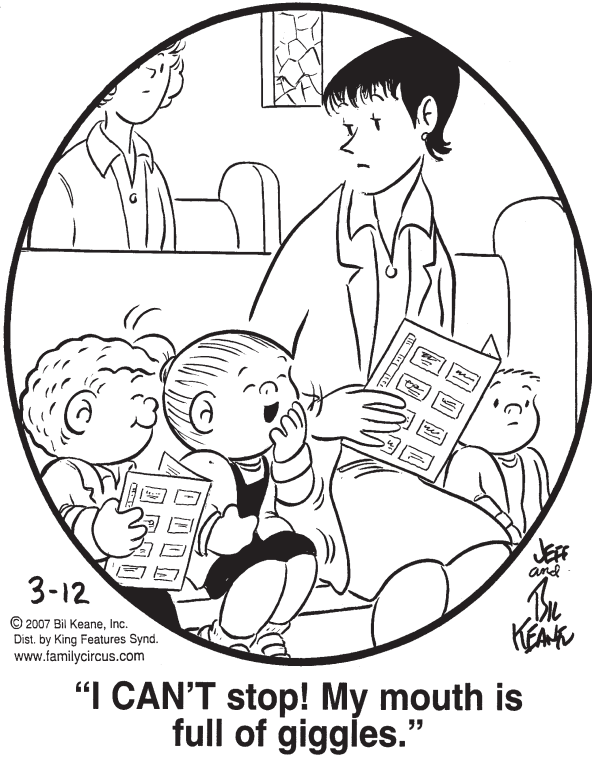
West won the spade with the king but found himself badly placed. He could not return a spade from the 10-7 into Stansby's A-8, so he shifted to a diamond. This helped South establish dummy's diamonds, and with the heart ace still in dummy as an entry, he had no trouble scoring nine tricks.

At the other table, East, Zia Mahmood, grabbed the heart king at trick one and continued with a second heart, dislodging dummy's ace. Declarer, Chuck Burger, led the jack of clubs to the queen, but West, Michael Rosenberg, followed low. Burger tried the ace and another club, but he was fighting a losing battle.

After taking the club king, Rosenberg returned the king of spades, ducked by declarer. A second spade was covered by the jack and queen, ducked again by South, and a third spade was taken by the ace.

Burger could do no better than cash his Q-J of hearts and exit with a spade, hoping West would win and be forced to yield a diamond entry to dummy. But with East holding the diamond K-J, declarer had no chance, and he finished down two. Plus 200 at this table combined with 600 more at the other gave Zia's team a 13-IMP pickup, and helped put them into the final.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I CAN'T stop! My mouth is full of giggles."

Crossword

- ACROSS**
1 Thick slice
5 Easter-egg adornment
8 Advantage
12 Stead
13 Author Fleming
14 Money of Iran
15 Pressing need?
16 Classroom missile
18 Hit song from "Flashdance"
20 Raised platforms
21 podrida
23 Young seal
24 Hackneyed
28 Sulk
31 Exist
32 Locations
34 Caviar, essentially
- 35** Kennel cry
37 Item in a cedar closet
39 Work unit
41 Horse-drawn carriage
42 Biblical prophet
45 Experts
49 Sometimes it hits the fan
51 Bill
52 Enrages
53 Zero
54 Bigfoot's cousin
55 Mileage, maybe (Abbr.)
56 Crucial
- 57** — out (supplemental)
DOWN
1 Slender
2 Old Italian money
3 A billion years (Var.)
4 Toe woe
5 Make a denial
6 Shri! bark of Okla-
7 homa city
8 Metallic element
9 Migration of a sort
10 Big wind
11 Right angles
17 Spigot
- 19** Clerical garments
22 Sopranos' companions
24 Islet
25 Raw rock
26 Sets free
27 With intent to kill
29 D.C. figure, for short
30 Slithery fish
33 Provider of
34 Across
36 Sermonizer, often
38 "See ya"
40 Tie up the phone
42 Footnote abbr.
43 Ganges wear
44 Williams or Snow
46 Cheat at hide-and-seek
47 London gallery name
48 Late-braking development
50 Whopper

Solution time: 24 mins.

S	T	R	I	P	O	D	E	S	S	A
M	A	R	I	N	O	B	O	A	T	E
T	R	I	V	E	T	O	R	T	E	G
S	A	M	E	A	I	Y	E	S	P	O
G	O	T	T	O	T	A	G	O		
E	U	R	O	P	E	A	N	I	U	N
E	T	U	I	S	T	I	R	T	E	E
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U	N	F	O	L	D	R	E	E	L	E
T	E	N	S	I	S	T	Y	S	T	I

Saturday's answer 3-12

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
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15					16				17			
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				21				22		23		
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