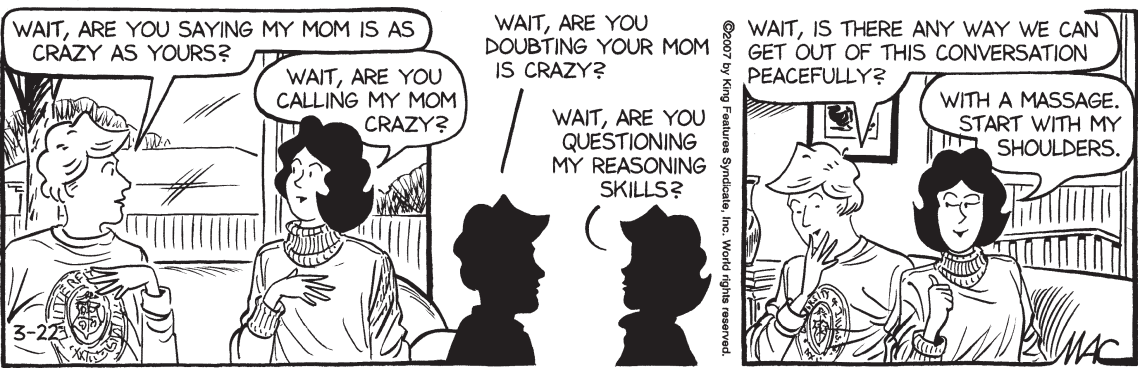
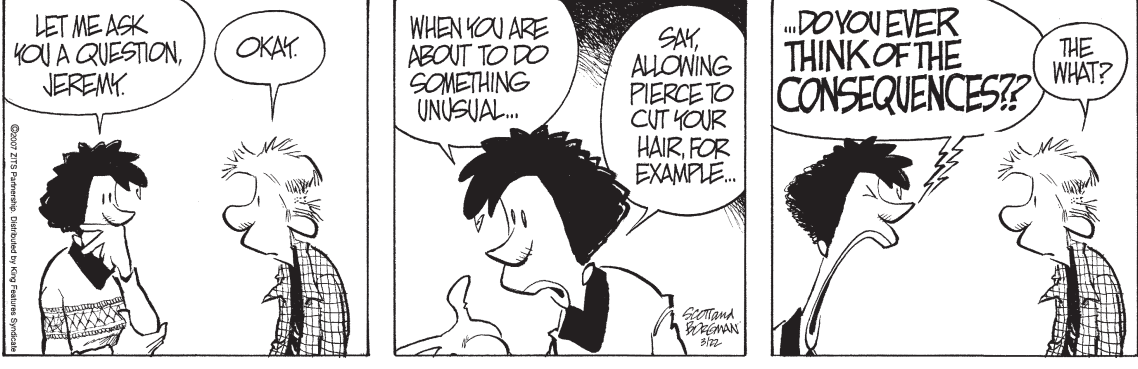


Sally Forth • Greg Howard



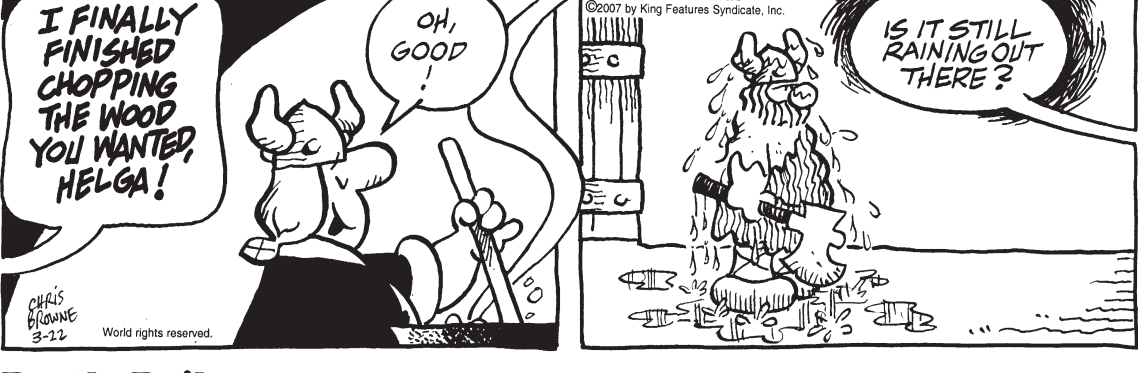
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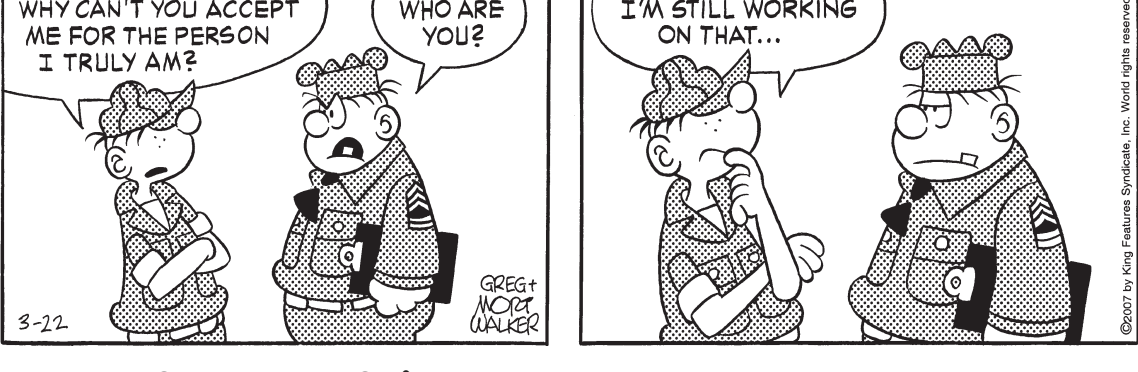
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Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



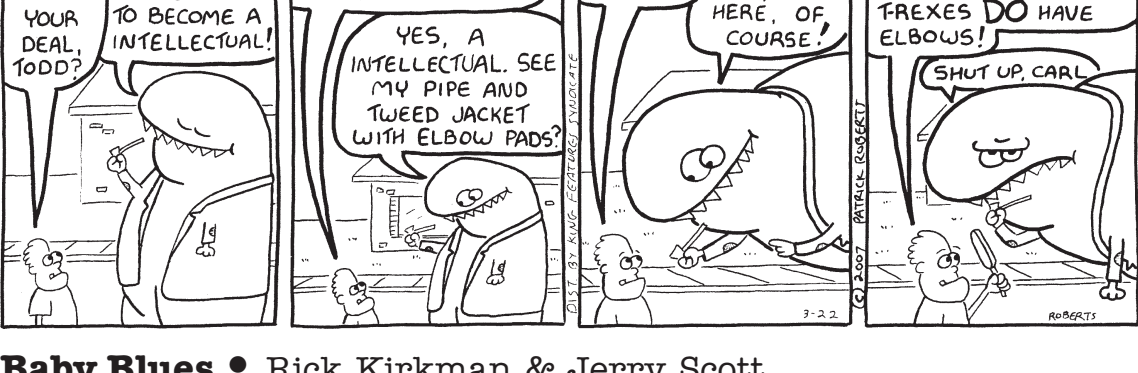
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Tod the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Cryptoquip

Y F P I Q D G M B A J X X S H Q M X
I R S Q M X B C C J H D I Q M S Y S R J C B X,
X G B A B W B H M C F W G I H D B P
G B A H I Y B M S W I A C S M M I.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THIS PERSON IN PRISON IS SO STRICT AND AUSTERE, YOU COULD SAY HE'S FULL OF CON-STERN-ATION.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals T

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★

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Bridge

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 8 4
♥ A K 5
♦ A K 6 4
♣ A K 7 2
WEST
♠ A K Q 10 5
♥ Q J 9
♦ J 8 7 3
♣ 5
EAST
♠ 7 6 3
♥ 10 7 6 3 2
♦ 2
♣ 10 8 4 3
SOUTH
♠ J 9 2
♥ 8 4
♦ Q 10 9 5
♣ Q J 9 6
The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♠ Dble Pass 2 ♣
Pass 4 ♣ Pass 5 ♣
Opening lead — king of spades.

How to Capture a Knave

Assume you're in five clubs and West, after cashing two spades, shifts to the queen of hearts, which you win with the king.

Barring a 5-0 trump break, your only real concern is that one opponent might have four diamonds to the jack, in which case you might lose a diamond trick.

You start by cashing the A-Q of clubs, noting the 4-1 division, and then lead the spade jack, ruffing with dummy's king as East plays the seven. You then draw East's two remaining trumps, taking the marked finesse against the ten.

On the last trump play, you discard a heart from dummy. West, in the meantime, has parted with two With five tricks to go, your only worry is the possible diamond loser. If the suit is divided 3-2, it doesn't matter how you tackle it, but if the suit is divided 4-1, you'll have to handle your diamonds with care.

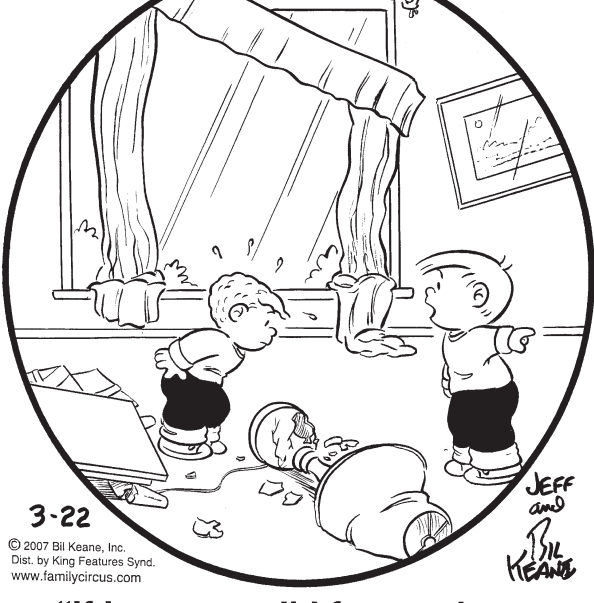
So, after taking the ace of hearts, you cash the ace of diamonds, on which East plays the deuce and West the eight. West's eight might lead you to think that he had either the singleton eight or the doubleton J-8.

But if on that basis you were to cash the king next, you'd go down one. However, the correct play of a low diamond to your queen exposes the actual 4-1 diamond division and allows you to make the contract.

The decisive clue is that West can't possibly have a singleton diamond because that would mean he started with [S] AKQ105 [H] QJ10976 [D] 8 [C] 5 — and with that holding he surely would have bid two hearts after you bid two clubs.

Therefore, if the diamonds are indeed divided 4-1, it is West, not East, who has four of them.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"If I was you, I'd forget about telling Mommy and just go straight to your room."

Crossword

ACROSS
1 Urban carrier
4 Billions and billions
8 Toil
12 Numerical prefix
13 Hodge-podge
14 "Hi, sailor!"
15 Teddy's cudgel?
17 Streamlet
18 Have a bug
19 Peeper's place
21 Stylish
24 Sheltered side
25 Dadaist artist
26 Deviate off course
28 Wealthy person
32 Chip's partner
34 Chart
36 Tragic
37 Not merely plump
39 Poorly lit
41 Obtain

42 Garfield, e.g.
44 Compassion
46 Kitchen cloth
50 "Letters From — Jima"
51 Skilled
52 Bean spiller
56 Remark from
57 Shawm descendant
58 The Red or the Black
59 Divorce court figures
60 Peruse

61 Chow down
DOWN
1 News-room newbie
2 Blackbird
3 New York City
4 Multi-colored
5 Foreman rival
6 Shaving mishap
7 Hayseed
8 Missile section
9 Colum-bus' place
10 List of members
11 Rote of football fame

16 Try the Tokay
20 Longing
21 Pedestal part
22 Bedouin
23 Aries
27 Bankroll
29 Jail
30 Hydrox look-alike
31 OTB trans-actions
33 Shuns
35 "Great Expecta-tions" lad
38 Listener
40 Injured severely
43 Small drum
45 Pair
46 Knighted woman

47 Mountain goat
48 — gin fizz
49 Scoff
53 — long way
54 Afternoon social
55 Bella Abzug trademark

Solution time: 25 mins.
Yesterdays answer 3-22

MAC	COAL	TWIT
OBI	URGE	IOTA
SEA	STAGED	DOOR
SLOOP	SAY	
WITH	TUNER	
OPENDOOR	PATE	
LEX	SABOT	SUE
DRAW	DOORNAIL	
SUMAC	SKAT	
LOB	PHASE	
DOORPRIZE	BED	
OAHU	ARIZ	LEI
EROS	GAPE	EST

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