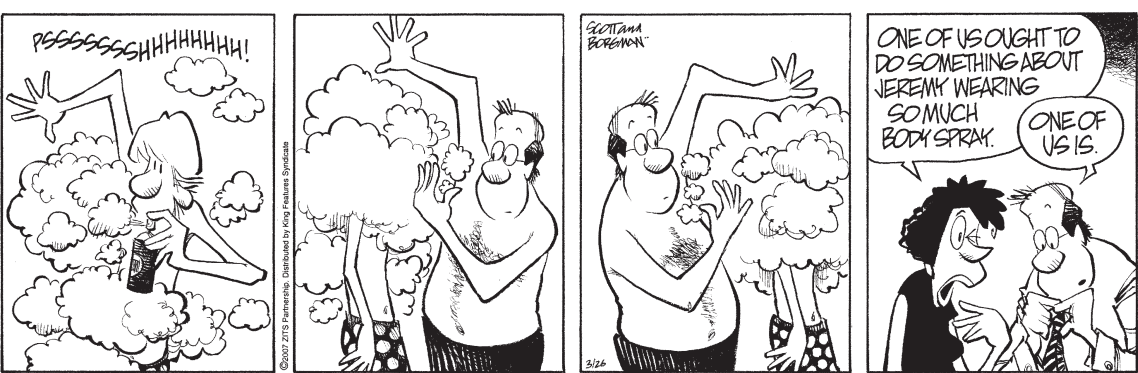


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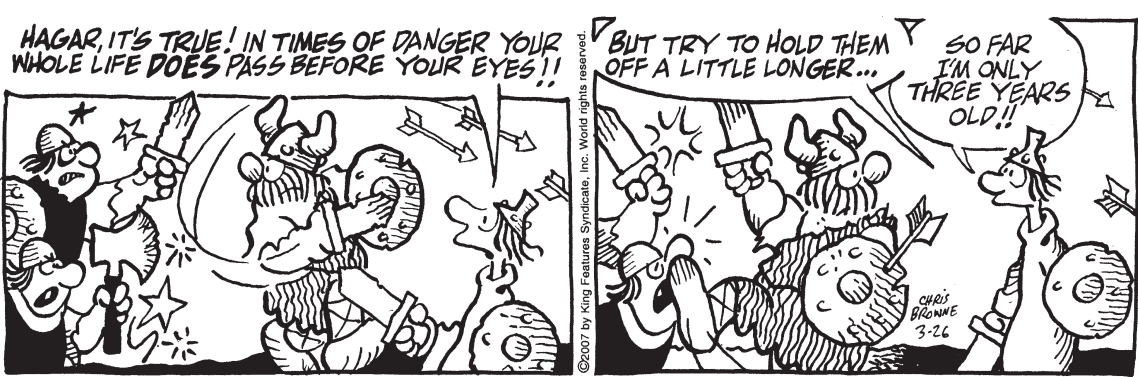
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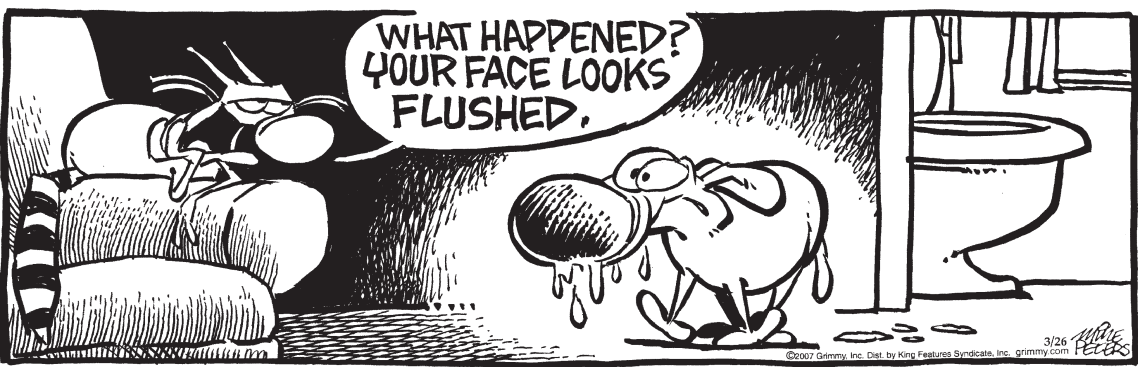
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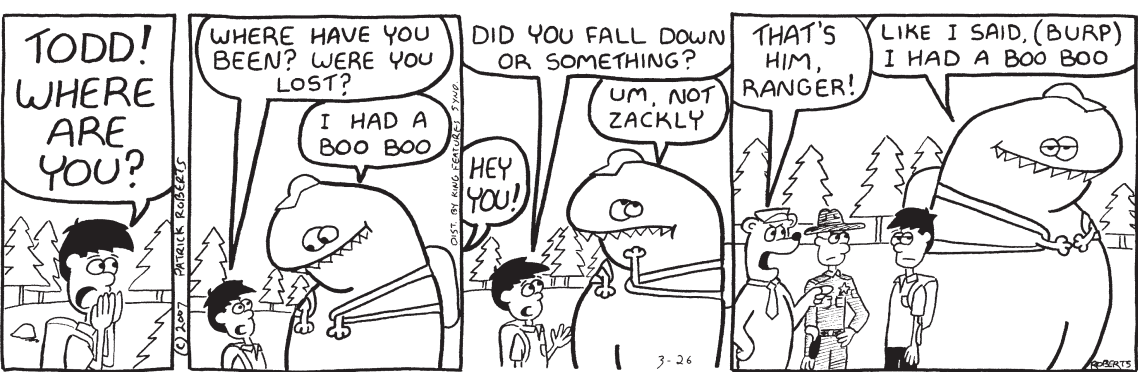
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Cryptoquip

BFDX GERDEXD UDSPXG S

UEH EA AZXXN WZHDG

APER HFD QXHDPXDH, Q'J

GSN FD'G BDUU D-WZQTTDJ.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHILE PREPARING A LARGE MEAL, THE COOK WHO HAD POISON OAK EXPERIENCED SOME KITCHEN ITCHIN'.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals H

Conceptis Sudoku

by Dave Green

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

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

Difficulty Level ★

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Bridge

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 6 5 4

♥ 8 5

♦ 4

♣ 10 8 6 5 4 3

WEST

♠ —

♥ K Q 9 7 4 3

♦ J 10 8 7 3

♣ K 9

EAST

♠ 10 8 7 2

♥ J 10 6 2

♦ —

♣ A Q J 7 2

SOUTH

♠ K Q J 9 3

♥ A

♦ A K Q 9 6 5 2

♣ —

The bidding:

South

2 ♦

4 ♠

6 ♣

West

2 ♥

Pass

North

Pass

5 ♠

East

4 ♥

Pass

Opening lead — king of hearts.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in a team-of-four match between Austria and Hungary played in Vienna way back in 1937!

Certainly the North-South hands justified a grand slam in spades, but at both tables the contract was only six spades. Even the small slam would have failed but for an extraordinary safety play invoked by both declarers.

At each table, the opening lead was a heart, and at each table declarer played the king of spades at trick two followed by the deuce of diamonds at trick three!

West won the diamond with the seven but was helpless. Whatever he returned, declarer would ruff a diamond in dummy with the ace, return a trump and finesse the nine, then draw East's trumps and claim the rest.

Not many players would lead a low diamond at trick three. Probably most declarers, after taking the ace of hearts and king of spades, would have played the ace of diamonds, planning next to ruff a diamond high in dummy and thus make seven. But East would have ruffed the ace of diamonds, and South would have lost the slam, regardless of how he proceeded from then on.

It is a great tribute to the bridge played in those days that both declarers allowed for a 5-0 diamond break and protected against it. They were each willing to sacrifice a 30-point trick to ensure a slam worth 50 times as much as the trick they were willing to give away.

Tomorrow: Life is but an empty dream.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



Crossword

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ACROSS | 38 Morsel | DOWN | 21 Barracks |
| 1 Lamb's mama | 40 Old French coin | 1 "A Night-mare on — Street" | array |
| 4 Rigid | 41 Golf statistics | 2 Court | 22 On |
| 9 Hot tub | 43 Made ready | 3 Id | 23 Appeal, in Holly-wood |
| 12 Journal | 45 Small storage area | 4 Holler | 27 Gist |
| 13 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument | 47 Chop | 5 Instructor | 29 Wear a rut in the rug |
| 14 Coffee shop vessel | 48 Legisla- tion | 6 Sort | 30 Tater |
| 15 1979 James Bond movie | 49 AOL competi- tor | 7 Skin | 32 "Buenos —" |
| 17 "... or — to be" | 54 White House nickname | 8 Impels | 34 Pizza slices, often |
| 18 Euro org. | 55 Recess | 9 Kansas emblem | 37 "Bonan- za" star |
| 19 Derides | 56 Opus — | 10 Campus employee, for short | 39 Giggling sound |
| 21 Algerian fortress | 57 Apiece | 11 Picnic invaders | 42 Flight compo- nent |
| 24 Get better | 58 Obliterate | 16 Bill | 44 Punctur- ing tool |
| 25 Mel of Coopers- town | 59 Possess | 20 Feed-bag filler | 45 Film fragment |
| 26 Chaps | | | 46 Michigan, e.g. |
| 28 Calls a halt to | | | 50 Nipper's co. |
| 31 Frog's cousin | | | 51 "— not choose to run" |
| 33 Regret | | | 52 Fresh |
| 35 Trade | | | 53 Family |
| 36 Parsley piece | | | |

Solution time: 24 mins.

EMS	JOTS	ACHIE	GIVE
POE	ACHIE	USED	
ISM	CHIC	SNAG	
CHICK	KNIT	TITLE	
	HER	UFO	
KARAT	IDS	SKI	
EDIT	JOE	DUEL	
NOD	PUN	FINAL	
	KEG	GAS	
SPRING	CHICKEN		
LAIN	LION	ERA	
OINK	EAST	EGG	
EDDY	ROTS	LOS	

Saturday's answer 3-26

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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