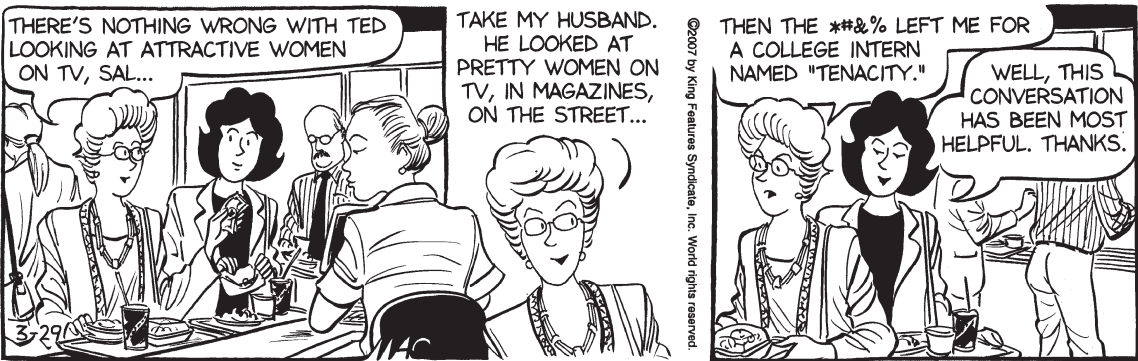


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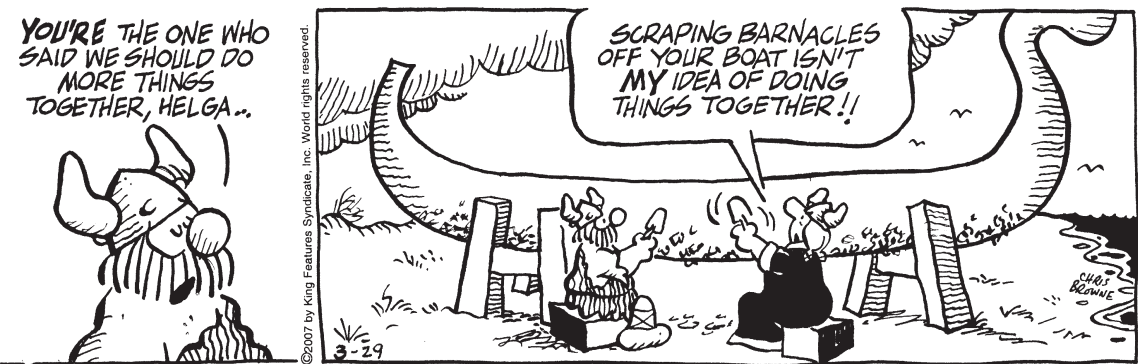
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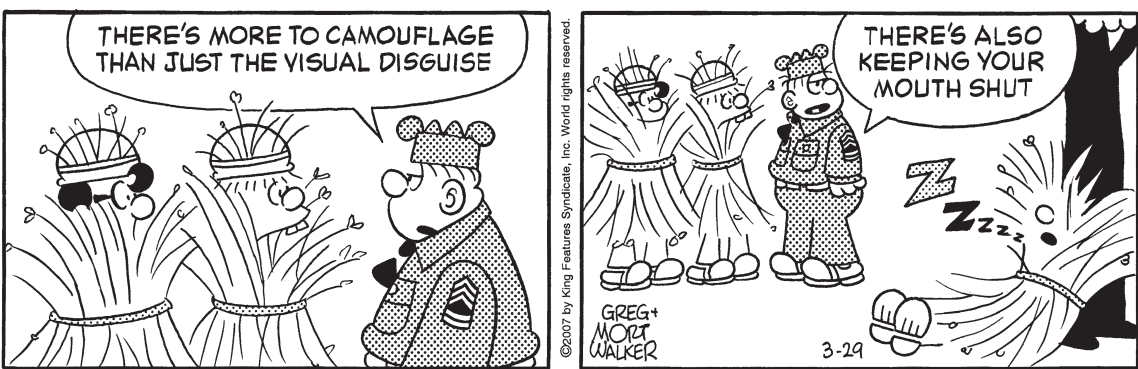
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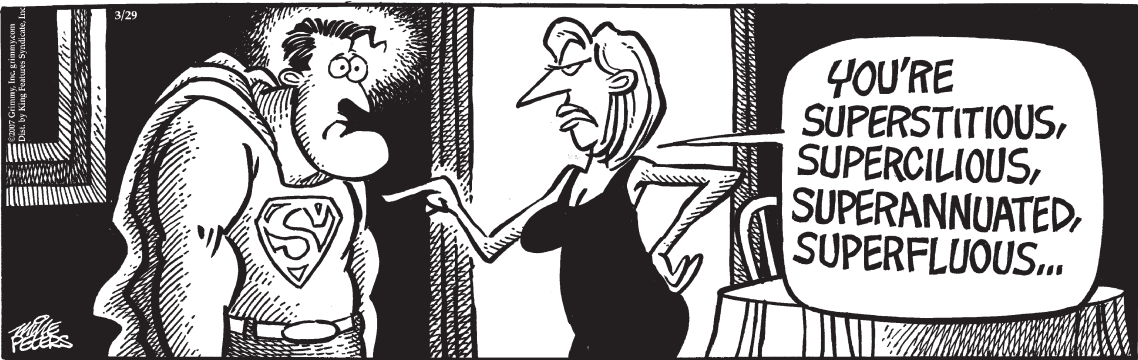
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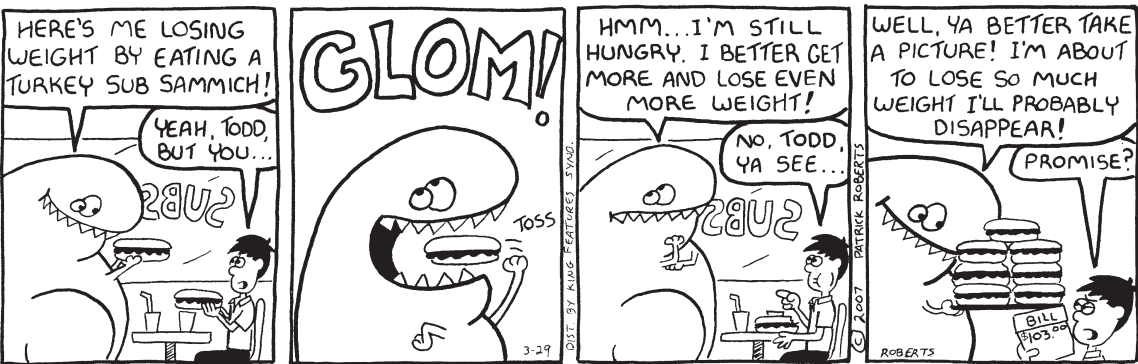
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Cryptoquip

IQ IGPOCW, KOG'L SGVVCSPCZ

OCRHL GU LPWCPSOQ

UGGPKCRW, ORL RIRLLCZ

LPGSFHXVCL GU LGSF HXVCL.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: OFF-CAMERA THE ACTOR IS A SPITEFUL, HOT-TEMPERED PERSON, BUT HE'S NOT THAT BAD IN REEL LIFE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals O

Conceptis Sudoku

by Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★

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Bridge

North dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
North 2♥ Pass South 5♣ Pass West 5♦
2♥ Pass Pass Pass 6♦
Pass Pass Pass 7♣! Dble
Opening lead — king of diamonds.

A Wild Night at the Club

When the distribution is wild, anything can happen, and this deal from a club duplicate provides ample proof.

At the table where the auction shown occurred, North opened with a weak two-heart bid, and South leaped to five clubs, hoping to shut the opponents out. But West was not in the least intimidated and bid five diamonds.

North, with two aces and a club honor, understandably pushed on to six clubs. Again West refused to be silenced, and when six diamonds got back to South, he decided to bid one more for luck.

Seven clubs could have been set two tricks, but after the diamond lead, it proved to be unbeatable! Declarer won the ace of diamonds, crossed to the club king and cashed the king of hearts. When West showed out and could not trump, the hand was an open book.

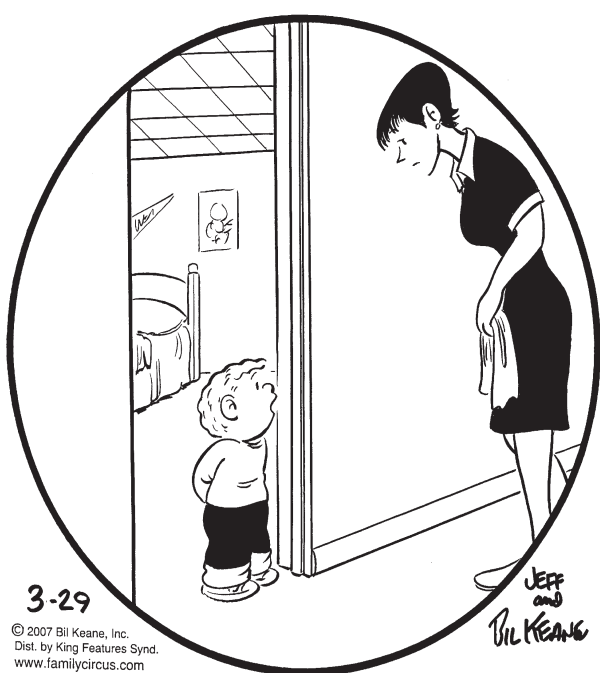
South overtook the queen of hearts with the ace and led the ten of hearts for a ruffing finesse against East's jack. After East covered and declarer ruffed, dummy was re-entered with the queen of clubs, and South discarded both of his spades on the 9-8 of hearts as East helplessly followed suit. Plus 2,330 for North-South!

At another table, North again opened with two hearts, but this time South bid two notrump. West doubled, North redoubled to show a maximum and, for reasons best known to themselves, both South and West passed! After a diamond lead, declarer had no trouble collecting eight clubs, three hearts and the ace of diamonds for four redoubled overtricks. Plus 2,480!

At only one table did East-West find their spade fit. Here, East declared six spades doubled after a typically vigorous auction, and South led his singleton diamond. North won the ace and returned a diamond, but declarer, reading the situation perfectly, ruffed with the ace of spades, then led the spade eight and let it ride to pick up South's queen. Plus 1,660 for East-West!

It was indeed a wild night at the club.
Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



“Mommy, I’m sorry that I ... what was it I did again?”

Crossword

ACROSS 1 More than 50 percent 5 Spigot 8 Use an old telephone 12 Eastern potentate 13 "Flying Down to —" 14 Green-eyed monster 15 Cleo's water 16 Apr. addressee 17 Commotion 18 Unimprovable place 20 Rob 22 Massachusetts cape 23 Work unit 24 Anthropologist Fossey 27 Accumulated 32 Lubricant 33 Whopper 34 Whatever amount	35 Last name of Dennis the Menace 38 Sheltered Inventor Whitney 40 Where "Lost" is found 42 Seafood option 45 Computer whiz 49 Secular 50 Wahine's gift 52 Modern-day money 53 Piglet's comment 54 "To thine — self be true" 55 Blueprint 56 Ova Solution time: 25 mins. GRAF ADD CUSP NULL PEA ANTI UNFAIRLY CLAP STAIR STAINS OPUS KILO ERA RON FINIS LOW BET UNIT BYTE ICE SEAR REMOLD GUEST AXED UNGAINLY MILE SUE SOAP STYX TNT ELMO Yesterday's answer 3-29	57 Cribbage scorer 58 Brown shades DOWN 1 Waiter's handout 2 Leave out 3 Grain storage structure 4 Heavy boring tool 5 Romantic problem 6 Melody 7 NYC newspaper 8 Want 9 Essential (to) 10 Tel — 11 Muse's music maker 19 Stylish Coop denizen 21 Comical DeLuise 25 Midafternoon hour (Rom.) 26 Tailor's task 28 Have a bug 29 Telling a story 30 Away from WSW 31 Turn red? 36 Succeeds 37 That guy 38 Take 41 Exist 42 — gin fizz 43 Secretary of state under Reagan 44 Beanbag-chair sound 46 Shake in the grass? 47 Persia, now 48 Billions of years 51 Ram's ma'am
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