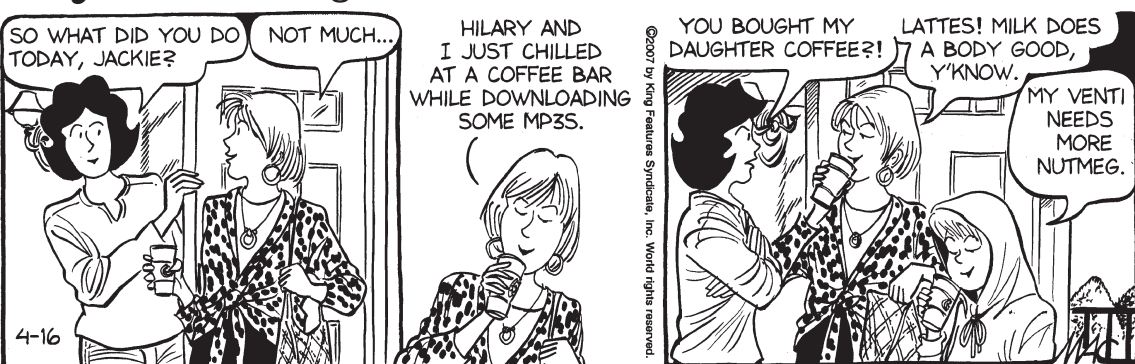


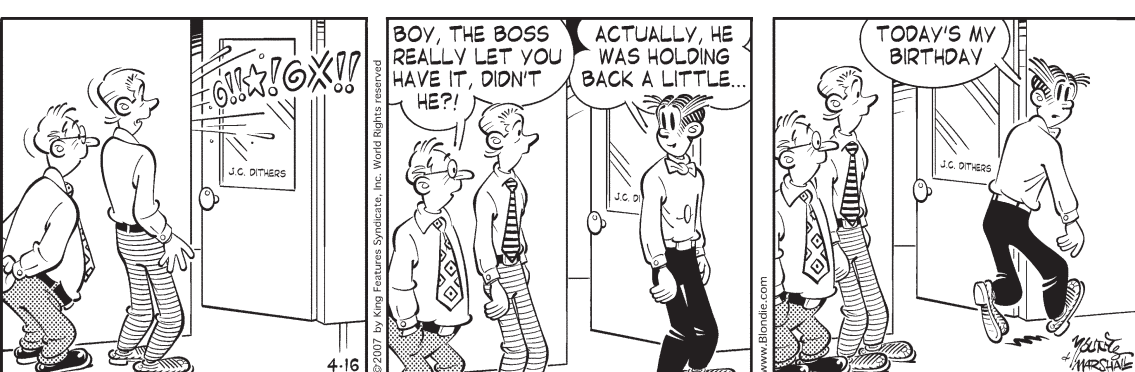
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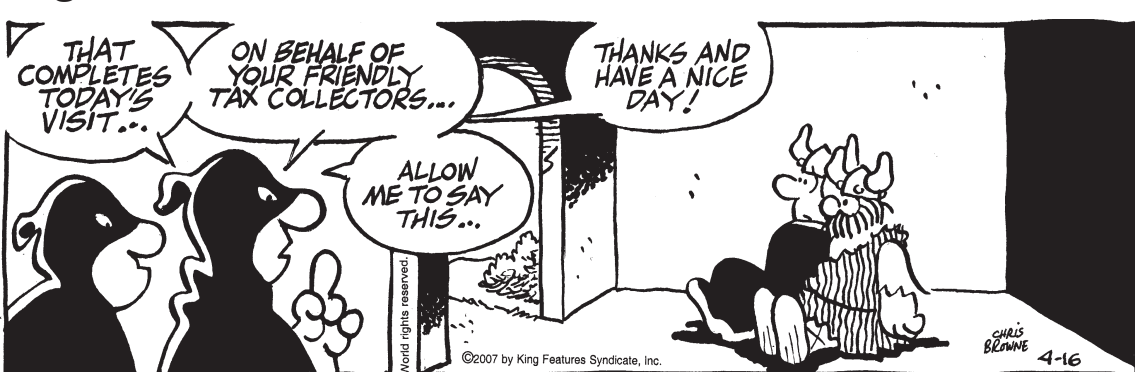
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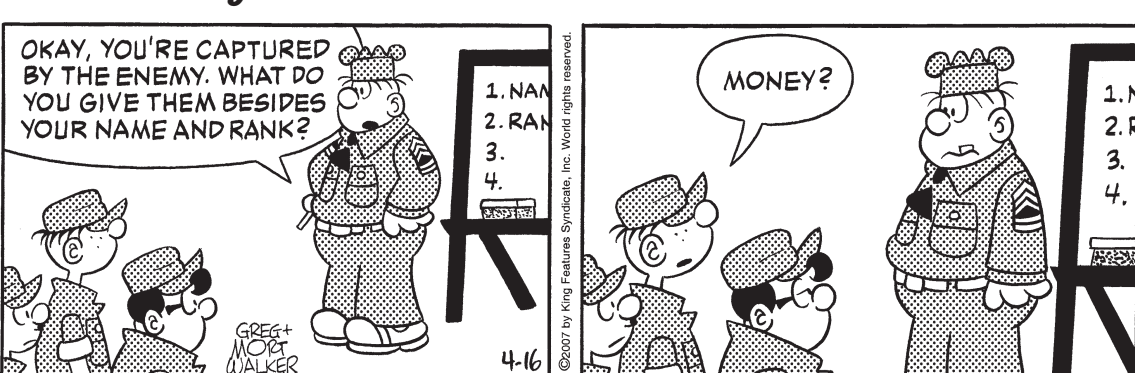
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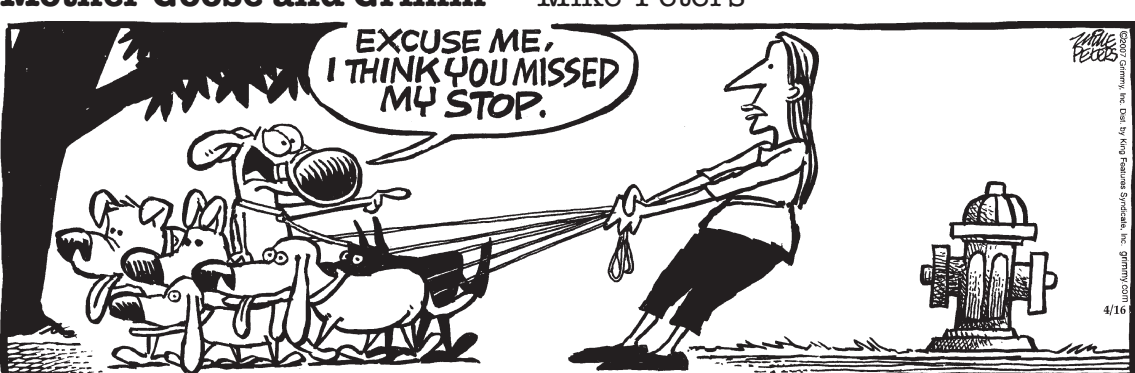
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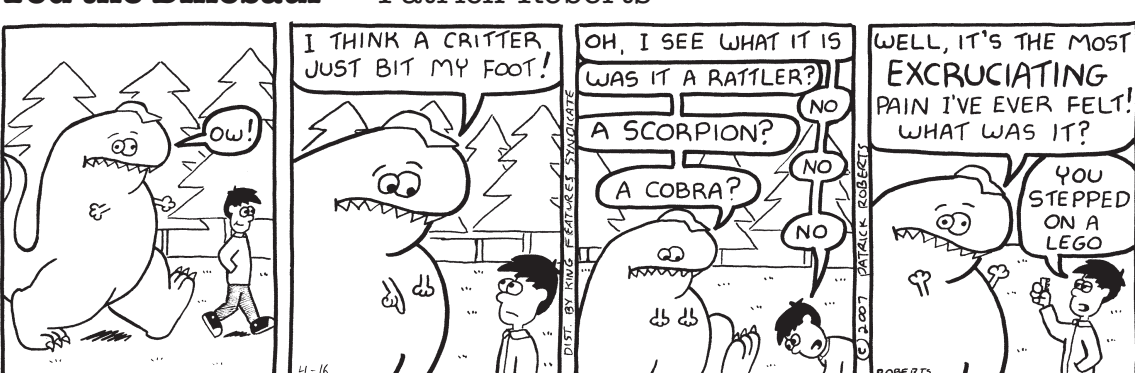
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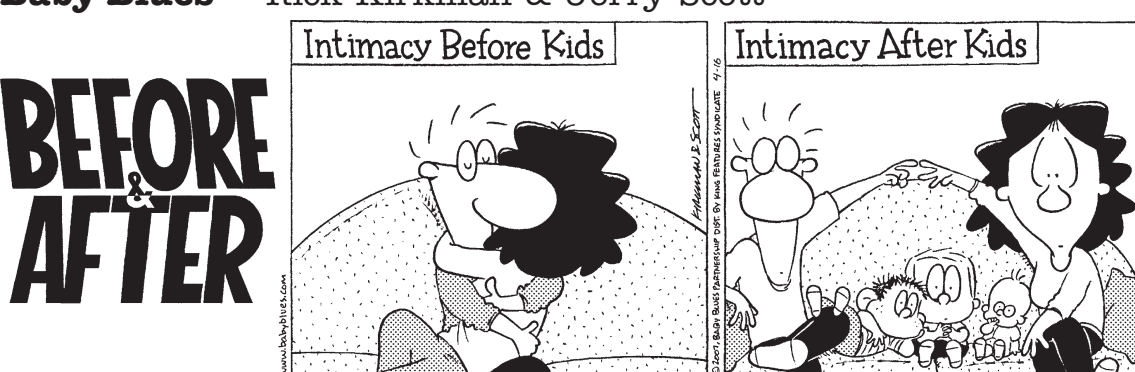
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Tod the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★

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Bridge

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ Q 8 6 5 3 2
♥ K J 7 2
♦ 9
♣ K 4
WEST
♠ 4
♥ 10 9 5
♦ K J 10 2
♣ Q J 10 6 2
EAST
♠ J 10 9 7
♥ 3
♦ 8 5 4
♣ 9 8 7 5 3
SOUTH
♠ A K
♥ A Q 8 6 4
♦ A Q 7 6 3
♣ A

The bidding:
South 2♥ 3♦ 7♥
West Pass Pass
North 2♠ 4♥
East Pass Pass
Opening lead — queen of clubs.

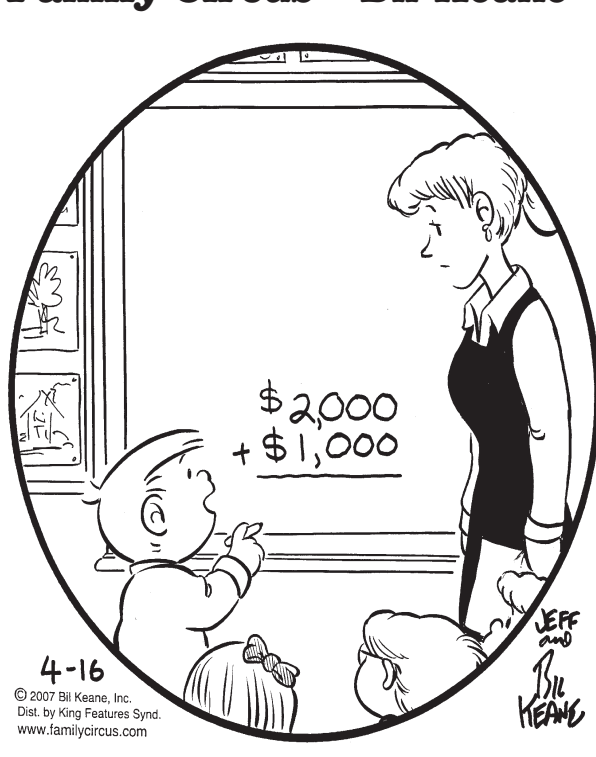
Famous Hand

This deal occurred in a tournament about 60 years ago. The declarer failed to find the best line of play and, as a result, went down in a grand slam. He won the club lead with the ace, played the A-K-Q of trumps and cashed the A-K of spades. When the missing spades proved to be divided 4-1, South was at the end of his rope. He cashed the diamond ace, ruffed a diamond with dummy's last trump, discarded two more diamonds on the queen of spades and king of clubs, but then had to lose a diamond to West's king at the end. In effect, declarer bet all his chips on finding the spades divided 3-2, in which case he would have made the contract easily. The flaw in this method of play was that it made no provision for a possible 4-1 spade division (a hefty 28 percent chance).

To guard against a 4-1 spade split while at the same time allowing for the normal 3-2 division, South should have cashed the ace of hearts at trick two, then played the ace of spades followed by a trump to dummy's jack. Declarer next cashes dummy's king of clubs and discards the king of spades on it! A low spade is then ruffed with the queen of hearts, a trump is led to dummy's king (drawing West's last trump) and another low spade is ruffed with South's last trump.

The result of all these maneuvers is that South makes the grand slam. Dummy's last five cards are the Q-8-6

Family Circus • Bil Keane



Crossword

ACROSS
1 Spirited horse
5 Needlefish
8 Roe provider
12 Collection of information
14 Cab
15 Like some grapes
16 Hold the scepter
17 Dolores — Rio
18 Act of grooming oneself
20 Tartan pattern
23 Incursion
24 Mysterious letter
25 Foolish
28 Superlative suffix
29 Hereditary bits
30 Atmosphere
32 Bad with a bat
34 Pre-swan
35 Croupier's tool
36 Charmer's pet
37 Turn into
40 [Uncorrected]
41 Beige
42 Unnecessary
47 Fleet component
48 Carriage
49 "It's good — the king"
50 Tackle moguls
51 — ex machina
DOWN
1 Billboards of "post-"
2 Actress
3 Charlotte
4 Dined on
4 Villain
5 Author and
6 Donkey
7 Paraphrases
8 Pace
9 Amount of booty
10 Wheel-base terminus
11 Regiment
13 Evicted
14 Union
15 Rembrandt's supply
20 Opposite of "post-"
21 Luxurious
22 Con
23 Rid of lather
25 Saturdays and
26 Long story
27 Fabric made by worms
29 Glitz
31 Deli bread
33 Acting company
34 Naked
36 Faction
37 Top-rated
38 Reverbate
39 Nursery item
40 Big rig
43 "A mouse!"
44 Compass letters
45 Old French coin
46 4th-yr. students

Solution time: 24 mins.

CHAW	AMPS	KIT			
HIFI	FARO	IRA			
ALAN	GRAY	WIN			
NORD	HEY	FISK			
	TEA	EMU			
RETURN	RANKLE				
ATONE	UNION				
THENCE	AVENUE				
	ETA	EEL			
SOIL	TAR	CARB			
OWN	MEGA	ARIA			
DEF	ERAT	KIND			
ADO	TYRE	EDGE			

Saturday's answer 4-16

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Cryptoquip

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: NEW FLICK IN WHICH FOUR CONS MAKE A GETAWAY THROUGH A FIREPLACE FRAME: "THE GRATE ESCAPE."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals N

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
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				17			18	19		
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