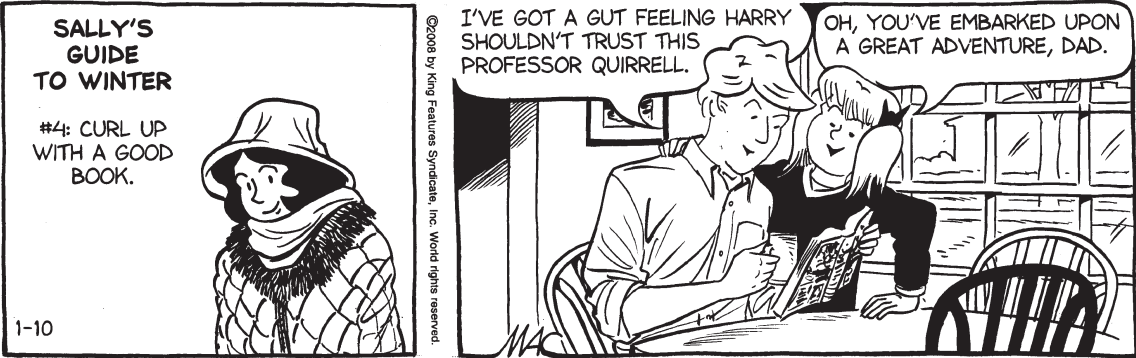


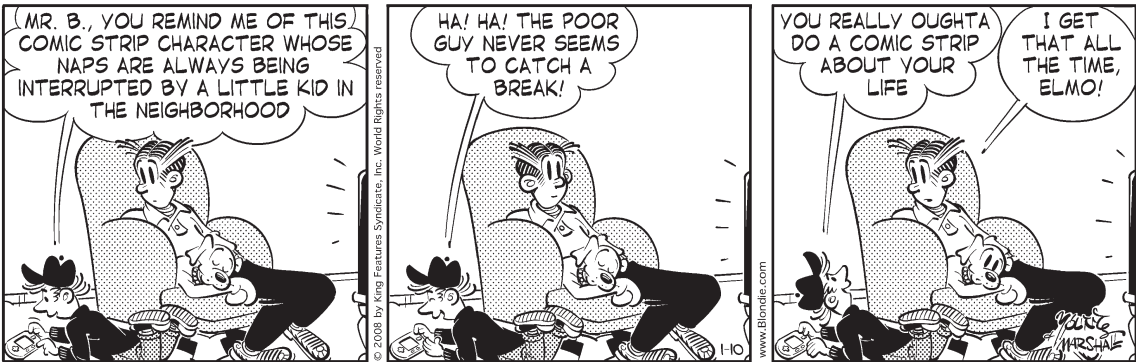
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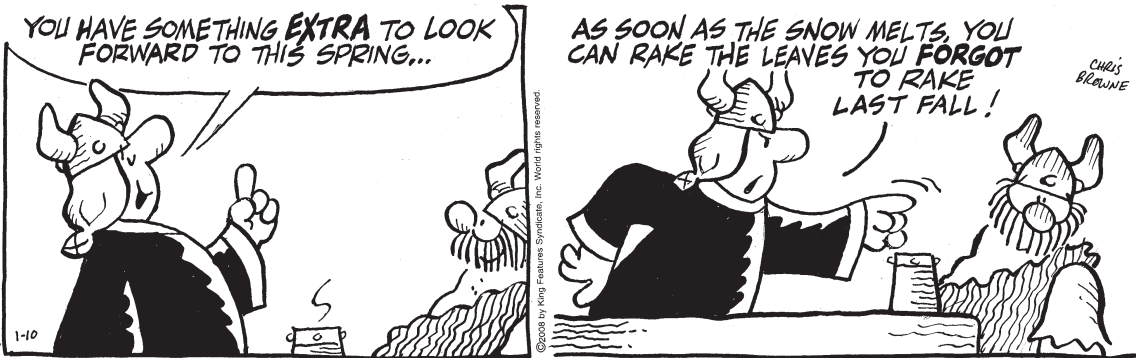
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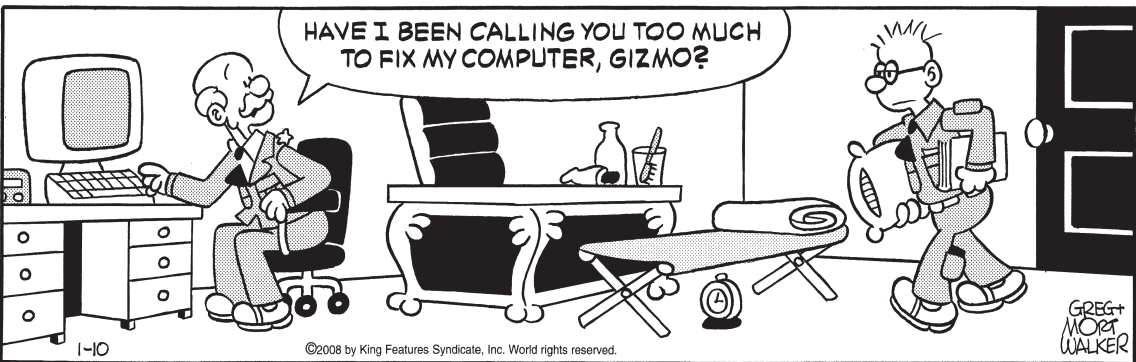
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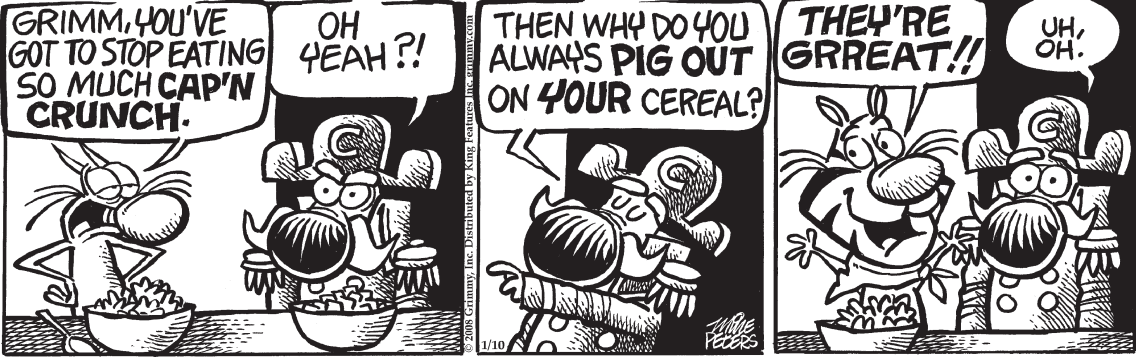
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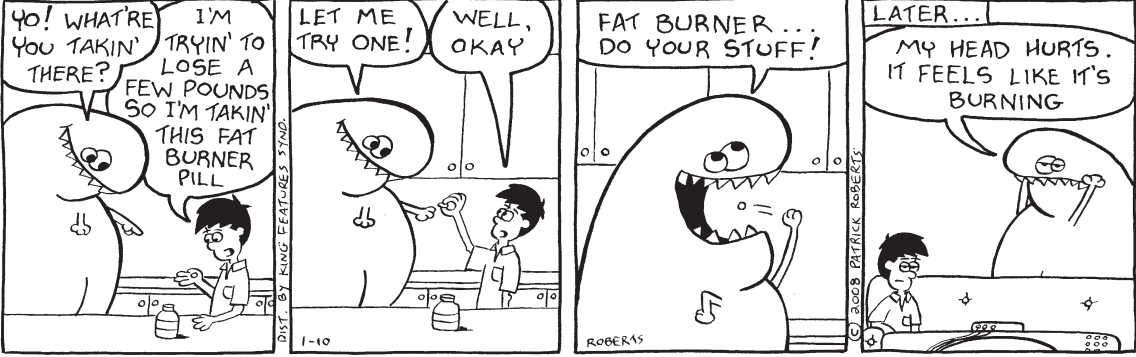
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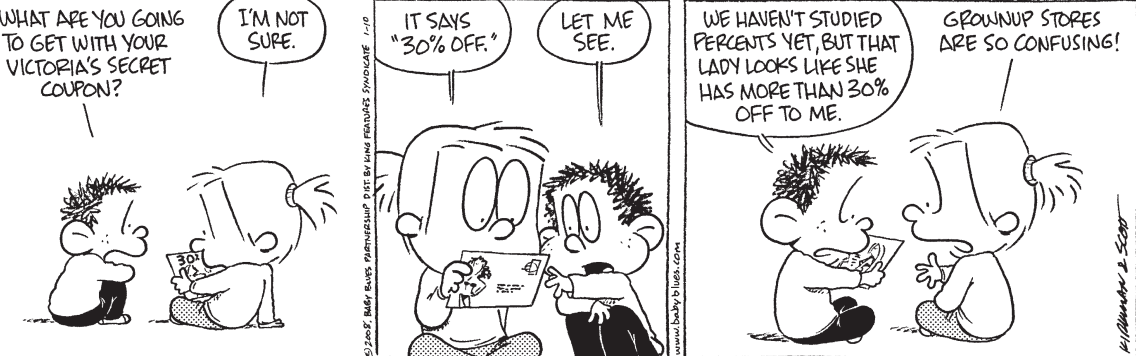
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Cryptoquip

YBC ZSOFYJ ENYTO E DEJSBA
LTA QMY'Z EX TXJEOFMHC
RGY EO BEXCZFRSXL
"DEOMHG JYQZ NHZO."
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A BLUEFIN OR YELLOWFIN'S PIANO IS BADLY FLAT OR SHARP WOULD YOU SAY IT'S OUT OF TUNA?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals A

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Bridge

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 6 4 3
♥ Q 5 3
♦ 10 4
♣ 9 6 4 2

WEST
♠ 5
♥ A J 9 8 7
♦ 7 6 5 3
♣ 10 7 5

EAST
♠ A K Q J 10 7 2
♥ 4 2
♦ —
♣ Q J 8 3

SOUTH
♠ 8
♥ K 10 6
♦ A K Q J 9 8 2
♣ A K

The bidding:
East 1 ♠ South Dble West 2 ♥ North Pass
4 ♠ 5 ♦ Dble

Opening lead — five of spades.

The Step-by-Step Approach

Everyone knows that each player is dealt 13 cards and that each suit contains 13 cards, but many players neglect to take full advantage of this knowledge. If they referred to that magic number more often, they would find that the play of the cards is not nearly as difficult as it sometimes seems to be.

Here is a simple exercise utilizing the number 13. East wins the opening spade lead and continues the suit, South ruffing with the ace of diamonds. Declarer next plays the king of trumps, East showing out.

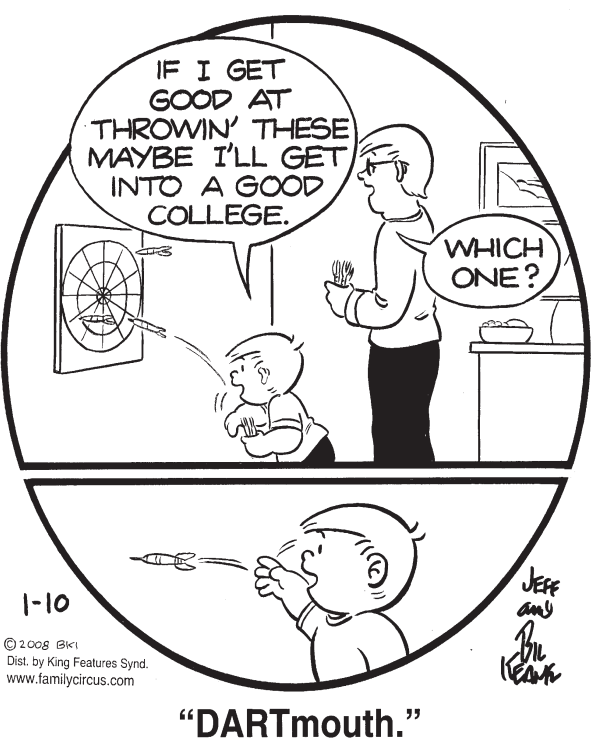
It is only trick three, but South already knows a great deal about the unseen hands. He knows West started with exactly one spade and four diamonds, and also knows from the bidding that West has at least five hearts headed by the ace and most likely the At least 10 of West's cards are consequently known to be lodged in three suits, which is merely a different way of saying that West has at most three clubs.

All declarer has to do now is to take advantage of this knowledge. He should realize that if he simply draws trumps and then plays a low heart to the queen, he will very likely lose two heart tricks and go down one.

To stop this from occurring, he should cash the A-K of clubs, then lead a low trump to the ten and ruff a club. This eliminates West's clubs.

South next draws West's last two trumps, reducing all hands to four cards, and plays the king of hearts. West, with only the A-J-9-8 of hearts left, must win with the ace and return a heart, allowing declarer to score the ten. If West doesn't take the first heart, he makes South's task even easier.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



Crossword

ACROSS

1 Use a Q-Tip

5 Canadian flag symbol

9 Suffer a recession?

12 Green land

13 Eli's school

14 Born

15 Under a spell

17 Couric's employer

18 Quit

19 Vacant, as a flat

21 Doctor who fought 007

22 Copy, for short

24 Hastened

27 Scarlet

28 Largest of the seven

31 Family

32 In need of repair

33 Remnant

34 Part of the foot?

36 Chesapeake, e.g.

DOWN

1 Crystal gazer

2 Sommelier's suggestion

3 Curved lines

4 Trailing

5 Vanessa's sister

6 Dine on

7 Hearty quaff

8 Sick and tired

9 In the envelope

10 Actress

11 Unsurpassed

16 Past

20 Gun lovers' org.

Solution time: 25 mins.

Yesterdays answer 1-10

22 Pass the baton

23 Vortex

24 Tackle moguls

25 ATM access no.

26 Set up a bivouac

27 Judicial garb

29 Third party (Abbr.)

30 Billboards

35 Showtime alternative

37 Giraffes' cousins

39 7-Down et al.

40 Thickness

41 "Mary — Little Lamb"

42 Second-hand

43 Victim

44 Red light

45 "I never — man I didn't like"

46 Leading man?

49 Little louse

50 Book-keeper (Abbr.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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