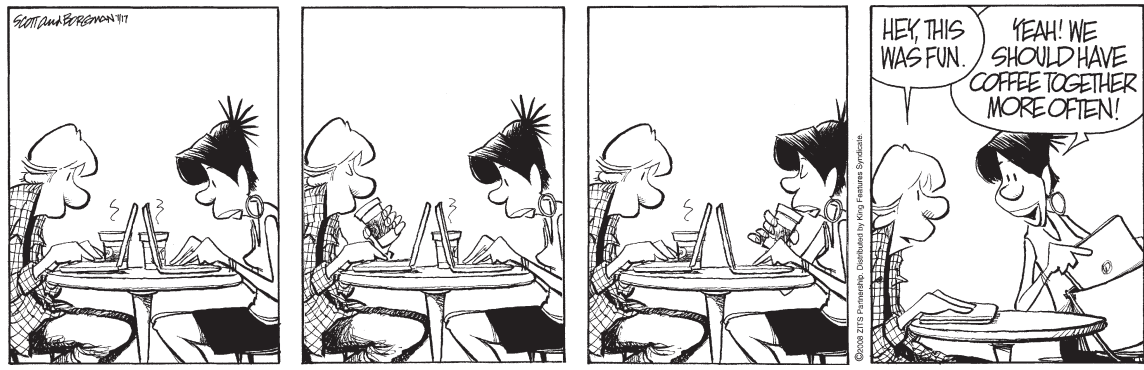


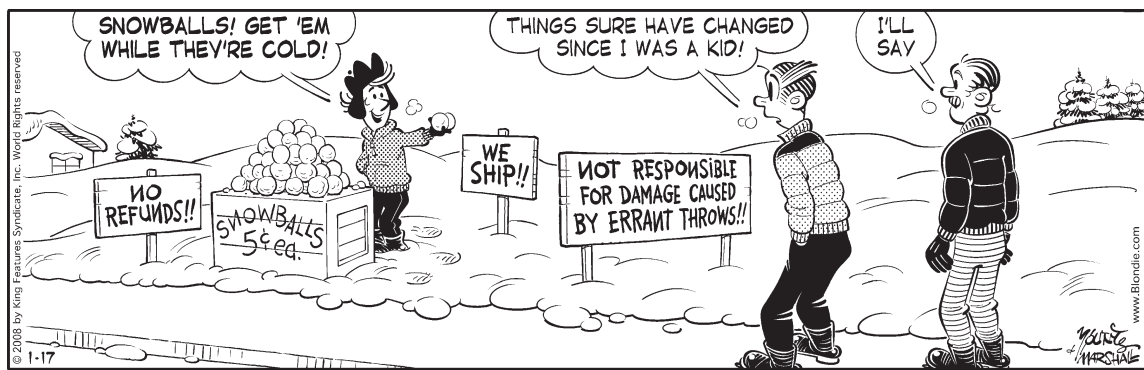
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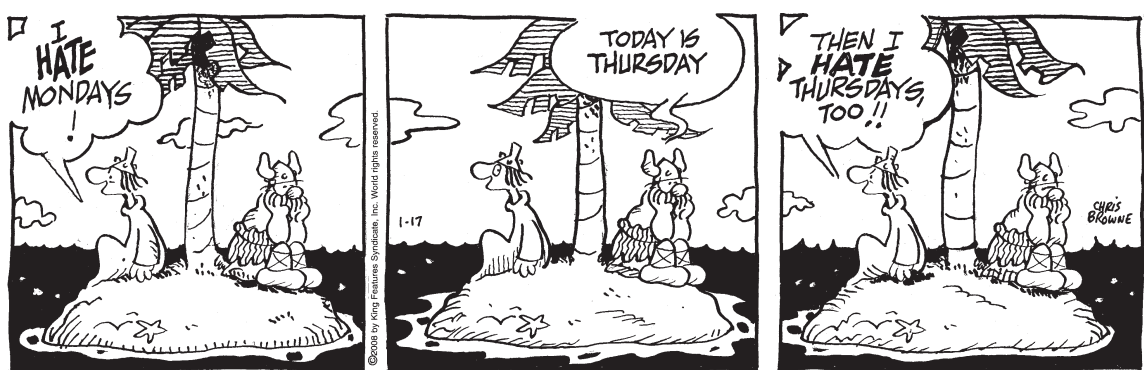
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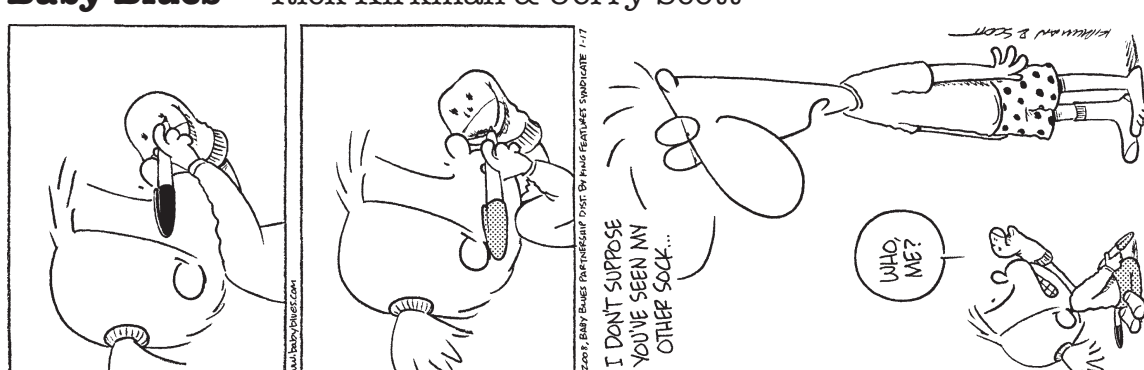
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Cryptoquip

DE M V Q R Y F G Q E
UGSMFZQITGIX SDGK SWG
TPQS, D X R Y Y Q X G M Z G F K D P L
I G V G Y S D Q P U D L W S E Q F F Q Z.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AS NOAH APPROACHED THE MOUNTAIN PEAK ON WHICH HIS ARK WOULD LAND, HE CRIED "I SMELL ARARAT!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals O

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/17

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/17

Bridge

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K J 9 6 2
♥ A 9 5
♦ K 10 9 8
♣ 3

WEST
♠ A 8 5 4 3
♥ Q J
♦ 7 5 3 2
♣ 8 4

EAST
♠ Q 10 7
♥ 10 8 6 4 2
♦ —
♣ K Q 9 7 5

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ K 7 3
♦ A Q J 6 4
♣ A J 10 6 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
6 ♠

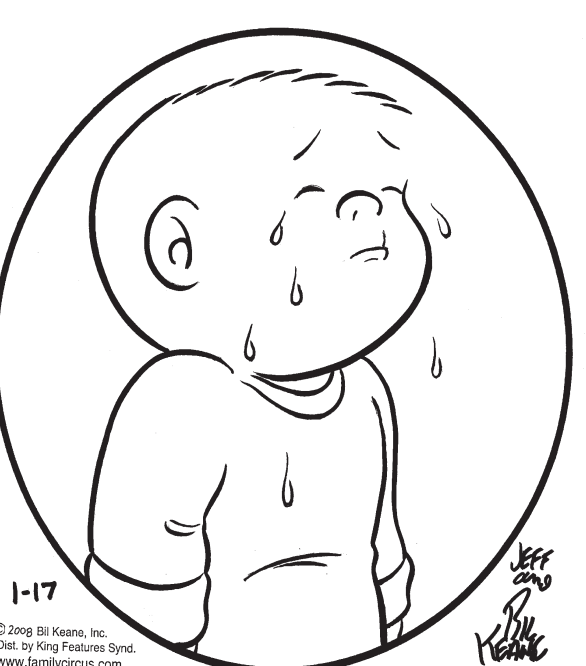
Opening lead — queen of hearts.

Distributional Hand Evaluation

As the bidding progresses, the rise and fall of one's values is a phenomenon worthy of close attention. In distributional hands especially, their worth may fluctuate startlingly as new information is gathered from the opponents' or partner's bidding. For example, when you first look at today's South hand, you would initially rank it as well above a minimum opening bid. Not only does it contain 15 high-card points, but it has an attractive 5-5-3-0 distribution. Point-counters might differ as to the exact value of the hand, deeming it worth anywhere from 17 to 20 points, depending on which school they came from. But North's one-spade response should have a depressing effect on the initial evaluation. The spade void is no longer an asset but a liability. In fact, at this point the hand depreciates to only its high-card values. However, when you next bid two clubs and partner jumps to three diamonds, the complexion of the hand changes radically. The original value is not only restored, but augmented. Your previous doubt as to whether there was even a game is more than resolved -- so much so that a slam is now a very real possibility. And, you should conclude that if North feels the combined hands will produce 11 tricks, you're The play of the hand is relatively simple. Only one pitfall has to be avoided. You plan a straight crossruff to score 12 tricks, but you should cash your two heart tricks very early -- before starting the crossruff. If you don't, you'll wind up with your arm in a sling after West gets rid of his remaining heart while you are ruffing clubs in dummy.

After playing the king of hearts, ace of clubs and ace of hearts, you ruff spades and clubs back and forth, finishing with 12 easy tricks. That's all there is to it.

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Daytime drama
5 Marry
8 Dressed (in)
12 From one end to t'other
13 Uncultured
14 Medal earner
15 Eastern potatoe
16 Savings acronym
17 Apiece
18 Job follower
20 Grate
22 Dated
26 February archer
29 Unsold of basket-ball lore
30 Grown-up elver
31 Unyielding
32 Conclusion
33 Back talk
34 Billboards
35 Time of your life?

DOWN
1 Flight component
2 Resistance units
3 Carreras solo
4 Swipe
5 Type of watch
6 Listener
7 Caused to appear smaller
8 Lidded box
9 2008, for example
10 Curved line
11 Homer's interjection
19 Pie filling?
21 Balaam's mount
23 Landlord, e.g.
24 Not so much
25 Other-wise
26 Florentine farewell
27 Language of Pakistan
28 Put off
32 "I" strain?
33 Guess
35 Sternward
36 Corral
38 Lubricated
39 Eats in style
42 Stench
43 Antitoxins
44 Body art, for short
45 Scoundrel
46 Indivisible
48 "— Town"

Solution time: 25 mins.

	ADD		DAD							
	ALOE		WILLED							
	TRAWL		ASLEEP							
	WINNERS		TRIGGLE							
	ODD		TENON		ALM					
			GELT		IDES					
	DANDY		OATES							
	TEMP		UNTO							
	EMU		BUNCH		SPA					
	LOSERS		WEEPERS							
	SEDATE		IOTAS							
	DICED		SLUM							
	TED		MOP							

Yesterday's answer 1-17

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		
45	46					47	48		49		
50						51			52		
53						54			55		