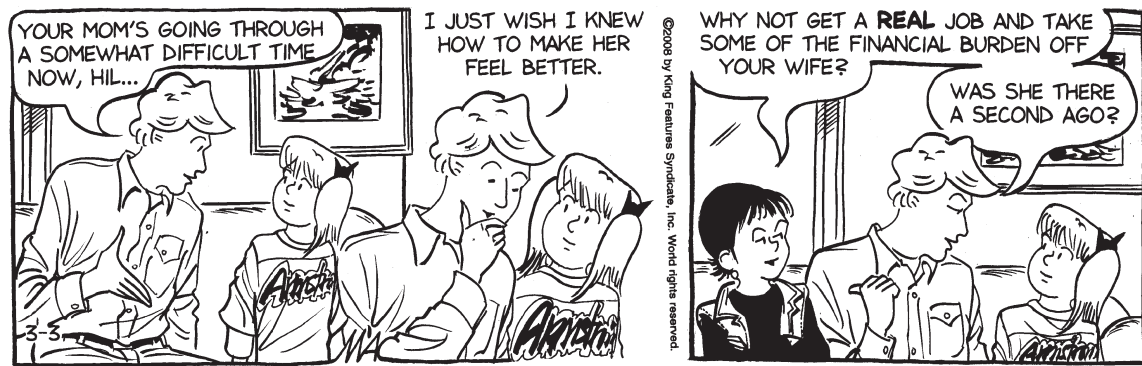
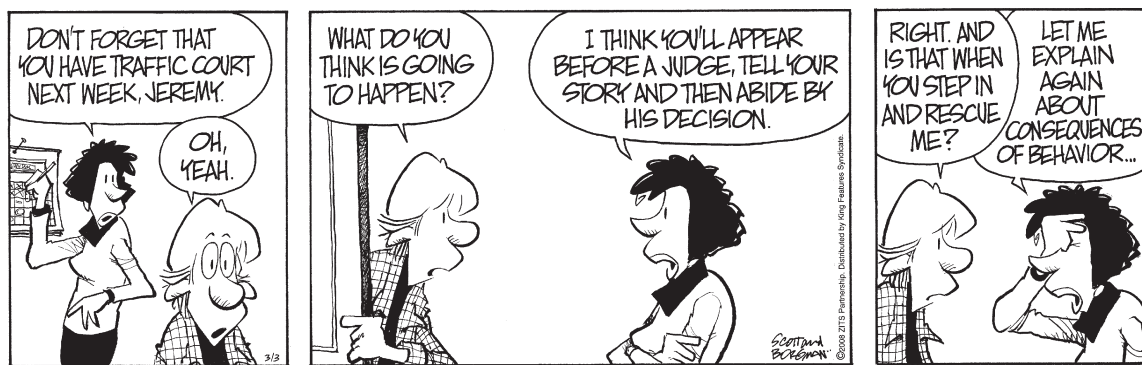


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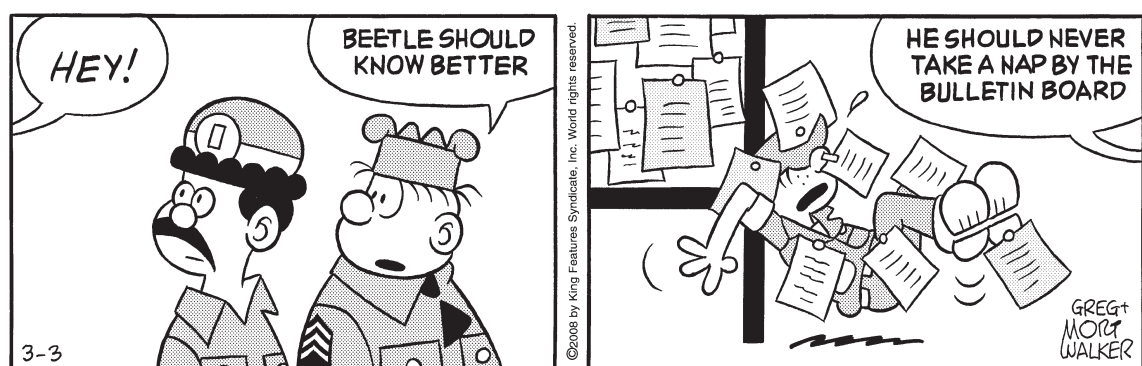
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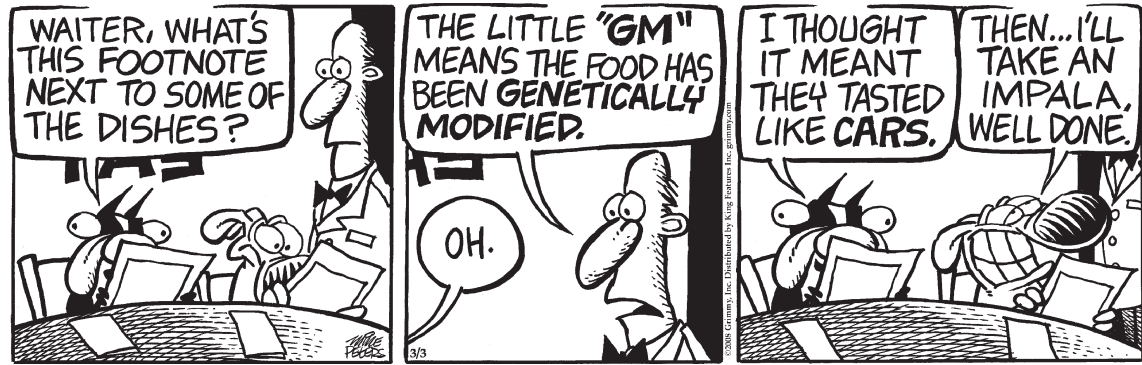
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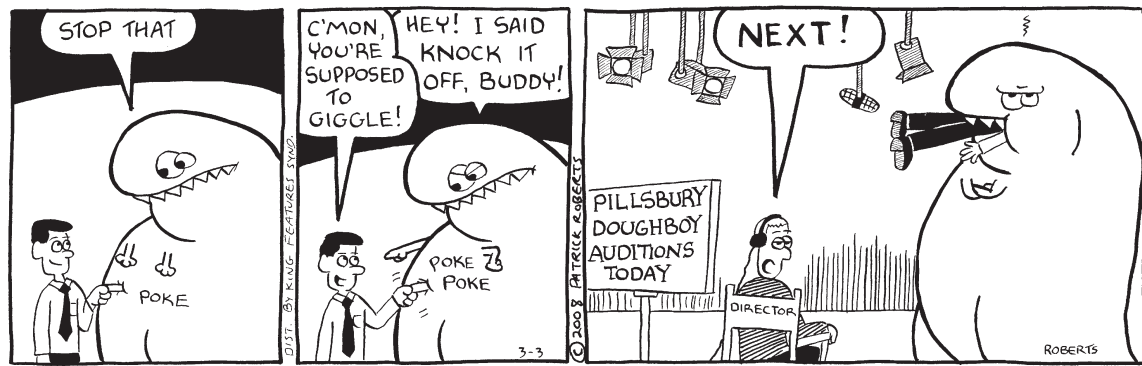
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**Cryptoquip**

BS C O B C T W Y H V N R T H  
R J R P V H R Y S B T L R M R J R M P B Y R Y  
O R M S R P H I X , E B L K H X W V  
Y C X K R ' Y C Y P C I R E W N R I ?  
Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN YOU MAKE A PROMISE WITH NO INTENTION TO KEEP IT, I WOULD SAY THAT'S A HYPOCRITICAL OATH.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals Y

**Conceptis Sudoku**

By Dave Green

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

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★

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**Bridge**

West dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 8  
♥ 7 6 5  
♦ A K 10 4 2  
♣ 9 8 3

**WEST**  
♠ J 9 4  
♥ K Q J 9 2  
♦ 8 6  
♣ J 4 2

**EAST**  
♠ 10 6 5 2  
♥ 8 3  
♦ Q 5 3  
♣ Q 10 7 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 7 3  
♥ A 10 4  
♦ J 9 7  
♣ A K 6

The bidding:  
West 2♥ North Pass East Pass South 2 NT  
Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead — king of hearts.

**Famous Hand**

This deal occurred during the playoff to determine which team would represent the United States in the 1973 world championship.

It was only the second deal of the 160-board match, but it demonstrated that at least one of the players, Jeff Rubens, was already functioning on all cylinders.

Rubens was South and reached three notrump as shown.

Ordinarily, Rubens plays his cards in a deliberate tempo, even though he is actually one of the fastest thinkers in the game. But on the present occasion he played very quickly.

West led the king of hearts, ducked by South, and continued with the jack, won by Rubens with the ace.

He promptly played the jack of diamonds and finessed. East took the queen and returned a club.

Rubens thereupon showed his hand and claimed the rest of the tricks on a double squeeze!

The only explanation he offered was that he assumed East had four or more spades, which in turn meant that the double squeeze was sure to succeed.

His well-versed opponents conceded the claim, and the hand was not even played out!

They realized that Rubens would win the club with the king and cash the A-K-Q of spades and A-K-10 of diamonds to produce this ending:

North  
[H] 7  
[D] 4  
[C] 9

West  
[H] Q  
[C] J 4

East  
[S] 10  
[C] Q 10

South  
[S] 7  
[C] A 6

The lead of the diamond four would first squeeze East out of a club, on which South would discard a spade, and then squeeze West out of a club to put an end to the proceedings. Rubens' claim at trick four was simply a time-saver!

Tomorrow: Good partnership defense.  
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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



"I think it's about time Old Man Winter took a summer vacation."

**Crossword**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mayonnaise container
  - 4 Taxi
  - 7 Courtroom document
  - 11 Acknowledge
  - 13 Bobby of hockey fame
  - 14 Pit
  - 15 Netting
  - 16 Often fruity dessert
  - 17 Not busy
  - 18 Plait
  - 20 Moist
  - 22 Household critter
  - 24 Draw
  - 28 "Sea" that's really a lake
  - 32 Word with "merry" or "black"
  - 33 Saxophone range
  - 34 Arrow launcher
  - 36 PBS science series
  - 37 Parody
- DOWN**
- 1 Doorframe piece
  - 2 State
  - 3 Santa —, Calif.
  - 4 Flatfoot
  - 5 Saharan
  - 6 Sandwich essential
  - 7 Scapegoat
  - 8 Scepter
  - 9 Under the weather
  - 10 Ball-bearing item
  - 12 Nocturnal bird
  - 19 "Agnus —"
  - 21 Kitten's call
  - 23 Bill
  - 25 "American —"
  - 26 Inlet
  - 27 "Jabberwocky" start
  - 28 Docket entry
  - 29 Swiss range
  - 30 Call a halt to further ado
  - 35 Triumph
  - 38 Evergreen
  - 40 Wringle product
  - 42 Adulterate
  - 45 Ship's front
  - 47 Welshman, e.g.
  - 48 Barber-shop sweepings
  - 49 West Point team
  - 50 Navigator's aid
  - 51 "The — Daba Honey-moon"
  - 52 Solidify
  - 54 Tokyo's old name

Solution time: 24 mins.

P	A	P	A	W	S	C	O	P	E			
A	L	P	A	C	A	C	H	R	O	M		
C	A	R	P	E	T	H	A	R	P	E		
E	G	O	S	T	A	M	P	L	E	A		
R	U	N	G	S	K	I	M	A	R	S		
B	E	S	O	T	A	D	V	E	R	S		
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