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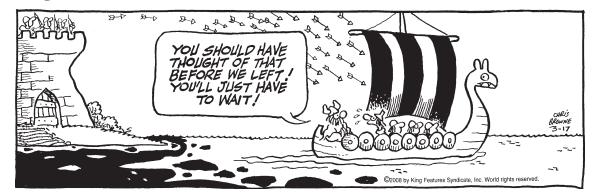
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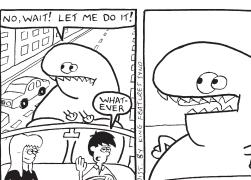
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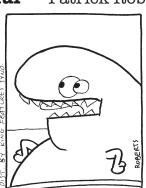






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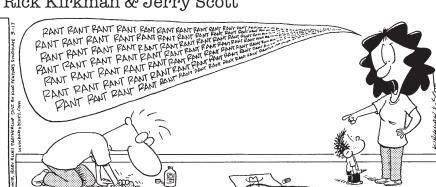




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"EIN VNU RWHB ENJLA." Saturday's Cryptoquip: A COUPLE OF COWS WERE RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL TODAY APPARENTLY THEY SUFFERED UDDER FAILURE

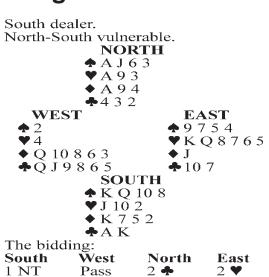
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This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to today's Sudoku puzzle is right.

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



Famous Hand

Pass

Opening lead — four of hearts.

Here is a remarkable hand played in a rubber-bridge tournament by the late French expert Pierre Albarran.

North's two-club bid asked South if he had a four-card major suit, and Albarran obliged with two spades.

For reasons unknown, North then leaped to five spades. This could hardly be the right bid, since a slam was very unlikely opposite a 16- to 18-point notrump. Albarran, with no values in excess of those previously expressed, had the good sense to pass.

West led a heart, and East won with the queen, South falsecarding with the ten. East was afraid to return a heart because declarer might have had J-10 alone, so he shifted to a club.

Albarran took the ace and drew all the trumps, learning in the process that East had started with four spades as well as six hearts. When declarer then cashed the king of clubs and everybody followed suit, 12 of East's cards were fully accounted for, and it became likely that East had started with precisely one diamond.

Accordingly, Albarran led a low diamond toward dummy and, when West followed low, played the nine. East was forced to take the jack and return a heart.

Thus, Albarran, who had started with only nine sure tricks, now had a 10th trick because of the forced heart return. The 11th trick followed very shortly, as this was the position with four tricks remaining:

North [H] A [D] A 4 [C] 4 West [D] Q 10 8 [C] Q East

Immaterial South [H] J [D] K 7 5

Albarran cashed the ace of hearts, and there was nothing West could discard that would prevent South from taking the rest of

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Could we tell the Easter Bunny my favorite is chocolate-covered chocolate?"

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8 C3H7

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9 Flaccid

10 Duel

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25 "Hamlet" role 28 Flop 29 Mentors 30 Underwear

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