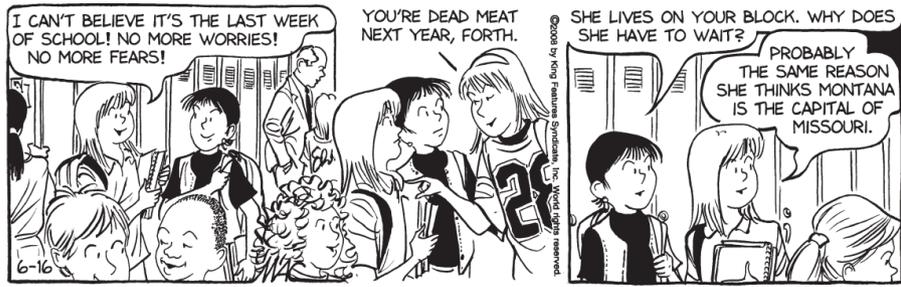
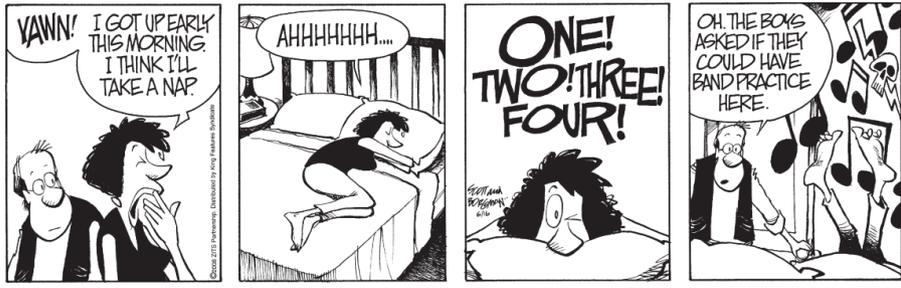


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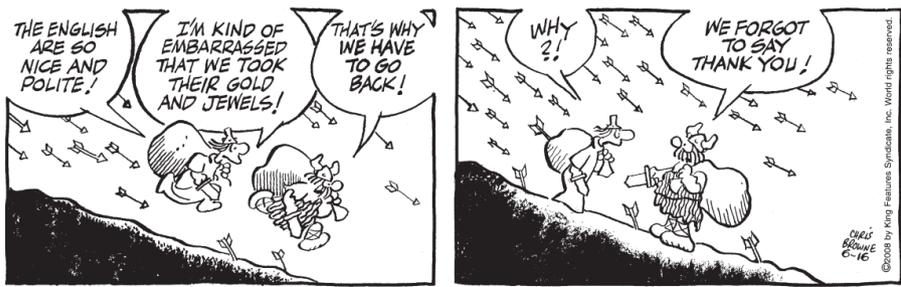
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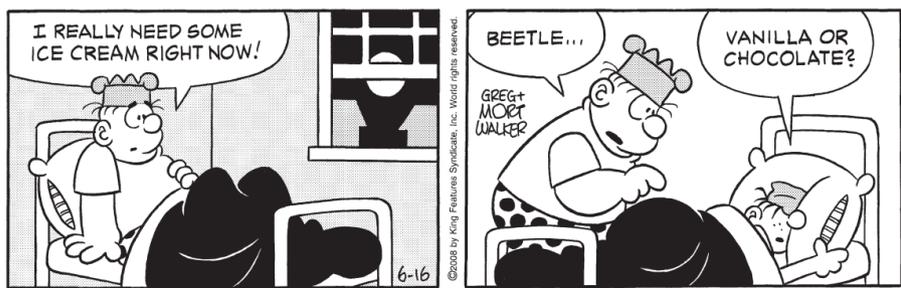
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Cryptoquip

ADYU GBPZV CKZLNITYW GNTY
 BUC VYLNPY PBWWKYC
 LNSGC ONS ZBO QDYKW
 QAN DYBWQZ VGYBQ BZ NUY

Saturday's Cryptoquip: POP BAND FAMOUS FOR PERFORMING WITH CHEMICALLY WHITENED HAIR AND OUTFITS: THE BLEACH BOYS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals Y

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★

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Bridge

Famous hand

Famous Hand
 North dealer.
 Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 [S] Q 7 2
 [H] 6 4
 [D] Q J 6 5
 [C] A 7 5 4

WEST
 [S] A 10 9
 [H] J 10 8 3 2
 [D] 4
 [C] Q 10 8 6

EAST
 [S] K J 8 6 5 3
 [H] 5
 [D] K
 [C] K J 9 3 2

SOUTH
 [S] 4
 [H] A K Q 9 7
 [D] A 10 9 8 7 3 2
 [C] —

The bidding:
 North East South West
 Pass 1 [S] 2 [H] Dble
 Pass 2 [S] 3 [D] 3 [S]
 4 [D] 4 [S] 5 [D]
 Opening lead -- ace of spades.

This hand was played in 1962 during the world championship match between Italy and the United States.

At the first table, the American East (Charles Coon) opened the bidding one spade. South (Pietro Forquet) overcalled two hearts, which West (Eric Murray) doubled for penalties. Coon, having opened on sub-par values, couldn't allow the double to stand and retreated to two spades.

Forquet then bid three diamonds and continued on to five diamonds after North (Benito Garozzo) raised the suit.

There was nothing much to the play. The ace of spades was led, and that was the last trick for the defense, so the Italians scored 620 points.

There were lots of fireworks at the second table, where the North-South cards were held by the American pair of Ron Von der Porten and Lew Mathe. The bidding started in a highly unusual fashion when all four players in turn bid spades!

North East South West
 Pass 2 [S] 3 [S] 4 [S]
 5 [S] Pass 6 [D] Dble
 Reddle

The two-spade opening by Walter Avarelli, playing the Roman Club system with Giorgio Belladonna, indicated a hand containing at least five spades and at least four clubs.

Mathe showed a powerful hand by cuebidding spades directly. Belladonna raised his partner to four spades in an effort to cramp the bidding, and Von der Porten then bid five spades, asking Mathe to bid a slam in his best suit.

Mathe obliged by bidding six diamonds, which Belladonna doubled. Von der Porten, showing complete faith and confidence in Mathe's earlier cuebid, redoubled.

Belladonna, knowing his partner had club strength, decided to lead a club. As a result, Mathe made all 13 tricks to score 2,180 points, producing the largest single gain of the 144-board match.

Tomorrow: Structural bidding.
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"I'm glad we picked a Daddy and Mommy who don't use tobacco."

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Circle fragment
 - 4 Annoys
 - 9 S dispenser
 - 12 Bribe
 - 13 Agra is there
 - 14 Greek consonant
 - 15 Advantage at the outset
 - 17 Scratch
 - 18 Dined on
 - 19 Audits, perhaps
 - 21 Golf legend Arnold
 - 24 Jog
 - 25 Before
 - 26 Equipment
 - 28 Bizarre
 - 31 Almost
 - 33 Wire measure
 - 35 Carbonated drink
 - 36 Flavorful
 - 38 Autumnal abbr.
- DOWN**
- 1 Blond shade
 - 2 Fish eggs
 - 3 Book-keeper (Abbr.)
 - 4 Man's address
 - 5 Mean-while
 - 6 Food-safety org.
 - 7 Primarily
 - 8 Spoof
 - 9 Apollo 11 passenger
 - 10 Siamese
 - 11 Early hours
 - 16 Weir
 - 20 Stocking stuffers?
 - 21 Pocket-protector contents
 - 22 Operatic solo
 - 23 Hoax specialist
 - 27 Card-table announcement
 - 29 Pedestal occupant
 - 30 Relaxation
 - 32 Stereo setup
 - 34 Maine entree
 - 37 Removed, as a hat
 - 39 Leaps
 - 42 Cigar (Var.)
 - 44 Ultra-modern
 - 45 One
 - 46 12-point type
 - 50 Raw rock
 - 51 Rowboat need
 - 52 Quick taste
 - 53 Shade provider

Solution time: 24 mins.

FED	MADE	HOAR
OAR	ICES	ERGO
USA	SUET	LEIS
REGISTRATION		
CEE	TAX	
FLOOD	PEZ	BED
LEAN	DIS	CAGE
YAK	BEG	YAHOO
HUM	OOP	
REGISTRATION	SAND	KELLY
AMOK	NODE	AYE
GIBE	DOLL	TEL
STIR	SKYS	ESP

Saturday's answer 6-16

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			42		43		44		
45	46					47				
48			49		50			51	52	53
54								56		
57						58			59	