

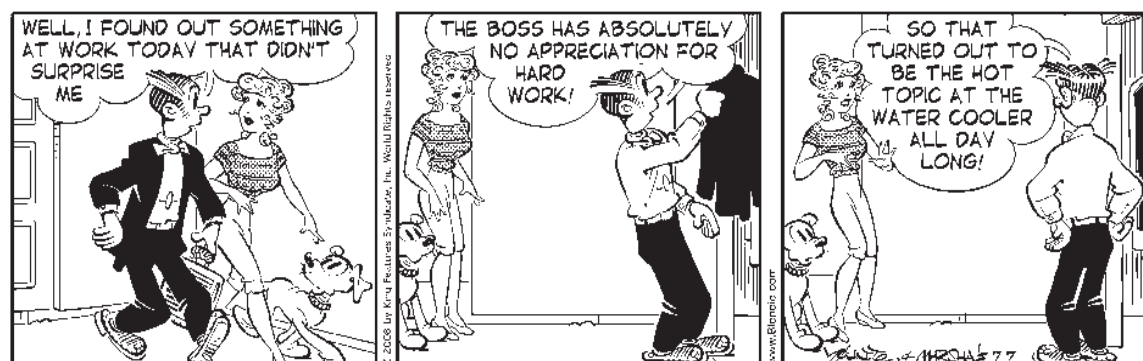
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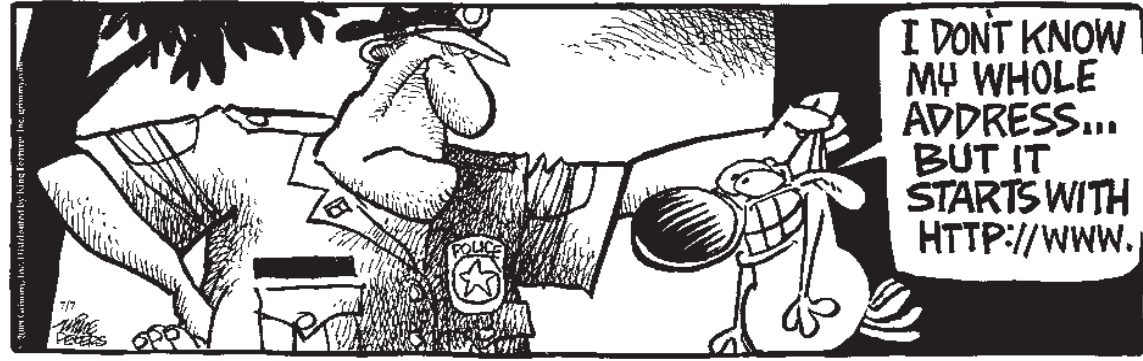
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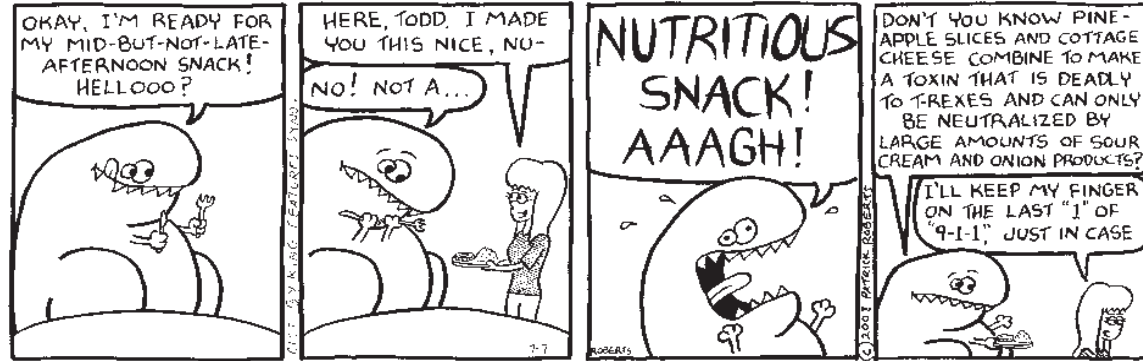
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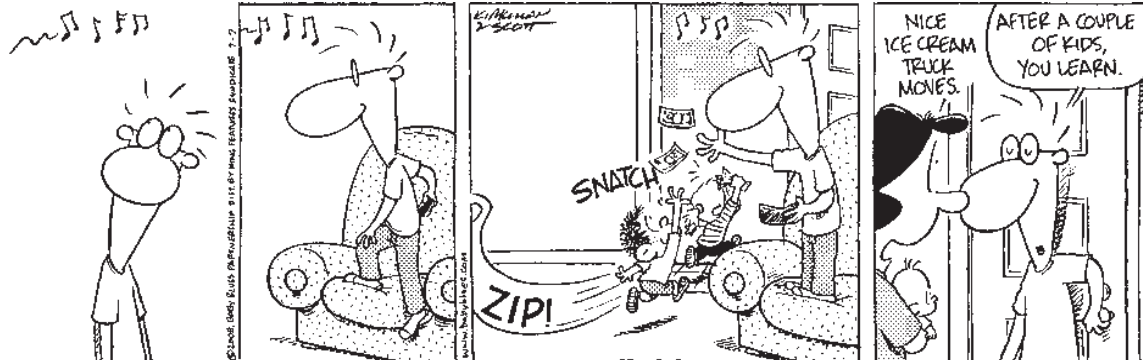
**Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters**



**Tod the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts**



**Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott**



**Cryptoquip**

WC ALUS RD SLRXL JYUBNXQYA  
 ENAW FWWQEJW WU BRAXUCQY  
 WLQ EUAW WFGQDWQB  
 AFRGUY: "WFY AQFYXL."  
 Saturday's Cryptoquip: SERIES ABOUT THE GOODIES OFFERED BY A LARGE CALIFORNIA CITY: "THE TREATS OF SAN FRANCISCO."  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals T

**Concepts Sudoku**

By Dave Green

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

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.

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

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**Bridge**

North dealer.  
 North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ A  
 ♥ J 10 3  
 ♦ A Q 7 2  
 ♣ K Q 10 9 2

**WEST**  
 ♠ Q J 10 7 5  
 ♥ K 8 7 6  
 ♦ J 4  
 ♣ J 4

**EAST**  
 ♠ K 8 6 4 3  
 ♥ Q 9 4  
 ♦ 10 9  
 ♣ A 7 6

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ 9 2  
 ♥ A 5 2  
 ♦ K 8 6 5 3  
 ♣ 8 5 3

The bidding:  
 North East South West  
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ Pass  
 2 ♦ Pass

Opening lead — queen of spades.

**Famous Hand**

This deal occurred in the International Team Trials in Dallas in 1964. The hand was played at nine tables, and you'd think that at most of them, the final contract would have been five diamonds. But the fact is that at eight of the tables, only a partscore in diamonds was reached.

At three tables, the North-South pairs stopped in two diamonds, at three tables in three diamonds, and at two tables in four diamonds. Some of the North players opened one club; others opened one diamond.

It is odd that in this highly touted event, which included most of the top players in the United States and Canada, only one North-South pair thought enough of their cards to undertake a game contract. But even at their table something peculiar occurred, since the bidding went:

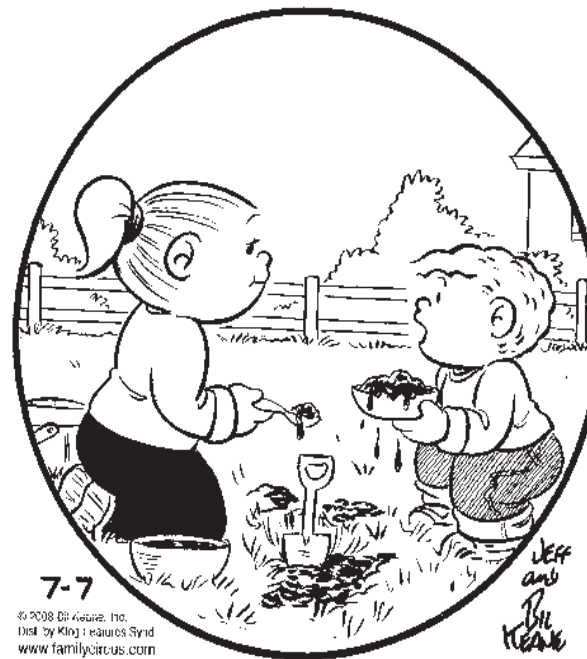
North East South  
 West  
 1 [C] Pass 1 [D] Pass  
 3 [D] Pass 3 [H] Pass  
 3 [S] Pass 3 NT Pass  
 4 NT Pass 5 [D]  
 Pass 6 [D]

South bid three hearts to invite North to bid three notrump if he had a spade stopper. But North obviously misunderstood the call and never did let go until six diamonds was reached.

A heart lead, of course, would have sunk the slam, but unfortunately for West, he was dealt a nice, safe, top-of-a-sequence spade lead.

Declarer won the queen of spades with dummy's ace and, after drawing trumps and forcing out the ace of clubs, finished with 12 tricks for a score of 1,370 points. This was more than the total at the other eight tables combined, where the various North-Souths scored either 150 or 170 in their diamond partscores.

**Family Circus • Bil Keane**



**Crossword**

**ACROSS**  
 1 Priceless? 37 Proof-reader's finds 3 Right angle 21 Sound from 35-Across  
 5 Garfield or Heathcliff 40—deux 4 Elongated cream puff 22 Car 23 Des  
 8 Invitation letters 41 Wander 6 Goddess of ruinous impulse 25 Gets back on  
 12 Waterproof fabric 42 Attendance check 7 Hitchcock film, typically 26 Piece of work  
 14 Eastern potentate 48 Talk for two 8 Meal 9 Urban 27 Green shot  
 15 Reinvest 49 Tributes in verse 10 Contemptible 29 Skirt feature, sometimes  
 16 Staff 50 Pigpen 11 C. in C. 13 Lounge about 31 Spelling contest 33 Camels' cousins  
 17 Potent brew 51 Frat-party wear 20 Common-est English word 37 Therefore 38 With  
 18 Pictures 20 Path 23—du Vent 24 Session with a shrink 25 Desk type 28 Chow down 29 Stitched up 30 Tavern 32 Race driver's protector 34 Silent 35 MGM emblem 36 Speed

**DOWN**  
 1 Support-critter 2 Carnival city

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

REEL MOMS TWA  
 ISLE ARIA URN  
 CALF LAST BIN  
 GUST ALL RATE  
 BED ELI  
 SAFELY DOGGED  
 ALOHA GNAWA  
 DIGITS MITTEN  
 NEW ASA  
 WOOD ADD NOVA  
 APR ITEM GNAW  
 DEB HEHA LYNE  
 ERN KERN EXES

Saturday's answer 7-7

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		

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