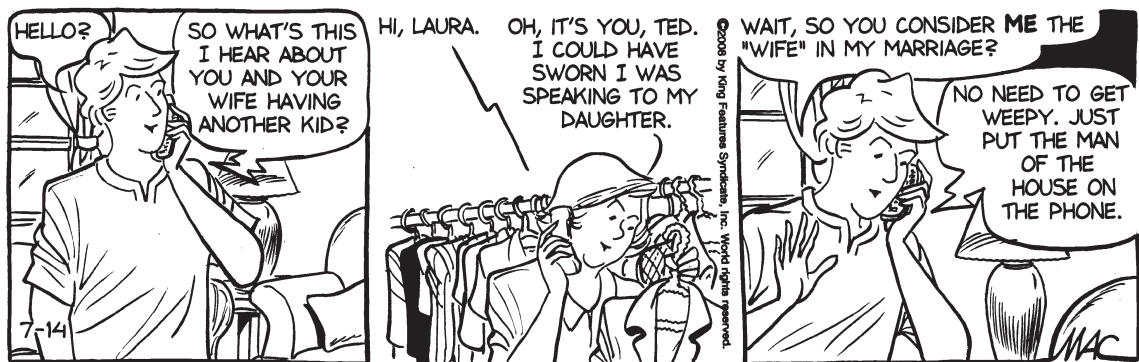


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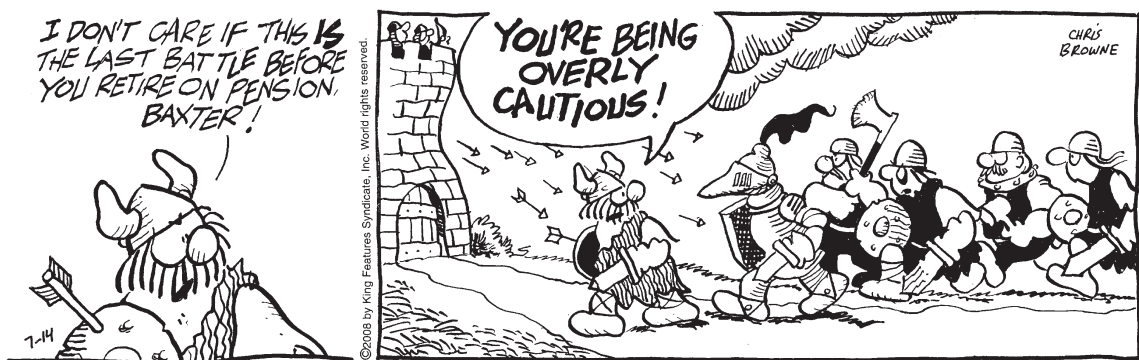
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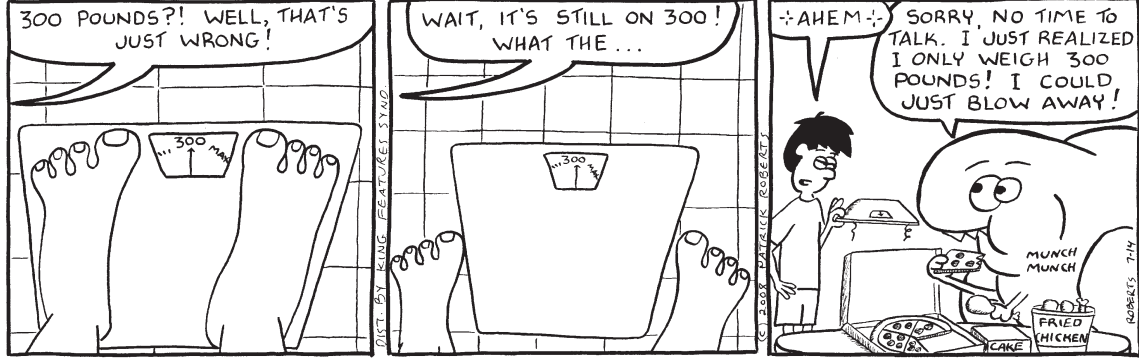
**Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker**



**Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters**



**Tod the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts**



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



**Cryptoquip**

VJQR U OBTTQOWPBR BL  
 DRUWZ OBRDMQDUWQ LBM U  
 KUC BL URDTPRD, VBSTK CBS  
 ZUC WJUW'Z LTC LPZJPRD?  
**Saturday's Cryptoquip:** ON A REALLY GUSTY DAY, I IMPETUOUSLY GRABBED MY COUCH PAD AND THREW CUSHION TO THE WIND.  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals F

**Conceptis Sudoku**

By Dave Green

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

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

Difficulty Level ★

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**Bridge**

West dealer.  
 Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
 ♠ A 9 8 2  
 ♥ A K J 4  
 ♦ J 5  
 ♣ 7 6 4  
**WEST**  
 ♠ J 7 3  
 ♥ 3 2  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ A K Q J 8 5 3 2 ♠ 10  
**EAST**  
 ♠ 10  
 ♥ 10 9 8 5  
 ♦ A K 10 7 6 4 2  
 ♣ 10  
**SOUTH**  
 ♠ K Q 6 5 4  
 ♥ Q 7 6  
 ♦ Q 9 8 3  
 ♣ 9

The bidding:  
 West North East South  
 1 ♣ Dble 3 ♦ 4 ♠  
 Opening lead — two of clubs.

**Famous Hand**

There is a lot of luck in bridge -- even in duplicate bridge -- but there is also a lot of skill.

This hand was played at the National Women's Pair championship in 1961. The event was won by Mrs. A.H. Woods and May Belle Long of Texas. The deal played an important part in their winning the championship.

The bidding was brisk, and South quickly became declarer at four spades. It didn't look to Woods (West) as though normal defense would beat the contract, so she led the two of clubs!

This unusual lead had an electric effect. Long won the trick with the ten, much to her surprise, and, after recovering from the shock, she cashed the A-K of diamonds.

On the two high diamonds Woods discarded first the three and then the two of hearts, signaling a doubleton. So Long returned a heart, which Wood ruffed, and the contract went down one!

Theirs was the only table at which the East-West cards produced a plus score, so they received a top score for their efforts. Not all the North-South pairs at the other tables reached game in spades, but whether they did or not, they invariably made 10 tricks, since with any lead but a low club, South could not lose more than three tricks. The unfortunate North-South pair that encountered Long-Woods did nothing really wrong during the bidding or play, and yet wound up with a terrible result.

Full credit is due East-West for finding the only line of defense that could beat the contract, even though they had to do it at the expense of a couple of innocent victims.

**Family Circus • Bil Keane**



**Crossword**

**ACROSS**  
 1 Masters stat  
 4 Wooden shoe  
 9 Dandy  
 12 Flightless bird  
 13 Taking great interest?  
 14 Exist  
 15 Exercise in dexterity  
 17 Born  
 18 Wall climber  
 19 Kramden's pal  
 21 Spirit of friendship?  
 24 Prado artist  
 25 "My home, sweet home"  
 26 Disen-cumber  
 28 Birds' homes  
 31 Ever-greens  
 33 Wieder-sehen pre-ceder

**DOWN**  
 1 Cribbage scorer  
 2 Author Tan  
 3 Pirate's drink  
 4 More debonair  
 5 Nineveh's empire  
 6 However  
 7 Rubber gasket  
 8 Zillionaire  
 9 Great  
 10 Sand-wich cookie  
 11 Hammer-head part  
 16 Pinch  
 20 Deli loaves  
 21 Sleeve end  
 22 5-Down's continent  
 23 Mean yet funny  
 27 Pair on stage  
 29 Actress  
 30 Spelling  
 32 Quarrel  
 33 Lily  
 34 variety  
 37 Comp  
 38 Large flatfish  
 39 Exoner-ates  
 42 Black board  
 44 Office holders  
 45 Church section  
 46 Lancaster or Reynolds  
 50 Chart  
 51 Ball support  
 52 Rage  
 53 Western st.

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

D	A	M	C	R	A	G	E	R	E
I	R	E	L	A	V	A	A	T	O
S	E	E	A	T	O	Z	L	L	U
C	A	T	O	N	I	N	E	T	A
B	A	I	T	S	B	O	X	F	E
R	I	C	H	S	O	S	S	I	G
O	R	E	B	A	Y	B	A	G	G
G	U	M	K	E	G				
T	U	R	N	S	O	M	E	H	E
O	N	E	A	V	I	N	E	J	O
S	T	A	R	A	D	D	S	A	L
S	O	P	S	R	I	O	T	R	E

Saturday's answer 7-14

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					55				56		
57					58				59		

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