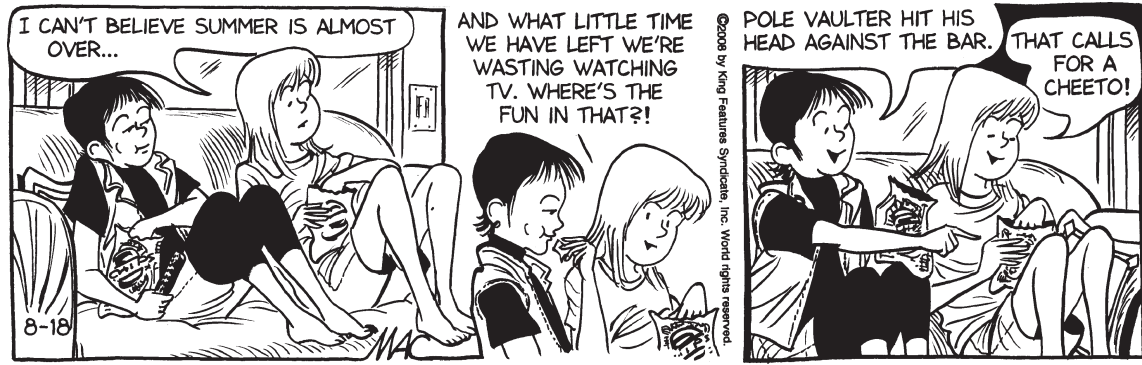
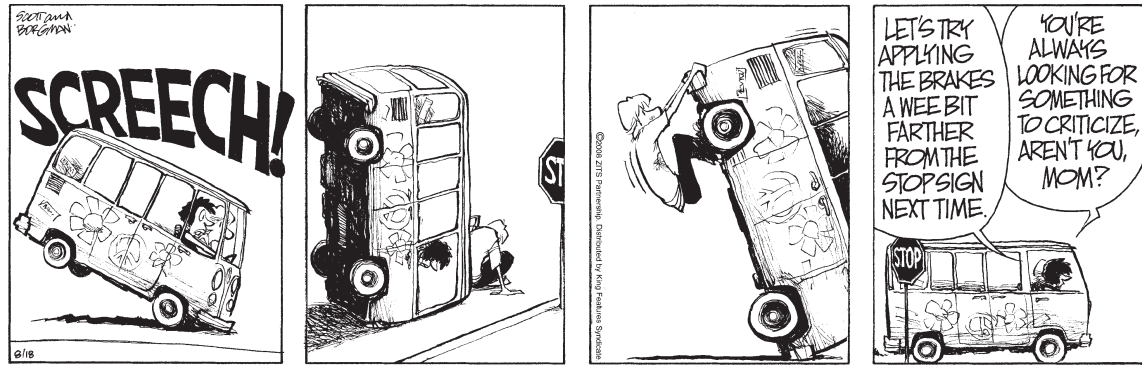


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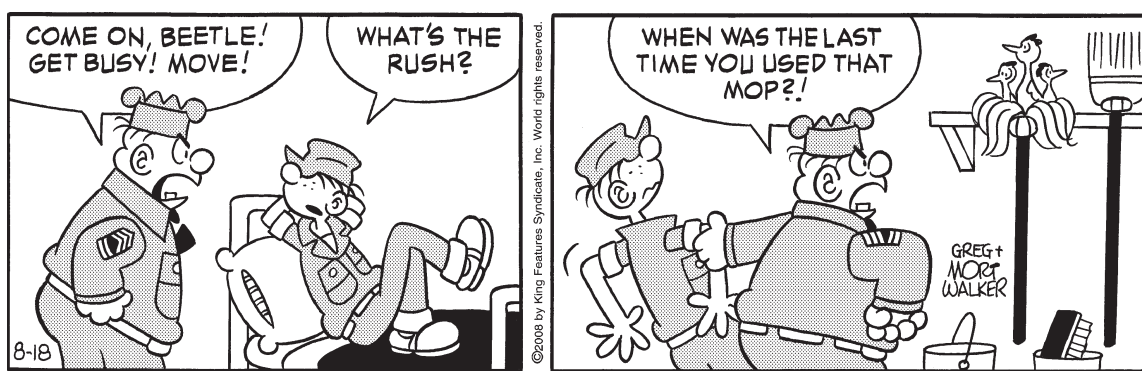
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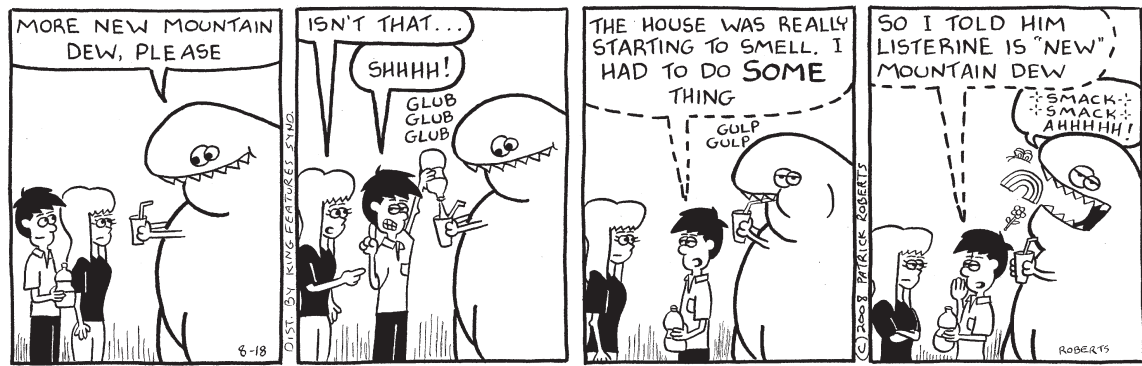
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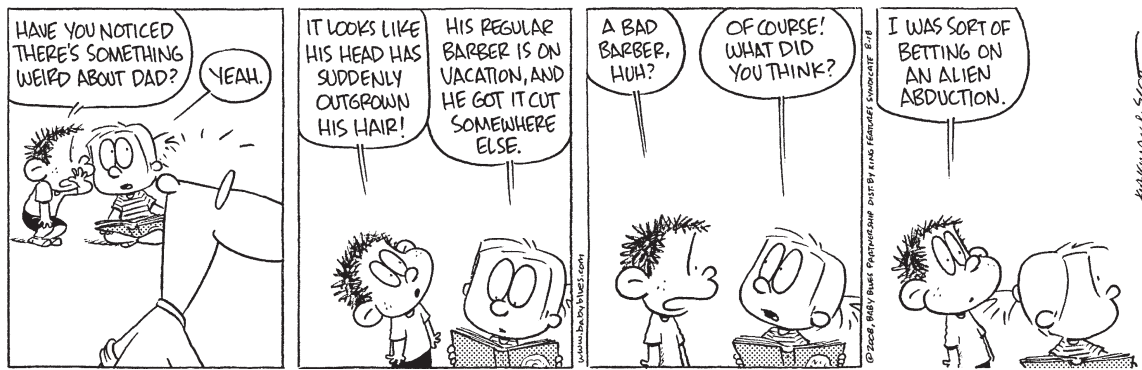
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Cryptoquip

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN I HAD GROWN COMPLETELY BORED BEING A PERCUSSIONIST, I SUPPOSE I WAS IN THE DOL-DRUMS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals L

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

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.

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

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Bridge

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH (Lenz)
♠ A Q 10 3
♥ A
♦ A Q 9 7
♣ A 7 5 2

WEST (Mr. C.)
♠ 9 8 5
♥ K 6
♦ 5 4 3 2
♣ K J 9 8

EAST (Lightner)
♠ 6 2
♥ 10 3 2
♦ K J 10 8 6
♣ Q 10 3

SOUTH (Jacoby)
♠ K J 7 4
♥ Q J 9 8 7 5 4
♦ —
♣ 6 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 3 NT Pass
4 ♥ Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♠ Pass 6 NT Pass
7 ♥ Pass Dble Pass
7 ♠ Pass Dble Pass

Opening lead — nine of spades.

Both sides vulnerable.

The eighth session of the Lenz-Culbertson match started on the evening of Dec. 17, 1931, with Jo and Ely Culbertson leading Sidney Lenz and Oswald Jacoby by 410 points. Ted Lightner was substituted for Mrs. Culbertson. By the time seven rubbers had been played, the Culbertsons' lead was 4,960 points.

The most fantastic hand of the 150-rubber match, still incredible after all these years, took place that evening. The sequence of bids employed by Lenz and Jacoby defies logical explanation. Although the bidding methods then in use cannot be compared with those of the present day, even the standards of that era were rudely violated as the biggest fiasco of the match unfolded.

Jacoby's semipsychic opening heart bid started the ball rolling. The bid was consistent with Jacoby's strategy of putting constant pressure on the opponents by mixing sound with unsound bids.

Lenz, suspicious of Jacoby's opening bid, leaped to three notrump. A normal one- or two-spade response might have led to a final contract of seven spades, which would have been easily made.

Unwilling to play notrump with his distribution, Jacoby retreated to four hearts. When Lenz persisted in notrump, Jacoby made another effort to play in his suit by bidding five hearts. This plea was met by a six-notrump response from Lenz.

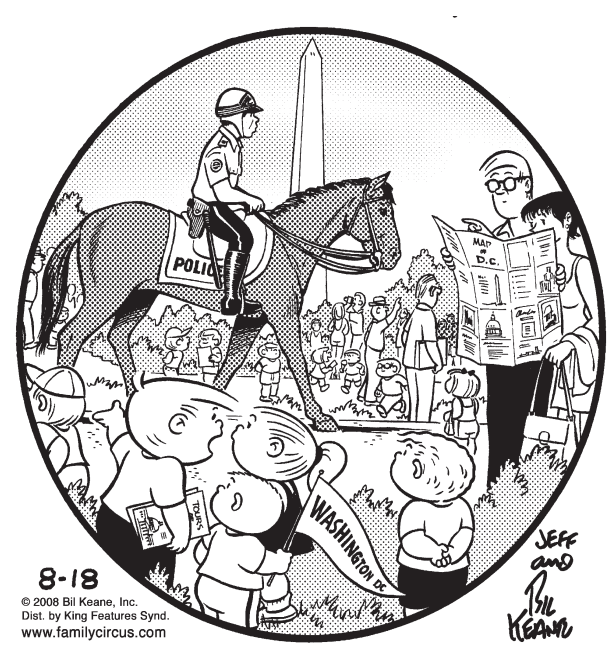
Jacoby finally gave up and passed, but Culbertson, who had listened with rapt attention to the floundering sequence of bids, doubled. Culbertson didn't know whether he could beat six notrump, but he hoped to drive Jacoby to seven hearts, where he felt he had him.

The plan worked. Jacoby bid seven, was doubled and went down one -- minus 200. Seven spades would have scored 2,210 points.

Culbertson pronounced the Official System employed by Jacoby-Lenz to be at fault. But was it the gun or the man behind the gun? Let the reader be the judge.

Tomorrow: South does it with finesse.
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"The policemen ride horses 'cause it saves gasoline."

Crossword

ACROSS
1 Long, crosser
4 Longing
7 "Sex and the —"
11 Touch
13 — tree (caught)
14 Vicinity
15 Illegal stimulant
16 Snapshot
17 Abound
18 Short publicity notice
20 Stylish
22 Man-mouse link
24 "Do unto —"
28 Clumsy
32 Binge
33 Fellow
34 Intimidate
36 Suggestion
37 Archaeologist's find
39 Mysteries
41 It may be covered in shadow
43 Feathery accessory

DOWN
1 Easter entree
21 "— Impos- sible"
23 Curved line
25 One of HOMES
26 Landlord's due
27 Collec- tions
28 Farm measure
29 Curds' partner
30 Hardy cabbage
31 — and don'ts
35 "Char- lotte's —"
38 U.S. spy org.
40 Police officer
42 Nerd
45 Rescue
47 Minuscule bit
48 Fishing- line attachment
49 Carriage
50 Firma- ment
51 Insepa- rable
52 De- pressed
54 Crimson

Solution time: 24 mins.

O	P	T	E	D	S	T	A	S	H		
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Saturday's answer 8-18

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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