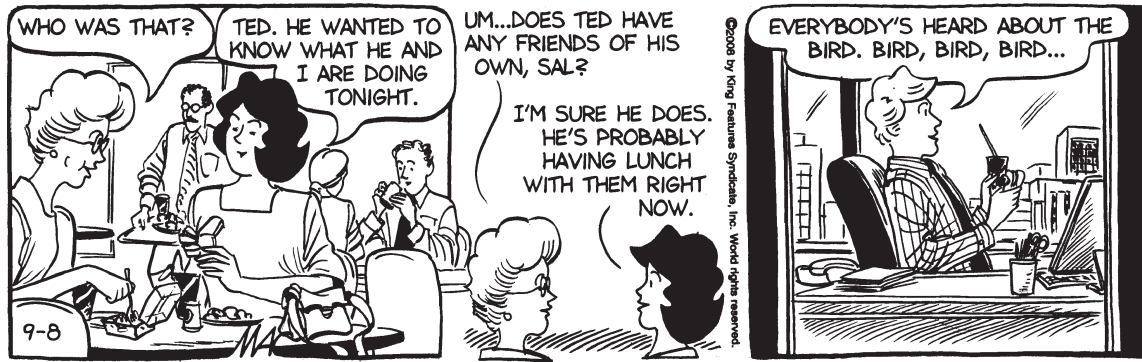
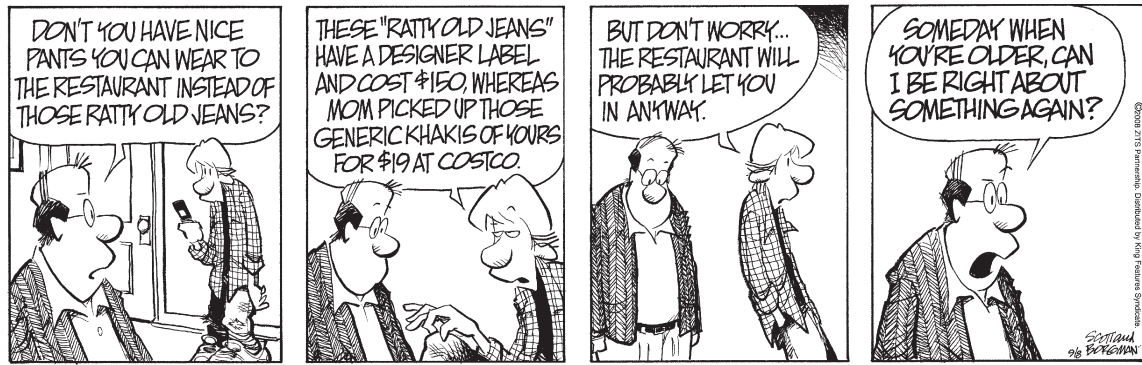


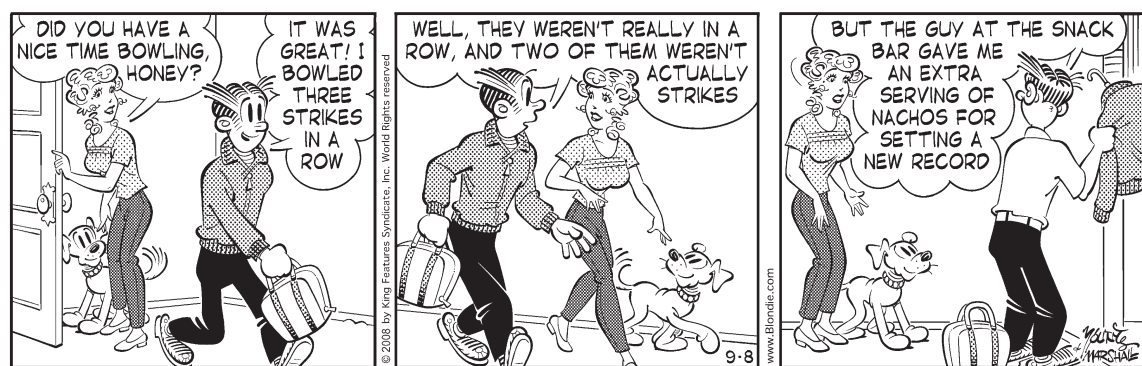
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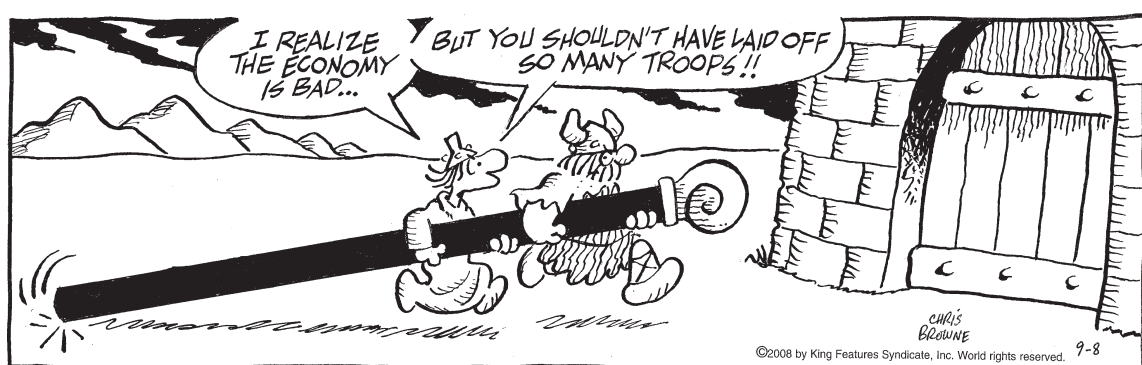
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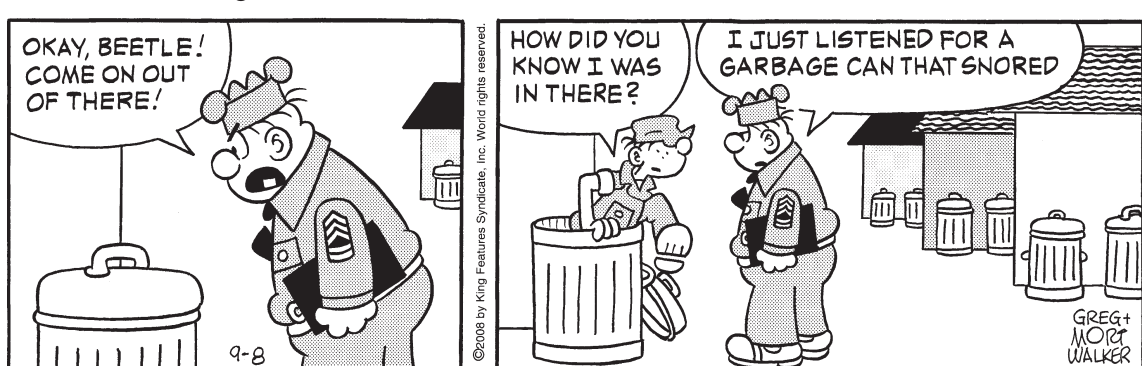
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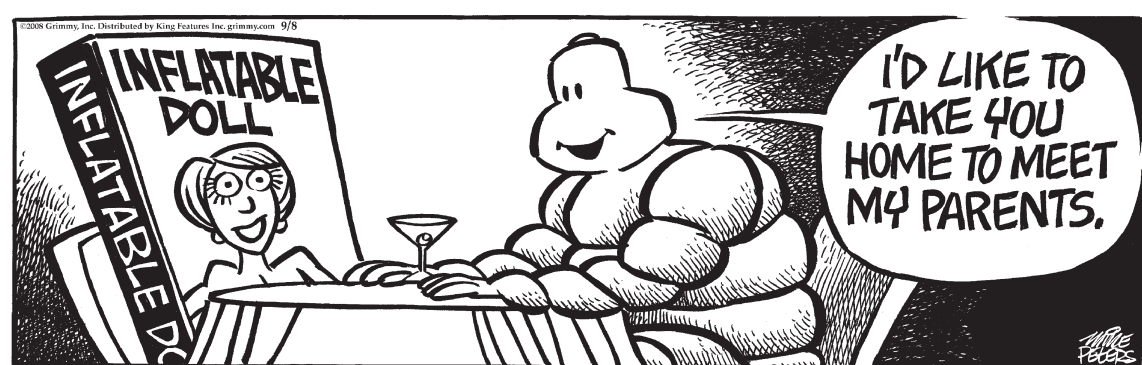
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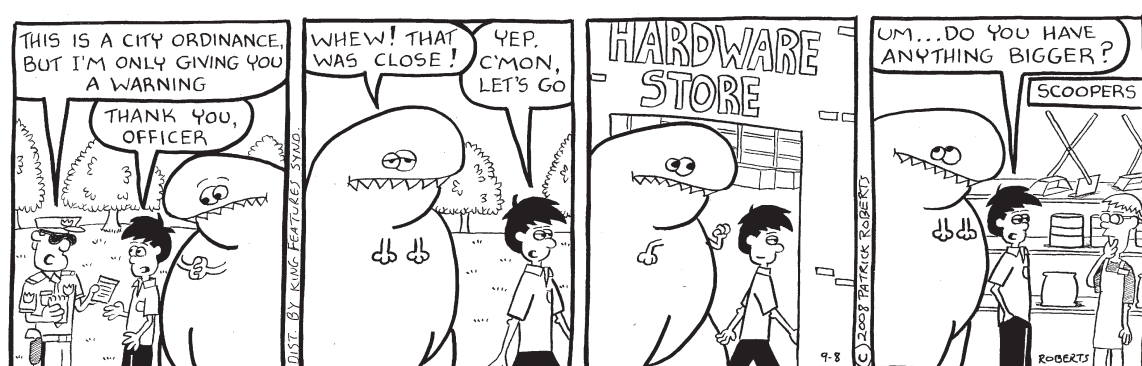
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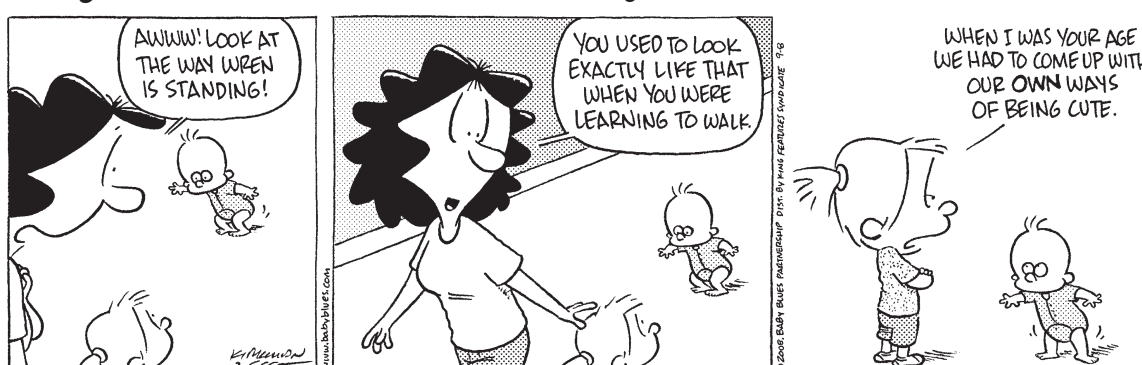
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S I Q D J J W A B M H W P W A T D M W
A W I G G T H A W I C X Z A G Q D J
S B Q V D Y.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU DO EDITING FOR A POPULAR WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE, I SUPPOSE YOU'RE GETTING TO WORK ON TIME.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals S

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

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

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Bridge

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K
♥ K 10 4
♦ A K Q
♣ Q 7 5 4 3 2

WEST
♠ J 9 8 7 4 2
♥ —
♦ J 7 6 4
♣ J 10 9

EAST
♠ Q 10 6 5
♥ J 8 7 6
♦ 5
♣ A K 8 6

SOUTH
♠ A 3
♥ A Q 9 5 3 2
♦ 10 9 8 3 2
♣ —

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 3 ♦ Pass
4 ♥ Pass 4 ♦ Pass
6 ♦ Pass 6 ♣ Pass

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

Famous Hand

This hand was played by Roger Trezel, well-known French star. He got to six hearts and made 12 tricks, but not many players would have brought the contract home.

Trezel ruffed the opening club lead and cashed the queen of hearts, on which West showed out. Here Trezel made the first of several good plays when he had the foresight to play dummy's ten on the queen. Next he led a heart to the king and cashed the king of spades.

After cashing the queen of diamonds, Trezel returned a trump and took the marked finesse of the nine. He then played the ace of hearts, discarding the king of diamonds from dummy, followed by the ace of spades, discarding the ace of diamonds from dummy!

Trezel next conceded the ten of diamonds to West's jack, and that was the end of the hand. Declarer won the rest, since he had three diamond tricks and a trump left.

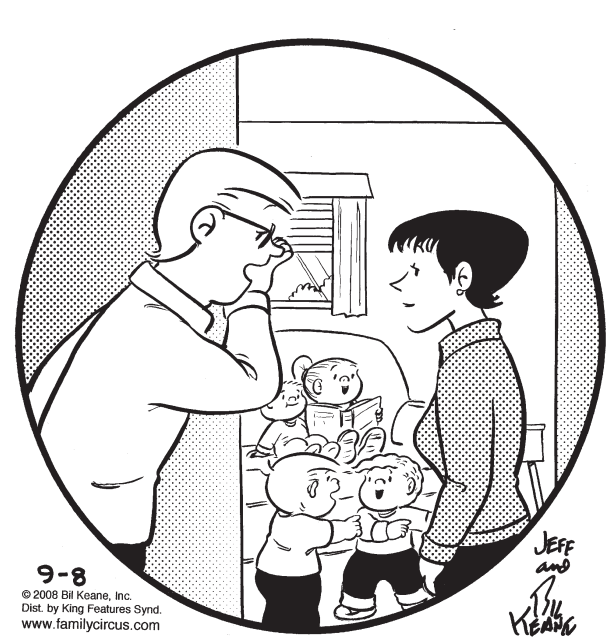
All of these plays turned out to be necessary for the contract to be made. If Trezel had neglected to unblock the ten of hearts at trick two, he would have been defeated. Similarly, if he had failed to cash one of dummy's high diamonds, as he did, he would also have gone down.

And finally, if he had not discarded the A-K of diamonds when he did, he would have made only three diamond tricks instead of the four he needed, and again would have failed. The unblocking plays in diamonds were a safety measure to guard against a possible 4-1 break in the suit.

Trezel's plays were all logical enough, but they were of the type that most players would be more apt to think of after the play than during it.

Tomorrow: Card-reading.
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I wish they'd stop calling the days before they were born 'the olden days.'"

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Shock partner
 - 4 Perjurers
 - 9 "Mayday!"
 - 12 That woman
 - 13 Bother
 - 14 Choose
 - 15 Ego-centric's problem
 - 17 Meadow
 - 18 Vegas-based TV series
 - 19 Receding
 - 21 With face hidden
 - 24 Kind
 - 25 Yoko of music
 - 26 Atl. state
 - 28 Dog walker's tether
 - 31 Ridge raised by a heavy blow
 - 33 Sinbad's bird
 - 35 Use a paper towel
- DOWN**
- 1 Donkey
 - 2 Personal question?
 - 3 Moray
 - 4 Expired, as a subscription
 - 5 Loop member?
 - 6 Black-bird
 - 7 "— are red ..."
 - 8 Logo
 - 9 Card game for one
 - 10 Admitting customers
 - 11 Male deer
 - 16 "Eewww!"
 - 20 Make tea
 - 21 Cuts the grass
 - 22 From the beginning
 - 23 Lawyer in London
 - 27 Journal
 - 29 Bridge
 - 30 Weight
 - 32 Verifiable
 - 34 Whim
 - 37 Landlord
 - 39 Hot-water heater
 - 42 Un-emotional
 - 44 Also
 - 45 Get ready, for short
 - 46 Took the bus
 - 50 Cover
 - 51 On the —vive
 - 52 Samovar
 - 53 Yang counter-part

Solution time: 24 mins.

PRO	AMMO	MASH	
LOP	DEEP	ASHY	
USE	DOLT	TEED	
MAD	COWD	ISEASE	
	ENS	MAY	
B	A	W	L
E	V	I	L
G	A	G	F
	P	I	N
M	A	K	E
A	B	E	T
M	E	E	T
A	L	L	E

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15			16						17	
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45	46						47			
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57					58				59	