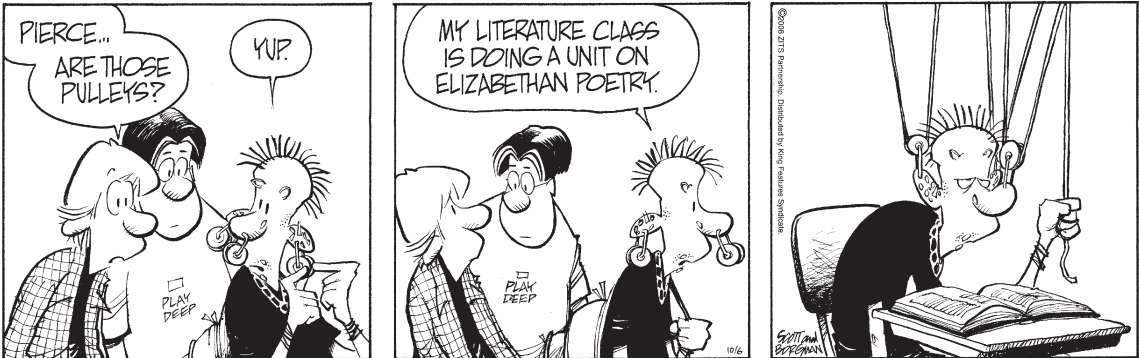


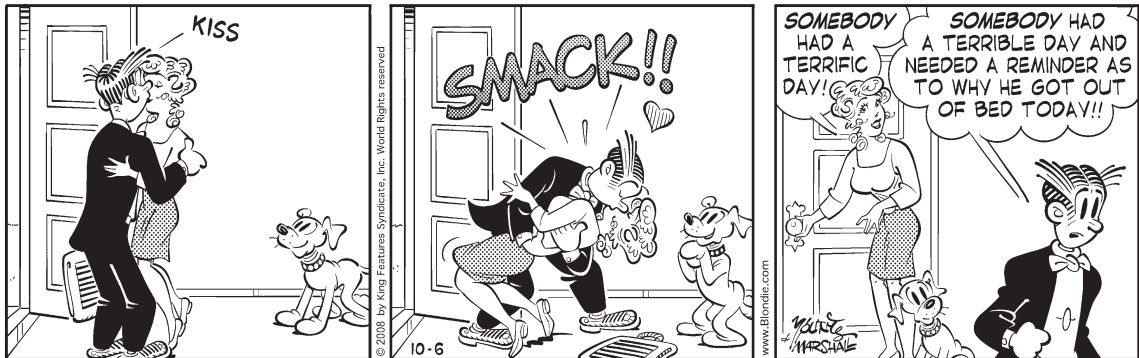
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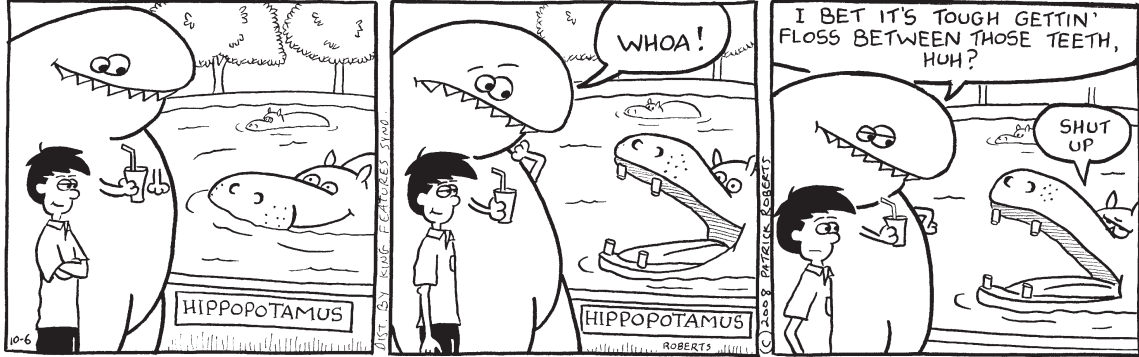
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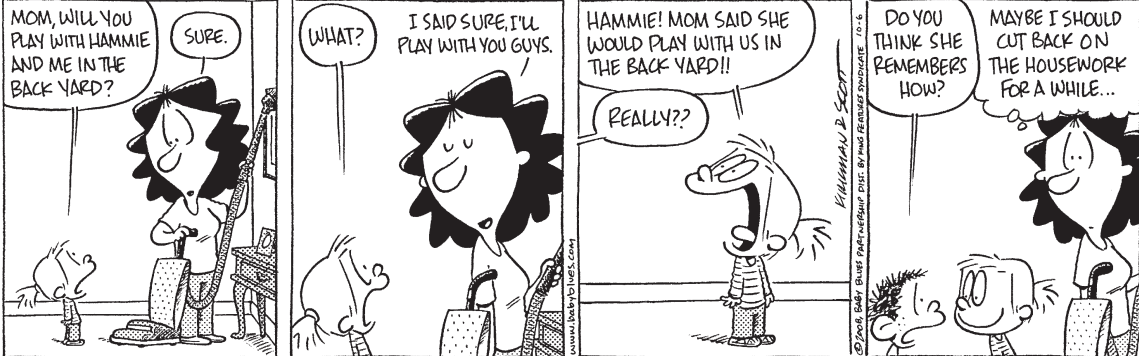
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Cryptoquip

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CJMGKZJRBCX TCMQY EWQJUMK,
IFX YJWYAJ XJAA QJ RX'E
WOAK M NRBCX WN NMOTK.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: MY UNIVERSITY IS OFFERING STUDENTS A CLASS IN HORSEMANSHIP THAT'S CALLED "CREATIVE RIDING."
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals L

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

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

Difficulty Level ★

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Bridge

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	—	♠	—
♥	5 4 3 2	♥	A K Q
♦	5 4 3 2	♦	A K Q J
♣	6 5 4 3 2	♣	K J 9
WEST		EAST	
♠	J 10	♠	A K Q
♥	J 10 9 8 7 6	♥	A K Q
♦	10 9 8 7 6	♦	A K Q J
♣	—	♣	K J 9
SOUTH			
♠	9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2	♠	—
♥	—	♥	—
♦	—	♦	—
♣	A Q 10 8 7	♣	—

East dealer.

This is probably the most famous hand in the history of bridge. Legend has it that the Duke of Cumberland, more than two centuries ago, held the East hand and wagered 20,000 pounds against the North-South hands making seven clubs redoubled.

The duke lost the bet, since he was unable to score a single trick despite his extraordinary array of high cards. Regardless of whether the story is true or the hand was actually dealt, it comes to us from way back in the days of whist, having first been published by Edmond Hoyle in 1750.

No bidding is given for the hand, the sole stipulation being that the final contract is seven clubs redoubled, played by South.

There is no way of stopping the grand slam if declarer plays correctly. Aces become deuces as South obliterates every honor card held by East.

Let's assume West leads a diamond or a heart. Declarer ruffs, trumps a spade in dummy and returns a club, capturing East's nine with the ten. Declarer ruffs another spade in dummy and takes a second trump finesse. When declarer then ruffs a third round of spades in dummy, his remaining spades become established.

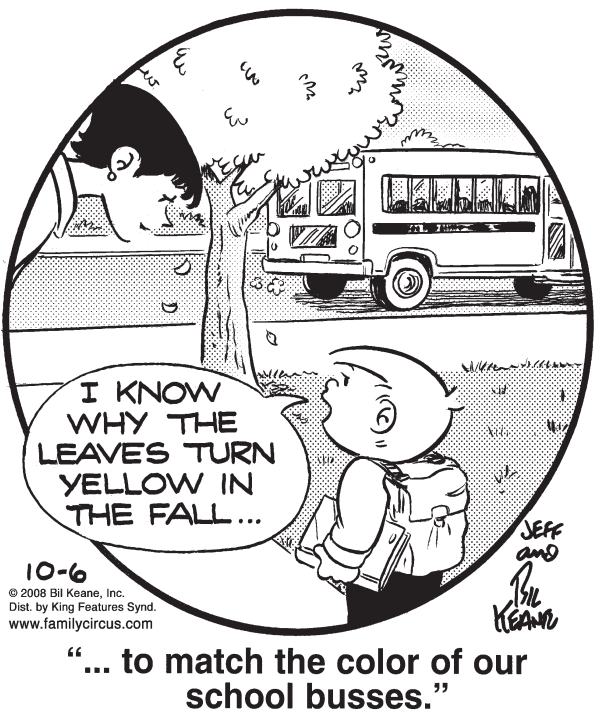
Declarer returns to his hand by ruffing a diamond or a heart, cashes the ace of trumps and chalks up 13 tricks.

The deal is an extreme example of the potent power of unusual distribution. Double and triple voids can easily wreak havoc on point count and honor tricks.

Incidentally, we'd like to suggest that if you ever play in a game with strangers and are dealt the East hand, you should either ask for a new deal or head quickly for the nearest exit!

Tomorrow: High-class defense.
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Crossword

ACROSS

1 Fizzle

4 Senior moments?

9 Earl Grey, e.g.

12 Swiss canton

13 Pass the baton

14 Peruke

15 Stand-up comic's repertoire

17 Raw rock

18 Peron or Gabor

19 Puts into words

21 Honor

24 Half (Pref.)

25 "Go, team!"

26 Roman X

28 Impersonate

31 Occupant of a pink nursery

33 Pooch

35 Carthaginian queen

36 Slumber

38 Vacillate

40 "Smoking or —?"

DOWN

1 Pair

2 Samovar

3 Conk out

4 Hedge shrub

5 Changed the title

6 Bullring bravo

7 Swampy area

8 Method

9 Being unfaithful to

10 Leprechauns' land

11 Quite some time

16 Sheltered side

20 Surrounded by

21 Work units

22 Take to the lake

23 Win after win

27 Present

29 Pedestal occupant

30 Rabbit

32 Bound

34 First

37 Quick-to-build house

39 Blunders

42 Mall unit

44 Zero

45 Ashen

46 Layer of

50 Italian article

51 Work with

52 Firmament

53 Waste no time

Solution time: 24 mins.

Saturday's answer 10-6

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		