

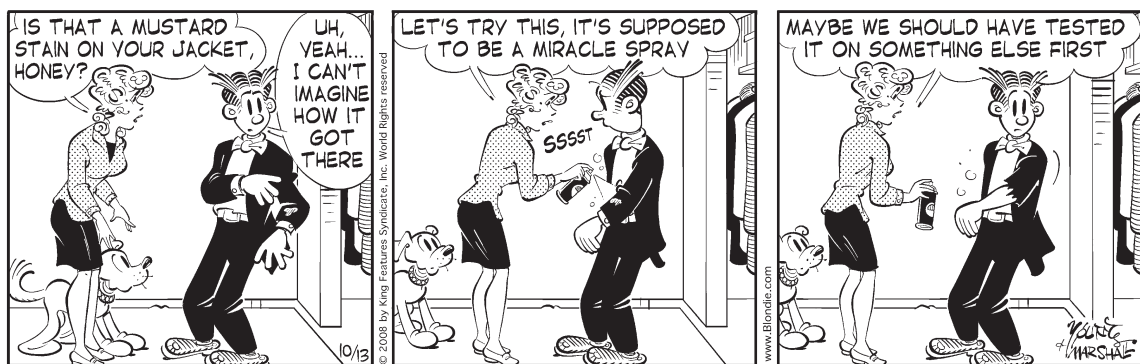
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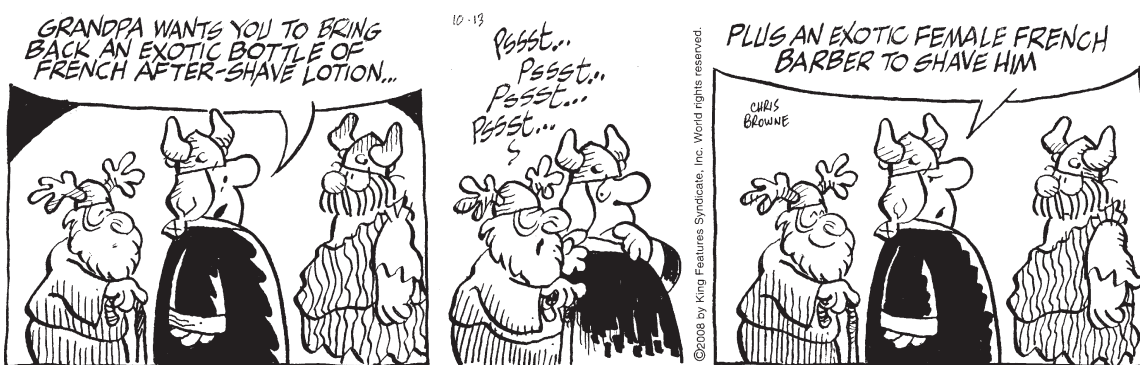
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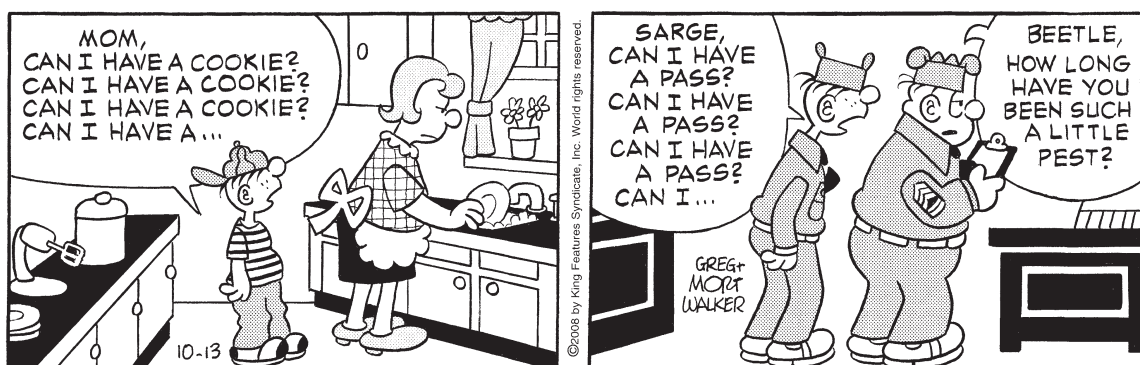
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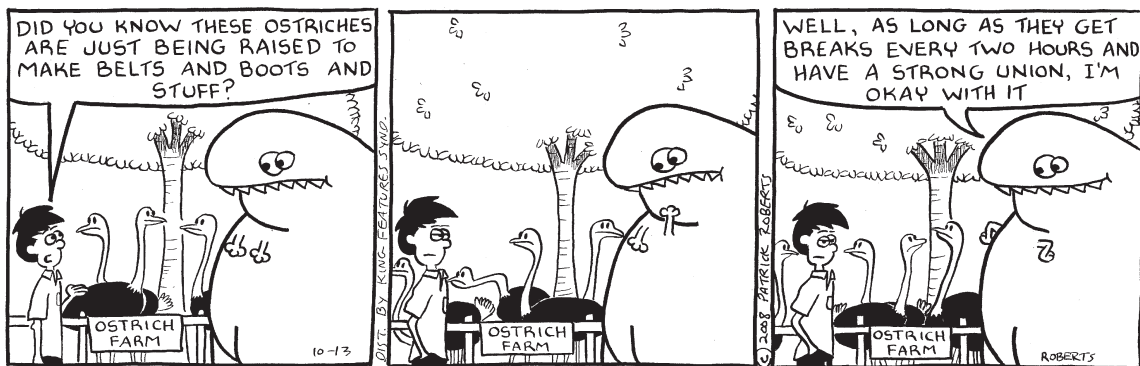
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Tod the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

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.

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

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Bridge

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
 ♠ K 10 4
 ♥ J 10 3 2
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ A Q 7 6
WEST
 ♠ 6
 ♥ K Q 9 7 6 5
 ♦ 10 7
 ♣ 9 8 5 3
EAST
 ♠ A 9 7 2
 ♥ —
 ♦ K J 6 5 4 3
 ♣ K J 4
SOUTH
 ♠ Q J 8 5 3
 ♥ A 8 4
 ♦ A Q 9
 ♣ 10 2

The bidding:
 North Pass East 1♦ South Dble West 2♥
 Dble Pass Dble Pass
 4♠ Dble
 Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in a match between Australia and Italy during the 1987 world women's team championship. The heroine was Luciana Capodanno of the Italian team, who brought in a doubled game contract that virtually everyone -- including a panel of experts -- was certain would not be made.

South's initial double was in keeping with the Italian style of making a takeout double with almost any hand worth an opening bid. When North doubled West's pre-emptive two-heart bid, Capodanno showed her true colors by bidding two spades, which was raised to four by North and doubled by East.

Capodanno won the opening diamond lead with the queen, cashed the ace and ruffed a diamond with the four of spades as West discarded a heart. The king of spades was taken by East, who exited with a trump to dummy's ten. Since South apparently still had to lose a club and two hearts, a one-trick set seemed inevitable.

However, declarer now made the key play of leading a low club from dummy, taken by East's jack. East returned a diamond, ruffed by South, who discarded a club from dummy. Declarer then drew East's two remaining trumps, discarding a heart and the queen of clubs from dummy.

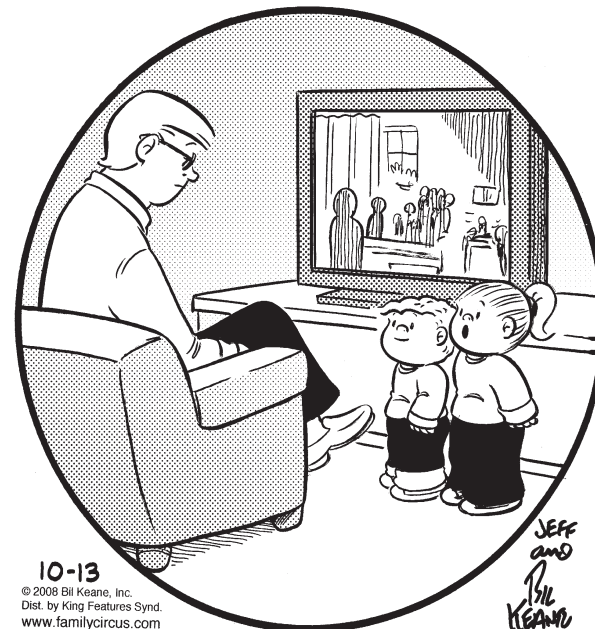
Nine tricks had been played to this point, and Capodanno had won seven of them. South's four remaining cards were the A-8-4 of hearts and ten of clubs, while dummy had the J-10-3 of hearts and ace of clubs. West still held the K-Q-9 of hearts, and had been forced to discard all but one of her clubs.

Capodanno now put the frosting on the cake by leading a club to the ace followed by the jack of hearts, ducked to West. West won with the queen but had to lead a heart from the K-9, allowing South to score the last two tricks -- and her doubled game -- with the ten and ace of hearts.

Tomorrow: Necessity: the mother of invention.

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Crossword

ACROSS
 1 Owned
 4 Small ammunition
 7 Barber's sweepings
 11 Greek vowels
 13 PC keyboard key
 14 Vortex
 15 Memorization method
 16 As well
 17 Got up
 18 Salmon offspring
 20 Soft drink flavor
 22 Des-cartes' conclusion
 24 Column
 28 Feature of old clothes washers
 32 Bring out
 33 — Kong
 34 Bath location
 36 Without (French)
 37 Joshua tree, e.g.
 39 Sumptuous feast
 41 Elevator alternative
 43 Thee
 44 Coral structure
 46 Dance in 3/4 time
 50 Harmonization, for short
 53 — Baba
 55 Libertine
 56 Swimmers' hangout
 57 Fellows
 58 Sicilian volcano
 59 Actress Hatha-way
 60 Tibetan beast
 61 Bando of baseball
 21 Falsehood
 23 Encountered
 25 Hawaiian 39-Across
 26 Facial woe
 27 Repose
 28 The — and where-fores
 29 Overwhelming defeat
 30 Erstwhile Peruvian
 31 Massage
 35 Inlet
 38 Exist
 40 Presently
 42 Sordid
 45 Dog's pest
 47 Oodles
 48 Albacore, for one
 49 Fervor
 50 Health resort
 51 Thither
 52 Negative prefix
 54 Squid squirt

DOWN
 1 Towel designation
 2 On
 3 Information
 4 Cudgel
 5 United nations
 6 Porch
 7 Where to find Macy's in NYC
 8 Fuss
 9 Egos' mates
 10 "Catcher in the —"
 12 Group with needles

Solution time: 24 mins.
 SIDLE AFIRE
 SHOOTIN LATENS
 WIDGET BUDGET
 ALI URBAN JIRA
 GONG YEN ENGR
 SHEEP DISMAYS
 CAR AHA
 CACKLED EIGHT
 OSLO LOB LEAR
 RIO DATES ITO
 GADGET FIDGET
 INDUCE INNERS
 SYNOD TEARS

Saturday's answer 10-13

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11			12			13			14
15						16			17
18				19			20		21
			22			23			24
28	29	30				31			32
33						34			35
37						38			39
41						42			43
			44						45
50	51	52				53			54
56						57			58
59						60			61

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 PQMSNVL NVAB ASX JNAGSXV,
 RCQVANGQHFF QMJNVL

"USXCX'M ASX RCFXC?"
 Saturday's Cryptoquip: TO SEE HOW MUCH STARCHY GRAIN A COUNTRY IS USING, WOULD YOU CALCULATE ITS CONSUMER RICE INDEX?
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals W