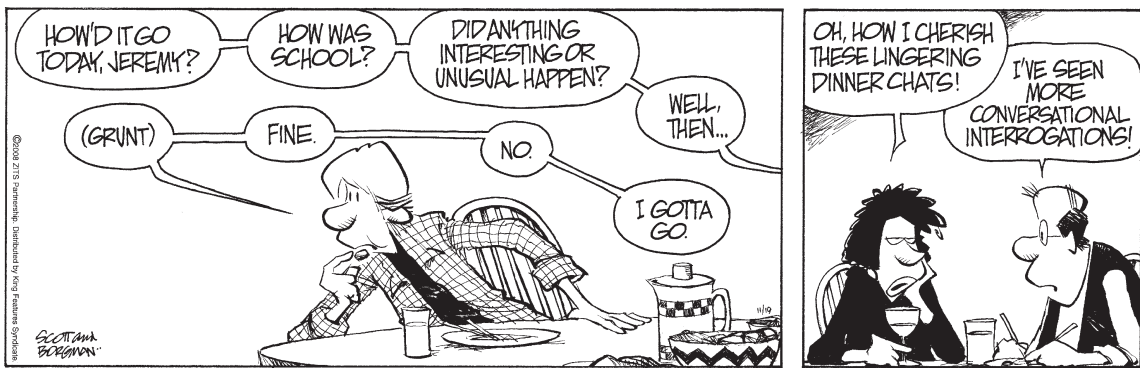


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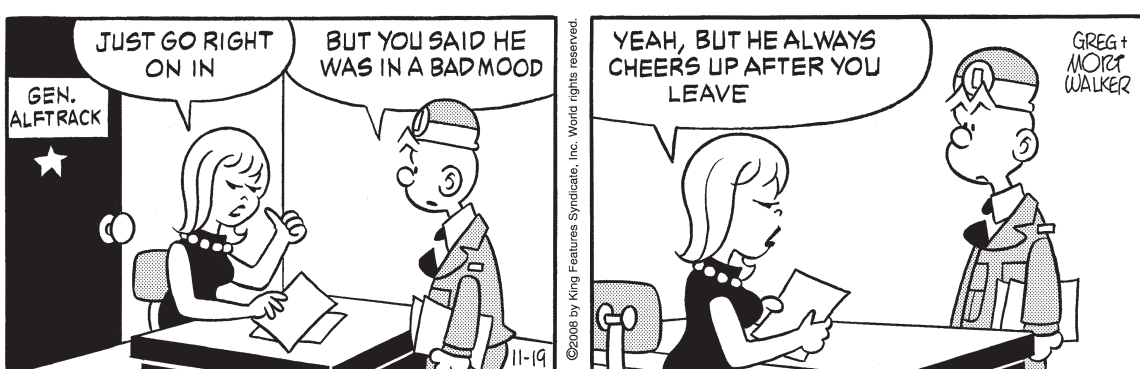
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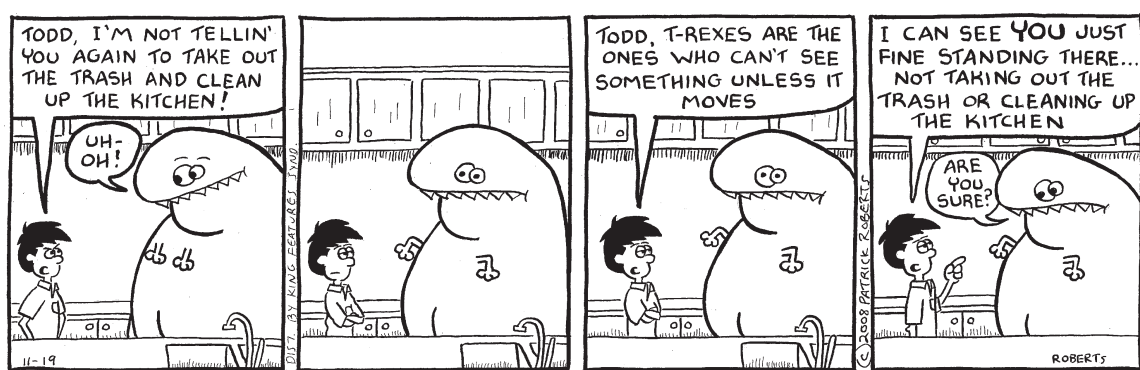
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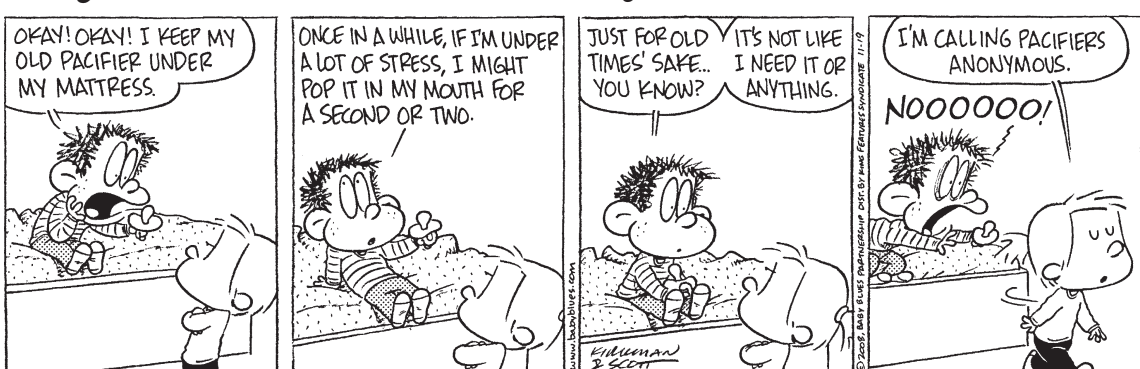
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Cryptoquip

NRAL W MATPJJL NRJ'P TAMSHQLK
QP BTDSH EASWLORJSH,
HJD EQKRB OWSS RQE W
CAPMJL CALB TAPMJL CALB.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU HAVE A JOB DEEJAYING FOR A MUSIC STATION, IT MIGHT BE SAID THAT YOU ARE RADIO-ACTIVE.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals W

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/19

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/19

Bridge

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q J 10 9 7
♥ Q 6 3 2
♦ K 8
♣ K 10

WEST
♠ 6 5 3 2
♥ 10 9 7
♦ 10 7 5 4 2
♣ 4

EAST
♠ K 8 4
♥ K J 5
♦ A Q 9 6 3
♣ J 3

SOUTH
♠ A
♥ A 8 4
♦ J
♣ A Q 9 8 7 6 5 2

The bidding:
East 1♦ South 3♠ West Pass North 3♠
Pass 5♣

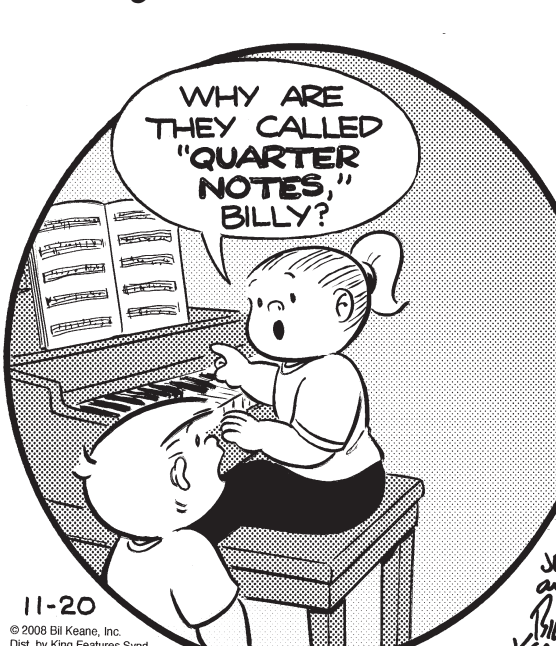
Opening lead — four of diamonds.

Sylvia Triumphs Again

Part of the secret of Sylvia's success at the club was her uncanny ability to convert dreadful blunders into resounding triumphs. Sylvia was by nature accident-prone, and it was because of this tendency that she often found herself in hot water. One of her greatest victories occurred on this deal where she got to five clubs and West led a diamond. Hoping against hope that West had the queen and that East would be forced to win with the ace, Sylvia followed low from dummy. But East won with the queen and continued with the ace. Sylvia intended to ruff the ace at trick two, but when she played to the trick she discovered to her horror that she had played the ace of spades instead. East thus found himself still on lead, and, actually, it made no difference which card he elected to return. After thinking the matter over, he tried the jack of clubs, but Sylvia had no trouble scoring the rest of the tricks. She won the club return with dummy's king and led the queen of spades, covered by the king, which she ruffed. Sylvia then led a trump to dummy's ten, discarded her heart losers on the J-10 of spades and so made five clubs. As usual, the story of Sylvia's newest Alice in Wonderland adventure spread like wildfire among the members of the club. Only after extended analysis was it discovered that the contract could not have been made had Sylvia trumped the ace of diamonds. By discarding the ace of spades, she had found the only way to fulfill the contract.

Tomorrow: Future shock.
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Cause the guy who wrote the song got 25 cents for each one of them."

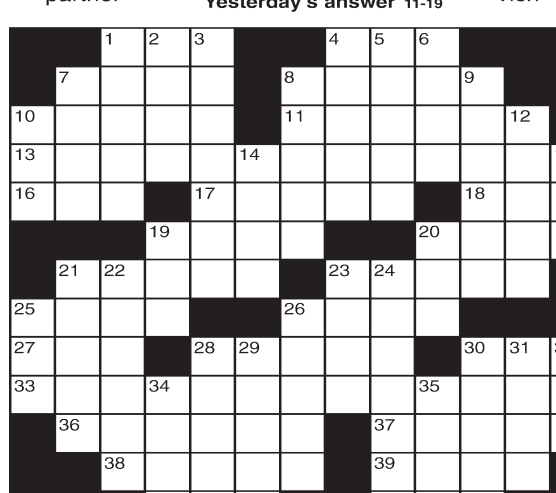
Crossword

ACROSS
1 Sandwich letters
4 Massage
7 Eins, zwei, —
8 Gives a hoot
10 Existence
11 Charlie's staff
13 2008 Greg Kinnear film
17 Shark part
18 Conk out
19 Coop group
20 Ballet leap
21 Expositions
23 Attention-getting light
25 "My bad"
26 Connect
27 Dandy
28 Cheech's partner

DOWN
3 More
4 Gamut
5 Incited
6 Existed
7 Where heros are made?
8 Small restaurants
9 Pitcher's option
10 Closest pal, to a texter
12 Hotel accomodation
14 Possesses
15 Witness

Solution time: 21 mins.

Yesterdays answer 11-19



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