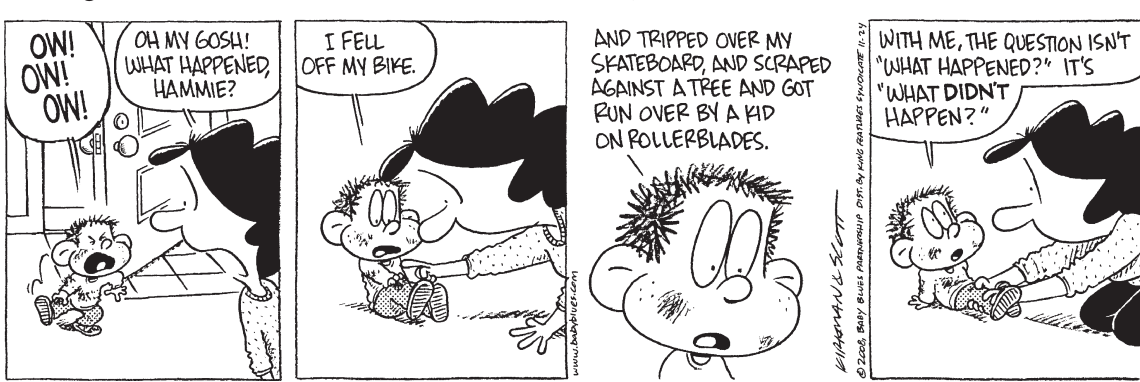


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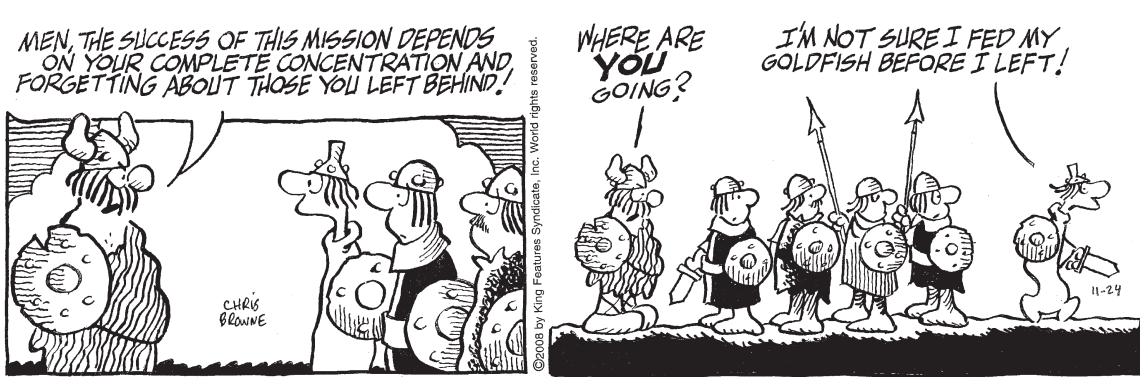
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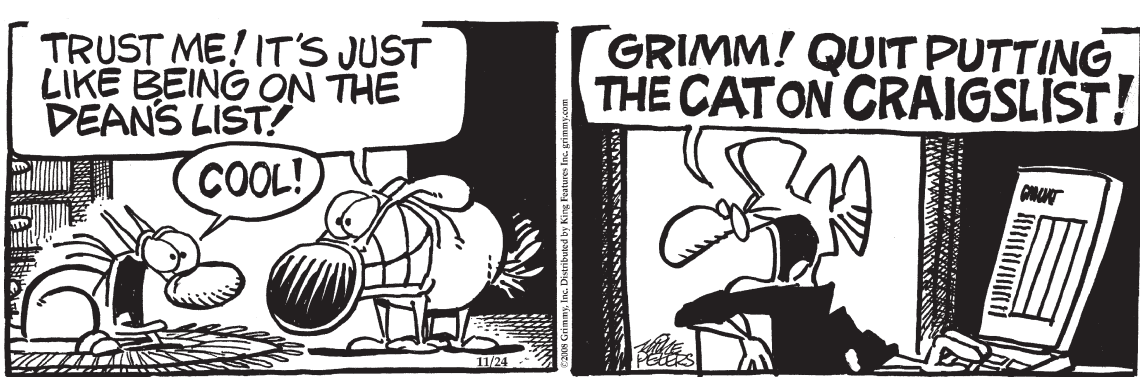
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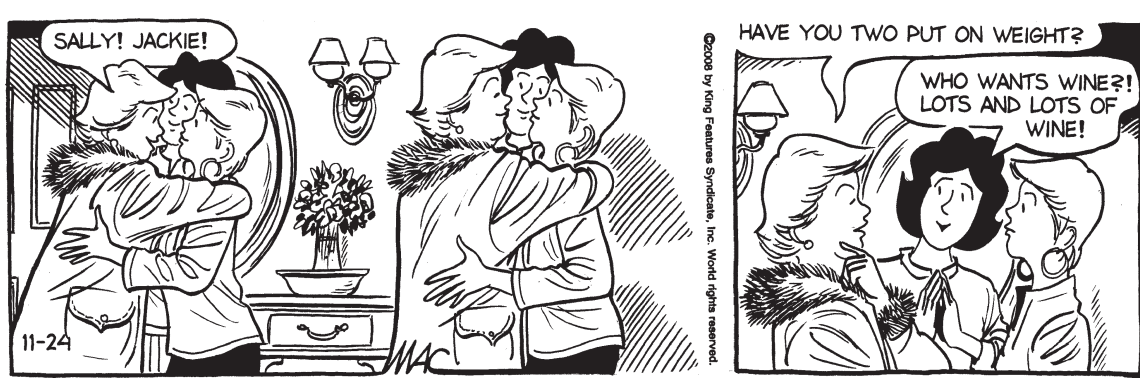
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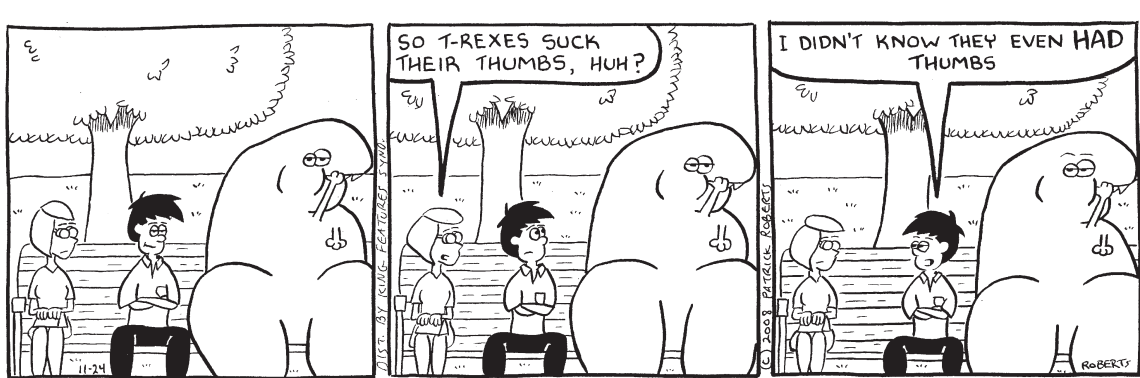
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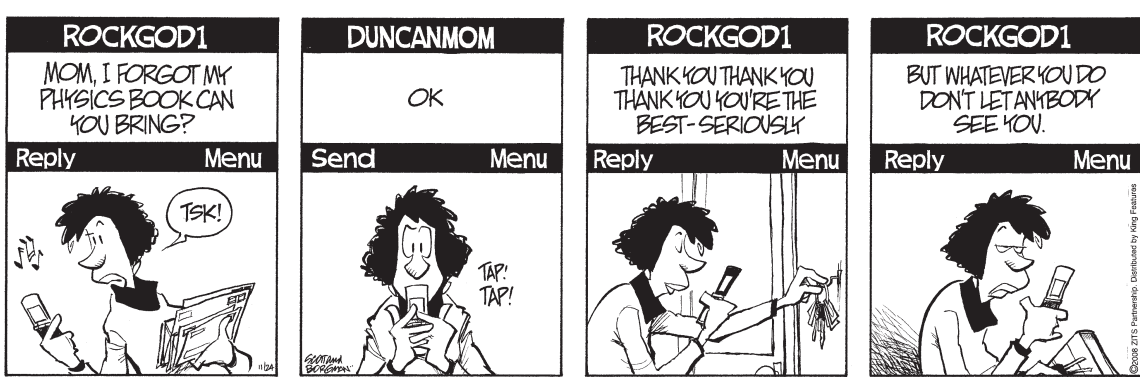
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Cryptoquip

KB TSAHS JT FHHL ITEFV
ISTP CHJKBC VHVKUF,
MH MSH YEE JTEA JT ASKBF
YB TUHYB PTJKTB LTJKTB.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN SOME HENS ARE INITIALLY GETTING THEIR HOTEL ROOMS, WOULD YOU CALL IT A CHICKEN CHECK-IN?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals E

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★

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Flip page to see Sudoku answers:

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

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.

Bridge

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

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 2 NT 3 ♣
Pass 4 ♠ Pass 5 ♣
Pass Pass Dble
Opening lead — six of diamonds.

Famous Hand

This dramatic deal occurred in a playoff match to determine the team to represent the United States in the 1973 world team championship.

At the first table, Bill Grieve (playing with George Rapee) overcalled two notrump with three clubs, intending this to show a genuine club suit. But Rapee, justifiably or not, read three clubs as an artificial bid showing length in both majors, and jumped to four spades.

That response did not sit well with Grieve, who retreated to five clubs. After two passes, East -- holding 21 high-card points including the A-K of trump -- doubled.

Amazingly, five clubs turned out to be unbeatable! Grieve won the diamond lead with the ace, played the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart, ruffed a spade and ruffed another heart, felling the king. He then gave up two trump tricks to make his doubled contract.

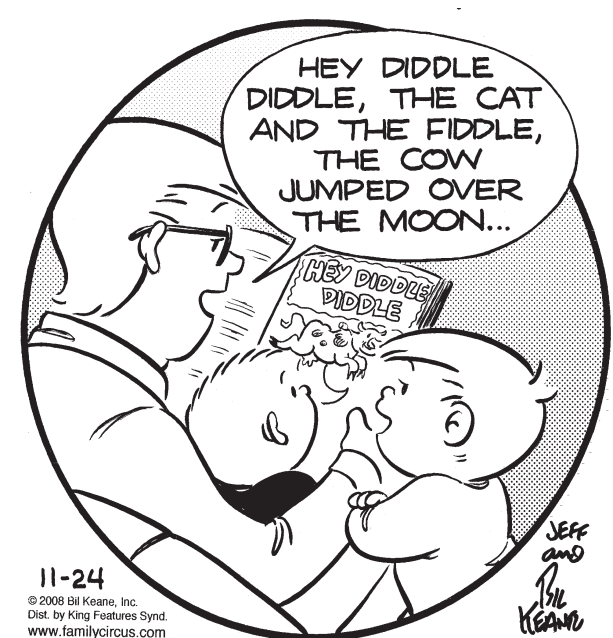
At the second table, the bidding went:
West North East South
Pass Pass 2 NT Pass
3 [C] Pass 3 [D] Pass
3 NT

John Swanson, playing with Paul Soloway, was South at this table and elected to pass two notrump because he and Soloway were playing that three clubs would promise both majors.

When the bidding died at three notrump, Swanson passed again -- this time because he thought he had a good chance to beat the contract with a club lead. This proved to be an illusion when declarer won the club queen with the king and returned the king of diamonds to secure nine tricks and a total gain of 1,150 points for his team.

Tomorrow: The case of the missing queen.
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Did they check that cow for steroids?"

Crossword

ACROSS
1 Nessie's home, for one
5 Banned insecticide
8 Post-bout apparel
12 Examination
14 Watched
15 Reverie
16 Repair
17 Speck
18 Open square, in Italy
20 With fervor
23 Poolroom prop
24 Reed instrument
25 Ray of light
28 Glutton
29 Play the banjo
30 Craze
32 Wrestling format
34 Dwindle
35 Get better
36 Shakespeare's Kate

DOWN
1 Hallucination letters
2 Goose, in Guadaluajara
3 Weep
4 Football conference?
5 Regiment
6 "CSI" find
7 Middle ear membrane
8 Updated movie
9 Courtroom call
10 Mercedes
11 Icelandic epic
13 Helen's home
19 Cold War missile
20 Short flight
21 Newspaper notice
22 Forum garb
23 Not urban
25 Thief's task
26 Somewhere out there
27 Lion's pride?
29 Undo a dele
31 Morning moisture
33 Certain city area
34 Fingerprint spirals
36 Use a straw
37 Junk e-mail goal
39 Slender
40 Erte's style of art
43 Bee follower
44 Chow down
45 Expert
46 Kitten's call

Solution time: 24 mins.

C	A	M	P	A	C	H	E	L	I	D
I	L	I	A	P	L	O	Y	A	D	O
T	O	L	L	P	U	L	E	M	E	R
Y	E	T	I	L	E	D	S	P	A	M
	N	N	E	U	S	A				
B	A	R	D	O	T	P	A	R	A	D
O	V	E	R	T	L	A	P	I	S	
B	E	F	O	R	E	B	E	H	E	S
	M	E	X	I	M	P				
P	O	K	E	C	A	T	A	R	A	B
U	R	N	W	E	F	T	L	I	V	E
L	E	I	H	E	R	E	J	O	N	
L	O	T	O	D	O	R	N	E	W	

Saturday's answer 11-24

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