Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker





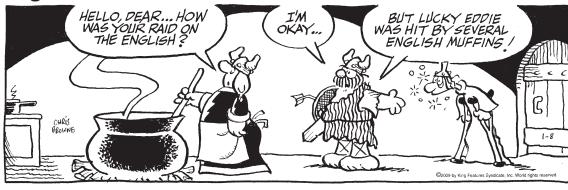
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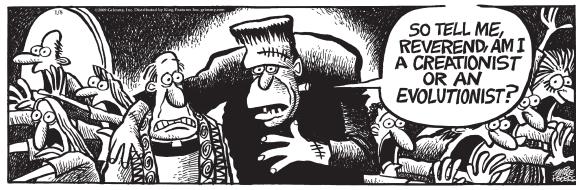




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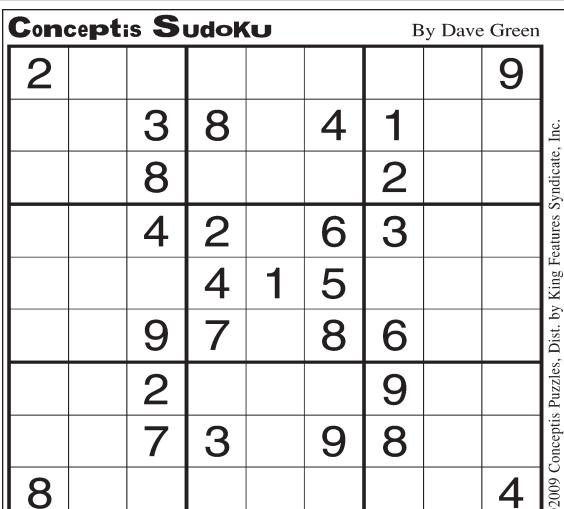


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OWLI? G F A Z XYesterday's Cryptoquip: POPULAR ANIMATED MOVIE THAT DEPICTS SUPPOSED EVENTS IN HOMER'S "ILIAD" EPIC: "TROY STORY."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals B



Difficulty Level ★★★

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 the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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

West dealer. East-West vulnerable. **NORTH** 🕈 A 7 5 **♥**J2 ◆ Q 6 3 **♣**A Q J 8 3 WEST **EAST ♠** Q J 9 Q98653 ♥AK1074 **♦** A J 9 **♦** K 8 4 2 **4**95 **SOUTH ♦** K 10 8 6 3 2 ◆ 10 7 5 **♣**K 10 6 4 The bidding: South East West North Dble

Elegant Defensive Play

Opening lead — king of hearts.

The attitude of a defender should always be that a lie of the cards exists which allows the contract to be defeated. This often entails crediting partner with the possession of a particular card or distribution, and then acting on that assump-

Consider this deal where South wound up in four spades on the bidding shown. West led the king of hearts and saw his prospects take an immediate nose dive when South ruffed.

Declarer played the A-K of spades and, upon discovering that he had a trump loser, began to run his clubs. West waited until the fourth round to ruff in, temporarily cutting declarer off from dummy's fifth club. The critical moment was now at hand.

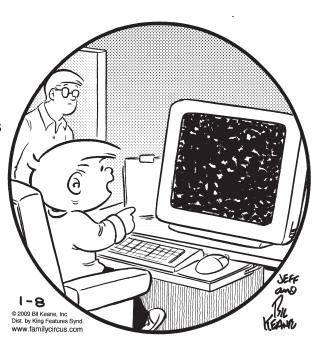
Since the seven of spades was an entry to dummy's last club, it was clear to West that unless his side could cash three diamond tricks immediately, South would make his game, scoring six spades and four clubs in all. West therefore had to assume that his partner had the king of diamonds, because if declarer had that card, the contract could not be defeated.

Simply presuming that East had the king, however, was not enough, for there was the collateral question of who had the ten. If East had that card, it did not matter what West did next. But if South had the ten, West could not cash the ace of diamonds or lead the nine without handing declarer a diamond trick. On the lead of the nine, for example, South could simply play low from dummy to force East's king, promoting dummy's queen into a third-round trick.

West therefore returned the jack of diamonds, and declarer was helpless. No matter what he did, he had to lose three diamond tricks and go down one.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"All the snow on our computer must be coming from the winternet."

16 Unsigned

(Abbr.) 20 Back

portrait

24 Bart. to Homer

25 Some-

e 27 Gratuity

partner

7 Actress

Rosie

8 Opposing

9 Unsolved

mystery 10 Speck

29 Felon's flight

32 Those

34 Zits

Doubtfire³

favoring a

classless

society?

37 Longing

tor's

hope

44 Cartoon

duck

42 Rot

39 Prospec-

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tionally good

23 \$5

Crossword

19 Skips a

21 Neither

mate

22 Galvani-

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matter

phoneme

10	RUSS	38	Glutton	59	Harvard
1	Basilica	40	Type		rival
	section		squares		
5	Chart	41	Sought	DC	NWO
8	Pinnacle		restitution	1	Rue the
2	Like	43	Chic, to		run
	some		Austin	2	Motel
	dorms		Powers		amenity
3	Lamb's	45	Antiknock	3	
	dam		rating		good
4	Gunky	47	Blood		example
	stuff		fluids	4	Buzz
5	Trouble	51	Avoid at		Aldrin's
7	Low-		all costs		real name
	voiced	52	Loss of	5	Preprint-
	woman		courage		ed, as
8	"Seinfeld"	54	Took a		postage
	role		powder	6	Shock

23 Bonfire **58** "Of 11 Grand course' residue 26 Bottom Solution time: 21 mins line 28 "The Lord is my shepherd " e.g. 31 Italy's silhouette 33 Party

55 Citric

57 Dis-

56 Unravel

mob-

style

beverage

patches.

45 Scandinavian 46 Swedish Muppet 48 Antitoxins bowlful 49 Repast 35 Despot 50 Eyelid 36 Conteswoe 53 Rhyming tant's Yesterday's answer 1-7 postcard tribute

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