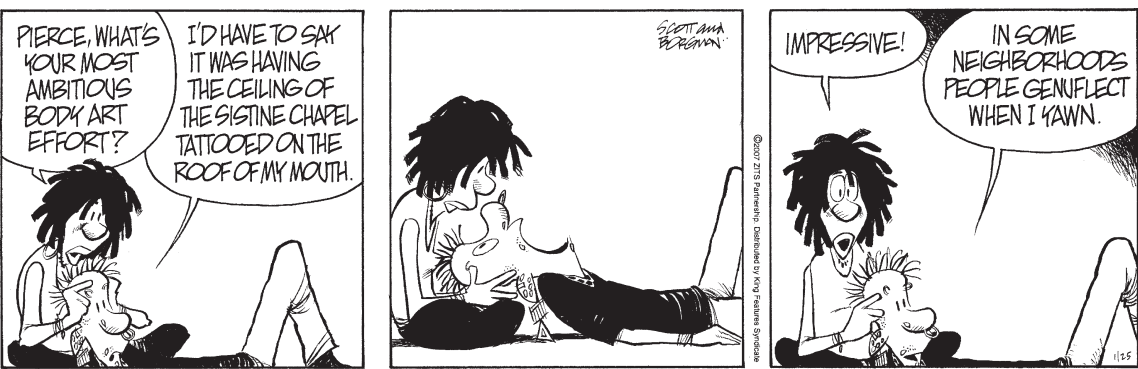


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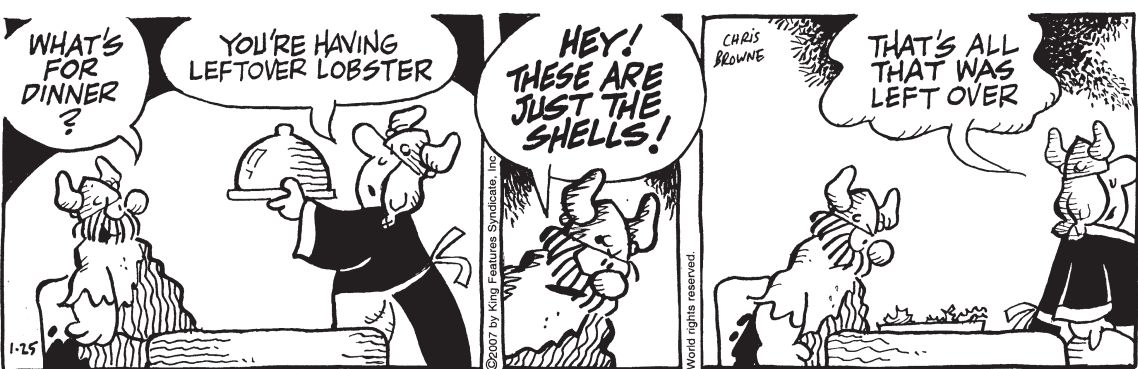
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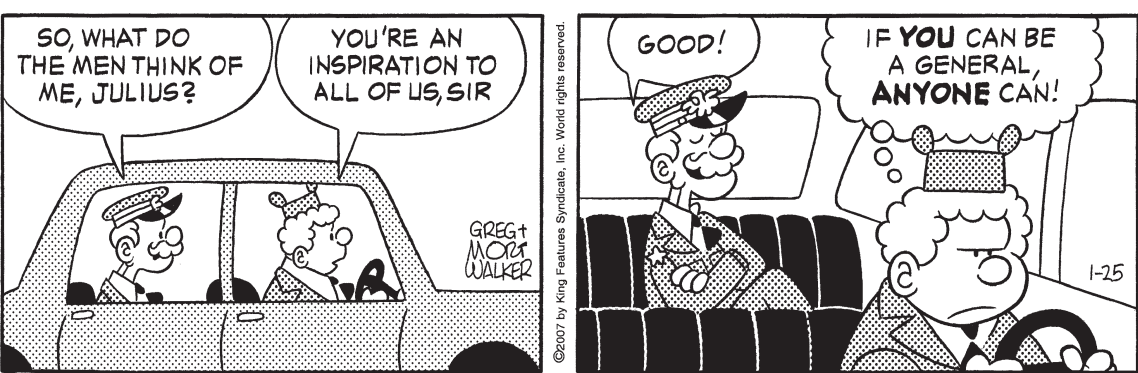
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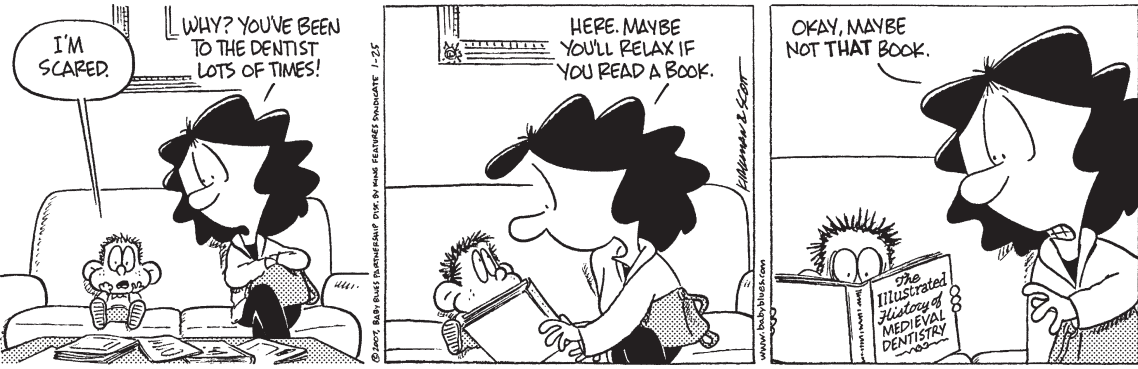
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Cryptoquip

JHQSE C VCTGHHM VNCTCVGFT

QROMZ C JNFGRGHMF GH

RNCTXFM RHBFGNOMZ YF

EQYYFE "NHMFT ROBXRHM"?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU PERSUADE SOMEONE TO SHED A FEW EXTRA POUNDS, COULD THEY CLAIM IT WAS A DIET COAX?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals O

Conceptis Sudoku

by Dave Green

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

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★

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Bridge

North dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 9 3

♥ A Q 10 9 8

♦ A Q

♣ J 10 9

WEST

♠ 5 4 2

♥ K J 6

♦ 10 9 8 5 4

♣ A Q

EAST

♠ Q 10 8 7

♥ 7 4 2

♦ 7 6 3 2

♣ 6 3

SOUTH

♠ A K 6

♥ 5 3

♦ K J

♣ K 8 7 5 4 2

The bidding:

North 1 ♥ East Pass South 2 ♣ West Pass

2 ♥ Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

Let's Not Rock the Boat

When you are a defender and see declarer pursuing a line of play that will lead to defeat, you should do everything possible to keep him on that course.

Consider this deal where West made an excellent play that led to South's downfall. Declarer won the diamond lead in dummy with the queen, East showing interest in the suit by signaling with the six.

West noted that declarer had played the jack on the queen and inferred that South had started with the doubleton K-J. At the same time, West also noted that South could make five heart tricks by taking a double finesse in that suit.

So when declarer led the jack of clubs from dummy at trick two and let it ride, West won the trick with the ace! This naturally created the impression in South's mind that East had the queen of clubs.

West then returned a diamond, the A-K falling together on the trick. Declarer now led the ten of clubs from dummy and repeated the finesse against East's presumed queen. To his dismay, West won and cashed three diamond tricks, and South went down one. Now let's suppose West had won the first club lead with the queen and returned a diamond. South would no doubt have recognized the futility of continuing with clubs and shifted his attention to hearts, where he would have reaped a rich harvest with the aid of the double finesse.

West realized at the outset that South was headed up the wrong road by attempting to establish clubs, and he encouraged declarer to continue on that course with his clever falsecard at trick two.

Tomorrow: A comprehensive diagnosis. (c)2007 King Features Syndicate

Family Circus • Bil Keane



Crossword

ACROSS

1 Snow White's pal

4 Oxidation effect

8 Capri is one

12 Zsa Zsa's sister

13 Malaria symptom

14 Bleak, in Hollywood

15 Kind of monk or monkey

17 Queen of the Nile

18 Lanka precursor

19 Boring

21 Book-binder's supply

24 Historic boy king

25 Portrayer of 17-Across

26 Eminem's genre

28 Adorns

32 Dogfight participants

34 Bankroll

36 Logical

DOWN

37 My brother's keeper

39 Menagerie

41 "Wham!" abbr.

42 With it

44 Legendary types

46 Paving material

50 Joan of —

51 Blood-hound's clue

52 Team leaders

56 Morning brew

57 One of HOMES

58 Alternative to 56-Across

59 Portent

60 Hide-aways

61 — Kippur

DOWN

1 Calendar

2 Eggs

3 Over-turned

4 More suggestive

5 Reaction to castor oil

6 Be apropos for

7 Doctrine

8 Spurs on

9 Unaccompanied

10 Stead

11 Piccadilly statue

16 Samovar

20 Flop

21 Bridge coup

22 Elite alternative

23 2004 horror film

27 La —, Bolivia

29 Room

30 Entanglement

31 Wields a needle

33 Arid

35 Pooch

38 In the thick of

40 Gives a speech

43 Walked the floor

45 Historic time

46 Magical power

47 Leading man

48 Inlet

49 Former filly

53 Wrestling win

54 Ultra-modernist

55 "Casa-blanca" pianist

Solution time: 25 mins.

FLU	BASS	ROOT			
LOS	OMIT	EACH			
ONE	BONAPARTE				
EGRET	BUD				
	LADS	TENON			
BONFIRES	RAKE				
ARE	LATIN	PRE			
TECH	BONEHEAD				
HOKUM	NOGO				
	MOO	AWAKE			
BONVIVANT	VIA				
OBOE	ALOES	INS			
GIBE	LENS	DDT			

Yesterday's answer 1-25

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