Sally Forth • Greg Howard

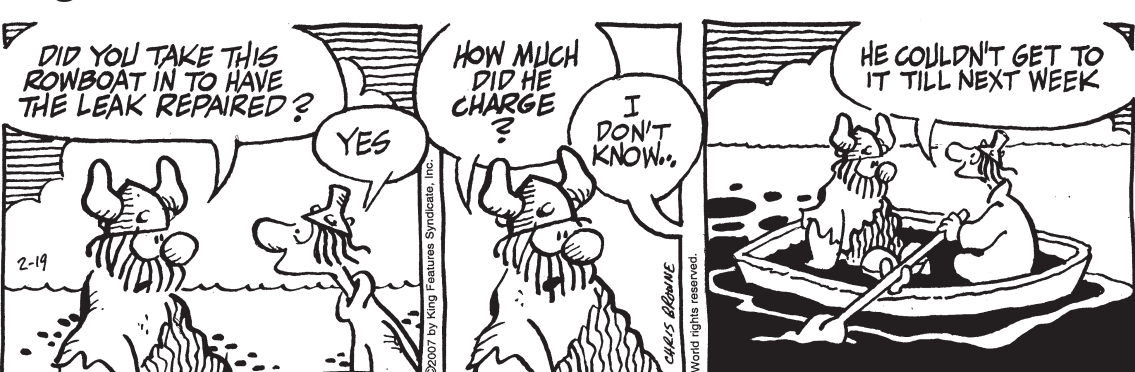WOW, YOU HEAR MY MOM'S BIRTHDAY PARTY DOWNSTAIRS?

YEAH, SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE THROWING A REAL RAGING KEGGER.

WHAT'S A "RAGING KEGGER"?

NOT SURE. TO WIKIPEDIA!

Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott

TAP! TAP! TAP! TAP! TAP! TAP! TAP! TAP! TAP!

BYE, JEREMY!

SLAM!

BYE MOM. XO

Blondie • Chic Young

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU'RE OLD AND WORK TOO HARD

I HEARD THAT!

AT LEAST HIS HEARING IS STILL GOOD
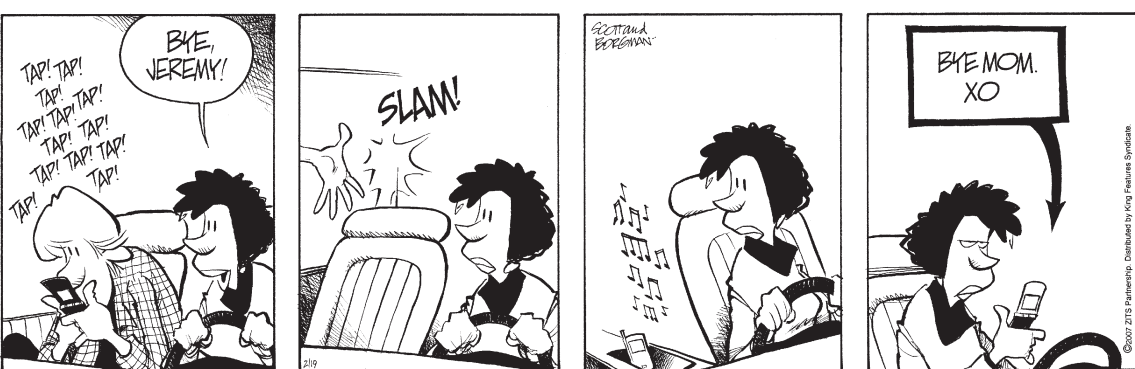
Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne

DID YOU TAKE THIS ROWBOAT IN TO HAVE THE LEAK REPAIRED?

YES

HOW MUCH DID HE CHARGE?

I DON'T KNOW...

HE COULDN'T GET TO IT TILL NEXT WEEK

Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker

ALVIN...BEETLE...COSMO... JULIUS...KILLER...

HERE! HERE! HERE!

I DON'T THINK SARGE LIKES ME

PLATO...ROCKY... SAM...ZERO

HERE! HERE! HERE!

HE ALWAYS CALLS MY NAME LAST
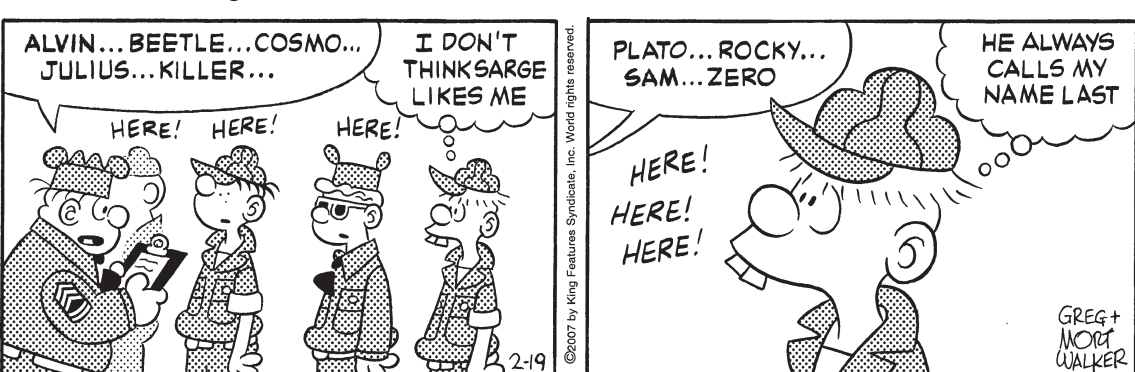
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters

WET PAINT

ARE YOU THINKING WHAT I'M THINKING?
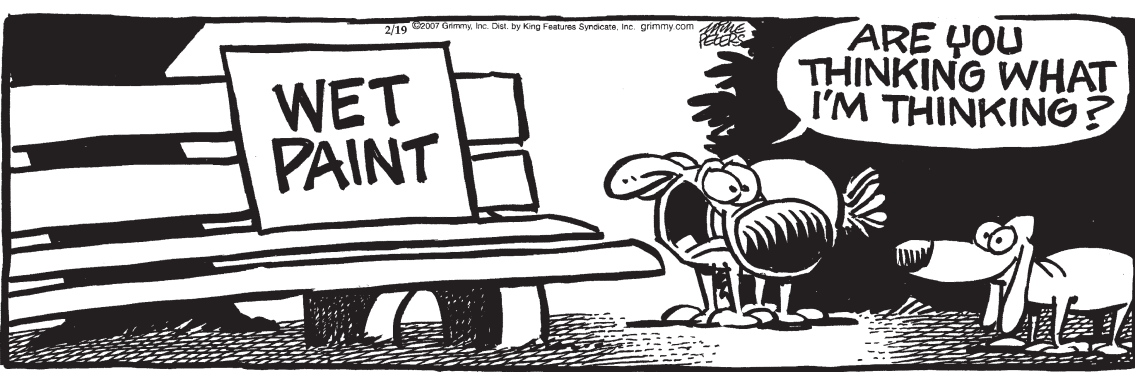
Tod the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts

ALL RIGHT, YOU SISSIES! EVERYONE DO 20 PUSH-UPS! AND I WANNA SEE YOUR NOSES TOUCHING THE FLOOR!

UM...COACH, I DON'T THINK...

NO BELLY-ACHIN'!

BUT...BUT...

THAT'S IT, TODD! YOU'RE DOIN' 40 PUSH-UPS!

OH...OKAY. HOW 'BOUT JUST DOIN' SOME LAPS, TODD?

THANKS
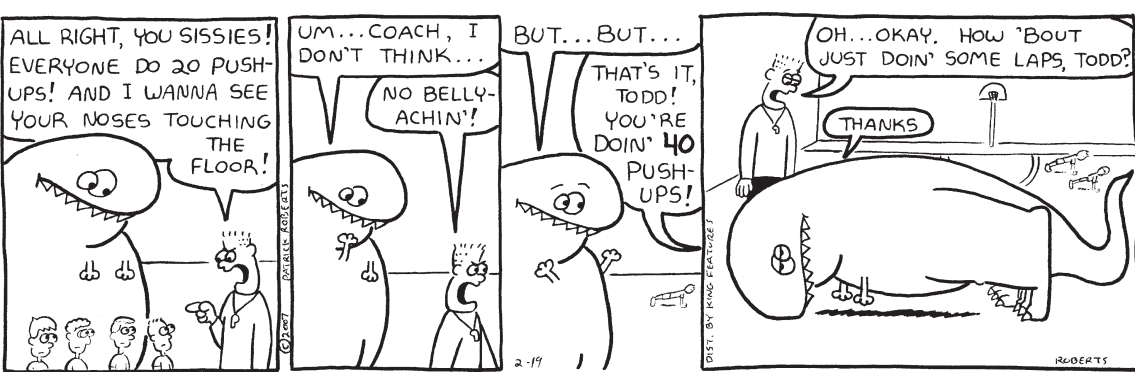
Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

PRACTICING YOUR FANCY SIGNATURE?

I CAN'T WAIT TO SIGN SOMETHING IMPORTANT!
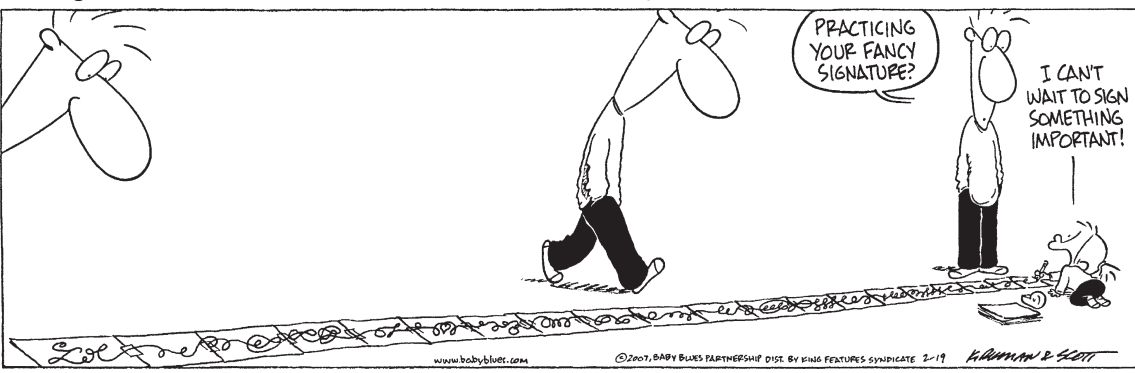
Conceptis Sudoku   by Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★   2/19

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★   2/19

Bridge

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

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                NORTH
              ♠ A Q 4
              ♥ A K Q 5 3
              ♦ K 6
              ♣ A 9 6
   WEST                      EAST
 ♠ 10 7 6                  ♠ K 9 8 5
 ♥ 10 8 4                  ♥ J 7 6 2
 ♦ 10 8 4 3 2              ♦ 9
 ♣ Q 7                     ♣ 10 5 4 3
                SOUTH
              ♠ J 3 2
              ♥ 9
              ♦ A Q J 7 5
              ♣ K J 8 2
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The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	6 NT

Opening lead — six of spades.

Famous Hand

Strange things sometimes happen in world championships. Consider this deal from the 1972 Olympiad where Italian stars Walter Avarelli and Giorgio Belladonna got to six notrump against France.

Belladonna, South, followed low from dummy on the spade lead, East winning the trick with the king and returning a spade to the queen. To Belldonna, there didn't seem to be much to the rest of the play, but when he next led the king and another diamond to the ace, the diamonds turned out to be divided 5-1.

Undaunted, Belladonna cashed the Q-J of diamonds and ace of spades, producing this position:

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North
[H]  A K Q 5
[C]  A 9
West
[H]  10 8 4
[D]  10
[C]  Q 7
East
[H]  J 7 6 2
[C]  10 5
South
[H]  9
[D]  7
[C]  K J 8 2
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The A-K-Q of hearts were next cashed, declarer discarding a club and a diamond. The A-9 of clubs were then played. When East followed with the ten, Belladonna had to decide whether to finesse the jack or play the king. As usual, he guessed correctly, going up with the king to make the slam.

Unfortunately, Belladonna's fine effort proved to be totally wasted! Soon afterward, it was discovered that the hand had been brought to his table in error from the women's championship being conducted simultaneously nearby. So Belladonna's result did not count — but he might have been well rewarded for his effort had he been playing in the women's event!

Family Circus • Bil Keane

"I'm going to need a little help throwing this snowball."
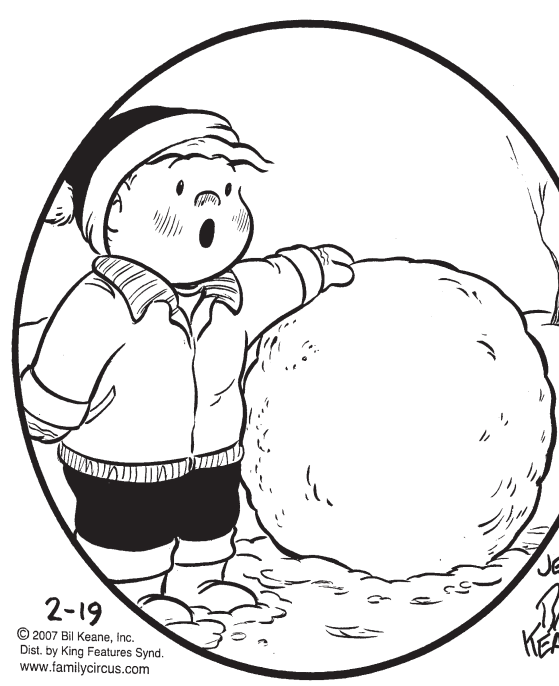
Crossword

ACROSS
1 Green gem
5 — Beta Kappa
8 Hallmark offering
12 The Wright stuff?
14 Hodge-podge
15 In-box fillers
16 Philippine knife
17 "— the season ..."
18 Tin alloy
20 Runway figure
23 Karaoke prop
24 Finished
25 Melted-cheese recipe
28 Wire measure
29 Cele-brated lavishly
30 Deity
32 Solved a crypto-gram
34 "David Copper-field" character
35 Sediment
36 "Ham-merin' Hank"
37 Read
40 Shade source
41 Physical
42 Rubdowns
47 Hair-pieces
48 Publicity
49 Remain
50 Lair
51 Recog-nized

DOWN
1 Toast topper
2 "Hail, Caesar!"
3 Insult (Sl.)
4 Time for an egg roll?
5 Swine
6 Weeding tool
7 Brilliant
8 Network that gets wiped out during sweeps week?
9 Oodles
10 Anger
11 Entrance
13 Follow relent-lessly
19 Supple-mented, with "out"
20 Oft-tattooed word
21 "Metamor-phoses" poet
22 Strike out
23 Partners
25 Cashed in, as a coupon
26 Composer Stravinsky
27 Corrida critter
29 Adver-saries
31 Rather or Rowan
33 Hardly agile
34 Lustrous weave
36 In addition
37 Church furniture
38 Way out
39 Style of Indian music
40 Game lover's channel
43 Do some down-sizing
44 Pistol
45 Before
46 Wield a needle

Solution time: 24 mins.

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B L O C   P A W S   I M P
L O G O   E V I L   N E E
E C R U   R E L Y   F O E
W H E N   I R K   C O W L
  A T O N E D   E G O
T H R O B   O N T A P
M O R S E L   A S T H M A
  E R A   W E B
J A G S   M B A   A L M A
O B I   P E E K   I N T O
A L F   A N T E   S T A N
N E T   S T A N   E S T E
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Saturday's answer 2-19

Cryptoquip

LX N GCCPLHA EYRLGY

FDHM RYFK TYPP, L ADYMM

KCD TCDPE UNRY OC MNK

OUNO LO'M XNH-ONMOLG.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN TWO SEISMOLOGISTS ARE DONE MAKING AN AGREEMENT, DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY MIGHT SHAKE ON IT?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals T