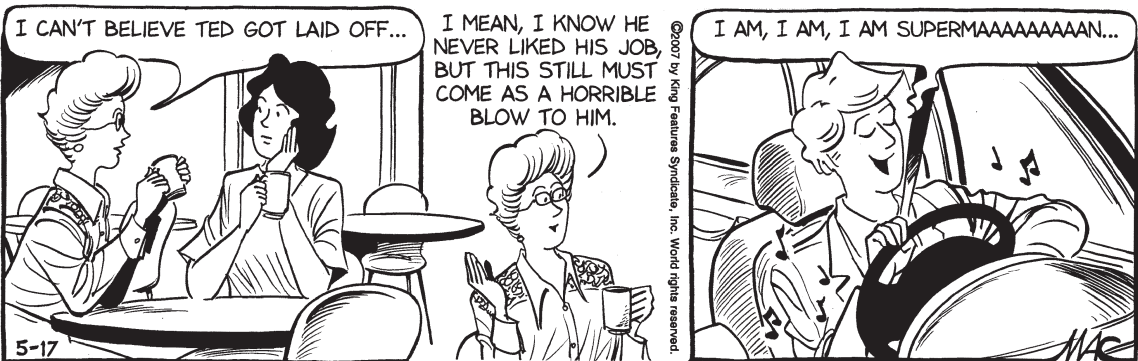
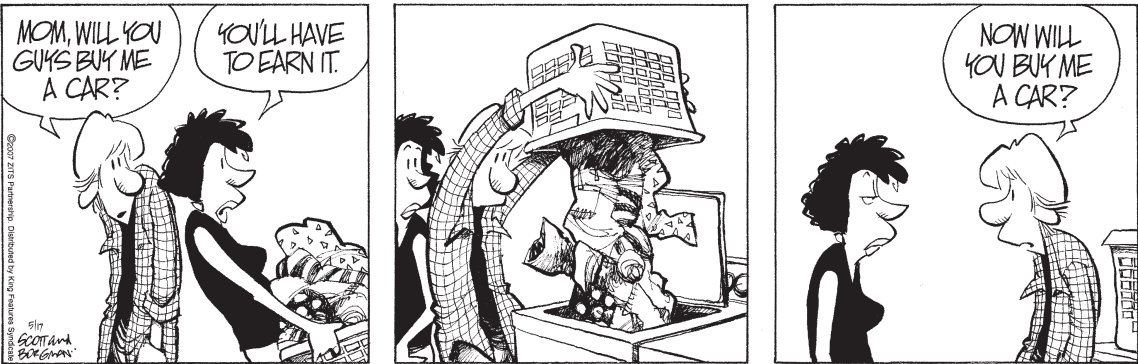


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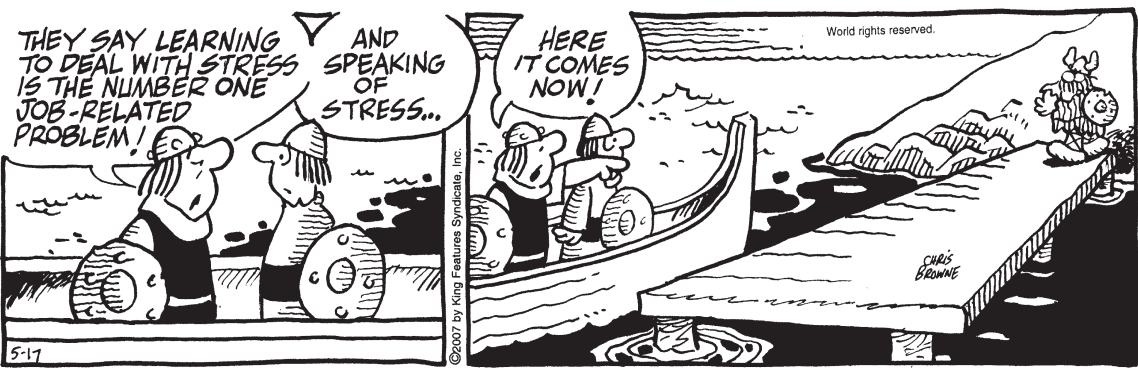
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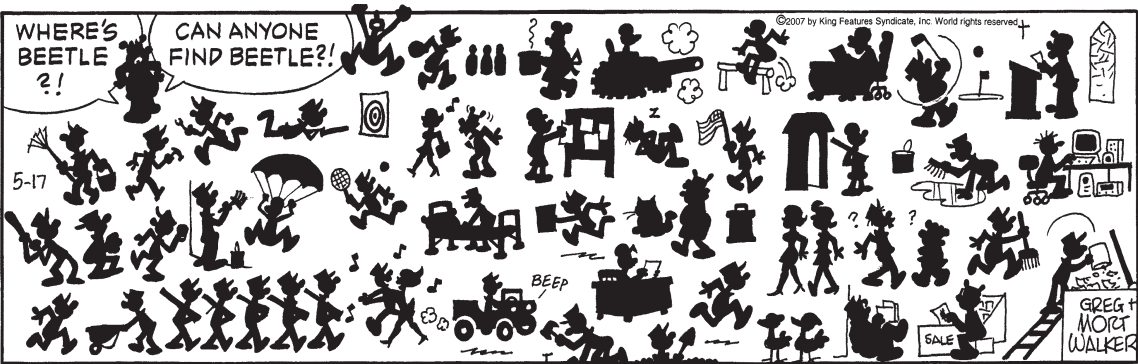
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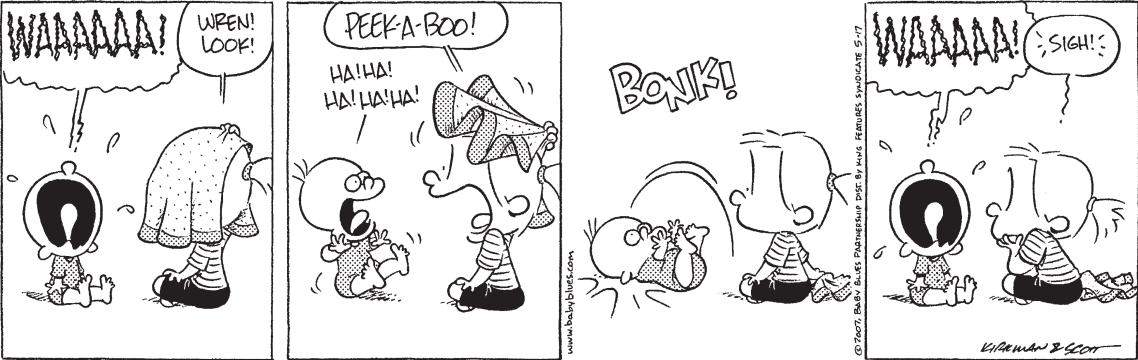
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Cryptoquip

RNWWXRUTF YT YGMOLG'R

DXZ ZLGL RALLQAE CLRUFTLC,

U FNLRR UH JUFOH DL

QTXZT YR YGGXZ-CETYJUM.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HAVING RECENTLY STARTED ON HER WICKER BASKET PROJECT, SHE REPORTED "WEAVE ONLY JUST BEGUN."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals S

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★

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Bridge

East dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 ♣	1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	2 ♥	Pass	Pass
3 ♣	3 ♥	4 ♣	

Opening lead — eight of spades.

As Ye Sow, So Shall Ye Reap

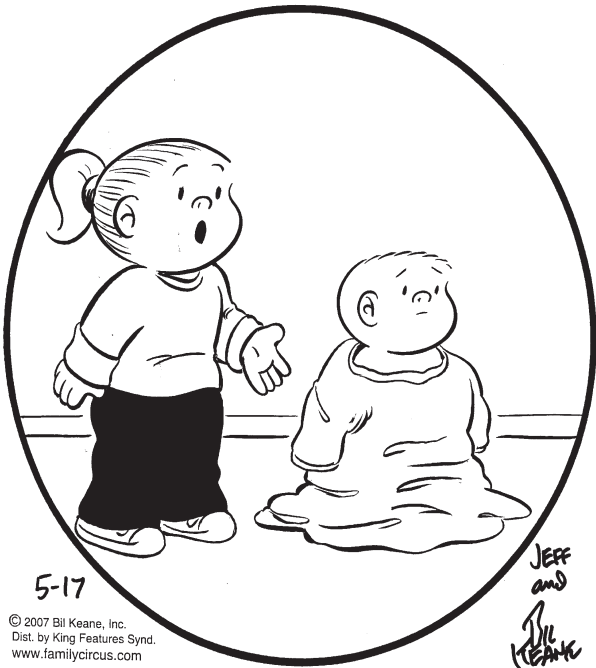
A difference in bidding styles resulted in a big swing on this deal from a team match between Eng When a British pair held the East-West cards, the bidding went as shown. Against four clubs, the Dutch South, faced with an unpleasant choice of opening leads, chose the eight of spades. Declarer won with the nine and played the ace of clubs, on which South showed out. Three rounds of spades then enabled East to discard a diamond loser, and he subsequently lost two hearts and a trump to make four clubs for a score of 130 points.

At the second table, with a British pair now holding the North-South cards, the bidding went very differently. East bid one club, and South, in typical dashing English style, leapt to four hearts, which West doubled. Declarer ruffed the club lead, played a heart to the king and ruffed another club. Two rounds of hearts drew the outstanding trumps. South's sole problem now was to hold himself to one diamond loser, since two spades had to be lost in any case.

If declarer had led a low diamond to the king, intending to finesse the jack on the way back, he would have gone down. But the situation clearly called for a safety play. South therefore played the ace of diamonds first. When East produced the nine, the contract became assured. Declarer next led a low diamond. West did as well as he could when he followed with the six, but dummy's eight was played to guarantee the loss of only one diamond trick.

So the British South made four hearts doubled for 790 points to give his team a net gain of 920 points on the deal. His safety play guarded against West holding four diamonds and East the singleton nine or ten, and also assured the contract whenever East had the queen of diamonds or the diamonds broke 3-2.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Daddy, PJ is trying to grow into one of your T-shirts."

Crossword

ACROSS			DOWN				
1	Suitable	39	Front of the ship	41	Pom-pous fool	16	Abner's adjective
4	Antitoxins	41	George's brother	2	"Great Expectations"	20	Mainlanders' memento
8	Govt. employ-ees	42	Privy	3	Literary critic	21	Klinger portrayal
12	Private address?	44	The Pequod, e.g.	4	Hardly ever	22	Sheltered
13	Mideast airline	46	Star status	5	Inventor Whitney	23	Teeny
14	Detail	50	Under the weather	6	Standing	27	Bill
15	Over-flowing	51	Jai —	7	Cold	29	Like horror movies
17	Waikiki wing-ding	52	Old British coin	8	Cavity remedy	30	Swiss river
18	Cover	56	Pelt	9	Needle case	31	Constellation component
19	Sudden big profit	57	Architect Saarinen	10	Jerry's longtime partner	33	Farm chore
21	Dormant	58	Ultra-modernist	11	Complacent	35	Tier
24	"Opus —"	59	Suspend			38	—disant
25	"The Greatest"	60	Abandon			40	Erstwhile
26	Encoun-tered	61	Chatter away			43	Beginning
						45	Every last

Solution time: 25 mins.

ITS	BACK	MESA
RUE	ALOE	EMIR
ATM	SIGNATURE	
QUITS	TIE	
WEBB	ROOST	
IMMATURE	RACY	
DEO	SLURP	HAP
EONS	LIGATURE	
AWAIT	NOTE	
GAS	TACIT	
FURNITURE	ONO	
ETNA	AFAR	ACT
ZEAL	GOWN	THE

Yesterday's answer 5-17

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15			16			19		20		
21	22			23		24				
25				26		27		28		29
32		33		34		35		36		
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46	47	48				49		50		
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59					60				61	

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