

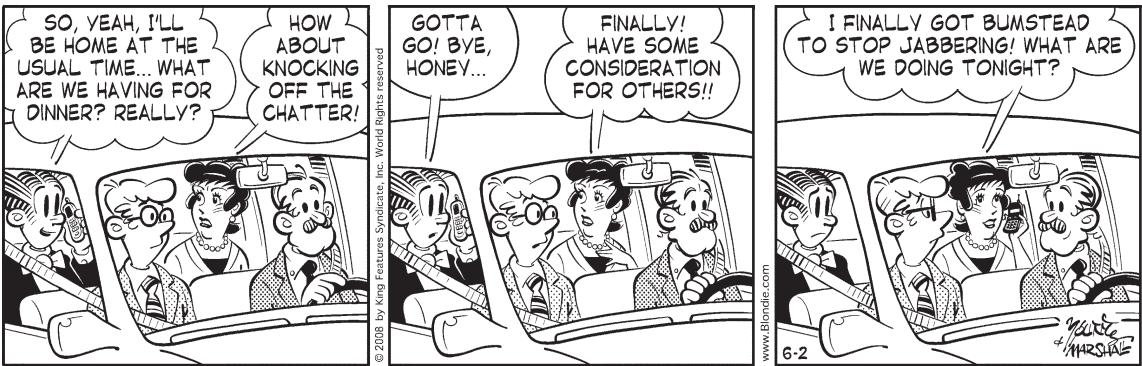
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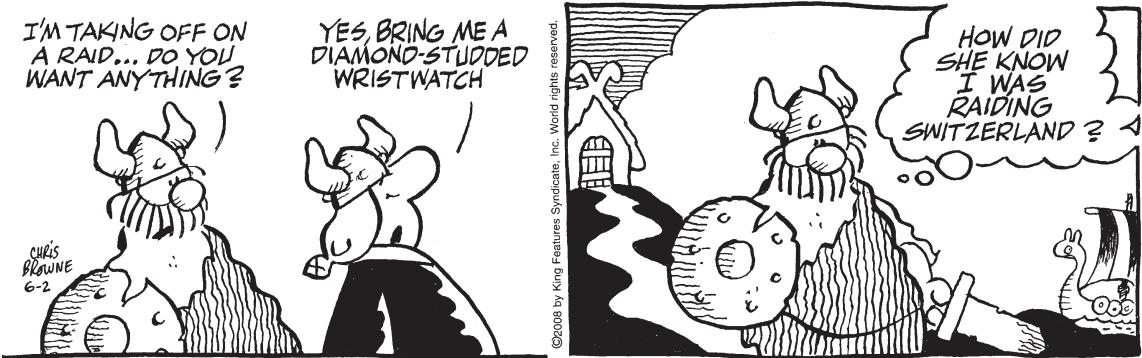
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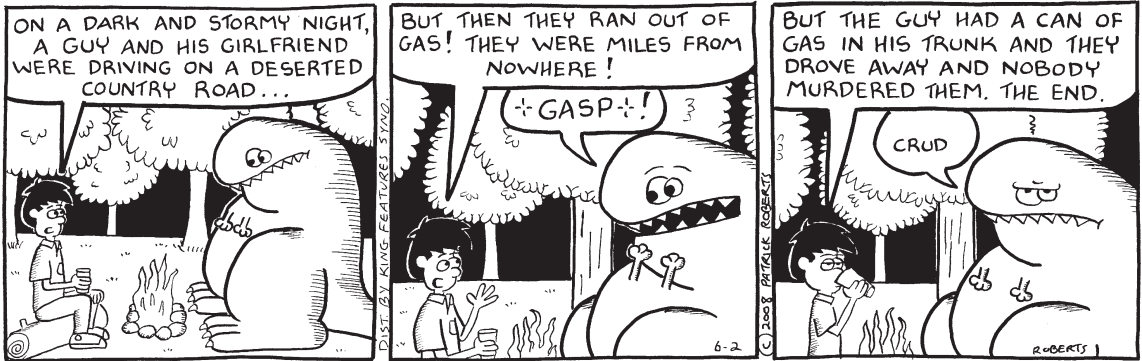
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Cryptoquip

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ITURMYTUQ IZU XQUJMRW  
CZYLYZQX, VQQYX LRB  
NQSQUA? TXQ L JQWQ-YLVSQ.  
Saturday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE I'M REALLY PUSHING MY COMPUTER MEMORY TO ITS UTMOST LIMITS, IS THAT BATTERING RAM?  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals D

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

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

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Bridge

West dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH  
♠ A K 10 9 7 2  
♥ A  
♦ A 9 7 4  
♣ K 6

WEST  
♠ 5  
♥ Q 10 9 6 5 2  
♦ 8 5  
♣ J 8 4 2

EAST  
♠ 8 4  
♥ K 8 7 4  
♦ K Q 6 2  
♣ 7 5 3

SOUTH  
♠ Q J 6 3  
♥ J 3  
♦ J 10 3  
♣ A Q 10 9

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
2♥	Dble	3♦	4♣
Pass	6♣		

Opening lead — eight of diamonds.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in the semi finals of the 1987 World Women's Team Championship, in a match between two teams from the United States.

When the deal was played at the first table, North wound up in six spades and had no trouble making 12 tricks after East led the king of diamonds. It is worth noting, however, that the contract would have made against any other lead. If East leads a heart, for example, declarer simply wins and eliminates hearts, clubs and the opposing trumps before ducking a diamond to East, who is endplayed.

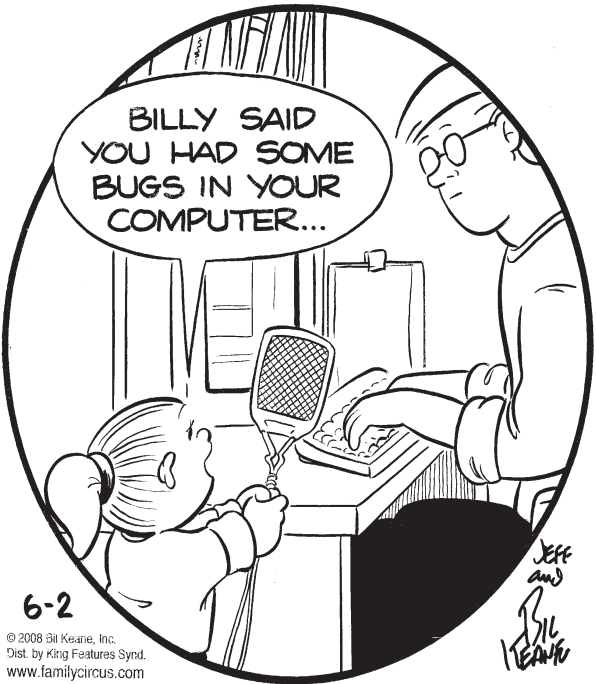
At the second table, the bidding took an unusual turn when West started the proceedings with a very skimpy weak two-heart bid. After North doubled, East bid three diamonds, which by partnership agreement showed heart support and requested a diamond lead. As a result of these shenanigans, South became declarer in six spades, and West's opening diamond lead put the contract in distinct jeopardy.

However, Sharon Osberg, the declarer, found the solution to her predicament by turning the opponents' bidding against them. She put up the ace of diamonds, cashed the ace of spades and ace of hearts, then led a spade to the queen.

At this point, she knew that East had most likely started with four hearts, four or five diamonds and exactly two spades. This in turn meant that West held more clubs than East, making it more likely that West had the club jack.

Following the courage of her convictions, at trick five Osberg led the ten of clubs and, when West followed low, let it ride! It was then a simple matter to cash dummy's king, return to her hand with a spade and discard two diamonds from dummy on the A-Q of clubs. She then conceded a diamond and claimed the slam to salvage a tie on the deal.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"...I'll get any that crawl out."

Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Frost
- 5 Watch chain
- 8 Minus-cule bit
- 12 Others, in Latin
- 13 Man-mouse link
- 14 Popular Asian cuisine
- 15 Engagement emblem
- 16 Texas steer variety
- 18 Like many indoor plants
- 20 Rough
- 21 5th and Lex., for two
- 23 Lennon's lady
- 24 Hung around
- 28 Tweaks the sound-track
- 31 Ostrich's cousin

DOWN

- 32 Wild West show
- 34 "Golly!"
- 35 Big tale
- 37 Stretch out
- 39 Droop
- 41 Anger
- 42 Show off
- 45 Fanatical one
- 49 Tongue
- 51 Took the train
- 52 Leave a lasting impression?
- 53 "Smoking or —?"
- 54 "Once — a time, ..."

11 Seven

- Dwarfs' work-place
- 17 Sticky stuff
- 19 Incessantly
- 22 Passover feast
- 24 Shelter
- 25 Rascally tyke
- 26 Pest
- 27 Dwellers
- 29 Spelling contest
- 30 D.C. VIP
- 33 Look lasciviously
- 36 Snagged
- 38 Make confetti of
- 40 Wilde-beest
- 42 Soared
- 43 Strip of wood
- 44 Army vehicle
- 46 Easy bounding gait
- 47 Smell
- 48 Bivouac structure
- 50 Understood

Solution time: 24 mins.

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

Saturday's answer 6-2

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
12					13				14			
15					16				17			
18					19			20				
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