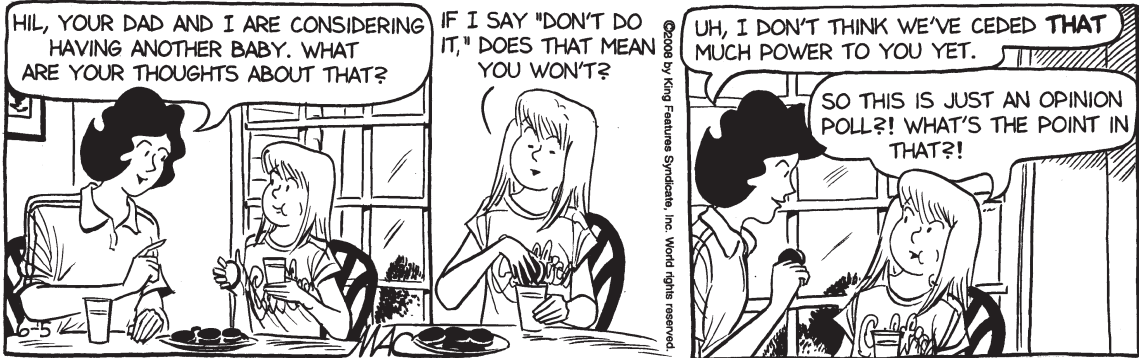
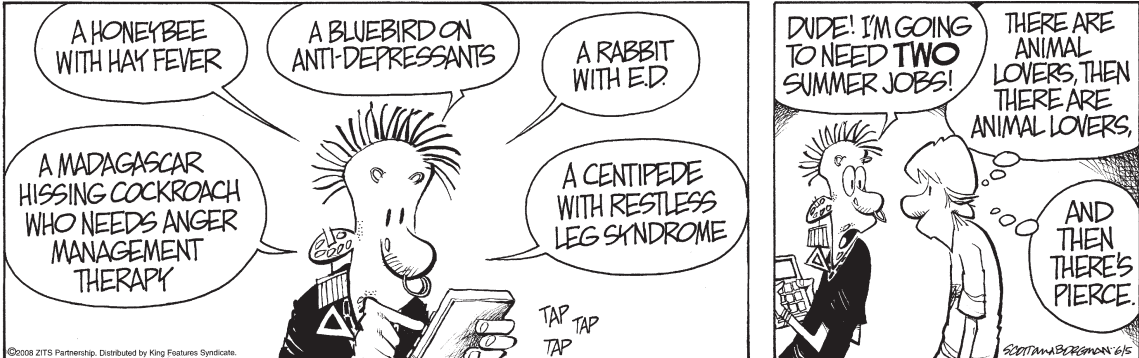


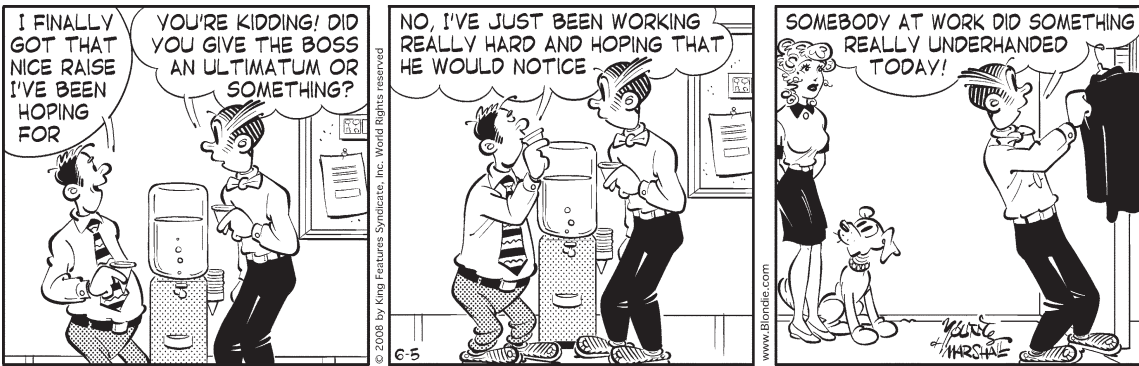
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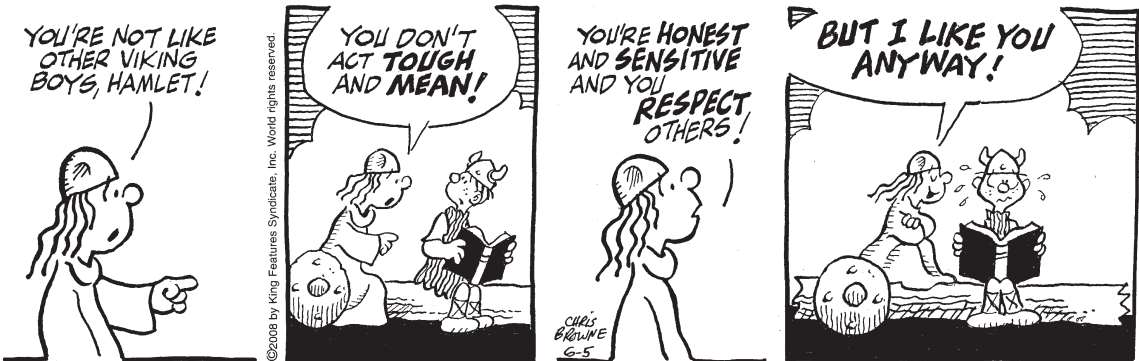
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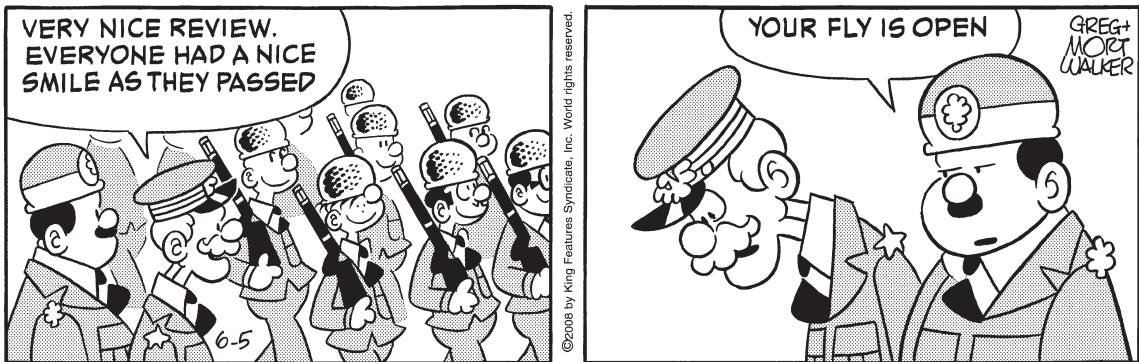
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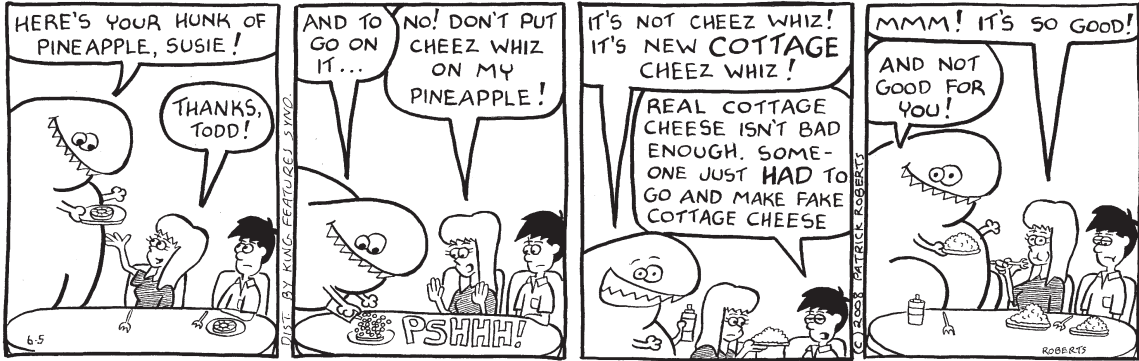
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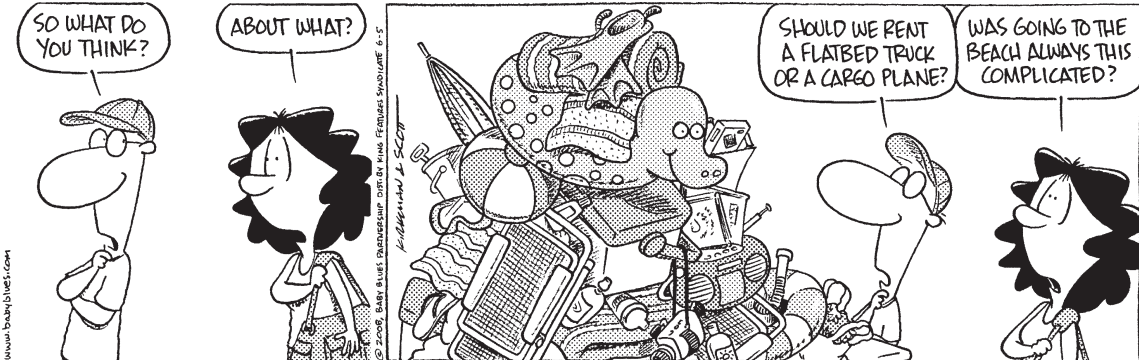
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Cryptoquip

XH X YNGE DKVC KVV NOJE  
ILDJVVH KTU UN K OKEXJCL  
KPC, LNG PNGVU DKL X'I  
K DJKDNTJU YJEHNEIJE.  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE I DON'T  
ESPECIALLY LIKE TO CONSUME PORK, AT MY  
DELI I USUALLY ORDER LAMB ON RYE.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals L

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

6/05

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Bridge

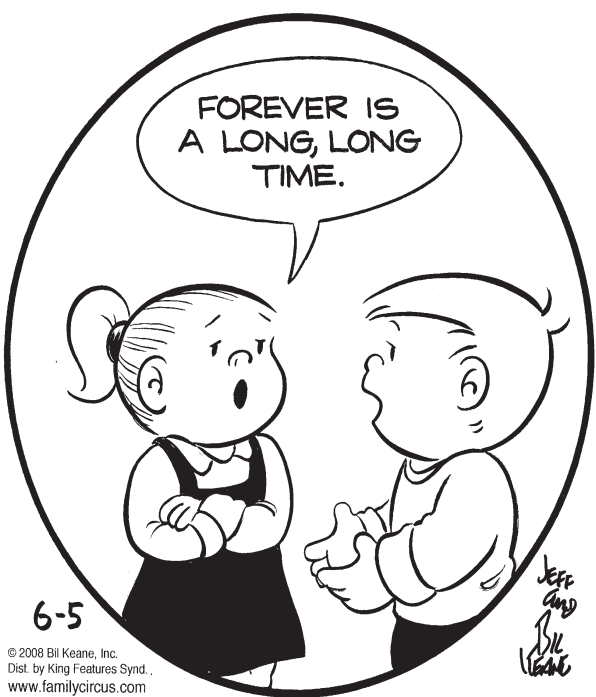
South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.			
NORTH			
♠	Q 10 9 7		
♥	9 2		
♦	Q J 8 3		
♣	Q J 4		
WEST			
♠	6 4		
♥	Q 10 8 7 5 3		
♦	A 10 2		
♣	10 6		
EAST			
♠	K J 3		
♥	J 4		
♦	K 9 6 5		
♣	9 7 3 2		
SOUTH			
♠	A 8 5 2		
♥	A K 6		
♦	7 4		
♣	A K 8 5		

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ Pass  
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
3 NT Pass 4 ♠  
Opening lead — seven of hearts.

Plays That Go Against the Grain

Assume you're East, defending against four spades played by South. Declarer takes your jack of hearts with the ace, continues with the king and ruffs the third heart with dummy's seven. You overruff with the jack and exit with a club, taken by dummy's jack. South then leads the queen of spades from dummy and, when you follow with the three, lets the queen ride. Another spade lead picks up your king, whereupon declarer claims the contract, conceding two diamond tricks. South finishes with exactly 10 tricks, and it seems that there's nothing you could have done about it. Yet, when the hand was played, South went down one! What's more, it's likely that anyone else would almost certainly have suffered the same fate. There was only one significant difference between the way the actual East defended and the method of defense described above. That difference occurred at trick three when, instead of overruffing dummy's seven with the jack, East overruffed with the king! This unusual play had the desired effect on declarer, who naturally assumed that West had the jack of spades. And so, after winning East's club return in dummy at trick four, he led the spade nine to the ace and returned a spade toward dummy's Q-10. When West followed low, South played the ten, losing to East's jack. The A-K of diamonds later set the contract. East's farsighted play was very well-reasoned. Since South was almost sure to have the ace of spades, overruffing with the jack at trick three would leave declarer no choice but to finesse against the king later on. Overruffing with the king, however, presented declarer with an entirely different way to play the trumps, and virtually guaranteed that he would mis-guess how to play the suit.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"But not as long as it was yesterday."

Crossword

ACROSS

1 Nincompoop

5 Wire measure

8 Apportion (out)

12 Speedy steed

13 McKinley's first lady

14 Mosque VIP

15 Stitches

16 Brock of baseball

17 Grooves on

18 Boss

20 Kvetches

22 "Gently"

26 Fair of hair

29 Ancient refuge

30 Onassis, familiarly

31 Not pre-recorded

32 Curious kid's query

33 Unyielding courage

34 "You — There"

35 Paulo preceder

36 Permission-like

37 Merciless treatment

40 Bridle strap

41 Plasma-like fluids

45 Cripple

47 Ring legend

49 Astringent

50 Destroy

51 Crib

52 Wise one

53 Carriage

54 "A mouse!"

55 Recognized

DOWN

1 Salt amount

2 Sandwich treat

3 Sunup

4 Lewd

5 Director Forman

6 Altar affirmative

7 Some let it all hang out

8 Teeny fly

9 Agent

10 Label

11 Type squares

19 Possessed

21 Fine, to NASA

23 Google alternative

24 Rainbow

25 Bygone Yugoslav leader

26 Mediocre

27 Old Italian coin

28 Dominate

32 Aspirer

33 Hazmat protection

35 Schuss

36 Firmament

38 Minion of Satan

39 Hoosegow

42 Blueprint

43 Ginormous

44 Small diving duck

45 Silent

46 Blackbird

48 Phony story

Solution time: 25 mins.

Yesterday's answer 6-5

CAP T A M  
F O U R J A M U P  
P R O N E A P O G E E  
S E P T E M B E R O N G  
I T S M O O S E P D A  
B R I T S S P O T F I L E D  
P R E P P U N Y  
H I S S O R R Y T E N  
D E C E M B E R B R I D E  
F U R I E S O U T G O  
E A R L S D D A Y  
S K I Y E N

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
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15					16				17			
18				19			20	21				
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