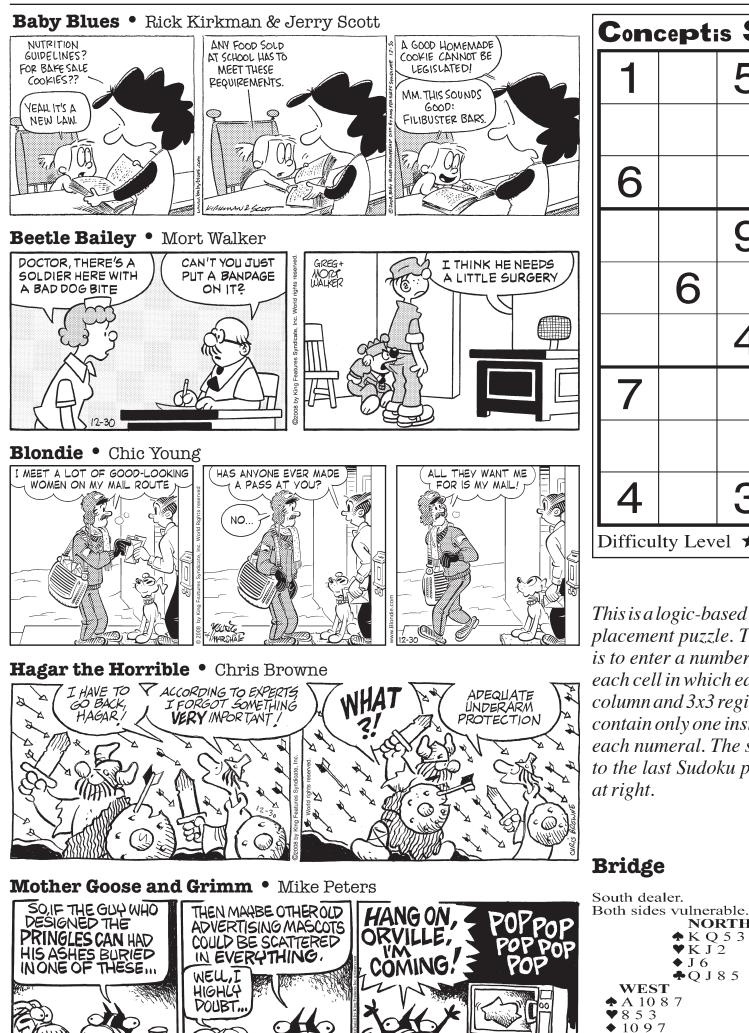
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This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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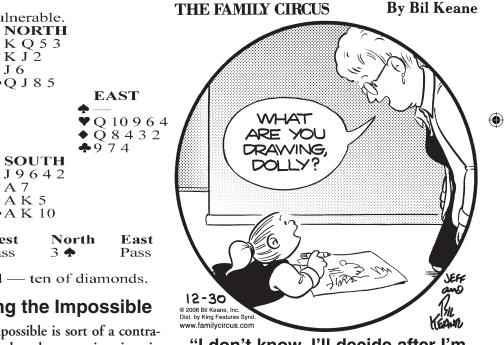
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The bidding:

South

**Family Circus** • Bil Keane





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NO, NO, THAT'S

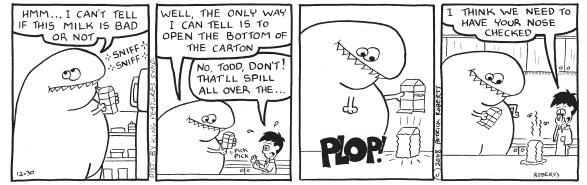
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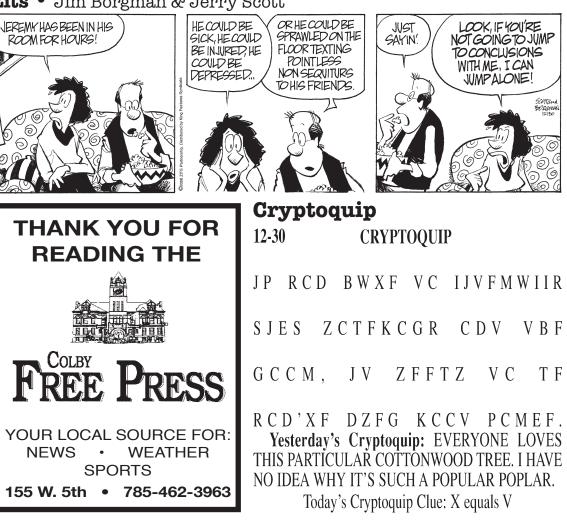
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## **Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



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West

Pass

Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

SOUTH

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## Performing the Impossible

Doing the impossible is sort of a contradiction in terms, but there are situations in bridge where what appears to be impossible can be accomplished nevertheless. Take this deal where South is in six spades.

South would ordinarily have no trouble making the contract, but in this case he has his hands full because West has all four missing trumps. Suspecting nothing out of the ordinary, South wins the diamond lead with the ace and plays a low spade. West follows with the seven, dummy plays the queen, and East shows out.

It now appears that West has two sure trump tricks, and that all he has to do is sit and wait for them. But if declarer pays close attention to his knitting, West winds up with only one trump trick.

South's only hope is to arrange an endplay in the trump suit. This can be accomplished if West has the right distribution in the three side suits.

Accordingly, South cashes the A-K of hearts and trumps the jack; then he cashes the king of diamonds and trumps a diamond. Next he cashes the A-K-Q of clubs to bring about this position:

North [S] K 5 [C] J West [S] A 108 East Immaterial South

[S] J96

The lead is in dummy, and the jack of clubs is played. When South ruffs with the jack, West has no recourse. If he overruffs with the ace, he is on lead, and whether he returns the eight or the ten, declarer takes the last two tricks.

West is likewise done for if he underruffs the jack. South simply next plays a spade toward dummy, and West scores only the ace. It just goes to show that, no matter how tough the going sometimes is, you still have a chance if you don't give up.

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"I don't know. I'll decide after I'm finished.'

## Crossword

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