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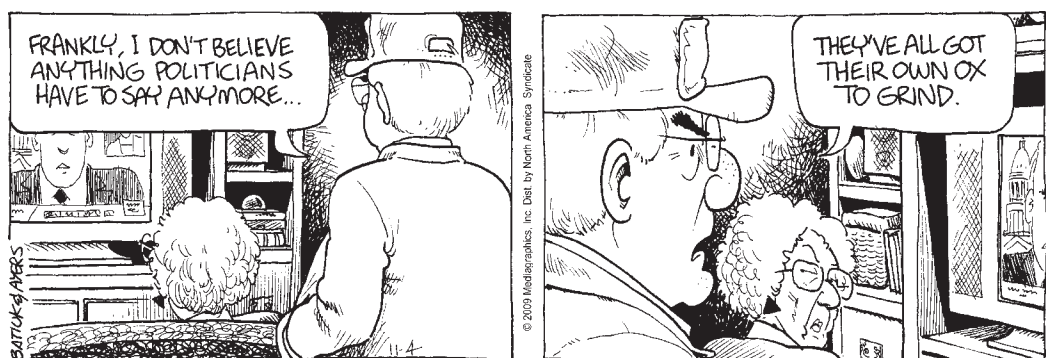
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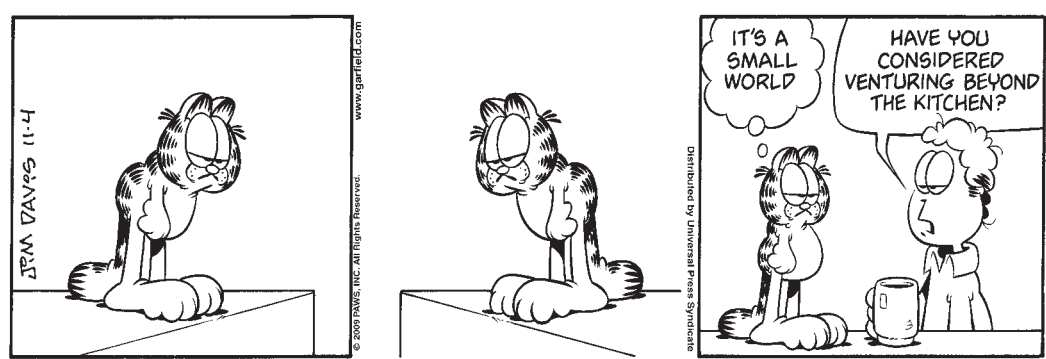
BABY BLUES



CRANKSHAFT



GARFIELD



SALLY FORTH



ZITS



SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

9	5	7						
3			4			1		
1		4		9		5	8	
	3			8				
		1	9		6	2		
				5			6	
		5	7		3		9	
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Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/04

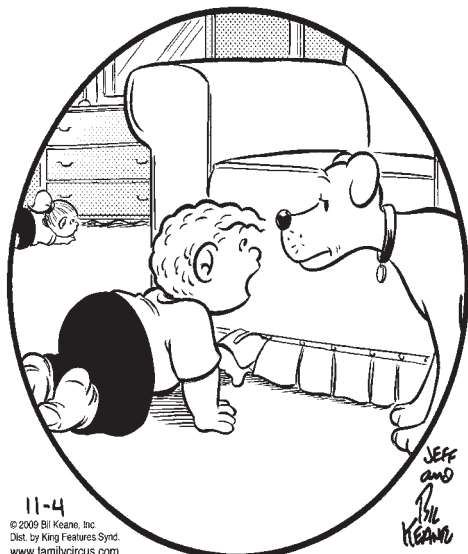
Answers for yesterday

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

Difficulty Level ★★ 11/03

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CRYPTOQUOTES

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

11-4 CRYPTOQUOTE

PSIU JV PZ NMCZ TVK MT EVU
UV AIGZ NMTZ NZQQ
JMTTMRBNU TVK ZIRS

VUSZK? — HZVKHZ ZNMVU
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: TO ME EVERY HOUR OF THE LIGHT AND DARK IS A MIRACLE, EVERY CUBIC INCH OF SPACE IS A MIRACLE. — WALT WHITMAN

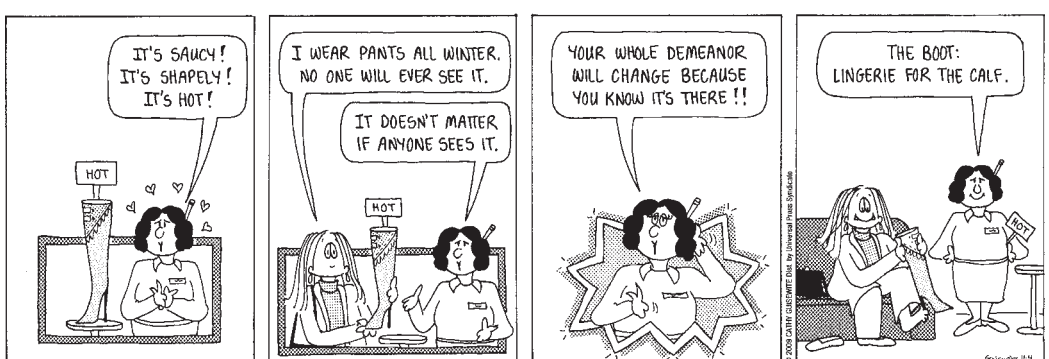
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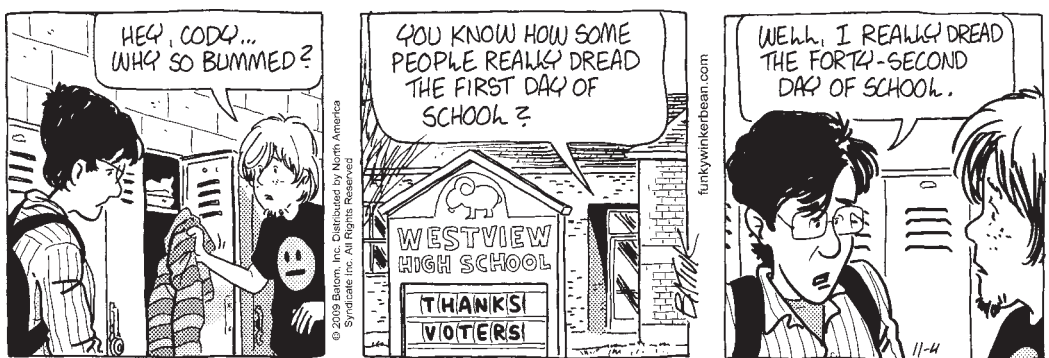
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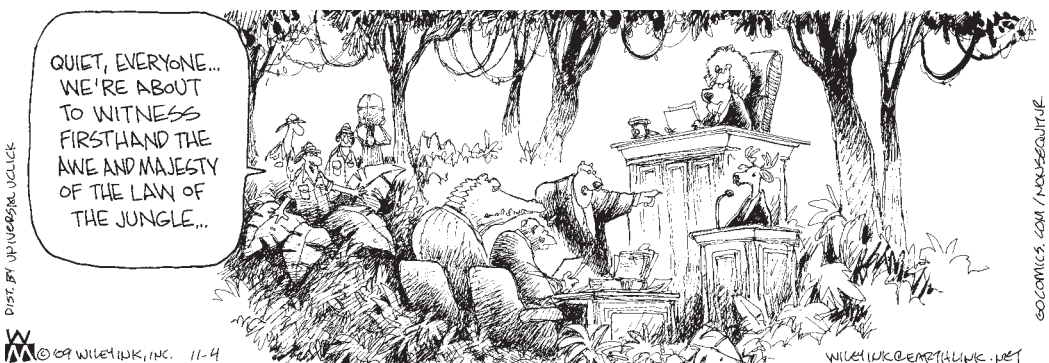
CATHY



FUNKY WINKERBEAN



NON SEQUITUR



BRIDGE

Sylvia Stages a Neat Recovery

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♥ A J 9
♦ A Q 7 6 4 2
♣ 2
♠ A K 5

WEST
♥ Q 10 8 7
♦ K 10 8
♣ 9 8 4 3
♠ 9 7

EAST
♥ 5 4 3 2
♦ J 9
♣ J 7 6 5
♠ Q J 10

SOUTH
♥ K 6
♦ 5 3
♣ A K Q 10
♠ 8 6 4 3 2

The bidding:
East Pass South Pass West Pass North 7♣

Opening lead — nine of clubs.
Despite anything you may have heard to the contrary, this was the hand that launched Sylvia upon her amazing series of misadventures at the club.

The deal occurred shortly after she became a member. There is no question that the Admissions Committee would have rejected Sylvia's application for membership had it been aware of how poorly she played, or how little experience she had.

I was not present when the hand arose, but the bidding was reported

to me to have taken place as shown.

Sylvia was South and bid two spades (a strong opening in those days) after East had passed. Obviously, she had suffered a mental aberration of some sort. Perhaps she was counting aloud how many spades she had, or was thinking about the previous hand. Whatever the reason, West passed, and North promptly bid seven spades.

Sylvia was agghast at this turn of events, but, as usual, she showed no outward sign that anything was wrong. She won the club lead in dummy, led a diamond and, having learned several days earlier how to finesse, played the ten.

After the ten held, she cashed the A-K-Q, discarding a club and two hearts from dummy. Sylvia then finessed the queen of hearts, cashed the ace of clubs and ace of hearts and ruffed a heart with the six of spades.

Nine tricks had been played, and West was down to the Q-10-8-7 of trumps. When Sylvia now led a club, West ruffed with the seven but was overruffed by dummy's nine. And when Sylvia trumped dummy's last heart with her king, West had to undertruff with the eight. A club lead then trapped West's Q-10, allowing dummy's A-J to score the last two tricks, and the grand slam came rolling home!

Tomorrow: A stitch in time saves West.

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TODAY

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Today is Wednesday, November 4, the 308th day of 2009. There are 57 days left in the year.

Highlights in History on this Date:

1547 - England's Parliament repeals the Henrican Act as the first stage in Protestant Reformation.

1922 - British archaeologist Howard Carter discovers the entrance to King Tutankhamen's tomb in Egypt.

1939 - The United States modifies its neutrality stance in World War II, allowing "cash and carry" purchases of arms by belligerents, a policy favoring Britain and France.

1944 - Allies announce that Greece has been liberated from German Nazis in World War II.

1952 - Dwight D. Eisenhower is elected U.S. president, defeating Democrat Adlai Stevenson.

1979 - Militants seize U.S. Embassy in Tehran and take the diplomats hostage for 444 days, demanding the ousted Shah of Iran as ransom.

1995 - Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is assassinated as he leaves a pro-peace rally in Tel Aviv.

1997 - The United States announces it has bought 21 MiG-29 jet fighters from former Soviet republics to prevent the advanced planes from ending up in Iran.

2000 - The warring parties in Afghanistan sign a United Nations-sponsored effort to bring peace to the country.