### Sally Forth • Greg Howard



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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.

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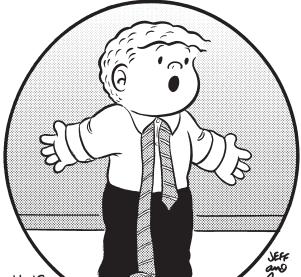
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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



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MILLION DOLLARS, WE'RE

GOING TO BE RICH!

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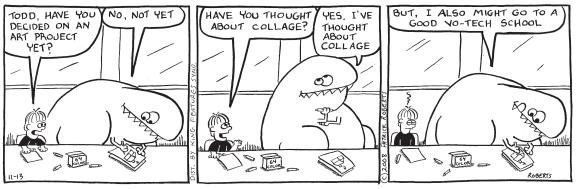
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ARE THEY?

I JUST BOUGHT

THESE FISH FROM THE

PET STORE



### Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



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Every once in a while, an opponent hands you a beautifully wrapped gift, all covered with tinsel and bows. Unless it's Christmas, though, the present should be treated in about the same way a bomb squad would handle a loaf of bread that ticked.

Take this case where South was more or less driven into six diamonds after his opponents refused to let him have the hand for five. West led the ace of spades, fetching South's queen. Without batting an eyelash, West, a wily old-timer who had been around the block more than a few times, then continued with a second spade to dummy's king.

The fate of the hand now hinged on avoiding the loss of a trump trick, and with four trumps missing, a finesse was clearly the percentage play. But South, likewise a veteran of more than a few years' service at the table, did not accept West's gift ticket to the dummy with blind gratitude.

Instead, he asked himself why West, who knew South could not have more than one spade, would have given him access to an otherwise entryless dummy. The answer was not long in coming. If West wanted him in dummy, there had to be a good reason. And the only rational explanation had to be that he wanted South to take a trump finesse.

Declarer therefore led a trump to the ace at trick three, and West's king came tumbling down to give him the slam.

Of course, had West shifted to a heart or a club at trick two, South would have won in his hand and would have had no alternative but to play the ace of diamonds. West did the best he could to give him a chance to go wrong, but South, after carefully examining the wrapping, returned the gift unopened.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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"Daddy, will you tie this tie so it fits me?"

## Crossword

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