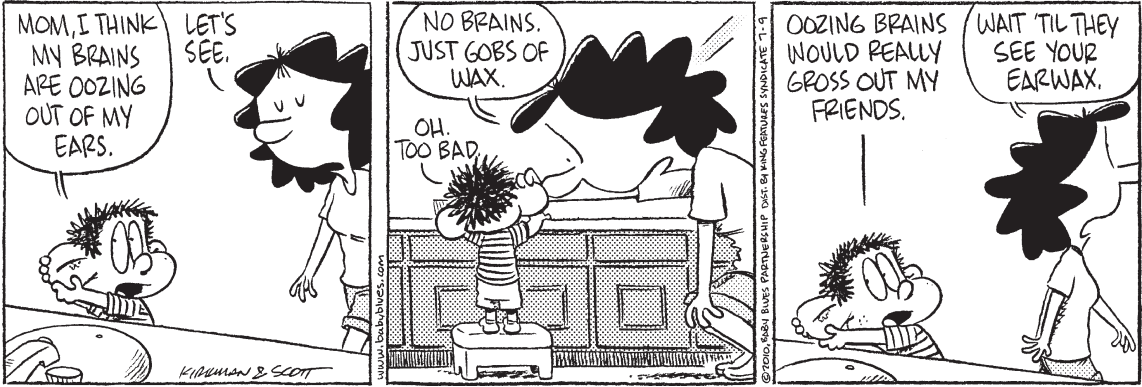
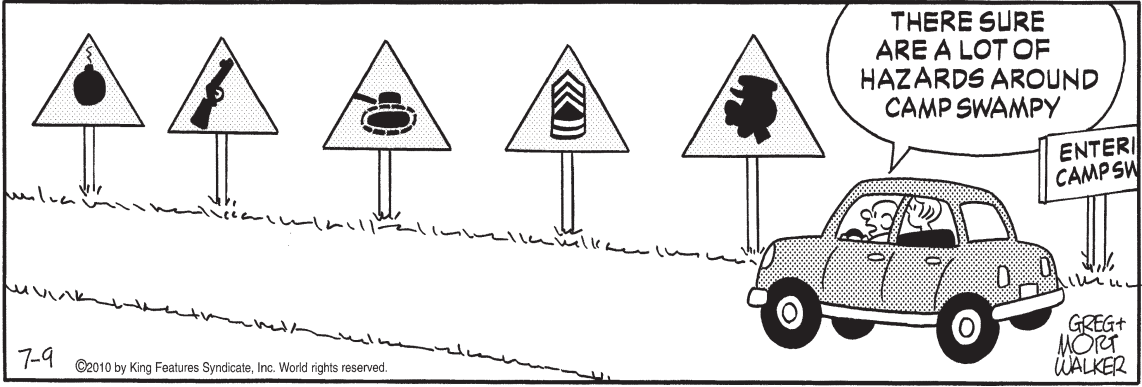


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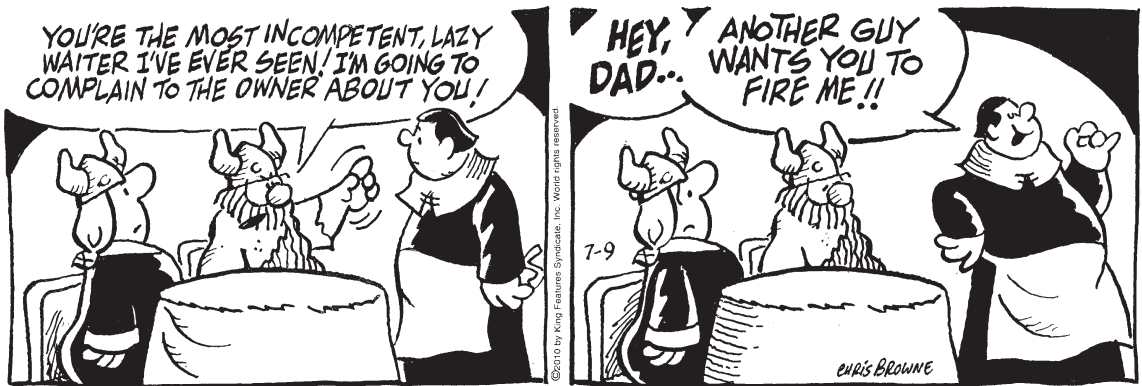
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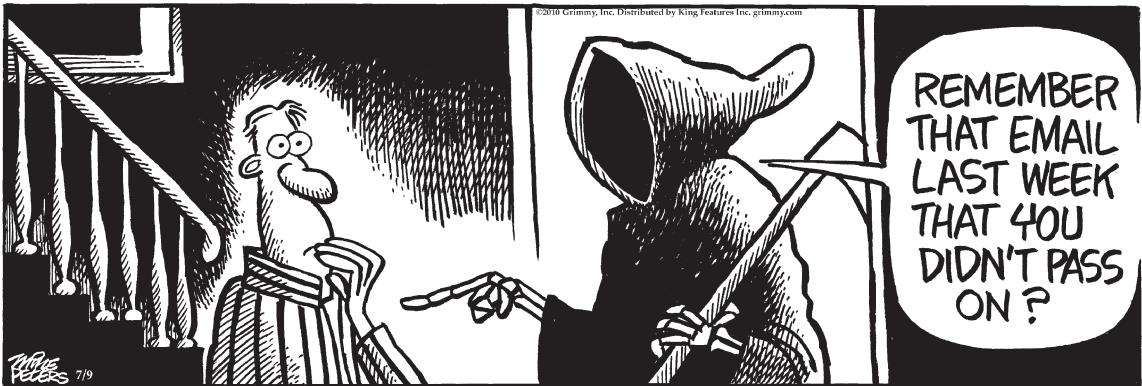
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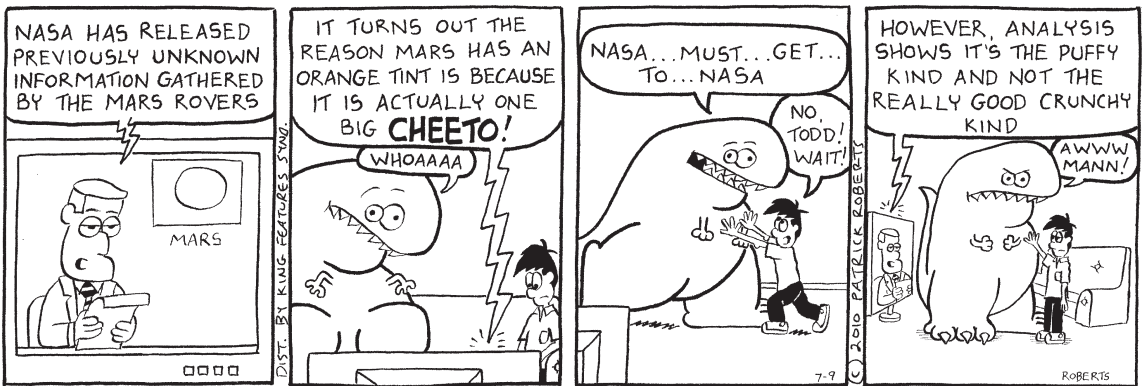
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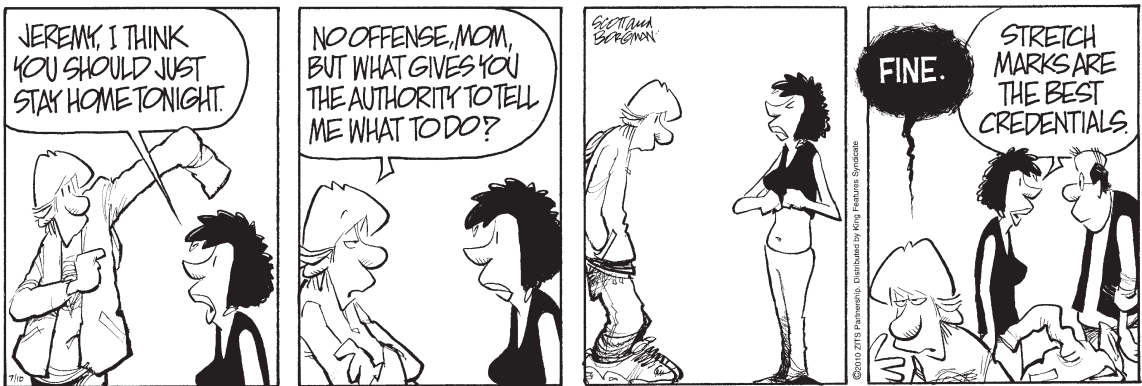
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Colored labels help find bags

Dear Heloise: Several years ago, my wife was teaching at a school where she had several high-school students attend a national convention. There would be a lot of inexperienced travelers at the BAGGAGE CAROUSEL, and a lot of confusion. Some of the students had not experienced travel by air.

I suggested the group stick brightly colored fly-folder labels on all sides of each piece of their baggage – all using the same color(s) of labels. The labels are available in several colors, and are inexpensive at the office-supply store. Some labels are removable, and one package will label several pieces of baggage. If there is concern about someone else using the same color, use two or more colors in a pattern on the luggage.

Count bags as they are checked and retrieved, and do not expect anyone else to save your bag for you. One or two members of the group can take the baggage from the carousel. Just remember to count all pieces with the same color. – Al from New Mexico

Al, fantastic travel hints, even for us seasoned travelers or folks going on vacation only once a year. Those black rolling bags sure can look alike, and there are a lot of them! – Heloise

P.S.: Any other travel hints to share? Send them in, and we will print as many as possible.

LEFTOVER PAINT STORAGE

Dear Heloise: My husband and I regularly repaint the rooms in our house, and there always is some paint left over. Rather than store the whole can, taking up so much space, we pour the remaining paint into clear glass jars (from pickles, applesauce, etc.). Not only is it space-saving, but you can immediately see the color you want for touch-ups. I also label each jar, e.g., “living room, satin finish.” – Jean Milici, Torrington, Conn.

BEACH TOWEL

Dear Heloise: I sew a washcloth on the corner of a beach towel to make a “pocket” to hold keys, etc. Great for kids going to the pool. – Dorothy in Wisconsin

Yes, a very helpful hint! You can attach some self-gripping tape or a big safety pin to close the pocket so nothing goes AWOL! – Heloise

BATHROOM ORGANIZATION

Dear Heloise: In my bathroom, there were blow-dryers, curling irons, brushes, combs, bath loofahs, etc., and most were just stuffed under the sink or just lying around in the way.

I bought one of those clear plastic shoe holders that can be hung on the door. The one I bought holds all those above-mentioned items. It's great not to have twisted cords, and things are easy to get to. Try it, it's great. – Doris in California

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Bridge • Steve Becker

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

North	East	South	West
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	?	

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?
1. ♠ A94 ♥ Q6 ♦ 52 ♣ KJ10843
2. ♠ K42 ♥ A93 ♦ 10 ♣ AKQ1075
3. ♠ AJ94 ♥ 8 ♦ A7 ♣ KQ9532
4. ♠ KJ ♥ J752 ♦ 63 ♣ AKJ64

Bidding Quiz

1. Four hearts. You should have no qualms about raising with only two trumps in this sequence. Partner's jump-rebid in hearts is virtually certain to be based on a strong six-card or longer suit. Raising to four does not imply extra values beyond those already shown by the two-club bid, since partner's three-heart bid compels you to bid again.

The objection to bidding four clubs is that partner might raise to five, and there is no reason to think that an 11-trick contract in clubs would be easier to make than a 10-trick heart contract.

2. Four notrump. The three-heart bid should strongly rouse your interest in reaching a grand slam. If partner has solid hearts and two aces – not much to ask for – 13 tricks are all but assured.

Point count won't help resolve that problem, but the number of aces partner holds almost surely will. If he shows two aces in response to Blackwood and then also shows at least one king, a grand slam becomes mandatory. If he indicates only one ace instead, you should bid six hearts anyway.

3. Three spades. Prospects for a small slam are exceptionally bright if partner can support either clubs or spades. If he bids four clubs, or raises three spades to four, promising four-card support, you should next try Blackwood. Provided you are not missing two aces, you will then carry on to six of your suit.

If partner retreats to four hearts or three notrump, you should throw in the sponge. His inability to raise either of your suits, or to try for a slam in his own suit despite your constructive bidding, should persuade you to give up.

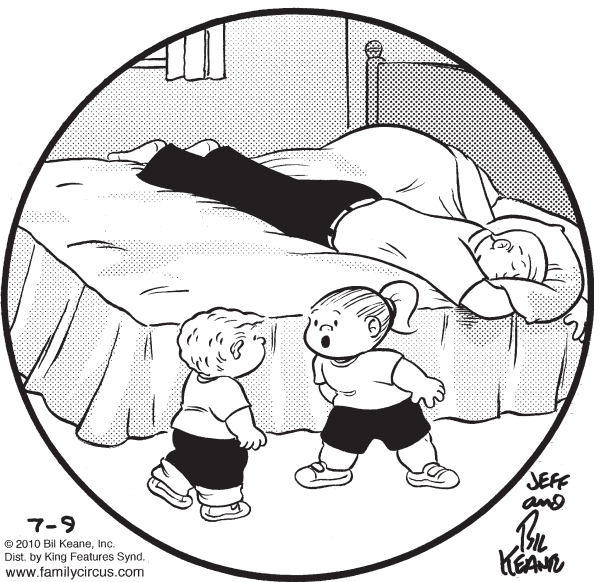
4. Five hearts. A four-heart bid would not reflect the exceptionally good support you have for a heart contract. For a typical example of a four-heart bid, see the first problem.

True, you have only 13 points in high cards, but the distribution and good suit controls make the hand very attractive for slam purposes. It is unlikely that partner would lose two tricks if he voluntarily bid six.

A Blackwood inquiry for aces is not apt to resolve the problem of deciding how high to go. Allowing partner to use his judgment, rather than you using yours, will probably lead to the best contract.

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“We gotta wake Daddy. I found a spider that needs to be taken care of.”

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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.

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

Cryptoquip

O Z E E - J Y M O Y Y H P R S Z

HWZDRKHY OMWHY OCM EMSZF

PM NHDPRKRNHPZ RY LMCZWRHY

F H Y K Z I : N M E J H - C M Y P H I .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CLASSIC FILM ABOUT THE DOMINATING MALE MEMBER OF A GROUP OF LIONS: “FATHER OF THE PRIDE.”

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals W

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	38 China-town gang	57 Bygone times, in bygone times	17 On the rocks
1 Scenery	39 Shade	41 Miss America ID	21 Threw
4 Encountered	7 Stephen King territory	45 Bridge positions	23 Stratagems
12 Greek vowel	13 Flightless bird	47 Dance syllable	24 “— Town”
14 Small studio's output	15 Curved line	48 Willy Wonka's creator	25 Insecticide letters
16 Duke Ellington classic	18 By way of	52 Pitch	26 Vast expanse
19 Snag	20 Deviates off course	53 Ballade ender	28 Wapiti
22 Whopper	23 Space-craft compartments	54 “Holy cow!”	30 — Claire, Wisc.
27 “— Miserables”	29 Fool	55 Bobby of hockey lore	31 Lawyer (Abbr.)
31 Really bad	34 Heart line?	56 Accomplish, biblically	32 Personal question
35 Reasons	37 Purchase		33 Half a sawbuck
			36 Roe provider
			37 Hallowed spot
			40 Grammarian's subject
			42 Thespian
			43 Don't hog
			44 Plague
			45 Tend texts
			46 Coaster
			48 Roulette bet
			49 Yoko of music
			50 Rd.
			51 Part of UCLA

Solution time: 25 mins.

ADS	LOWS	BOSS
SOT	ALIT	UNIT
STRAD	DLE	GURU
AID	DEBA	SED
HATRED	ROB	
AGE	RIB	POSSE
RAGE	GEE	OTTO
DRYAD	DNA	RAIN
RIP	SPLAYS	
PAJAMAS	PEN	
OPEC	STRAIGHT	
SETH	HAUL	EAU
ERSE	ABEL	RPM

Yesterday's answer 7-9

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12			13			14				
15			16			17				
18			19							
20		21		22			23	24	25	26
			27	28		29	30			
31	32	33				34				
35			36		37					
38			39	40		41	42	43	44	
			45			46	47			
48	49	50	51				52			
53				54			55			
56				57			58			