

Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

INSTEAD OF TRYING TO KILL EACH OTHER, WHY DON'T WE TURN THIS INTO A SPELLING CONTEST?

...AND THE ONE WITH THE CLEANEST TEETH WILL WIN THIS BRAND-NEW TOOTHBRUSH!

WHY DO PARENTS WANT TO MAKE EVERY GAME BORING AND EVERY-THING THAT'S BORING INTO A GAME?

Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker

ARF! ARF!!
ARF!
ARF! ARF!!

I DON'T WANT YOU ON THE ROOF. GO CHASE AN OFFICER ON THE GROUND

Blondie • Chic Young

ACCORDING TO THIS ARTICLE, THE AVERAGE WIFE HAS THREE SECRETS HER HUSBAND KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT

THAT'S PROBABLY TRUE

WHAT?! YOU ACTUALLY HAVE THREE SECRETS I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT?

CALM DOWN, HONEY...I'M ONLY TEASING YOU

I'LL BET IT'S MORE LIKE 4 OR 5, ISN'T IT?

ACTUALLY, IT'S CLOSER TO 10 OR 12

Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne

HERE'S YOUR PIZZA WITH ALL THE WORKS, SIR

ARE YOU SURE YOU PUT ON ALL THE EXTRAS I ASKED FOR?

YES

Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters

YOU REALLY NEED TO LEARN TO OPEN UP MORE EASILY.

Sally Forth • Greg Howard

DAD, IF I'M GOING TO PLAY SOFTBALL AGAIN I NEED TO KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO ACT LIKE AN ADULT...

AND THAT YOU'RE GOING TO FOCUS ON THE GAME AND THE PLAYERS, NOT JUST ON YOUR EGO.

I PROMISE. AND THAT WHEN YOU TAKE THE TEAM OUT FOR PIZZA YOU WON'T SCREAM WHEN SOMEONE ASKS FOR TWO TOPPINGS.

WELCOME TO A NEW SOFTBALL SEASON, EVERYONE! WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A BLAST THIS YEAR!

THAT'S IT? NO THREATS? NO TEARS?

I THINK MY LITTLE DAD MAY JUST BE GROWING UP AFTER ALL.

Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts

STEVIE, IF YA WANNA JOIN OUR CLUB YOU'LL HAVE TO PASS OUR INITIATION

WHAT DO I GOTTA DO?

YOU HAVE TO SWALLOW A GOLD-FISH. IT'S REALLY EASY TO DO, THOUGH

HERE YA GO

OH SURE! IT'S EASY TO SWALLOW A KOI GOLDFISH IF YOU'RE A T-REX!

DON'T WORRY, WE'LL SPRAY YOUR THROAT WITH PAM FIRST!

ALAN, DID YOU HAVE TO DO THIS?

NO, I STARTED THIS CLUB AND I MADE TODD BREAK A WEEK AND A HALF OF TRADITION, DO YA?

C'MON, OPEN UP. YA DON'T WANNA BREAK A WEEK AND A HALF OF TRADITION, DO YA?

Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott

ZIP!

OR, YOU COULD JUST CLEAN UP YOUR FLOOR.



Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Plan ahead before calling

Dear Heloise: Please help sales representatives. I am a sales representative for a major hotel and speak on the phone daily with GUESTS WANTING TO MAKE RESERVATIONS. They do not realize that I have a “quota” of calls to make every hour.

Before picking up the phone to make a reservation, please know the following information:

- The name of the hotel, including city and state.
- The dates when you will be arriving and departing.
- The number of people in your room.
- If you are attending a meeting or a convention, please know the name, and ask for any corporate rate or other discount.
- Please don't call when your children are in the room yelling or you are holding an infant.
- Please do not eat food while you are trying to make a reservation.
- Above all – PLEASE have your credit card ready. Don't put me on hold to go out in the garage or search through your house looking for your card.

We are here to help our guests, and we don't like to rush through the reservations, but if you aren't prepared, it makes our job a lot more difficult and stressful. Thank you for your help. – A Reader, via e-mail

Good hints, and helpful to both parties! Readers, please be prepared, and it will make the experience better. – Heloise

P.S.: When you get a representative who does a good job or goes that extra mile, ask to speak to a supervisor to give a compliment. I always try to do this, and it's amazing how few people do.

STORING RECEIPTS

Dear Heloise: I always put my original receipt (for appliances – Heloise) in the accompanying owners manual on the opening page. I staple it, then put it in my home-appliances file, where I can find it for the serial number, new parts, where to send it for repair, etc. – Judy A. in Indianapolis

Judy, this is a good hint. Here's a Heloise Update: Many receipts are printed on heat-sensitive paper, and the printing may fade over time, so make a copy, just to be safe. – Heloise

CLEAN SHOWER

Dear Heloise: My shower head is fixed (no hand-held extension). It has been a huge frustration to deliver rinsing water to the tiles and glass that I have scrubbed. The solution: an outdoor garden/yard pump sprayer purchased at a home-and-garden retail outlet for around \$12. Simply fill the receptacle with water, pump the handle to create spray pressure and spray away. – Patti in Ingram, Texas

HAIRBRUSH CLEANING

Dear Heloise: The very best way to clean any brush is to use an old toothbrush. A few swipes with the toothbrush, and all the hair is out – and it's easy to pull it off the toothbrush. – D.M.A. in North Carolina

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“Is this a REAL snow or just an April Fool's snow?”

JEFF AND BILL KEANE

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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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.

Cryptoquip

NGMN MIWYP RME YCYMPPT

CKQMSC UPP ZW MPP EQI

TZAS CKZANC NQMRC. GQ

MPIMTC SEZHSC NGQ SEUHSC.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT POTENTIAL SHAPE MIGHT IT LOOK LIKE AFTER A FEW CARS RAM INTO EACH OTHER? A WRECK-TANGLE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals L

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Male cat

4 Potter's oven

8 Zeus' wife

12 "— Little Teapot"

13 Sandwich cookie

14 Exam format

15 Museum head?

17 Scruff

18 Communist council

19 Environmentally friendly

21 Daisy —

22 Doorway

26 Most likely dice throw

29 Jewelry store chain that "every kiss begins with"

30 A Gershwin

31 Tramcar loads

32 U.K. reference bk.

DOWN

33 Acute

34 Census stat

35 Aviate

36 Hospital employee

37 Not svelte

39 Foundation

40 Drone

41 Dermatologist's case

45 Session with a shrink

48 Part of Iberia

50 Approximately

51 Concept

52 Nay

53 Sketch

54 Month after Shevat

55 Fawn's mama

16 London newspaper

20 Coquettish

23 Layer

24 Greek war god

25 Highway division

26 Daytime drama

27 Therefore

28 Swerve

29 Crucial

32 Puget Sound capital

33 Spreading plant

35 Winter bug

36 Sweet drink

38 Pitch

39 Kentucky college town

42 "Zounds!"

43 Sandwich spread

44 Out of the storm

45 Scuttle

46 Stick figure?

47 Can. neighbor

49 Peculiar

Solution time: 25 mins.

A	C	N	E		D	O	I	T		A	B	C
P	L	A	T		O	B	O	E		Q	U	A
E	U	P	H	O	N	I	U	M		U	R	N
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F	L	U		S	E	E	D		E	C	R	U
T	A	M		T	A	G	S		S	E	T	S

Yesterday's answer 4-1

1	2	3		4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11
12				13					14			
15				16					17			
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