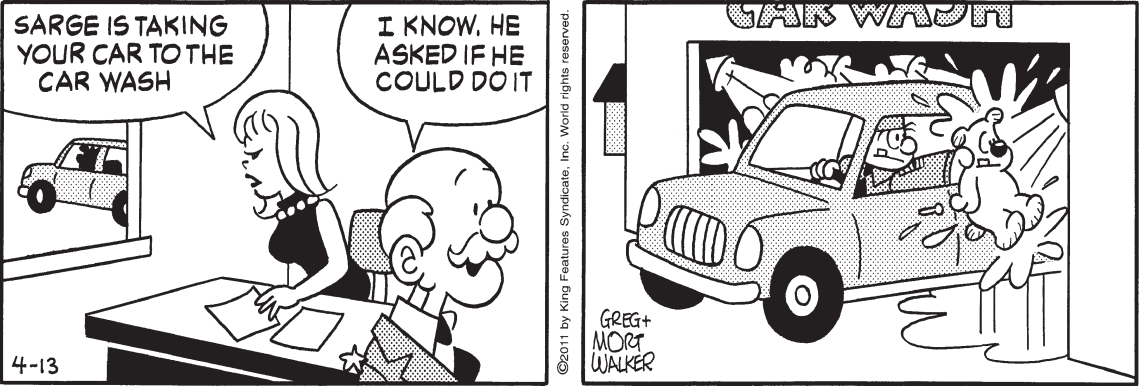


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Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



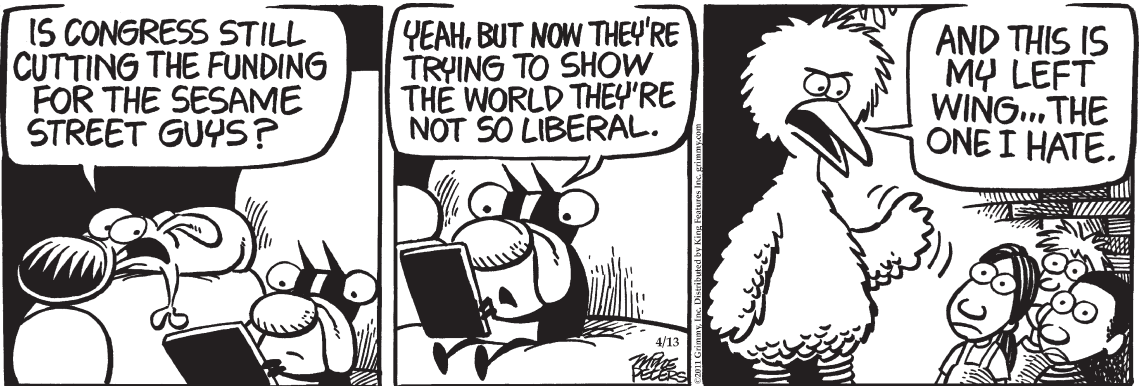
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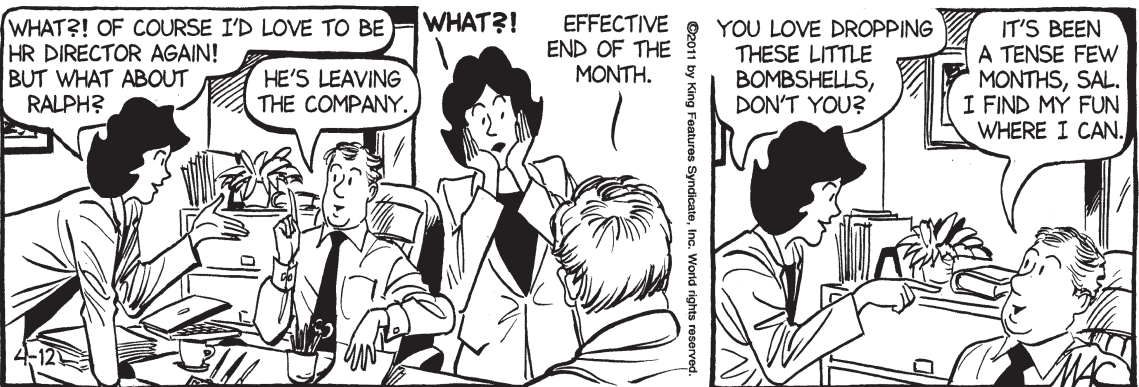
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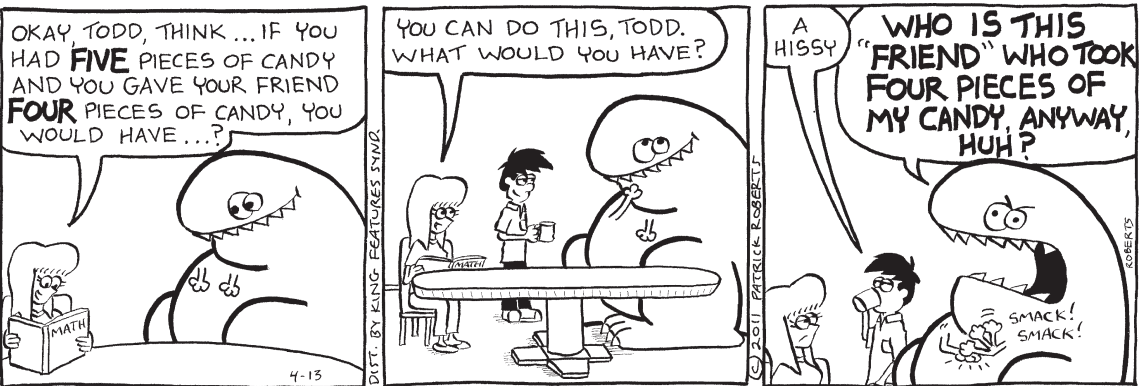
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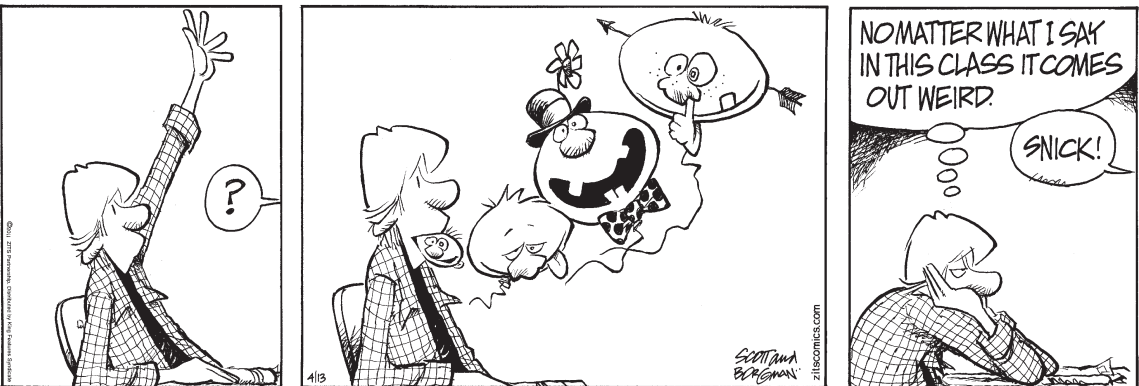
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Read dates right for freshest food

Dear Readers: What do DATES ON FOOD really mean? Per the United States Department of Agriculture: “There is no uniform or universally accepted system used for food dating in the United States. Although dating of some foods is required by more than 20 states, there are areas of the country where much of the food supply has some type of open date and other areas where almost no food is dated.”

- Here’s a quick list of food-date definitions:
1. The “sell by” date is the last date the product should be sold, and it should be removed from store shelves after that date.
 2. The “use by” date lets the consumer know the last date to use the product while at its peak quality. This date is helpful if you taste the item and find it stale before that date stamped. You usually can call the manufacturer and get your money refunded.
 3. The “best if used by” date is the date by which the item should be consumed in order to ensure the best flavors or quality.

All dates are important on the products we use. Hope this helps make sense of them. – Heloise

SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

Heloise
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BLUEBERRIES AND BANANAS

Dear Heloise: When I purchase too many bananas but don’t want to toss them after they ripen too far, I peel them, cut in half, wrap in plastic, then put into freezer bags. When I serve blueberries (frozen), I open a banana, cut it into disks or quarter the disks and add them to the blueberries. No more wasted bananas. Sometimes we drop the fruit into milk or juice (keeps it cold). We all love it! – S.G. in Omaha, Neb.

DEVILED EGGS

Dear Heloise: I often make only a few deviled eggs, and have found that a quick, easy way to mash the yolks is by putting each half of the yolk through my garlic press. Results are uniform and lump-free. – Josephine W. in Chesapeake City, Md.

“Egg”-cellent hint, and when we tested it, the yolk was pretty pulverized. It may need to be mashed a little more if you want a really smooth consistency. – Heloise

PEELING POTATOES

Dear Heloise: Here is a hint for an easy and quick way to peel potatoes: Line the sink or counter first (to make cleanup easy) to catch the peelings. Next, slice the potatoes into 1/4-inch or so rounds. Use a small knife and, keeping the sharp edge away from you, remove the skins. The potato skins come off easily in almost no time! I prefer this method to using a potato peeler. – Barbara in California

Barbara, your hint, which was Heloise Central-tested, does seem to make it easier to peel, especially if you have difficulty holding a large potato. We, however, held the paring knife inward, and it went much faster. – Heloise

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Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K J 9 8 7 4
♥ 6 4
♦ Q 3 2
♣ 7 3

WEST
♠ Q 2
♥ Q 8 3 2
♦ J 10 8 7
♣ A Q 10

EAST
♠ 3
♥ A K J 10 9 7 5
♦ 4
♣ J 8 6 5

SOUTH
♠ A 10 6 5
♥ —
♦ A K 9 6 5
♣ K 9 4 2

The bidding:
East South West North
4♥ 4NT Dble Pass
Pass Redble All Pass!
Opening lead — two of hearts.

A Gigantic Catastrophe

Today’s hand deals with a matter that should be discussed by any regular partnership, namely, how to proceed after an opponent opens the bidding with four of a major and you have the values to compete but don’t know which suit to bid. Some partnerships play that a double in this situation is for penalties, while others treat the double as takeout. Some even play that a double of four hearts is for takeout (leaving space for partner to bid four spades), while a double of four spades is for penalties.

When the double would be for penalties, four notrump is used as a takeout, asking partner to bid his best suit. Naturally, the four-notrump bidder should have substantial high-card values for this bid, since he is forcing his partner to respond on the five-level.

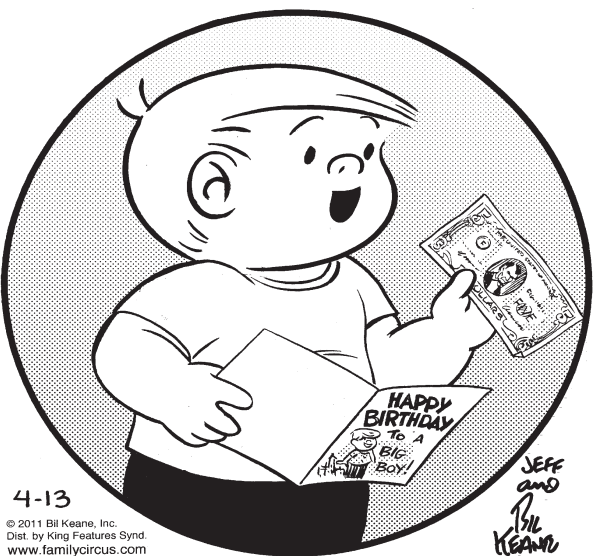
Once upon a time, many years ago, the legendary Harry Fishbein was playing in a high-stakes rubber-bridge game opposite a similarly illustrious partner and held the South hand. His four-notrump bid was well below par; he should have had at least three or four more high-card points.

His famous partner had never heard of four notrump being used as a takeout bid in this situation, and so failed to bid five spades over West’s double of four notrump. Fishbein’s redouble was intended to emphasize that he still wanted his partner to choose a suit. But again North failed to bid five spades (which was ice-cold). So Fishbein played the hand at four notrump redoubled, and lost seven hearts and three clubs to go down seven – 4,000 points!

The next day, North was overheard telling a friend about the gigantic catastrophe. “Imagine that Fishbein,” he said. “I didn’t even open my mouth, and he goes down 4,000!”

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



“Mommy, I can go to the store right now! Grandma didn’t send me a check, she sent me REAL money!”

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★ 4/13

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

X Q T Z O F T H R B D F O A T H N

R F R F D T P N B N Q T X Q B A T

X B H A P , R Y D T F F N Q O N

X B D A P G T Y A B G O A X O H Z R Z Y .

Yesterday’s Cryptoquip: IF SOMEONE WANTS TO MAKE A BASKETBALL HIT NOTHING BUT NET, I SUPPOSE THAT’S SWISHFUL THINKING.

Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: F equals S

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Nevertheless, for short
4 Head with “on” light?
8 Bigfoot’s cousin
12 That girl
13 Unpaid
14 Verve
15 Curved line
16 Variety of paper
18 Destruction
20 Edge
21 Moist
24 Jaunty chapeau
28 Democratic Republic of the Congo capital
32 Pay heed to
33 Rhyming tribute
34 Commune of Tuscany
36 “— Town”
37 Get wind of
39 Lollipop Guild member

DOWN

41 Absorb eagerly
43 Be too fond of,
44 — -relief
46 Insurrectionist
50 Picture tube
55 Seine liquid
56 Divisible by two
57 — and crafts
58 Donkey
59 Obtains parts
61 To the — degree
62 Frau’s man
63 Killer whale
64 Water pipes
65 Plant bristle
6 Mainlander’s memento
7 Stench
8 Syco-phants
9 Wapiti
10 Skater
11 Babilonia
11 Hostel
17 Pen point
19 LPs’ successors
22 Cripple
23 Intellectual pretender
25 Castle
26 Needle case
27 Gull’s cousin
28 Former German chancellor
29 Notion
30 Tide type
31 Part of A.D.
35 Streep, for one
38 Flemish painter
40 Haw
42 — de deux
45 Wound cover
47 Succotash component
48 Right on the map?
49 Luxurious
50 Small barrel
51 —
52 Profit
53 Hockey great
54 Sch. org.

Solution time: 21 mins.

YESTERDAY’S ANSWER 4-13

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12			13				14			
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		21		22	23		24		25	26
28	29	30				31		32		
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56					57				58	
59					60				61	