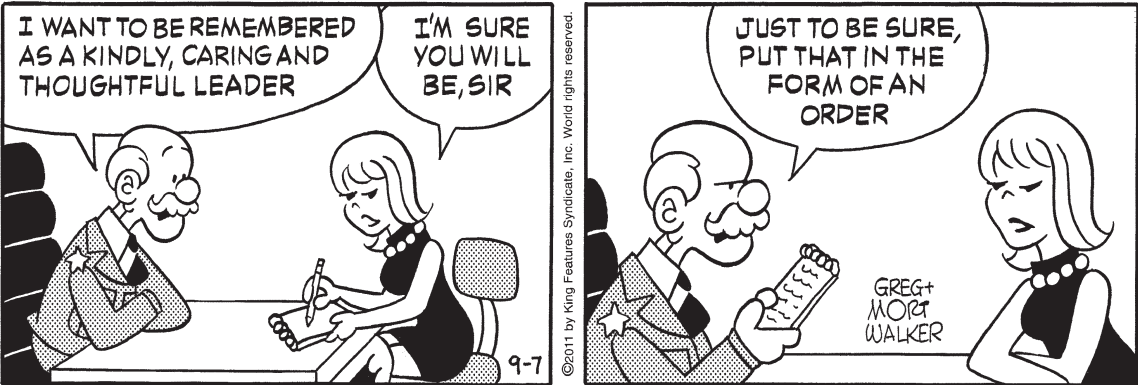


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



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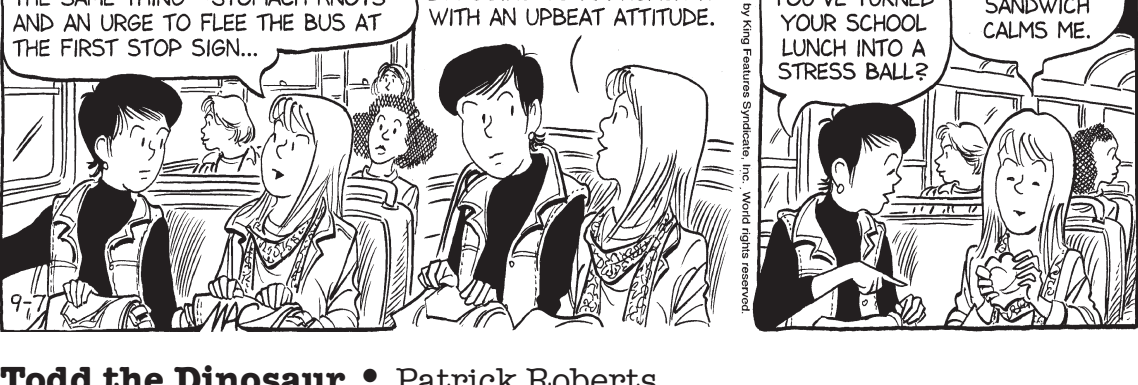
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Hear, hear! Elephant ears

Dear Heloise: Several years ago, you printed a recipe for HELOISE'S ELEPHANT EARS in our paper, The Bakersfield Californian, using refrigerated biscuits. This was such a hit at our family reunion! However, I have lost the recipe and would appreciate it if you would print it again. – Jan B., Bakersfield, Calif.

This is a favorite reader and family recipe, and one that is easy to make, plus absolutely delicious! You will need:
1/2 cup cinnamon
1 cup white sugar
1 can cinnamon buns (found in the dairy case)
First, preheat your oven to 375 F. Mix the cinnamon and sugar together and pour it into a 9-by-13-inch cake pan (to keep it contained, because it can make a big mess). Take one bun and put it into the cake pan, and use a rolling pin to roll each bun. Turn often so the dough absorbs lots of the sugar and cinnamon. Place the coated buns on a FOIL-LINED cookie sheet, and put it into the oven. Bake on the center rack. Check often so they don't burn or overbake (which they can do since they are very thin). Enjoy! – Heloise

BREAD HINT

Dear Heloise: When there is a heat wave, baking seems less appealing. Instead of baking breads (in loaves) such as banana bread, which takes an hour to bake, I make muffins from the same recipe because they take about one-third of the time in the oven. They are convenient, fast and still delicious. – Margarette M., Temple, Texas

FRESH HERBS

Dear Heloise: I use fresh herbs in cooking and salads, especially chives, but often don't use them before they go bad. Now I wash, cut to size, lay out on a layer of paper towels and cover with another layer until they are completely moisture-free. When dry, store them in plastic containers in the freezer. They don't stick together, and it is easy to spoon out the amount needed. – M. Hill, San Clemente, Calif.

PLASTIC EGG CONTAINERS

Dear Heloise: Having seen in your column a reference regarding the three-fold, clear plastic egg containers, I thought I would let you know what I did with them.

I love earrings but could never locate a set while rummaging through the jewelry box. I separated the containers and used each egg section for a pair of earrings. I could stack them in a drawer and could see through to find a pair. – June Kreutzer, Toms River, N.J.

We love it! – Heloise Central

'GRATE' BUTTER

Dear Heloise: I started cooking using real butter instead of margarine. The butter was difficult to spread. I tried melting it to make it easier, but it still seemed like too much effort. I started using a hand-held grater, and it works wonderfully. I grate the butter over a variety of different foods: bread, corn on the cob, baked potatoes, etc. – Jackie T. in North Carolina
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Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ K 7 3
♥ Q 9 6
♠ A K 7
♣ 9 6 5 4

WEST
♦ Q 10 6 4
♥ 7 3
♠ 9 4 3
♣ A K J 10

EAST
♦ J 9 8
♥ 5 4 2
♠ Q J 8 5
♣ Q 8 2

SOUTH
♦ A 5 2
♥ A K J 10 8
♠ 10 6 2
♣ 7 3

The bidding:
North Pass East Pass South 1♥ West Pass
2NT Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥ Opening lead — king of clubs.

Try the Impossible

This deal, played many years ago in a tournament, provides an excellent example of proper squeeze technique. South reached four hearts as shown. Three notrump would have been much easier — nine tricks were available off the top. It appears declarer must lose four tricks -- two clubs, a spade and a diamond — but South found the solution. West started with the K-A-J of clubs, East playing the queen on the third round. South recognized that his only chance was to engineer a squeeze. Since squeezes seldom operate unless declarer has only one loser remaining, South discarded a spade on the queen of clubs. East shifted to a spade, taken by declarer with the ace. South then cashed the A-Q of hearts and A-K of diamonds before playing two more trumps to reach this position:

North
♦ K 7
♠ 9

West
♦ Q 10
♠ 10

East
♠ J 9
♦ Q

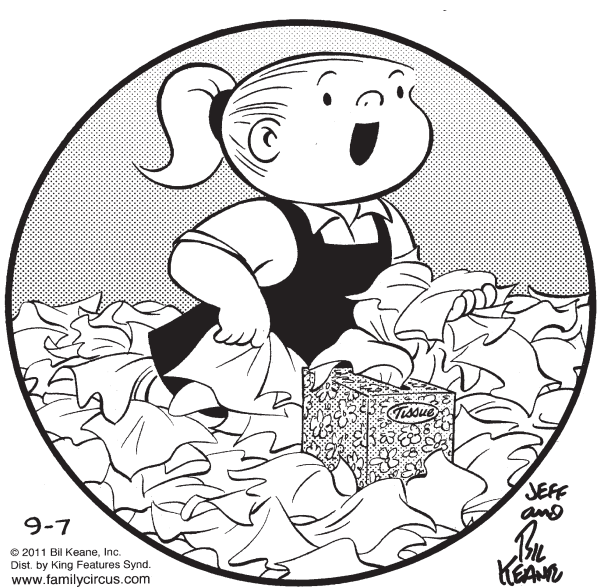
South
♦ 5
♥ 10
♦ 10

When declarer cashed the ten of hearts, the defenders were caught in a double squeeze. West could not spare the ten of clubs, so he had to discard a spade.

The club nine, having served its purpose, was discarded from dummy, and East now felt the pinch. He couldn't afford to let the diamond queen go, so he also pitched a spade. South then scored the last two tricks with dummy's K-7 of spades, and the contract was home.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★

9/07

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★

Cryptoquip

VPXV IXRDGO LR YZCLDXQ

JLQYC JXYMZC JMO OZIGQU

GUGWXQQLRK GHGOURMG

YLPV'HG WGGR JOGI X-CVXOG.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SHOULD THE

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE MY SON AND I ARE SPENDING SOME TIME AFFIXING GLUE, IT IS REALLY A BONDING EXPERIENCE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
1 Use the oven
5 Mandible
8 Census stats
12 Former Fed head
13 Author Umberto
14 Crooner Jerry
15 Hood
17 "By the power vested in..."
18 Perspiration
19 St. George's foe
21 Mentor
24 Bigger photo (Abbr.)
25 Ginormous
28 Never again?
30 Mischief-maker
33 "Born in the —"
34 Musical endings
35 Water (Fr.)
- DOWN**
36 Stiller or Stein
37 Supplements, with "out"
38 Kermit, for one
39 Petrol holder
41 Line
43 Summon with a shout
46 "Soon It's — Rain"
50 Hodge-podge
51 Ship boarders' passages
54 Middy
55 Brazilian tourist mecca
56 Duel tool
57 Chromosome part
- 16** R-V connection
20 "Cheers" actor Roger
22 Castle
23 Hypnotized
25 Center
26 Work with
27 Bundle of nerves?
29 Instance
31 Chinese chairman
32 Boxer
34 "— la vie"
38 Rose, e.g.
40 Unaccompanied
42 Nest item
43 Reps. and Sens.
44 Lotion additive
45 Shrek, for one
47 California wine valley
48 Dmitri's denial
49 Whale-watching, maybe
52 Have a bug
53 — de plume

Solution time: 27 mins.

L	A	V	C	A	P	C	O	L	D	S
A	L	I	O	L	E	A	O	A	S	I
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Z	I	N	C	G	E	L	T	A	R	O
			H	O	E	L	A	W	A	Y
B	A	B	A	R			P	I	E	C
A	M	A	Z	O	N	S	E	X		
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			A	D	A	M	S	T	E	N
B	L	U	E	B	A	Y	O	U	A	N
A	I	S	L	E		O	N	E	L	I
A	B	A	F	T	R	E	D	L	A	X

Yesterday's answer 9-7

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12					13			14		
15				16				17		
18						19	20			
			21	22	23		24			
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57				58			59			