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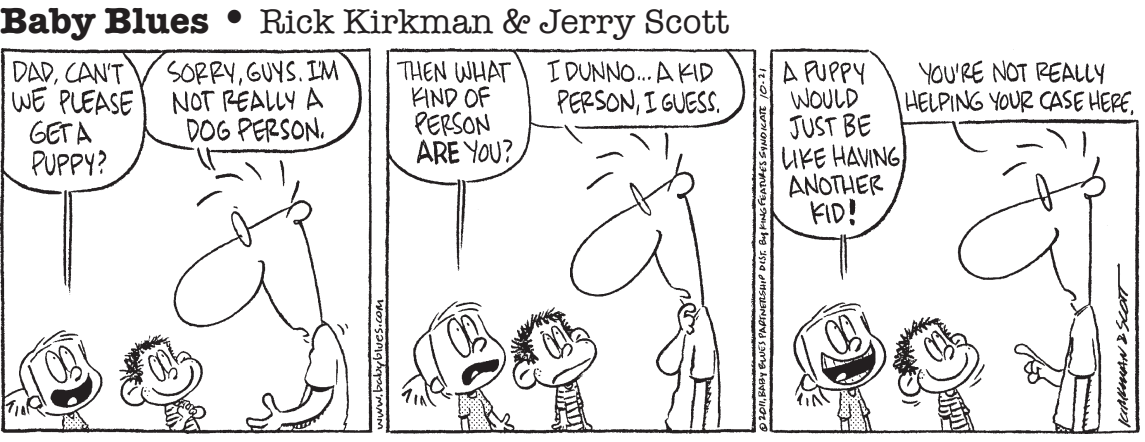

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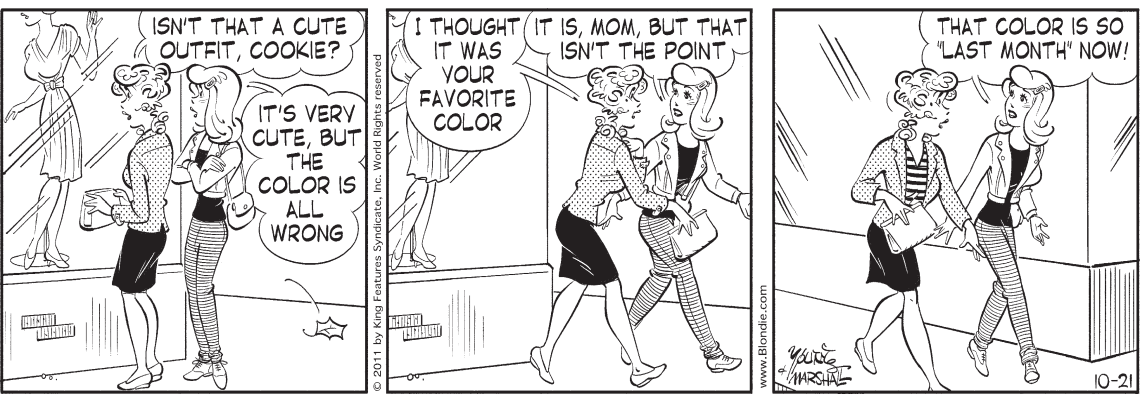

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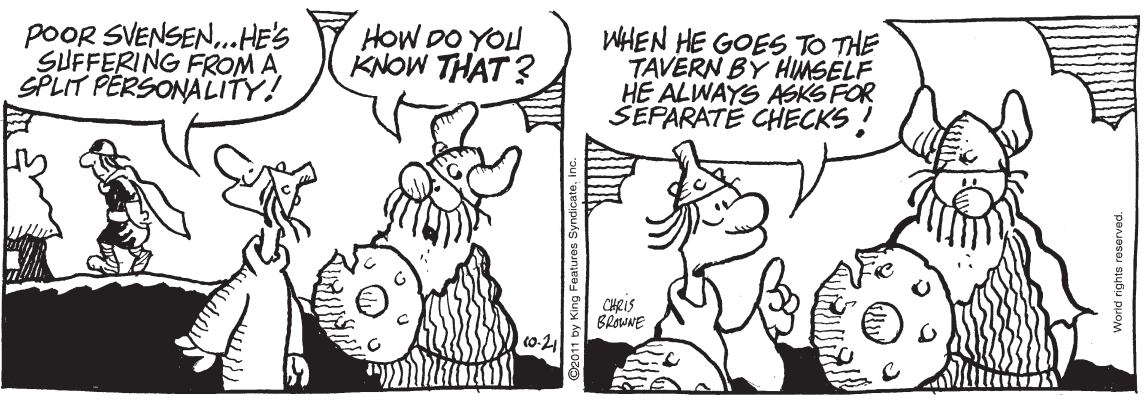

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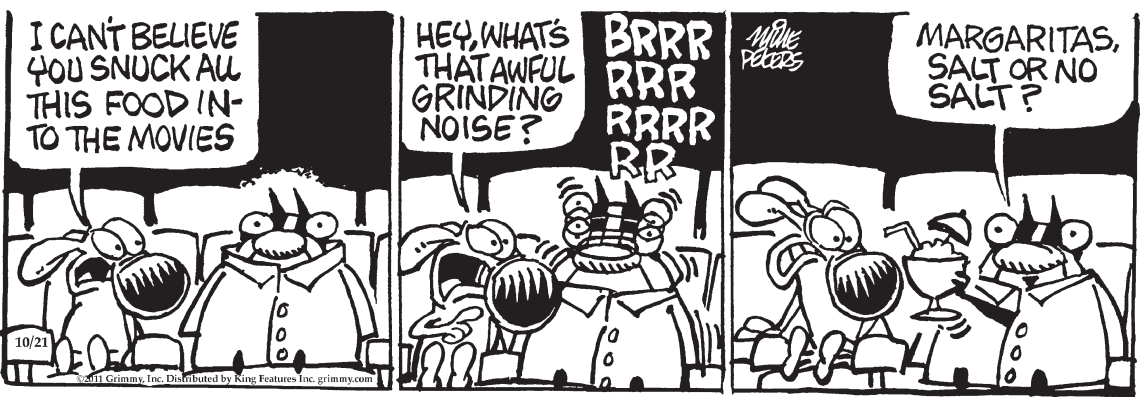

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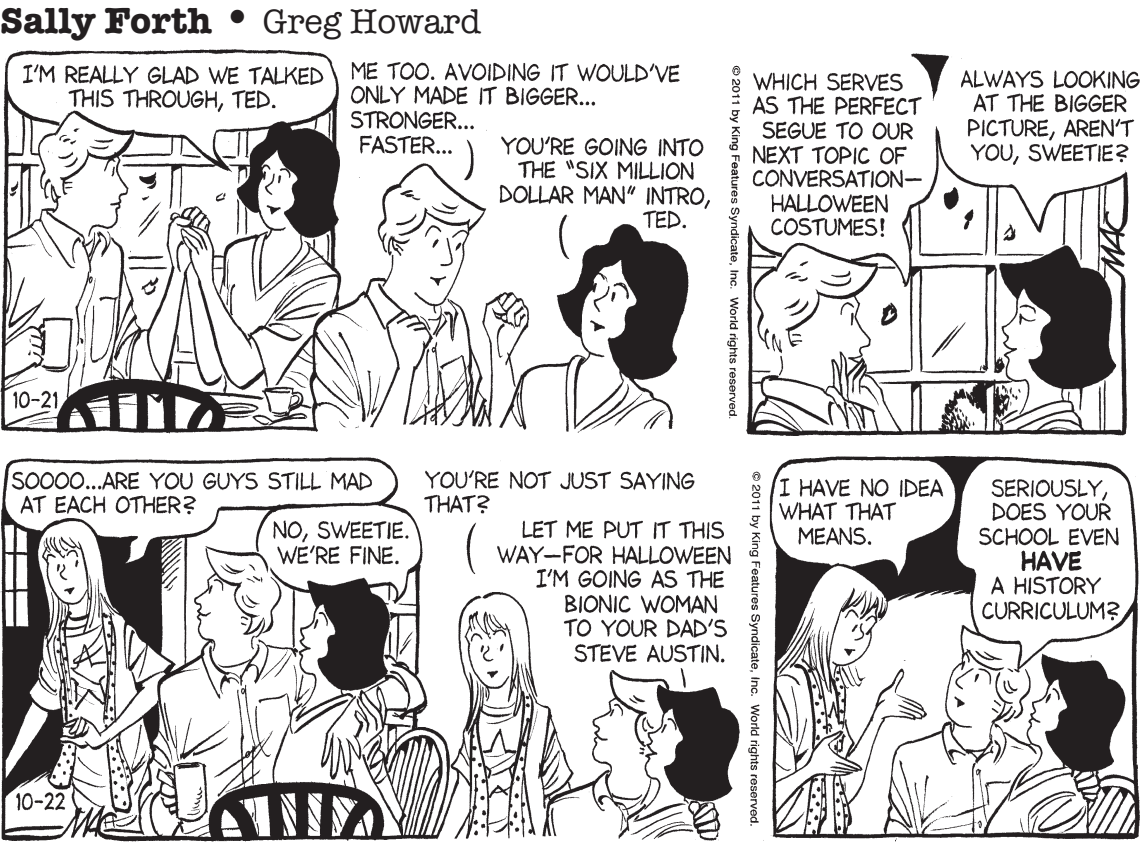

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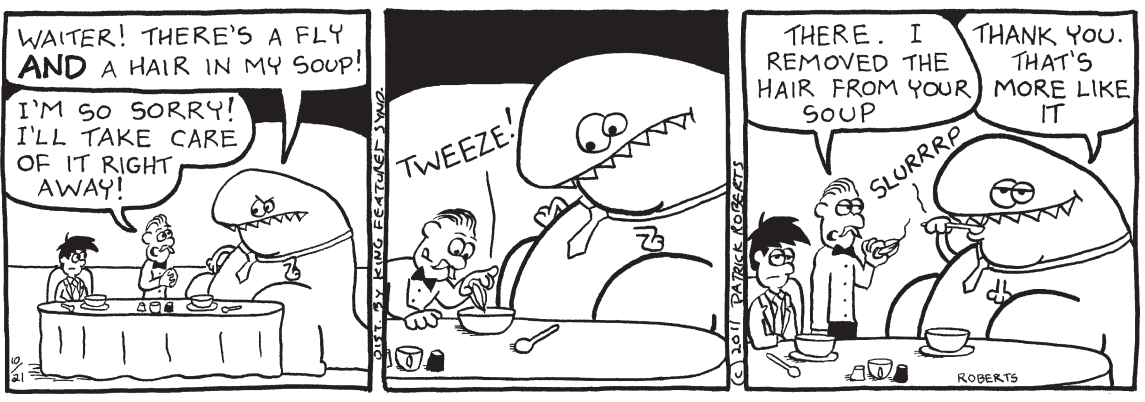

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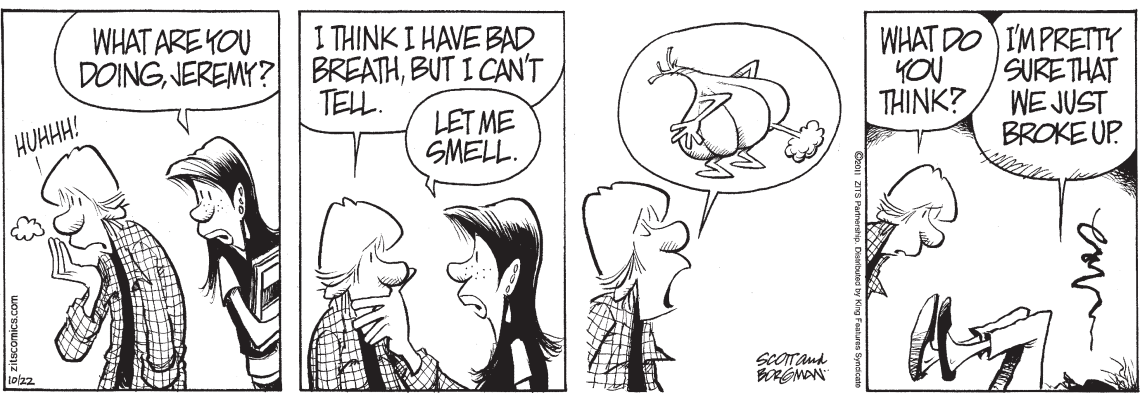

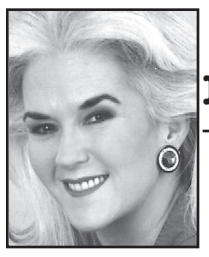

Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Hook up towels to keep bath neat

Dear Heloise: I have a bathroom on the first floor of my house that guests use, but it's also a working bathroom we use for daily showers.

To keep towels on the racks neat and ready for guests, I purchased two over-the-door bathrobe hangers to put our daily towels on to dry after showers. The towels are out of the way, and this keeps the guest towels from getting messy or being damp if a guest needs to use them.

I think an over-the-door bathrobe hook also could be used in a bedroom to hang a purse on. It would keep the purse in the same place for busy moms, and keep dangerous items in the purse out of the hands of exploring toddlers. – Regina Flynn, Strafford, N.H.

Regina, a wonderful solution to the towel dilemma, and your suggestion as a purse hanger is good, too! Readers, where do you keep your purse at home? Do you keep it by the front door, in your home office for bill-paying, etc., by your nightstand or in the kitchen? – Heloise

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HANDICAP PARKING

Dear Heloise: We solved the problem of my daughter-in-law having available parking for her van. (Heloise here: This is in response to a letter about special parking spaces.) She needs an extra 8 feet of space for her power wheelchair ramp.

We place an orange cone, available on the Internet for about $10, by the van. We also have a laminated sign that we stick on the cone that reads: "Please leave this space for van ramp. Thank you." It is double-sided, because the wind can blow it.

Works well, and no one has bothered the place holder. Thank you! – Judith B. in Salt Lake City

Great solution! – Heloise

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: For everyone who uses battery-operated toothbrushes, I'd like to recommend removing the batteries before packing it for airline travel. I recently had one in my carry-on bag and plopped it the conveyor belt at airport security. Things in the bag bumped together, and the toothbrush turned on.

I found myself hastily explaining to the Transportation Security Administration why my carry-on bag was buzzing and vibrating. I can only imagine what would have happened to my checked luggage if it had been stored in there. – Toni M., via email

SHARED SAVINGS

Dear Heloise: I like to cut coupons from newspapers, etc. When I go grocery shopping, I put the coupons that I'm not going to use on the product so when the next person comes along, he or she can save a little bit of money. – J.B. in Virginia

EARRING EASE

Dear Heloise: I sometimes have difficulty with very long, curved or thick wires on earrings. If I dip the wire in petroleum jelly or my night moisturizer, it slides in much more easily. I really enjoy your column! Keep up the good work! – Mary, via email

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Bridge • Steve Becker

You have the following hand, both sides vulnerable:

♠ QJ75 ♥ 6 ♦ A94 ♣ K10952

1. You pass, left-hand opponent passes, partner bids One Spade, and your right-hand opponent bids Two Clubs. What would you bid now?

2. Partner bids One Notrump, and your right-hand opponent bids Two Hearts. What would you bid now?

3. Partner bids One Notrump, and your right-hand opponent bids Two Diamonds. What would you bid now?

4. Partner bids One Heart. When you respond Two Clubs, he raises to Four Clubs. What would you bid now?

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Bidding Quiz

1. Four spades. You could double and beat two clubs badly if the bidding ended there, but your double would have to survive a pass by each of the others at the table before you could start counting your chickens. It is more likely that your opponents will discover a heart or diamond fit – perhaps quite a good one – if you double, and it is therefore better to leap directly to four spades.

2. Three hearts. Most players treat two spades or three clubs in this sequence as competitive and not forcing, so it is better to make a bid that leads to game. You hope partner will answer three hearts with three spades, in which case you will happily raise him to four. If he rebids three notrump, indicating heart strength, you plan to pass, while if he bids four clubs or four diamonds, you will raise to five.

3. Double. Game is not certain, so it is best to grab the sure profit. You can probably beat two diamonds two or three tricks.

4. Four diamonds. Slam is certainly a possibility, and the question is how to try to reach it without jeopardizing your game. Four diamonds shows first-round control of that suit and interest in a slam; if you were interested only in game, you would bid five clubs over four.

The next step is up to partner. If he bids four spades or four notrump, you are on your way to six, but if all he does is bid five clubs, you must withdraw because of the possibility of losing two spade tricks.

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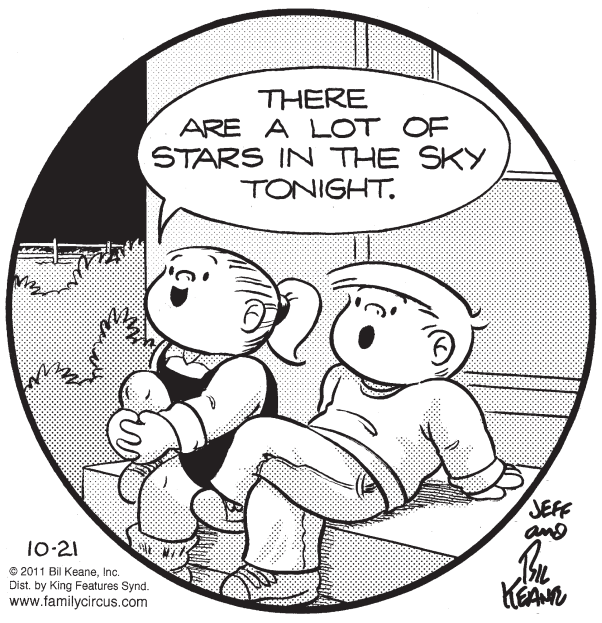
Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Where else would they be?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/21

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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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/20

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Cryptoquip

U GXHJV LHOTT RFDR GFOK QDUK'T OJVOTR TXK GDT AOTRUKL, FO JUEOV RX ROJJ OKXQF-EKXQE AXEOT.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: LONG-RUNNING TV SERIES FEATURING PROFILES OF VARIOUS COASTAL CITIES: "WIDE WORLD OF SEAPORTS."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals E

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 "Monty Python" opener
4 Met melody
8 Raggedy Ann, e.g.
12 Calendar abbr.
13 Gangster's companion
14 Pennsylvania port
15 Pennsylvania Dutch pork concoction
17 Appellation
18 With skill
19 Monarch
20 Comfortably inviting
22 Pebbles' papa
24 French cleric
25 Sit-ins and such
29 Part of AT&T
30 Water nymph
31 Greek X
32 Glittery cosmetic
34 Actor Pitt
35 Census stats
36 Cheer up
37 Inundated
40 Amorphous mass
41 Mail
42 Earn an F in penmanship
46 Satan's specialty
47 Owl's call
48 Shelter
49 Challenge
50 Oxen's burden
51 Corn spike

DOWN
1 Picks out of a lineup
2 Sleuth
3 Mix up
4 Without stinting
5 Thickly fibrous
6 Under the weather
7 Hearty brew
8 Strip
9 Exam format
10 Rickey flavoring
11 Ogler's look
16 Busy as —
19 Emeritus (Abbr.)
20 Loathe
21 Do as you're told
22 McDonald's offering
23 Bellow
25 Sheet of glass
26 Where "TWELVE" is worth 12
27 Just one of those things
28 22-Down, e.g.
30 Approaching
33 In conclusion
34 Sci-fi villain
36 Upper-class group
37 Mimicked
38 Made on a loom
39 "Yeah, right!"
40 Understand, slangily
42 Bashful
43 Dove's call
44 Meadow
45 Always, in verse

Solution time: 25 mins.

T	H	R	U		S	I	T		A	F	A	R
A	E	O	N		C	O	O		C	O	D	Y
B	R	A	S		R	N	A		O	I	S	E
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Yesterday's answer 10-21

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