

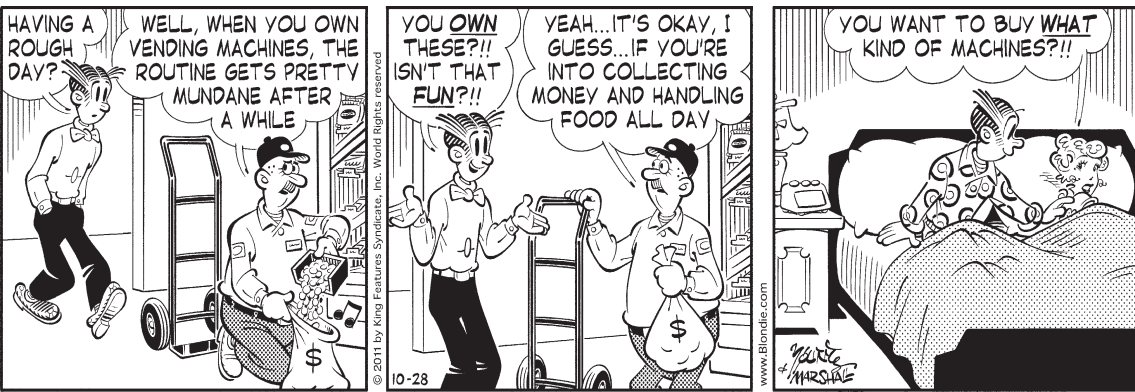
**Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



**Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



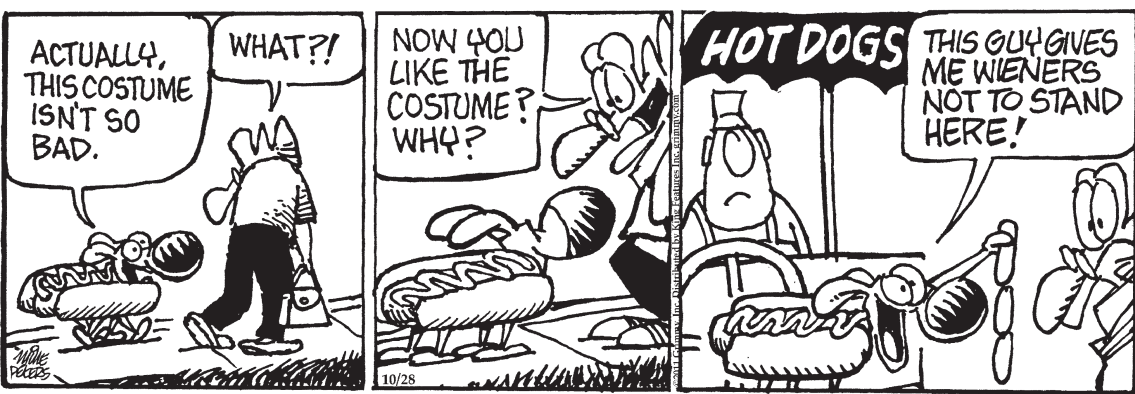
**Blondie** • Chic Young



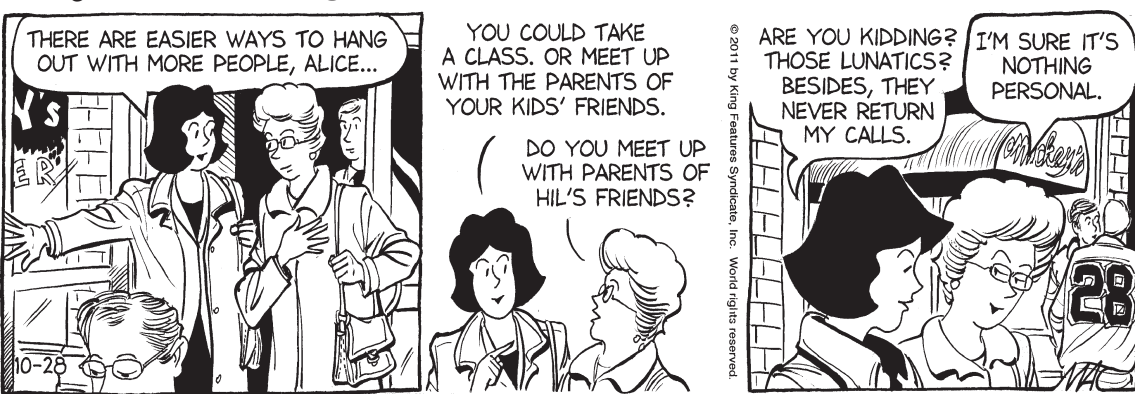
**Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne



**Mother Goose and Grimm** • Mike Peters



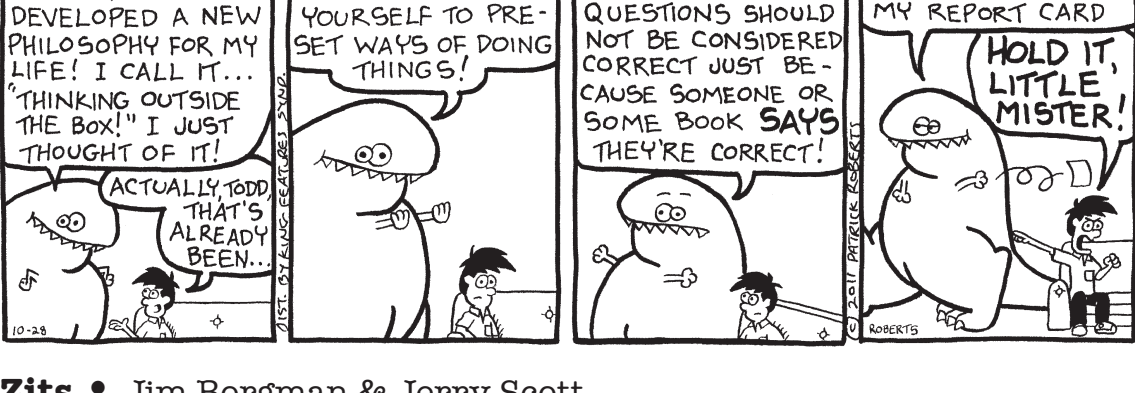
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**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Heloise**

- Hints from Heloise

**Mayo on table for varnish woes**

G'day, Heloise: Growing up in the U.S., your mother was the source of many ideas and hints that helped make our family's life much easier. About 30 years ago, my parents went on holiday. The day before they were to return, I went to vacuum and dust. I discovered with horror several WHITE STREAKS IN THE TABLETOP finish under damp plastic bags! Panic ensued, and I was searching for someone to refinish the table fast. The phone rang, and a dear family friend was on the line. In desperation, I asked her if she knew anyone to do the job. She laughed and said, "Don't you read Heloise?" I hopped in the car and went to buy the biggest jar of mayonnaise available. I spread a layer over the entire tabletop. The next morning, I returned to find no sign of any of the white streaks! The table looked good as new, and the shine after a good rubdown was awesome! Thank you and your wonderful mum for so much! - Katherine J. from Australia Howdy, Katherine from Australia! So glad to help, and remember: real mayo, not diet! Plus, if you have a curious cat, cover the area with plastic wrap or foil. - Heloise

**SEND A GREAT HINT TO:**

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**TRAVEL TIME**

Dear Heloise: I have two travel hints that can be used by those traveling via air or any other means who must pass through security screenings. The first hint involves using a carry-on bag. For this, I use an old laptop computer case. It has straps and handles, which make carrying it easy. It also has many pockets and compartments in which to place many varied items.

The second hint goes along with the first one. I always carry a gallon-size, zippered plastic storage bag. Prior to entering the security checkpoint, I empty all of my pockets into this plastic bag and place it into the laptop bag. This way, there is no need to reach into each and every pocket while in line and empty them into the tubs that go through the X-ray station.

But the best advantage is that you also do not have to dig out all of that stuff that you put into the tubs. - David Day, Findlay, Ohio

**NO WASPS**

Dear Heloise: When I put out my hummingbird feeders, they soon attract bees and wasps. To prevent this, I bought an inexpensive mister attachment from my favorite bird-supply store. It is attached to the end of a hose and uses very little water. I place it near the feeder, and the bees won't come near the mist. But the hummingbirds love it! It's comical to watch other birds sneak in a quick shower. - Linda in Colorado

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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Clubs. North leads the ace and another spade. How would you play the hand?

- WEST**  
♠ 10  
♥ 8 5 2  
♦ K 10 9  
♣ A Q 10 9 6 3
- EAST**  
♠ K J  
♥ A K 6  
♦ A J 5 4 3  
♣ K J 2

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Notrump. North leads the jack of spades. How would you play the hand?

- WEST**  
♠ A 7 3 2  
♥ 5  
♦ A K Q 8 4 2  
♣ A 9
- EAST**  
♠ K 6  
♥ A K Q 7 4  
♦ 10 3  
♣ K 6 5 2

**Test Your Play**

1. You can virtually assure the contract by discarding a diamond on dummy's king of spades, drawing trumps and then cashing the king of diamonds.

If both opponents follow suit, you're home regardless of how the remaining diamonds are divided. You next lead the diamond ten to the ace and ruff a diamond. If the opposing diamonds are divided 3-2, dummy's remaining diamonds are good. If the diamonds turn out to be divided 4-1, you lead a heart to the king and ruff another diamond. This establishes dummy's jack of diamonds, on which you can discard your heart loser after crossing to the heart ace.

If you discarded a heart on the king of spades, you'd eventually end up having to guess which way to finesse for the queen of diamonds. You might guess right, but why take that chance when you have just about a sure thing?

The diamond discard at trick two makes the contract foolproof except when South has all five diamonds, a possibility too remote to be given serious consideration.

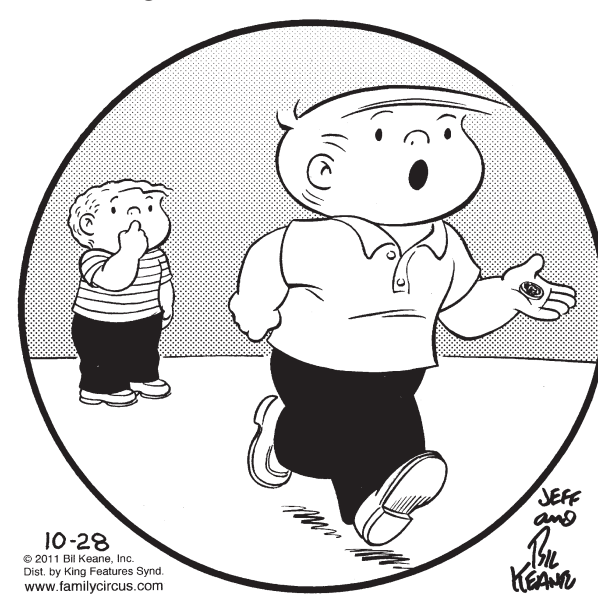
2. The only danger here is that one defender really does have all the missing diamonds. All your thoughts should therefore be directed to guarding against this possibility, even though the actual chance of its occurrence is only 4 percent. That danger can be entirely eliminated, however, by winning the first spade with the ace and leading a low diamond toward the ten!

If North has all five diamonds, the best he can do is score the jack, whether he takes it at once or later on. If South has all five diamonds, he wins the ten with the jack, but his remaining four diamonds can easily be picked up with the aid of a finesse.

The safety play in diamonds, though in all likelihood not really necessary, is well worth the price. It guarantees the slam, come what may. The premium declarer pays for this insurance is a paltry 30 points.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



"Did George Washington use a quarter as his ID?"

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★

**Cryptoquip**

DNBEJ BVQVZPMSQ LNAMVZ

CSEMHK BNCXQVPV NDLMPZ

WSD CNDV DSXMAQJ PYSH

NPYVDZ: WSZPVD-NMAZ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: COMIC OPERA ABOUT SOME BUCCANEERS' ATONEMENT FOR THEIR SINS: "THE PIRATES OF PENANCE."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals E

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**  
1 One of the guys  
4 Resort  
7 Removes, as a hat  
12 Remiss  
13 Jungfrau, for one  
14 Wear away  
15 Recede  
16 Site of the Caymans  
18 Blood group letters  
19 Prepared to propose  
20 New Zealander  
22 Curvy character  
23 Equipment  
27 Old hand  
29 To-do list  
31 Thespian  
34 Firebug's crime  
35 Half a legendary comedy team  
37 Doctrine  
38 Nervous
- DOWN**  
2 Synagogue  
3 U-shaped part of a yoke  
4 Bag  
5 Pluto, once  
6 -ski  
7 Credit user's problem  
8 Sphere  
9 Adversary  
10 Rx  
11 Sun  
17 "Casa blanca" heroine  
21 Floating soap brand  
23 Bacteria  
24 Type measures  
25 Commotion  
26 Skeddaddled  
28 Before  
30 Petrol  
31 Milwaukee product  
32 Scoundrel  
33 Yank  
36 Branch  
37 Embedded  
40 "Tosca" or "Turandot"  
42 Put one's two cents in  
43 Say  
44 Selassie worshiper  
45 Competent  
46 Tackles' team-mates  
48 Book-keeper (Abbr.)  
49 Upper  
50 Plagiarize  
51 Hooter

Solution time: 25 mins.

Y	A	M	U	T	A	H	D	O	S	E
E	G	O	R	O	M	E	E	X	A	M
S	O	N	O	G	R	A	M	E	N	U
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A	C	A	I	H	O	L	O	G	R	A
P	H	I	L	E	M	I	R	A	L	E
T	O	T	E	R	E	M	P	S	M	P

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