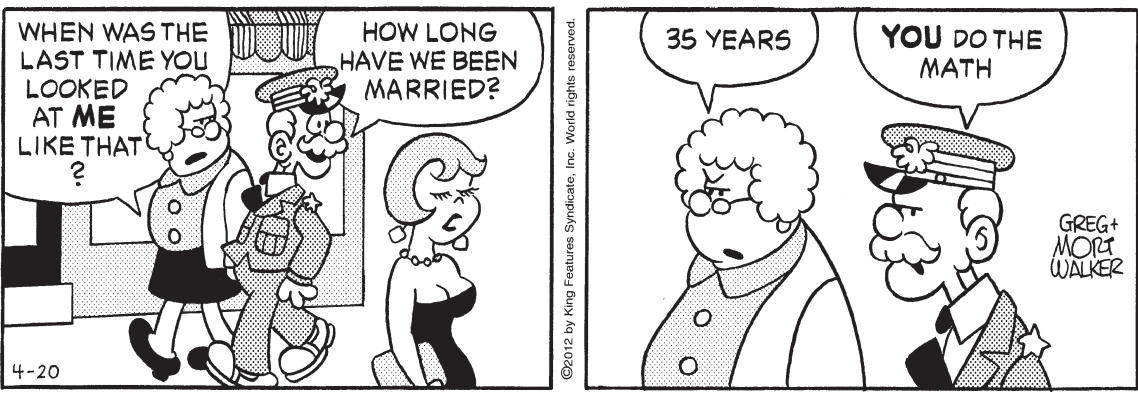


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



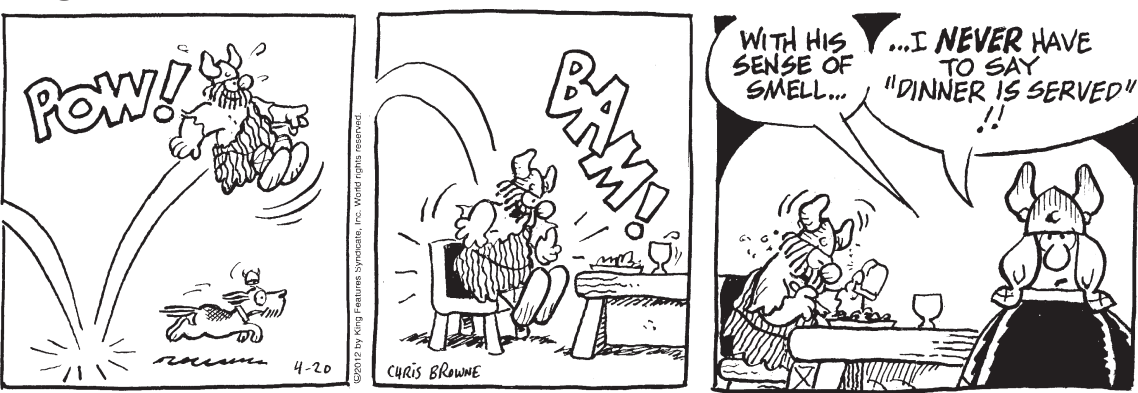
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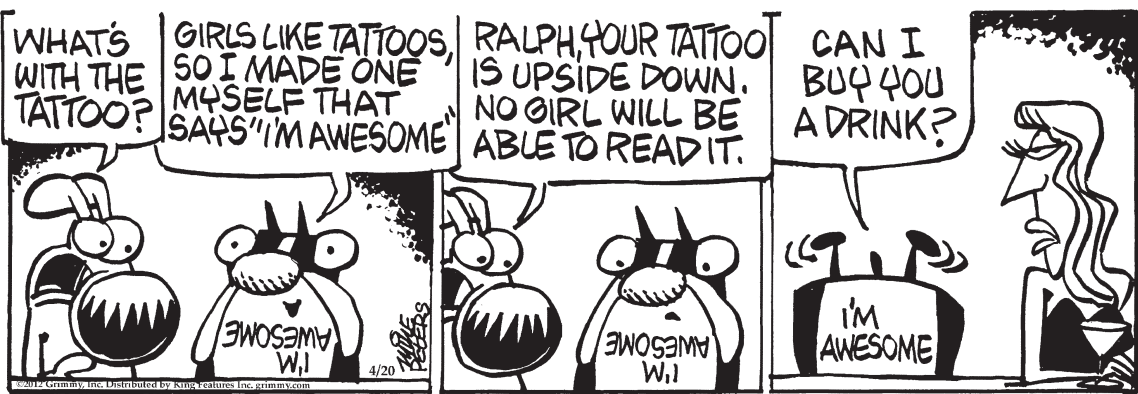
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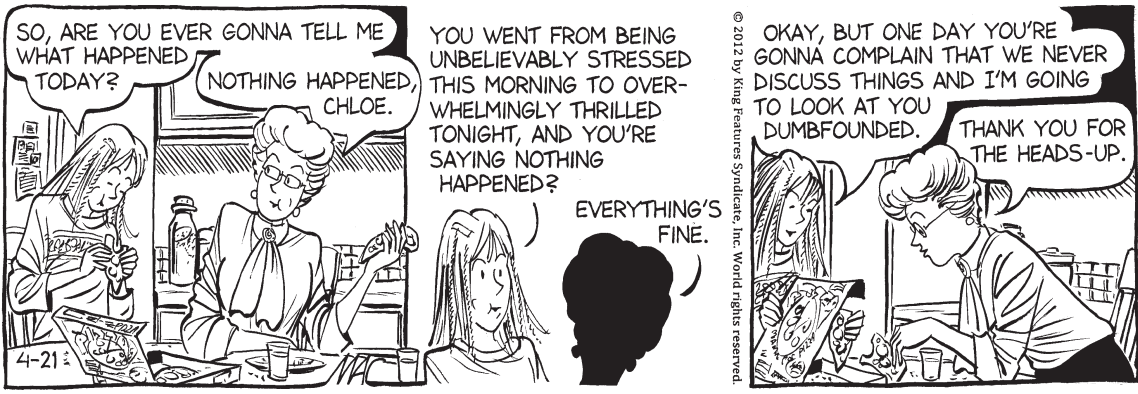
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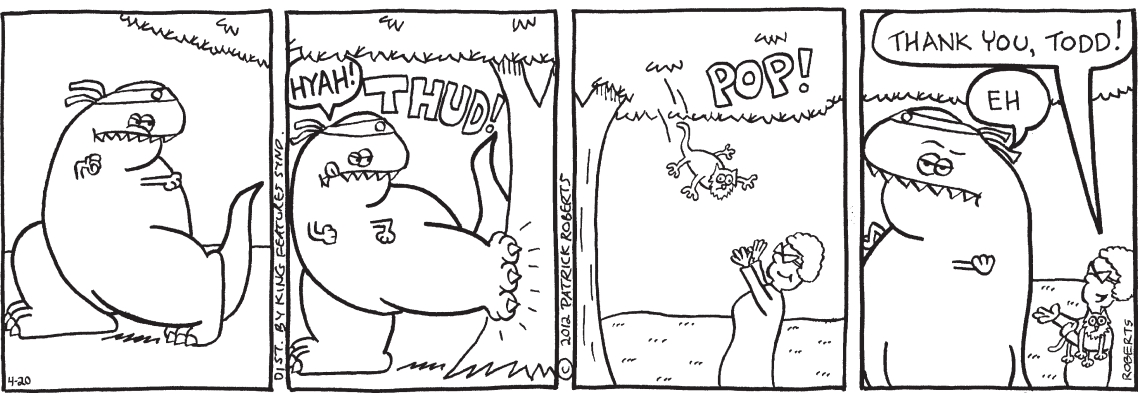
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Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Used car seat not good choice

Dear Readers: Looking to buy a car seat for your precious child? Thinking of buying a used one to save money? Well, a secondhand car seat is not an option! There are several reasons not to use a secondhand or hand-me-down car seat:

- You cannot tell if it was in an accident, and manufacturers recommend not using one if involved in a crash.
 - It might have been recalled. To check, call either the manufacturer or the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, (888) 327-4236.
 - It might be too old. Most car seats come with a label recommending how long to use the seat. Do not use a car seat more than 10 years old.
 - A used car seat might not have an instruction manual telling you how to properly install it.
- Keep these in mind, and remember, the most expensive is not always the "best." Education and proper installation are key. — Heloise

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: We stayed at a hotel in Florida, and we were glad to have our night light. The unfamiliar surroundings made it hard to see when we got up during the night. Such a small, inexpensive item to save us from a trip to the emergency room due to a fall. — Louise B. in Indiana

COUPON CHECK

Dear Heloise: Grocery stores often put their own coupons on products. While I am shopping, I always check the coupons, even if it is a product I don't need that trip. If it is a product I know I use, I save the coupon and use it on my next trip. — Bonita in New Jersey

SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

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STORAGE SPACE

Dear Heloise: I have a smartphone that holds photos, music and apps. The other day, I was trying to download an app and couldn't. I had a ton of photos taking up space. I downloaded them to my computer and deleted them off my phone to free up space. — Amber, via e-mail

Great hint, Amber! If your phone doesn't come with a cord or you have misplaced it, you can always e-mail the photos to yourself. — Heloise

TABLE LINENS

Dear Heloise: I quit using my large cotton and linen tablecloths because they were impossible to hand-iron and expensive to send to the laundry. My daughter gave me this hint. Stretch a sheet over a bed. Wash the tablecloth in cold water — if it is heavy, put it in the dryer for a few minutes. Take out the wet tablecloth and stretch it out tight over the sheet on the bed. It is helpful if you have someone to help. Leave all day or overnight, and the tablecloth will dry without a wrinkle. — Elizabeth in Louisiana

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Bridge • Steve Becker

Test Your Play

Odd incidents occasionally occur in major tournaments. For example, there was the time some years ago when a young Polish pair, representing their country for the first time in the annual world championship, arrived at a dreadful grand-slam contract. When the opening lead was made and dummy appeared, it became obvious to the declarer that his partner had overbid his values by at least two tricks. Declarer looked at the dummy, then looked at his partner and said, "That dummy is an insult to Poland!"

If you were West on the hand below, you might have similar feelings if you reached Six Spades due to partner's optimism. However, they don't allow you to back up and change the contract, so the question is how to proceed after North leads the ten of clubs (assume the missing trumps are divided 3-1 or 2-2).

WEST
♠ K J 10 9
♥ A K 3
♦ A 10 2
♣ A 3 2

EAST
♠ A Q 8 7 6
♥ 7 6
♦ Q 5
♣ J 6 5 4

The only genuine chance for the slam is to find South with the doubleton K-Q of clubs, as well as the king of diamonds. Accordingly, you play low from dummy, and South, luckily for you, produces the queen.

You next cash three rounds of trumps and continue with the A-K and another heart, ruffing in dummy. Then you play the club five, taken by South with the king. You naturally hope South will return a diamond away from the king, which would hand you the slam, but he cleverly leads a heart instead.

After discarding a diamond and ruffing the heart with dummy's last trump, you return the queen of diamonds, covered by the king and ace. Miraculously, you are now on the verge of making the contract if North holds the jack of diamonds. You hope he started with a hand such as:

♠ 542 ♥ Q1082 ♦ J8 ♣ 10987

If that's what he was dealt, he will run into terrible trouble when you next lead the jack of spades in this position:

North
♦ J
♣ 9 8

West
♠ J
♦ 10
♣ 3

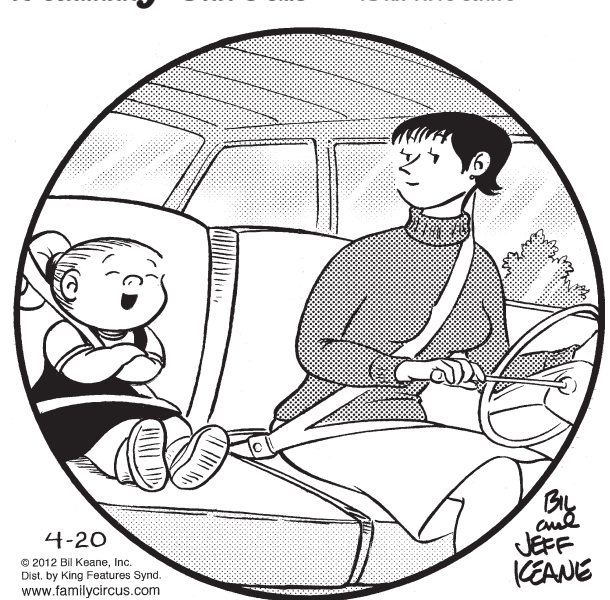
East
♦ 5
♣ J 6

South
♦ 9 7 6

Whatever North discards on the spade jack, you make the slam. Of course, you should also be sure to congratulate your partner on the brilliant sequence of bids that allowed you to reach this dreadful contract!

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

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

Cryptoquip

G O P A P C P K U I P H H P K

Q I Z T K E F O E F E A C P A H P B , Z A P

S Z T I B U A A Z T A S P " H O P K P ' F

U A P G F P K E Q E A H Z G A . "

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE I JAMMED MY ELBOW INSIDE THAT DISPLAY CABINET, WOULD PEOPLE SAY I CASSED THE JOINT?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals I

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Paddock parents
 - 6 Two-timer
 - 9 Illustrations
 - 12 Tolerate
 - 13 "The — Daba Honey-moon"
 - 14 Fresh
 - 15 Earth tone
 - 16 "Halo" singer
 - 18 Beast
 - 20 TV remote button
 - 21 Have
 - 23 Enthusiast
 - 24 Dud
 - 25 Indian royal
 - 27 Ship of the desert
 - 29 "The Godfather" star
 - 31 Christmas carol starter
 - 35 Singer Shore
 - 37 Therefore
 - 38 Eagle's nest
 - 41 Toothpaste type
- DOWN**
- 2 Easy as —
 - 3 "Take a Bow" singer
 - 4 First place
 - 5 Letter line
 - 6 Poolside structure
 - 7 Explorer Tasman
 - 8 Desk-calendar
 - 9 Per — (yearly)
 - 10 Right-hand page
 - 11 Seventh-grader, usually
 - 17 Brunch entree
 - 19 Georgia city
 - 21 Sphere
 - 22 Series of skirmishes
 - 24 Started
 - 26 Rainbow component
 - 28 "Real Time With Bill —"
 - 30 Gaming cube
 - 32 "Hips Don't Lie" singer
 - 33 Belly (Sl.)
 - 34 Mind-reader's claim
 - 36 Shocked
 - 38 Madison Avenue employee
 - 39 Lyric poet's Muse
 - 40 Less courteous
 - 42 Cuba — (cocktail)
 - 45 Child's play
 - 46 Yule refrain
 - 48 Cagers' org.
 - 50 Perched
 - 51 Away from WSW

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 4-20

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12					13			14			
15					16			17			
	18			19				20			
21	22			23				24			
25		26		27			28				
29			30				31		32	33	34
		35				36			37		
38	39	40				41		42		43	
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