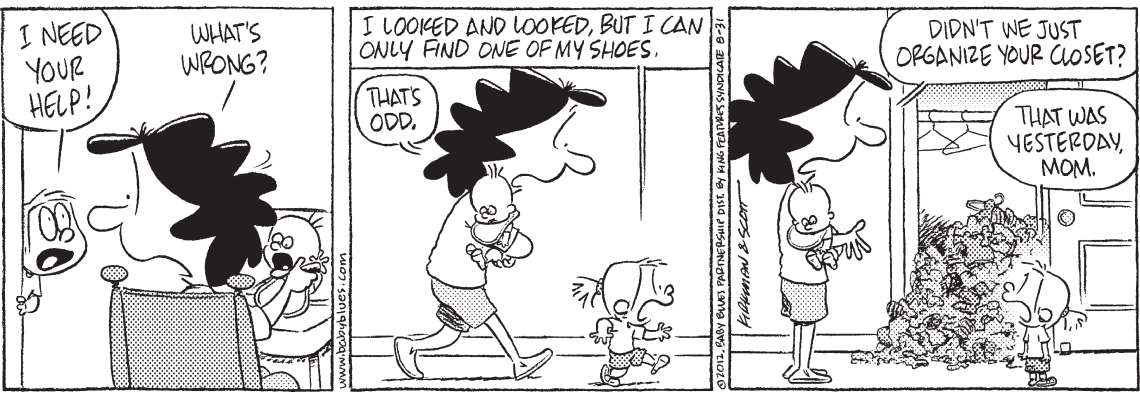


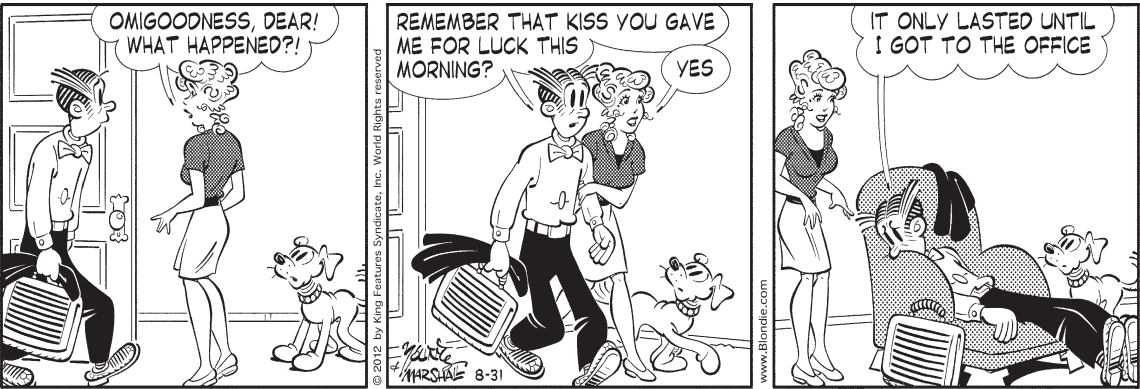
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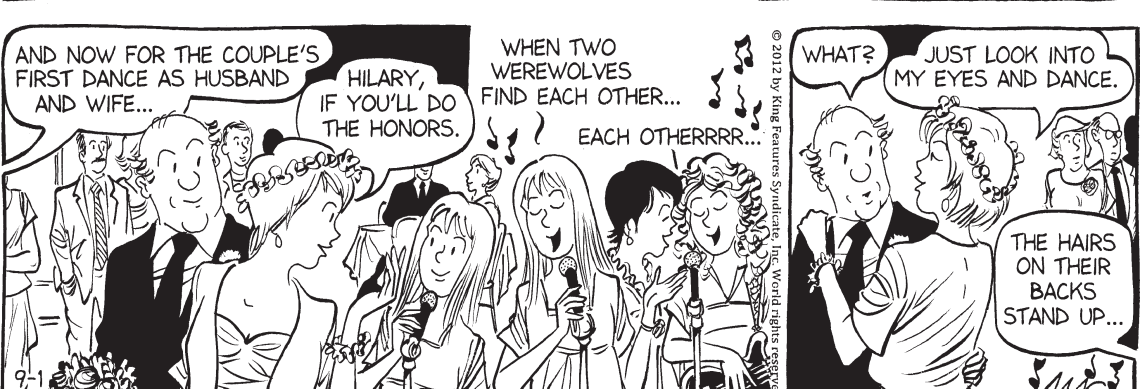
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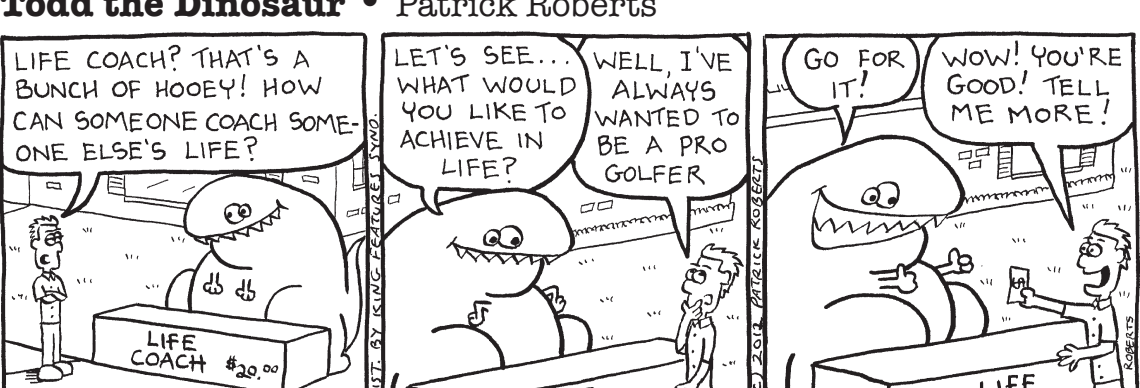
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Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Heloise
• Hints from Heloise

Laundry hints help college kids

Dear Readers: Many students across the country are now back at college or heading that way. Laundry can be a big problem. Here are some Heloise Laundry 101 hints for laundry newbies:

- Sorting is vital. Wash same-colored fabrics together: darks, whites, etc.
- Don't stuff the machine too full. The clothes won't get clean.
- If doing laundry at a self-service laundry facility or dorm laundry room, check the machines before putting in your clothes. Someone may have left a red sock that will turn your whole load of whites pink!
- Pin socks together to keep from losing one. Fasten bra hooks together to prevent snagging, and turn jeans inside out to prevent fading.
- Read the care instructions for clothes. They will last much longer if cared for properly.
- Don't carry a whole bottle or box of detergent. If using liquid, put only what's needed in clean yogurt cups. Or for powder detergent, pour some in a sock or zipper-top bag.

Stains, stains and more stains seem to happen to students while at college. Removing a stain can save a favorite shirt or jeans. To learn how to get rid of stains, including coffee, grass, lipstick, ketchup, soda and many more, send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (65 cents) to: Heloise/Stain, Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. FYI: Clothes left in the dryer too long? To remove wrinkles, add a damp towel and run the dryer on low for 10-15 minutes. — Heloise

CAN OPENER
Dear Heloise: Many readers have written about how they have a hard time opening pop-top cans. I turn the can upside down and open it with a can opener. — A Reader in Virginia

BATTERY LIFE
Dear Heloise: Why do batteries have expiration dates? Can they be used beyond the date? — Sharon in Illinois

Sharon, yes, you can, but be aware there is a chance the battery might leak, and if it does, it can ruin the device. The batteries also could not work or might not last long if used after that date. Depending on the battery, it can have a shelf life of five to 10 years. Batteries made today are manufactured to last longer. If it is in an appliance, check regularly for signs of wear, and replace when needed. I hope this helps you keep ticking! — Heloise

BIRD BLUNDERS
Dear Heloise: We have a picture window in our house birds are constantly running into. We used peel-and-stick decals to decorate the window. The birds no longer mistake it for an opening and hurt themselves. — A Reader in Washington

Great idea! You can hang sun catchers or ribbon on the window as well. I taped several strands of thin ribbon (about 6 inches long) on the glass, and it seems to deter them. — Heloise

BASIC BRUSHES
Dear Heloise: When my kids are painting, I try to match the paintbrush color with the paint: a red brush for the red paint, a yellow brush for the yellow, etc. This way, the paint isn't getting mixed. They know which brush goes back in which paint cup. — A Reader in Colorado

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Bridge • Steve Becker

- You are South in each of the following five bidding sequences. What is North's most likely distribution?
- North: 1♦, 2♦, 3♦; South: 2♠, 2 NT
 - North: 1♦, 2♦, 3♦; South: 2♥, 2
 - North: 1♦, 2♦, 3♦; South: 2♣, 2 NT
 - North: 1♣, 1♦, 2; South: 1♥, 1 NT
 - North: 1♥, 2♦, 3♦, 4♥; South: 2♣, 2 NT, 3 NT

Bidding Quiz

- Five spades, six diamonds. North must have five spades as he would not have rebid the suit with only four of them. Also, he cannot have only five diamonds, since with five spades and five diamonds, he would have opened the bidding with one spade, not one diamond. North therefore has six (or possibly seven) diamonds.
- Five or six spades, five diamonds. North is sure to have five diamonds, having bid the suit twice. He cannot have only four spades since he would have opened one diamond with a holding of five diamonds and four spades. North therefore has either five or six spades.
- 4-4-5-0. North should have exactly four spades and four hearts, having bid both suits secondarily, and is likely to have five diamonds, having bid that suit first. North could have 4-4-4-1 distribution, but he is much more likely to be 4-4-5-0 in this strong sequence.
- 4-3-1-5. North almost surely has a singleton diamond; with 4-3-2-4 distribution, he would probably pass one notrump or raise to two notrump. The only other possibility is that North is 4-3-0-6, but he is much less likely to have that exact distribution.
- Six hearts, five diamonds. North cannot be 5-5 in the red suits, as he would have passed three notrump, having already shown at least five hearts and five diamonds with his third bid. North's last bid therefore guarantees six hearts.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



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"But my arms and legs aren't tired — just my eyes."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

8	6			5	1			
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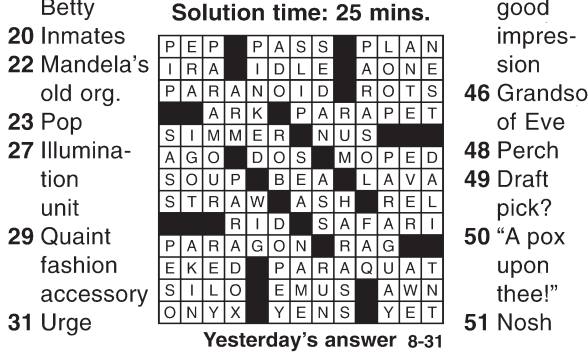
Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/31
This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

Cryptoquip

UDE JPSEJTJGR XEASAXVG
YDOJEHAYUE VS SMJ GAFJF
OGVFS QVY VGVQVRY
KAHAFK TJ V GUS UB BGVP.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHICH SUN-BLOCKING CAPS SHOULD COUNSEL-GIVING WORKERS PROBABLY ALWAYS WEAR? ADVISORS' VISORS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- That guy
 - Autumnal abbr.
 - Colorful parrot
 - Big bother
 - Winter ailment
 - Foolish
 - Crossword-page abbr.
 - What a trigger triggers
 - Discoverer's cry
 - "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" writer Betty
 - Inmates old org.
 - Pop
 - Illumination unit
 - Quaint fashion accessory
 - Urge
- DOWN**
- Chances for short
 - Baking potato
 - Nitwit
 - Kills, gangster-style
 - Culmination yada yada
 - Shroud
 - Opposite of "trans"
 - Pelvis-related
 - Tokyo's old name
 - Trench
 - Choppers
 - "— Kapital"
 - Type squares
- ACROSS**
- Put back to 0
 - Kegler's target
 - Meadow
 - Hint
 - glance
 - Handle
 - Duck
 - Mimic
 - Certain fastener
 - Opposite of "trans"
 - Pelvis-related
 - Tokyo's old name
 - Trench
 - Choppers
 - "— Kapital"
 - Type squares
- DOWN**
- Chances for short
 - Conk out
 - Pismire
 - Half of yada
 - Wild yada
 - Solidify
 - Beast
 - Almost black
 - Preentious
 - Recorded
 - Mother-of-pearl
 - Poppy product
 - Defeats
 - Leave a good impression
 - Grandson of Eve
 - Perch
 - Draft pick?
 - "A pox upon thee!"
 - Nosh



Yesterday's answer 8-31

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