

Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



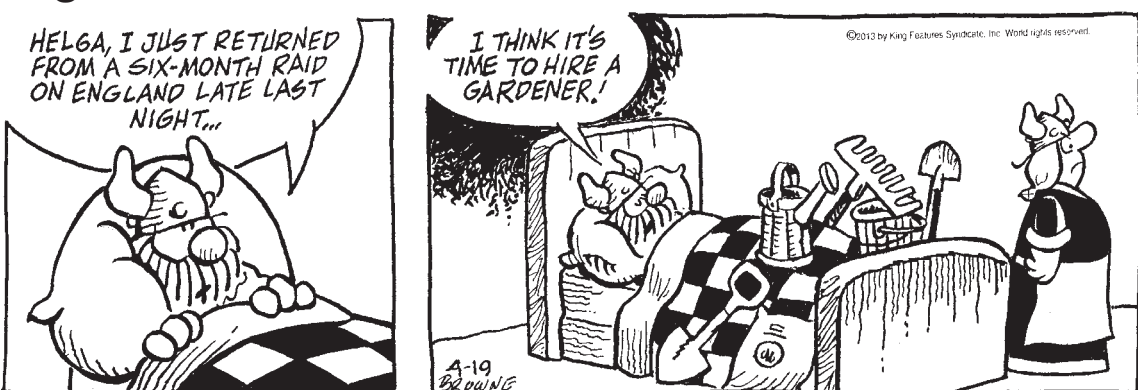
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Blondie • Chic Young



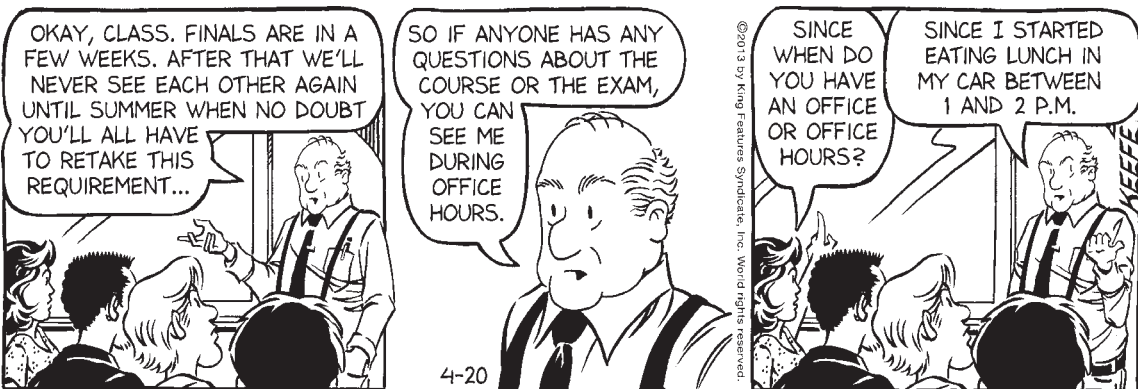
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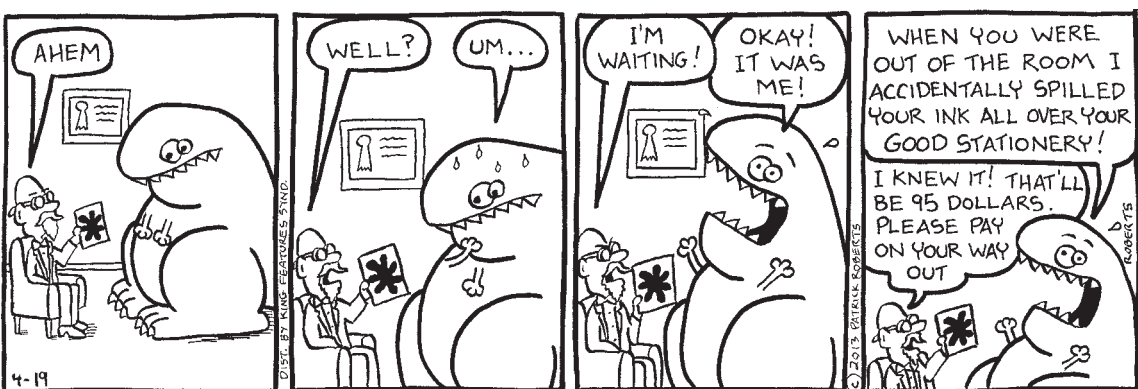
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Gasoline smell hard to remove

Dear Heloise: Do you have any hints for removing gasoline smell from clothing? I have run them through the washer multiple times, but nothing has worked! Help! — Sandi L. in Montana

Yikes and double yikes! As you have found out, just washing gasoline-soaked clothing -- especially heavy jeans or work shirts -- does not get the clothing completely odor- or stain-free. Since gasoline is a petroleum product, it can leave an oily residue and still smell, even if washed several times. To be 100 percent safe, the clothes should be hung outside to "air out" for at least 24 hours, until the smell is completely gone, before washing the clothing. If they are really saturated, you should first hose them off outside. Since there is a slight risk of combustion (fire) because of the potential fumes coming from the washing machine, do not put them in the washer until you can no longer smell the gasoline.

After airing the clothing outside, wash the items alone (with nothing else) on the hottest setting that's safe for the fabric, and at the highest water level. Add 1/4 cup of ammonia and a little extra detergent. Do not also run the dryer with wet clothes while the soiled clothes are in the washer, in case the gas fumes linger.

You must let them air-dry and see if the gasoline smell is gone. If not, repeat the steps. Do not put the clothes in the dryer until the stain and smell are completely gone! -- Heloise

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AUTO-ROTATION

Dear Heloise: My smartphone auto-rotates the screen depending on which way I am holding it. Is there a way to disable this? — A Reader, via e-mail

You, too! My new phone does the same thing sometimes. It depends on which phone you have. But you can try this: Double-click the home button (the same way you would to close applications). This should bring up a multitasking bar on your screen. Swipe across the icons from the left to the right, and you will see a circular arrow, which is the auto-rotate symbol on most phones. By tapping this icon, you will turn off auto-rotate.

If that doesn't work with your phone, go to your phone's menu and choose "Settings." Select "Display," and it should give you an option for auto-rotate.

If you still are having trouble disabling auto-rotation, contact your service provider or stop by a location. Someone there should be able to help you! — Heloise

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Bridge • Steve Becker

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts, and North leads the king of spades. How would you play the hand?

- West**
♠ 10 5
♥ A K J 9 8 5 2
♦ A K 7
♣ 9
- East**
♠ A 9 2
♥ 6 4 3
♦ 8 5 4
♣ K Q 7 2

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Spades, and North leads the queen of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

- West**
♠ A Q 10 8 6 5 4 3
♥ J 6 4
♦ A
♣ 3
- East**
♠ J 9
♥ K 3
♦ 10 7 5 2
♣ A Q J 10 2

Test Your Play

1. Win the spade king with the ace, lead a trump and, if South follows low, finesse the jack! This might seem ridiculous, but it's the only way to assure the contract, since you are guaranteed to score at least 10 tricks whether the jack wins or loses!

Assume North wins the jack with the queen, cashes a spade and shifts to a diamond. You win with the ace, draw the one outstanding trump, lead a club to the queen and, let's say, lose to South's ace. When South returns a diamond, you win with the king, lead a trump to dummy's six and discard your seven of diamonds on the king of clubs to secure the contract.

Note that if you fail to take the trump finesse at trick two and South has all three missing trumps, you go down one against proper defense, losing a trick in each suit.

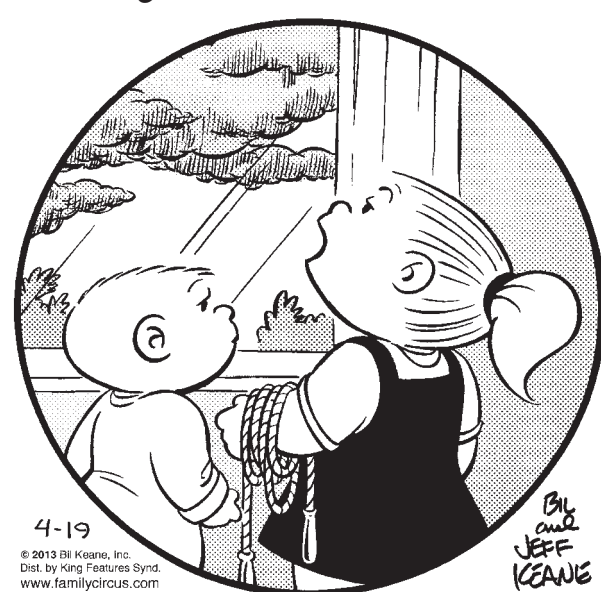
2. Here also you can assure the contract against any lie of the cards. Win the diamond with the ace, lead a club to dummy's ace and return the three of hearts toward your jack! If South has the queen of hearts, he can do no better than take it and return a trump. Even if the trump finesse fails, you lose only three tricks -- two hearts and a spade.

If North has the queen of hearts, he will capture your jack but cannot stop you from making 10 tricks. A trump return would automatically give you the contract if the spades are divided 2-1 and is also futile even if they are divided 3-0. In the latter case, North could return a trump from the K-7-2 at trick four but could not safely do so again when you next played a heart to pave the way for a heart ruff in dummy.

Now let's suppose that, instead of following the suggested method of play, you led a low heart to the king at trick two. You might then go down if South had the ace of hearts and returned a trump, since you could eventually lose three hearts and a trump trick.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



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"I sure hope those clouds aren't thinkin' about raining on us."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★

4/19

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.

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

Cryptoquip

PNF YWUC CN TNFD CKWC

YWCRD NU ENHRSNBP'E

CZHRTZRVR CN CREC ZCE

BFDWSZJZCP? UNC NU HP YWCVK!

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THAT ECCENTRIC AQUARIUM FANATIC PLANS TO BEQUEATH HIS COMPLETE ESTATE TO HIS BENE-FISH-IARIES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Birth-related
6 Sphere
9 "Great!"
12 React to reveille
13 Spelling contest
14 "— not choose to run"
15 Bottled spirit?
16 Madison Avenue music
18 Eden, for one
20 Agts.
21 Crony
23 Moment
24 Nuts
25 The same, in bibliographies
27 Primly self-restrained
29 Hide and —
31 Fails to
35 Buckwheat porridge
37 Catastrophic

DOWN

1 Run-down horse
2 Exist story, for short
3 Prickly sensations
4 One side of the Urals
5 Villainous looks
6 Thing
7 Check
8 Stein or Stiller
9 — mignon
10 Skilled
11 Domiciliary
17 Marked a report card
19 Classroom array
21 Glutton
22 Big bother
24 Life
26 Vietnam river
28 Legendary fire-fighter
30 Listener
32 \$1 bills
33 2nd Amdt. proponents
34 X rating?
36 "Monopoly"
38 Jute fibers
39 Dickens' Mr. Heep
40 Like some mouth-washes and tooth-pastes
42 Written slander
45 Art —
46 California wine valley
48 Cover
50 Prepared
51 Balaam's carrier

Solution time: 25 mins.

S	E	G	O	D	O	H	E	D	A	M
C	A	M	P	O	N	E	V	O	L	E
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R	E	N	O	W	N	B	O	N	N	E
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B	A	D	E	A	N	D	R	O	I	D
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H	A	W	K	S	H	A	W	D	E	N
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T	E	R	I	S	B	R	I	D	A	L
E	R	I	N	A	W	E	P	I	N	A
M	I	M	E	P	E	A	P	R	O	P
P	E	E	L	S	E	T	V	E	N	S

Yesterday's answer 4-19

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12					13			14		
15					16			17		
	18				19			20		
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