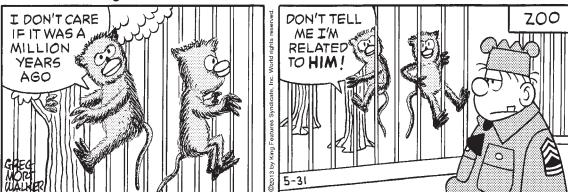
# **Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



# **Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



# **Blondie** • Chic Young



# Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



# Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



## Sally Forth • Greg Howard



# for emergencies

Dear Heloise: Can you please reprint your hints on programming ICE (In Case of Emergency) numbers into your cell phone? - Hal in Tennessee

I sure can! There are two ways that are recommended by experts to list emergency numbers on your phone. First, you can put a period (.) or the letter "A" before the emergency contacts so that they are listed at the top of your contacts list. Second, you should list the contact as "ICE-Mom," or "ICE- Husband," etc.

Most emergency technicians and hospital personnel will look under the letter "I" for contact numbers. Hopefully, this information will never be needed, but it's better to be safe than sorry. -Heloise

SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

Heloise P.O. Box 795000 San Antonio, TX 78279-5000 Fax: 1-210-HELOISE E-mail: Heloise@Heloise.com **TRAVEL HINT** 

Dear Heloise: I tend to overpack when traveling, and my clean and dirty clothes were getting mixed together. I would get home and not remember which clothes were clean and which were dirty, and I ended up having to wash them all. I now fold up a plastic garbage bag and take it with me. I place the dirty clothes in the bag once worn. Now they stay separate in my luggage, and I know which are clean. -- Debbie in Florida

Good hint, and if you forget the plastic trash bag, you can use the plastic laundry bag provided by the hotel. – Heloise

#### PAPERLESS STATEMENTS

Dear Heloise: Many people use online banking and receive paperless billing statements. Here is a hint for them. Before closing out any account, go online and print out or save statements to your computer. Once you close the account, you may no longer have access to those statements, and you may need them for future reference. This also could be helpful for retirement accounts, etc. A Reader in Kentucky

#### **DYED RICE**

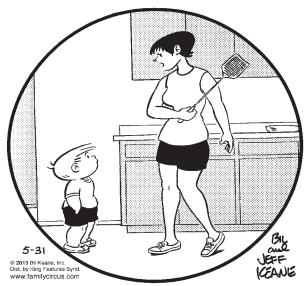
Dear Heloise: I was looking for an activity for my son. I wanted something like a sandbox that he could dig in and play inside. I mixed dry, raw white rice with food coloring of my choice (you added a tablespoon of vinegar for each cup of rice. I placed it on a foil-lined baking sheet in a a while to dry. I then put all the rice (I made two different colors) in a large, flat, plastic tub with a lid and added a couple of beach toys. My son loves it, and he can even play with it inside on a rainy day. - Crafty, via e-mail

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### Bridge • Steve Becker

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Hearts, and North leads

# Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Yes, I'm sure. The endangered species list doesn't mention houseflies."

#### **Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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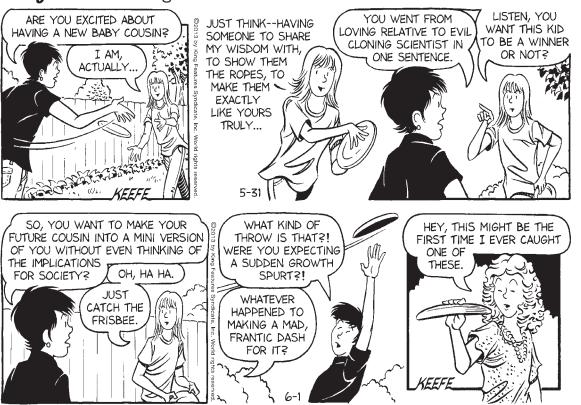
This is a logic-based number placement puzzle.

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.

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# Cryptoquip

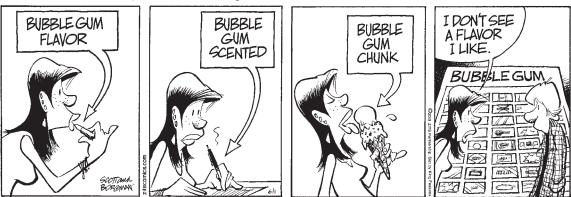
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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



## **Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



the five of spades. How would you play the hand?

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with the queen.	How would you play
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♣K Q J 10 8	<b>♣</b> A 5 3
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#### **Test Your Play**

1. There is very little chance of making the slam unless the missing clubs are divided 4-4, so you should plan from the start to try to establish the club nine as your 12th trick.

Trump the spade lead in dummy, ruff a club, cash the ace of hearts, trump the jack of spades, ruff another club, trump the ace of spades and ruff a third round of clubs.

Draw trumps, lead a diamond to the ace and cash the ace of clubs, discarding a diamond. If both opponents follow to the ace of clubs, cash the nine and discard another diamond. Then congratulate yourself on a fine performance in making a poor slam contract, as you were a 2-1 underdog when play began.

2. You start with eight tricks, and the problem is to find a ninth. Oddly enough, you are sure to make the contract - regardless of how the adverse cards are divided - if you invoke a very unusual play.

Let's first suppose you tried to establish your ninth trick by leading a low spade to dummy's ten at trick two. You would go down if South won the spade and returned a heart, and it turned out that North started with five hearts to the king and the remaining spade honor.

This outcome can be avoided if you play the ace of diamonds at trick two, cash three club tricks ending in dummy, then lead the queen of diamonds and discard the ace of hearts!

Once you do this, the contract is assured. The defense cannot avoid either putting you in dummy with a heart or a diamond to score nine tricks, or putting you in your hand to achieve the same result with your clubs and spades. You give away a trick by discarding the ace of hearts, but it comes back with interest. The only tricks you can lose on this line of play are two spades, a diamond and a heart.

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#### **Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

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