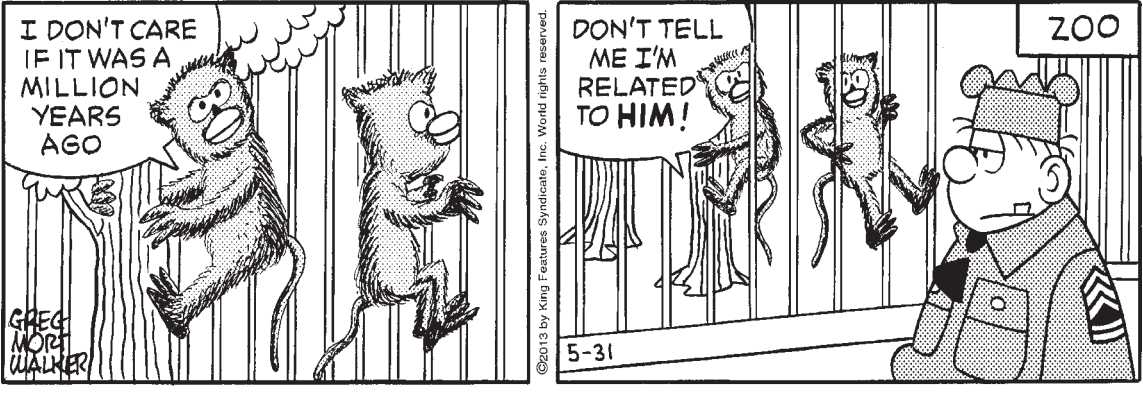


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



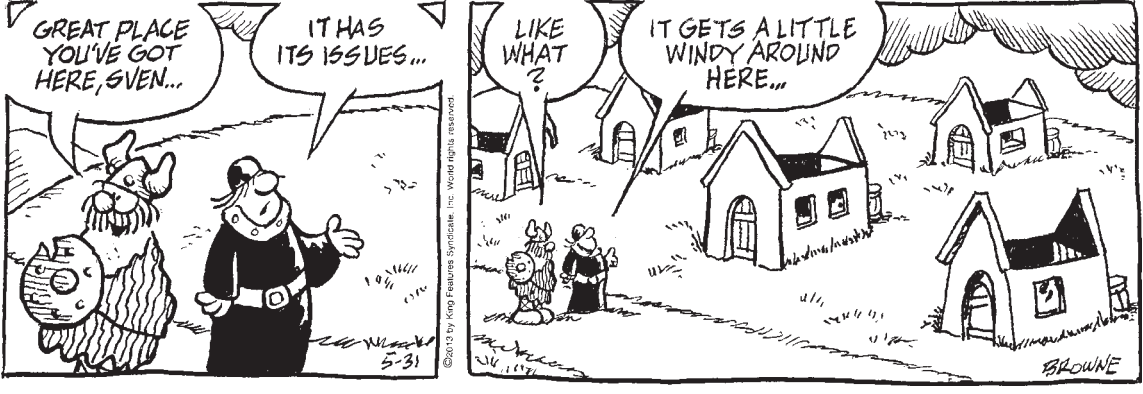
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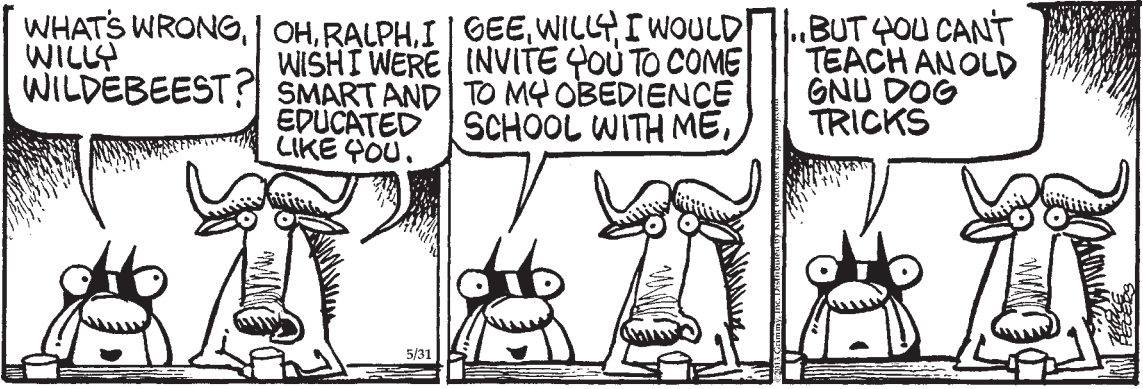
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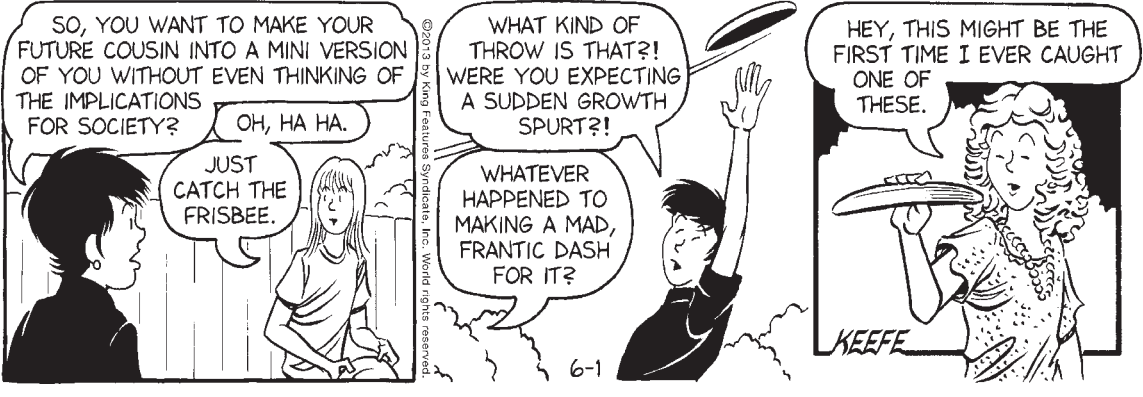
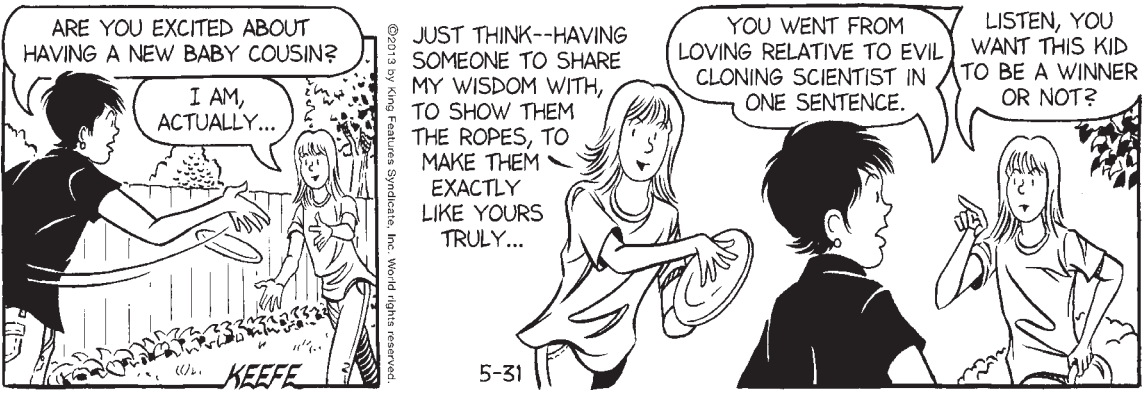
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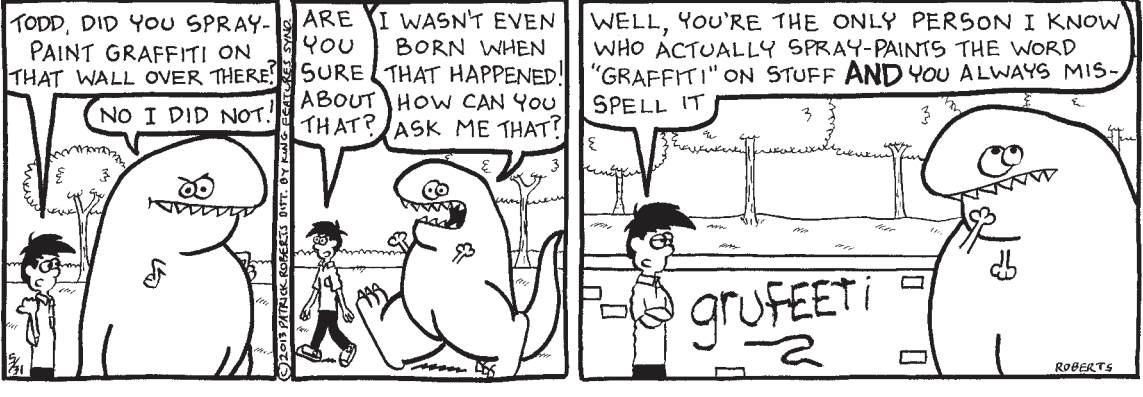
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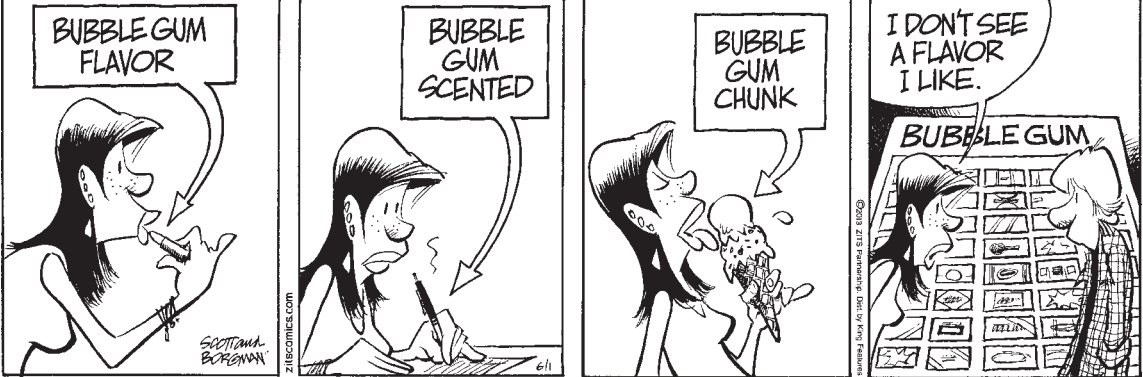
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Label numbers 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

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.

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.

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.

Bridge • Steve Becker

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

West: ♠ A J 7, ♥ A K Q J 9 4, ♦ 10 8 7 4, ♣ —

East: ♠ —, ♥ 8 7 5 2, ♦ A 9 5 3, ♣ A 9 8 4 3

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the five of hearts.

West: ♠ Q J 9 3, ♥ A Q 4, ♦ A, ♣ K Q J 10 8

East: ♠ 10, ♥ J 9 8, ♦ Q J 10 9 8 4, ♣ A 5 3

Test Your Play

1. There is very little chance of making the slam unless the missing clubs are divided 4-4.

Trump the spade lead in dummy, ruff a club, cash the ace of hearts, trump the jack of spades.

Draw trumps, lead a diamond to the ace and cash the ace of clubs.

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.

2. You start with eight tricks, and the problem is to find a ninth.

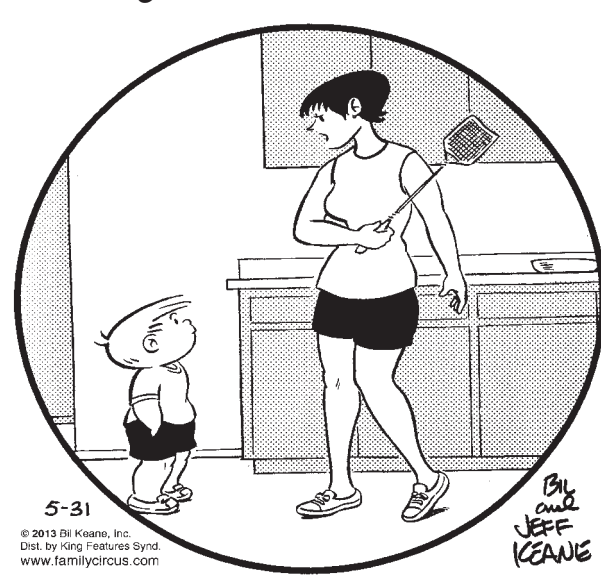
Let's first suppose you tried to establish your ninth trick by leading a low spade to dummy's ten.

This outcome can be avoided if you play the ace of diamonds at trick two.

Once you do this, the contract is assured. The defense cannot avoid either putting you in dummy with a heart or a diamond.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



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

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

Sudoku grid with numbers 6, 7, 4, 6, 5, 1, 8, 1, 3, 4, 2, 5, 6, 2, 4, 9, 7, 9, 5, 3, 9, 2, 4

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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.

Small Sudoku grid with numbers 2, 8, 4, 1, 5, 6, 3, 9, 7, 9, 1, 3, 2, 7, 8, 6, 4, 5, 6, 7, 5, 9, 3, 4, 8, 2, 1, 7, 9, 1, 8, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 3, 6, 2, 4, 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 5, 4, 8, 6, 9, 7, 1, 3, 2, 4, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 5, 1, 3, 1, 5, 7, 3, 4, 2, 9, 6, 8, 8, 3, 9, 5, 6, 1, 2, 7, 4

Difficulty Level ★★★

Cryptoquip

CRSNL DJLDQJSUM KI LUMQML

SU RSZ VSUQN VSMRK, KRL

ATLNSZK ZRITKLA "KRSZ

SZ KRL NQZK AJQC!"

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE I HAVE VERY LOGICAL IDEAS ABOUT HEARING ORGANS, YOU MIGHT DESCRIBE ME AS EAR-RATIONAL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals I

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 34 "The lady — protest too much" 51 "Of course" 19 —

1 Actor Carrey 35 Drench 2 Task 20 Bausch's partner

4 Weapon of destruction 36 Cow catcher 2 401(k) 21 Vicinity

8 Zits 37 Underground chamber party 22 Candid 23 Grenoble girlfriend

12 Man-mouse link 40 Close 3 Costume party guests 25 La Scala show-stopper

13 Midwestern state 41 Villainous look 4 Leg bone 26 Renunciation

14 Addition sign 42 Information store-house 5 Street of a faith 6 Piercing tool 7 Crony 27 Perches

15 The national pastime 46 Con 8 Poise 28 Reverberate

17 Node 47 Versifier's tributes 9 Organization 30 Rorschach sample

18 — pro quo 48 Baltimore news-paper 11 Catch sight of 33 — de corps

19 British patrolman 49 "Act now!" 16 Continental coin 34 Smear

20 First lady before Michelle 50 Prolonged sleep 36 Tibet's capital 37 Dressed

22 Old MacDonald's place 80 Unfeeling cousin 42 Medic 43 Big bother

24 Twistable cookie 51 TATTOO TAMP 44 Seek damages 45 Em halves

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