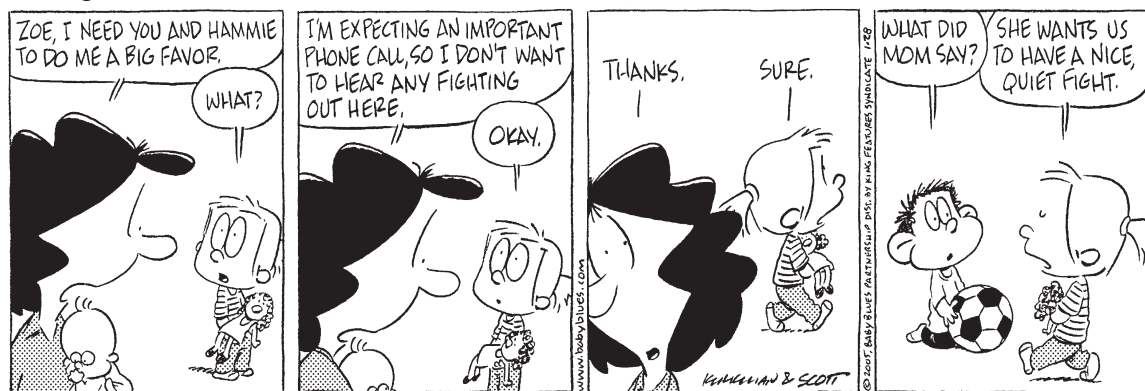
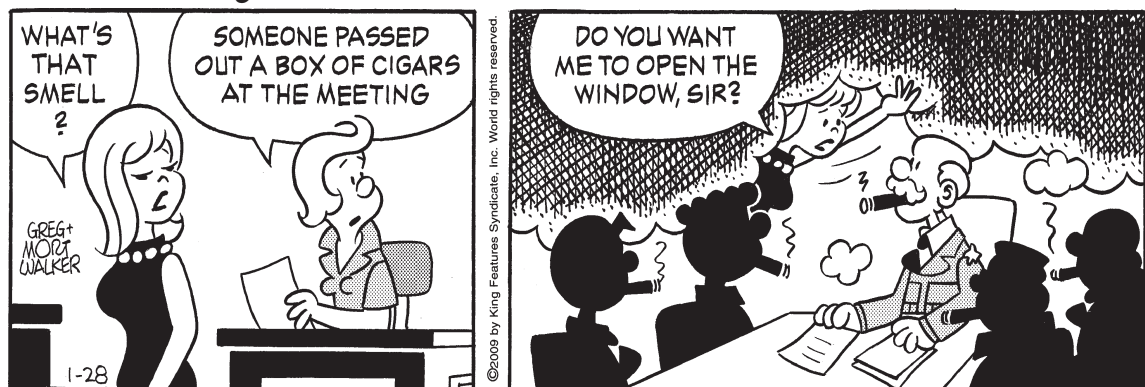


**Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



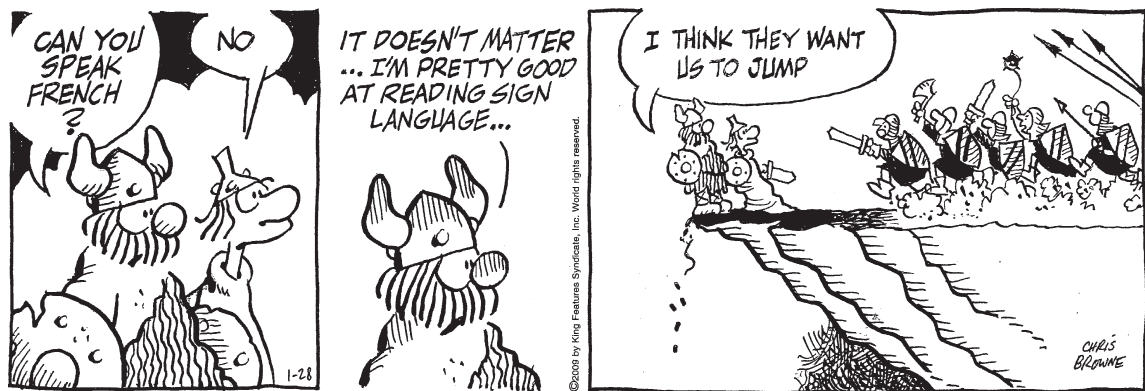
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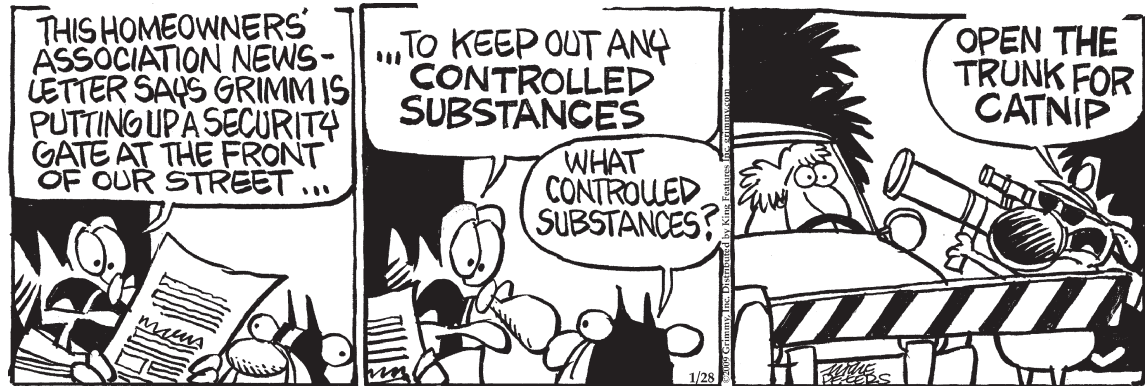
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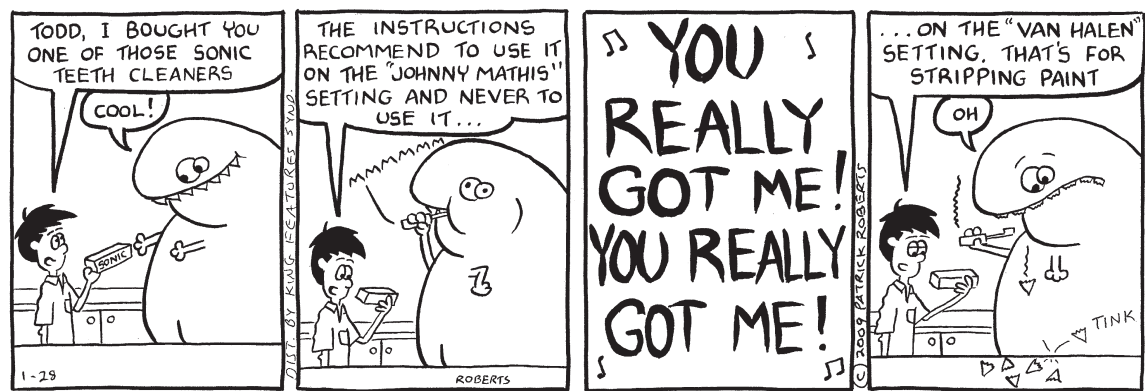
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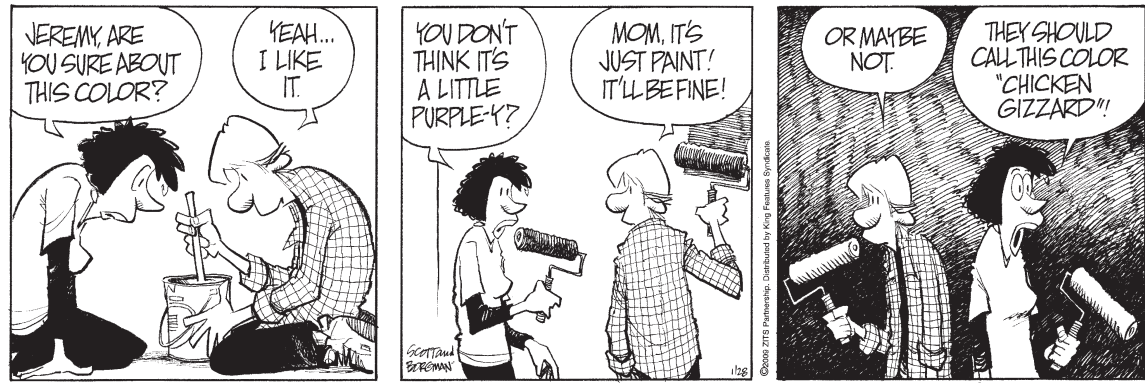
**Sally Forth** • Greg Howard



**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Heloise**

• Hints from Heloise

**Friendship Tea**  
a favorite drink

Dear Readers: We have had many requests for a favorite, HELOISE FRIENDSHIP TEA. This is easy and cheap to make, plus tasty to drink hot or cold.

You will need:  
2 1/2 cups powdered orange-flavored breakfast drink  
1 3/4 cups powdered instant tea  
2 to 2 1/2 cups sugar  
1 package lemonade mix (small packet, when mixed with water makes 2 quarts)  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cloves  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

Mix together all ingredients well and store in jars or resealable plastic bags. You can put the ingredients into the blender (1/4 to 1/2 cup at a time) to make the tea smooth and creamy-looking. Add 1-2 rounded teaspoons to 6-8 ounces of water.

You also can make a sugar-free version by using sugar substitute, diet powdered orange drink and sugar-free lemonade. This version is more concentrated, so use less mix (about 1 teaspoon to 6-8 ounces hot water). Add more or less, according to your taste. For other great tea and coffee mixtures, send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (59 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Coffee and Tea, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. If you have only a regular tea bag but want a zippy cup of tea at no extra cost, brew it and add strips of fresh orange peel and a dash of nutmeg or a piece of peppermint candy. A couple of red-hot cinnamon candies really give it an extra zip. — Heloise

**COFFEE CREAMERS**

Dear Heloise: Why do we waste our money on coffee or tea creamers? We could get the benefits of skim milk, including much-needed calcium, by using powdered milk. I think it even tastes better, and if your creamer is one that is kept in the refrigerator, the skim-milk powder doesn't cool your drink as quickly. — Barb S., Warren, Ohio

I'm with you, Barb! I have skim-milk powder in a small container on a turntable in a cabinet above the coffee maker with other coffee and tea essentials, and simply pour it just like powdered creamer into my morning coffee. — Heloise

**RISING YEAST**

Dear Heloise: When asked to make yeast rolls and time was limited and the house was cool, I placed a heating bag (filled with rice) in the microwave for a minute. I put a large towel on my work table, placed the heated bag in the center, placed the bowls of dough on the bag and covered it with the ends of the towel. The dough rose in record time. — Shirley G. Aube of Skowhegan, Maine

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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 7 3  
♥ K 6  
♦ Q 8 4 3  
♣ A K J

**WEST**  
♠ J 10 9 4  
♥ Q J 9 3  
♦ A 10 6 2  
♣ 5

**EAST**  
♠ 10 7 5 2  
♥ K J 5  
♦ Q 10 8 7 4 3  
♣ Q

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 8 6 5 2  
♥ A 8 4  
♦ 9 7  
♣ 9 6 2

The bidding:  
North 1♦ East 1♣ South 1♦ West Pass

**No Business Like Show Business**

Opening lead -- queen of hearts. Every declarer occasionally runs into an unlucky distribution which, as the cards lie, appears to make the contract hopeless. But sometimes what seems an impossible task may turn out to be manageable after all.

Take this case where South got to four spades and West led a heart. Declarer won with dummy's king and cashed the trump ace, on which East unexpectedly showed out. Undaunted, and for want of anything better to do, South next led a low diamond to his nine.

West won with the ten and shifted to his singleton club, taken by dummy's ace. A second diamond lost to East's jack, and a heart was returned. Declarer won with the ace, ruffed a heart and ruffed a diamond. He then cashed the Q-K of trumps, producing this position with South on lead needing two more tricks to make the contract:

North  
[D] Q  
[C] K J  
West  
[S] J  
[H] J  
[D] A  
East  
[H] 10  
[C] Q 10  
South  
[S] 8  
[C] 9 6

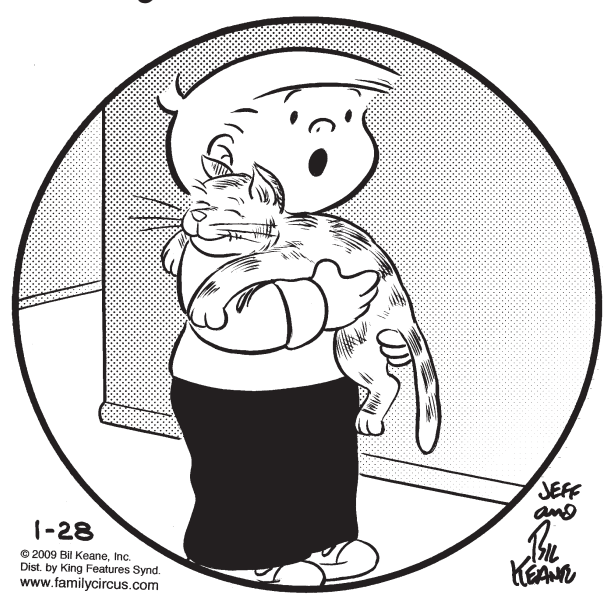
Superficially, it might seem that declarer must lose a spade and a club, but when South now led a club, the second loser disappeared.

If West ruffed, that would be the last trick his side could score. If West discarded a heart instead, declarer would win the club with the king and ruff a diamond to produce his 10th trick. And if West discarded the ace of diamonds, declarer would take the club king and lead the established queen of diamonds, discarding his remaining club and again finishing with 10 tricks.

Whatever West did, South could not be stopped from scoring two more tricks to make his contract.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



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"Which one of Kittycat's nine lives is this?"

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

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.

The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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

**Cryptoquip**

WR QDE UONO ZK OMLONP ZP  
EHWKB QDEN LDWKPN  
RWKBON, W BEOHH LODLGO  
UDEGX HZQ WP'H WXXOMPONWPO.

Yesterday's **Cryptoquip**: BECAUSE THE UNCONVENTIONAL POET HAD OUTRIVALED ACTOR NOLTE, I SUPPOSE THE BEATNIK BEAT NICK.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals S

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Light-years away
  - 5 Weep loudly
  - 8 Vicinity
  - 12 Theater box
  - 13 Crony
  - 14 Rent
  - 15 Lamb and eggplant recipe
  - 17 Liberate's feeling
  - 18 — au poivre
  - 19 Explosions
  - 21 Pinocchio, notably
  - 24 Braying beast
  - 25 George Herman Ruth
  - 28 Campus hangout
  - 30 Recede
  - 33 Mess up
  - 34 Fastidious
  - 35 Have a bug
  - 36 Ostrich's kin
  - 37 Right on the map?
  - 38 Zealots' group
- DOWN**
- 1 Charitable gifts
  - 2 Yard portion
  - 3 Chills and fever
  - 4 Auction, essentially
  - 5 Masseur's workplace, maybe
  - 6 Furniture wood
  - 7 Spill the beans
  - 8 Holdup man?
  - 9 Philosopher
  - 10 Formerly, formerly
  - 11 Picnic invaders
  - 16 Schuss
  - 20 Gentlewoman
  - 22 Blue hue
  - 23 Charlotte (dessert)
  - 25 Spelling contest
  - 26 Branch
  - 27 NATO headquarters site
  - 29 "The Thin Man" dog
  - 31 Puppeteer
  - 32 Sandwich shop order
  - 34 Damage assessment org.
  - 38 Pursued
  - 40 Expiate (for)
  - 42 Couric's network
  - 43 Prod
  - 44 Met melody
  - 45 Location
  - 47 One of the Jackson 5
  - 48 Truckload
  - 49 Fit of peevishness
  - 52 Wish otherwise
  - 53 Coffee dispenser

Solution time: 21 mins.

J	O	G	S	A	B	E	R	W	A	Y	
A	V	A	A	M	I	N	E	I	R	A	
B	A	Y	W	I	N	D	O	W	N	E	
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G	L	I	D	E	S	H	A	T	E		
A	T	R	D	I	E	P	U	R	R	S	
P	E	W	S	A	S	S	I	S	A	O	
S	N	I	P	S	P	I	C	E	C	U	
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Yesterday's answer 1-27

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
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