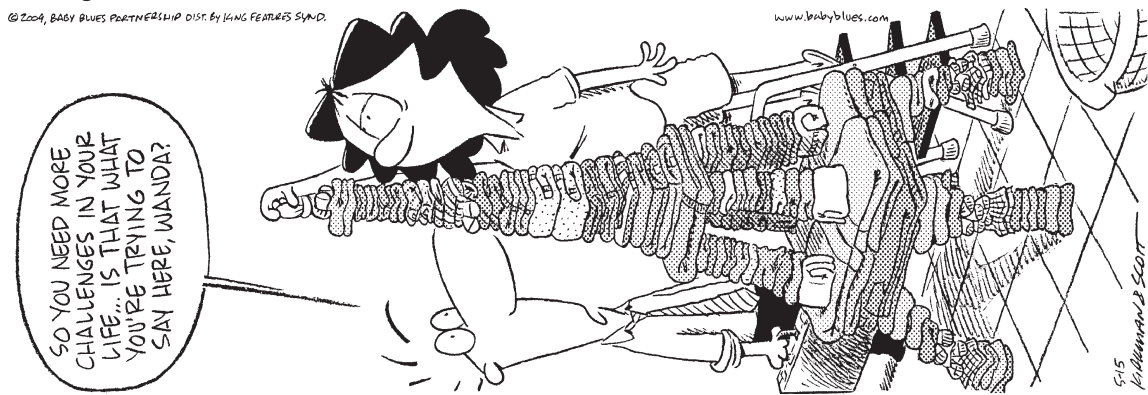
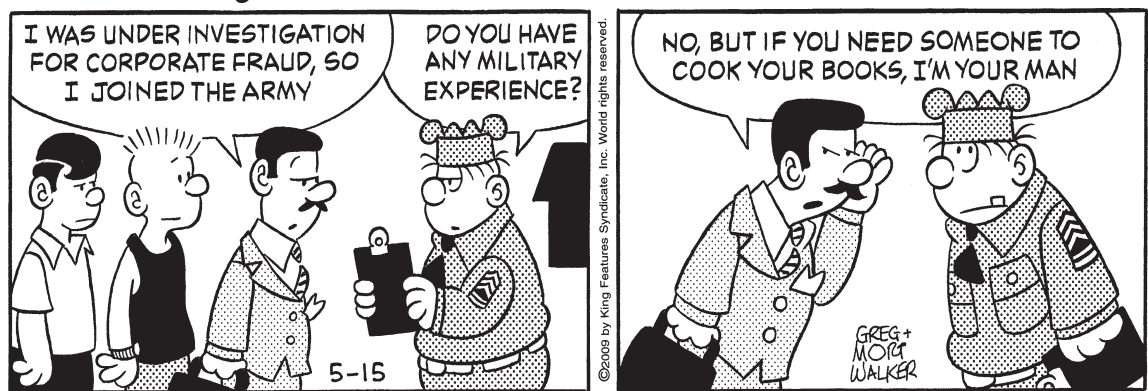


**Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



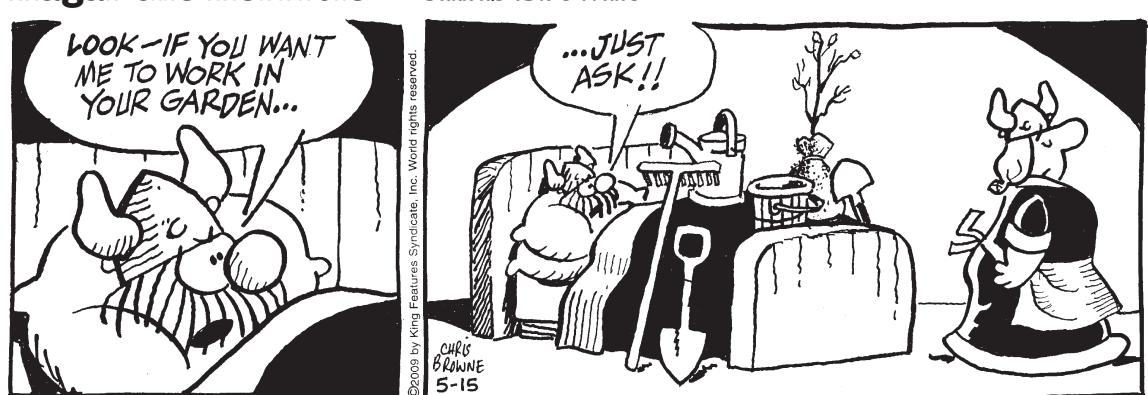
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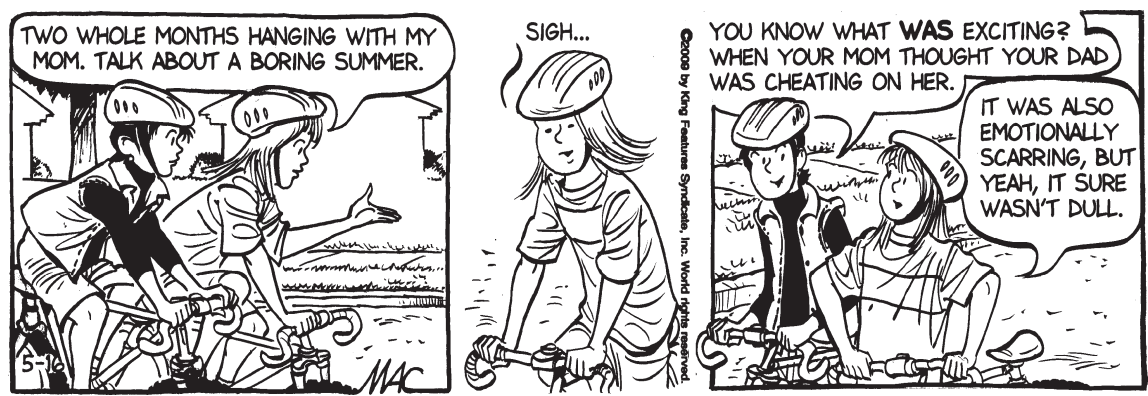
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**Mother Goose and Grimm** • Mike Peters



**Sally Forth** • Greg Howard



**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Heloise**

• Hints from Heloise

**Use price dots for garage sales**

Dear Heloise: Your hint for using COLORED DOTS at garage sales is good. I have done this and have had good success. After marking items with the various colors, I took 8-by-10-inch cardboard sheets and put the dots on with corresponding prices, and then placed the sheets at various locations (tables and walls) around the garage. This minimized the price questions and made it easier for the customers and myself. — P. Guidry, Orange, Calif.

It does make labeling and pricing everything a snap! Thanks for reminding us about this hint. With summer almost here, below are some favorite yard- or garage-sale hints:

- How you display garage-sale items is a key to sales. Stores spend time arranging and displaying goods, so you should take time to do this for your garage sale. If things are attractively placed and organized, you will sell more.
- Price every item! You will sell more because people can see the price and decide immediately if they want to buy or bargain.
- When planning a garage sale, after you decide on the date, also choose a rain date, just in case of unexpected bad weather. Put this information on your sign or in the ad for the sale.
- When you are organizing a garage sale, be sure to declutter the garage or area you are using. Clear out items not needed and include them in the sale to make extra cash.

**TRAVEL HINT**

Dear Heloise: When my children were small, we traveled a lot to visit family. We would stop at fast-food places, get our food and keep rolling. Eating out of a bag was not easy for the children or me. I started saving the large foam trays that meat comes on (be sure to wash well or cover with napkins), and we would put them in our laps. We were able to spread out our sandwich and fries without spilling them or getting sauce on our clothes. Hope this helps someone traveling with small children. -- D'Aun Meherg, Deatsville, Ala.

**EASY PILL-BOTTLE ID**

Dear Heloise: I find that the types of pill bottles that require you to line up two triangles to open them can be frustrating, in that the molded-in triangles are sometimes hard to see. What I do is color in the triangles with a permanent marker to make lining them up much easier. Although plain black is helpful enough, this method could be also extended to color-coding the triangles for different contents to make locating specific medication even speedier. -- A Reader, via e-mail (c)2009 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

**Bridge** • Steve Becker

You are the dealer, both sides vulnerable, and have opened One Diamond. Partner has responded One Heart. What would you now bid with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠A83 ♥6 ♦KQJ875 ♣A74
2. ♠A9 ♥KQ52 ♦AQJ63 ♣K7
3. ♠A874 ♥— ♦AK8632 ♣AJ5
4. ♠7 ♥QJ74 ♦AKQ95 ♣AK8

**Bidding Quiz**

1. Two diamonds. A choice has to be made between two and three diamonds. Neither one is fully accurate. Two diamonds is an underbid, three diamonds an overbid. If partner's response had been one spade or two clubs, either of which would elevate the value of your hand, a three-diamond rebid would be in order. But with the one-heart response, the hand depreciates in value, and game possibilities are remote unless partner can voluntarily continue over two diamonds.

If partner does bid again, some constructive move should then be made to show you are at the top of your previous minimum rebid.

2. Four hearts. This is the type of hand with which many players might bid only three hearts, thinking it is a forcing bid. But the fact is that three hearts is only a strong invitation to continue bidding. If responder has only six or seven points, he is not required to bid over three hearts.

With 19 high-card points, two doubletons and an excellent trump fit, you should not run the risk of playing at less than game. Also, you may reach a slam as a result of bidding four hearts that might be missed if you were to rebid only three hearts.

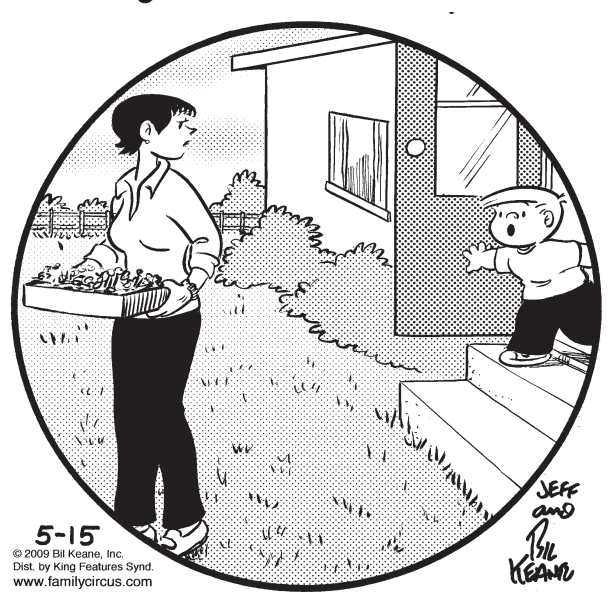
3. One spade. Again we are influenced by partner's unsatisfactory initial response. Had partner bid one spade, two clubs or supported diamonds, the value of your hand would have improved significantly, but after a one-heart response, you have nothing to get excited about.

One spade -- rather than rebidding your diamonds -- is chosen for two reasons: It is an opened bid that can show up to 18 points, and it caters to the possibility that partner may have four spades. Rebidding diamonds would deny possession of four spades, and you could miss a game (or slam) in spades by failing to mention them at this point.

4. Three clubs. Not only must a game in hearts be reached, but slam possibilities must be explored, and the investigation is initiated by a jump-shift in clubs (forcing to game).

Your intention is to raise hearts on the next round, thus completing the picture of both your high-card values and distribution. Once partner hears you support hearts, he will be able to evaluate his honor cards more accurately and decide how high to go. If he has the A-K of hearts, or ace of spades and king of hearts, he should make a move toward slam, while at the same time he should regard any honor cards in spades (other than the ace) as practically worthless. (c)2009 King Features Syndicate Inc.

**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



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**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 5/15

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.

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

**Cryptoquip**

Y R P Y K R H Z P D F R C B B R H Z D S R B  
Z D S R E Q C N R C O Y R G G D M K R  
O D B B R F U . C N O Q U N M R

G P B B R G N C G Q N R N C E Q R N N R .  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AFTER PERFORMING SOME VITAL TESTS ON A RETRIEVER, THE VET BEGAN TO PREPARE HIS LAB REPORT.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals P

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

- |                                       |                                       |                                    |                                  |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                         | <b>39</b> You can tie one on in Japan | <b>DOWN</b>                        | <b>21</b> Dividing walls         |
| <b>1</b> UNLV part                    | <b>41</b> Top of a sort               | <b>1</b> Print of a sort           | <b>23</b> Trattoria offering     |
| <b>4</b> More, to Manuel              | <b>45</b> Less than 90 degrees        | <b>2</b> "Cradle of Texas Liberty" | <b>24</b> Smart figs.            |
| <b>7</b> Summomed                     | <b>47</b> Thanks-giving veggie        | <b>3</b> Consecutive losses        | <b>25</b> Prompt                 |
| <b>12</b> Under the weather           | <b>48</b> Field of canines?           | <b>4</b> Painter of Chagall        | <b>26</b> Prepared               |
| <b>13</b> Pismire                     | <b>52</b> Fella                       | <b>5</b> Parka                     | <b>28</b> Grazing site           |
| <b>14</b> Harden                      | <b>53</b> Romantic encounter          | <b>6</b> Porch                     | <b>30</b> "The 7 Faces of Dr. —" |
| <b>15</b> Greek cross                 | <b>54</b> Calendar abbr.              | <b>7</b> Choose                    | <b>31</b> Greek vowel            |
| <b>16</b> Drilling ordeal             | <b>55</b> First lady                  | <b>8</b> Literary collection       | <b>32</b> Trail the pack         |
| <b>18</b> "Let me see, ..."           | <b>56</b> Horse-drawn carriage        | <b>9</b> Holster occupant          | <b>33</b> Bobby of hockey        |
| <b>19</b> Have a frog in your throat? | <b>57</b> Tee preceder                | <b>10</b> Important period         | <b>36</b> Fabulous fliers        |
| <b>20</b> "My bad"                    | <b>58</b> Embar-rassed                | <b>11</b> First st.                | <b>37</b> Fruit category         |
| <b>22</b> Spring mo.                  |                                       | <b>17</b> 2009 bailout acronym     | <b>40</b> Montana city           |
| <b>23</b> Snapshots                   |                                       |                                    | <b>42</b> Computer-related       |
| <b>27</b> Moose's cousin              |                                       |                                    | <b>43</b> Purple shade           |
| <b>29</b> Tooth problem               |                                       |                                    | <b>44</b> Stick in               |
| <b>31</b> Split to unite?             |                                       |                                    | <b>45</b> Ethereal               |
| <b>34</b> No liability                |                                       |                                    | <b>46</b> Spotters               |
| <b>35</b> See 29 Across               |                                       |                                    | <b>48</b> Apply lightly          |
| <b>37</b> Barracks bed                |                                       |                                    | <b>49</b> Flightless bird        |
| <b>38</b> Taj Mahal city              |                                       |                                    | <b>50</b> Yule beverage          |
|                                       |                                       |                                    | <b>51</b> Yank                   |

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

BOA	BOLL	TACT								
AWL	OBOE	AGAR								
ALLOWING	LURE									
URL	GALLERY									
BARBER	LAY									
ALL	RUN	CHAFFE								
BANG	EEL	OLLA								
ARGUE	TEA	ALIS								
	SAG	OBJECT								
MAESTRO	LOG									
ACME	ALLAYING									
SNIT	DIAZ	NEA								
HERS	SOME	GOB								

**Yesterday's answer 5-15**

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