

Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



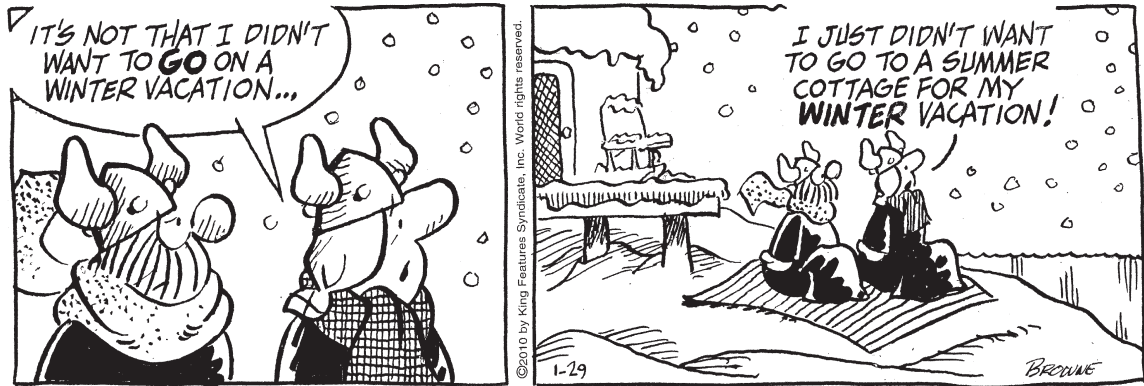
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



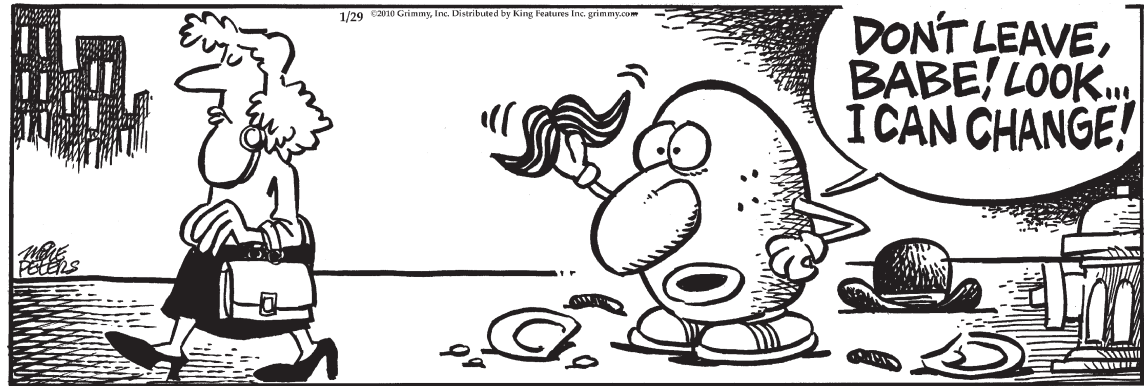
Blondie • Chic Young



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



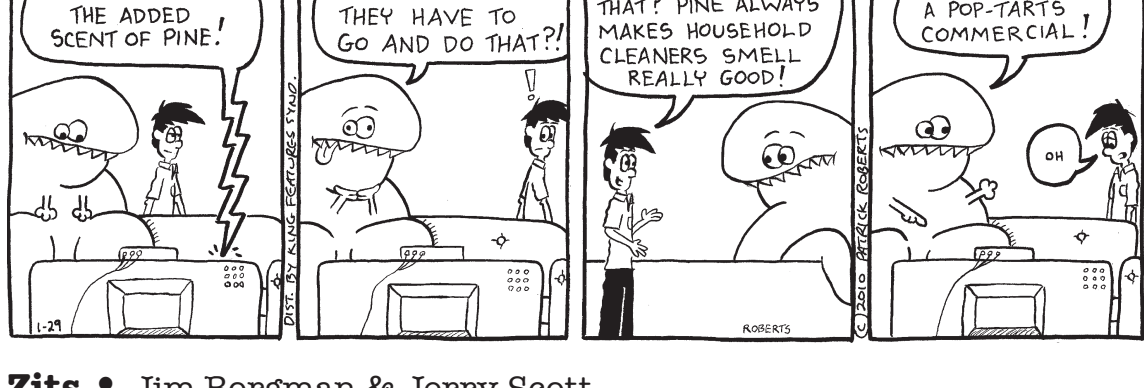
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise
• Hints from Heloise

Polish marks the right spot

Dear Heloise: I found a new use for bright-colored FINGERNAIL POLISH. My electric mixer uses two beaters. They look identical, but only one fits in the mixer hole on the motor unit. I painted the beater tip with a bright-red nail polish, and put another dab on the unit next to the hole that beater fits into. Now when I use the mixer, I know immediately which beater fits into which hole.

Another use of fingernail polish is on the switch plate in the bathroom. Mine has three switches: one each for light, heater and exhaust fan. I put a dab of red nail polish on the switch that is for the heater. Now I know immediately which one is for the heat. One guest told me it was great to know which one was heat and which one was the fan. It's easily seen on the tip of a switch - red means heat! - Sandra from Louisiana

Sandra, easy ID, and I love it! I use bright-purple or red nail polish on my tools (hammer, pliers, etc.) so they don't walk away! And if they do, I can ID them in a flash. - Heloise

EASY SEE

Dear Heloise: When hanging pants on plastic hangers, use black ones for black pants and white hangers for blue pants. No confusion when they have to match up with tops.

Also, after washing and scrubbing my shower, I use my garden bucket (watering can - Heloise) to rinse down the shower. No throwing glasses of water to clean and remove the soap. - Buck Kolsun, Northeast Indiana

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: Before leaving home, I print labels on my computer to use to send postcards to family and friends while I'm on vacation. Then, all I have to do is pull one of the labels to send a postcard. I run a couple of sets if I intend to send multiple cards. This really saves time when it comes to mailing the cards. Several of my friends are now using my hint. - Charlene in California

QUIET ZONE

Dear Heloise: My son has a hard time falling asleep when he can hear the TV in the other room. I bought wireless headphones that can be connected to the TV. My husband can listen to the TV, and my son can sleep.

I love the headphones and use them when doing chores. This way, I don't have to sit in front of the TV for every show. Moving from room to room does not diminish the volume, as I am wearing headphones. - Preeti in Maryland

PICTURE HANGING

Dear Readers: When hanging pictures, add a dot of clear silicone caulking to the back of the picture frame in each of the corners. When dry, hang, and the frame now has permanent dots that help keep it in place. - Heloise

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Bridge • Steve Becker

- Your partner bids One Diamond, and you respond One Notrump. Using standard methods of bidding, which of the following three hands best fits your bid?
a) ♠53 ♥Q82 ♦74 ♣A108762
b) ♠QJ3 ♥A92 ♦1054 ♣KJ95
c) ♠A84 ♥QJ95 ♦73 ♣Q1072

- The bidding has gone:
Partner 1♦ You 1♠
2♣ 2♦
Which of these three hands best fits your bids?
d) ♠AJ103 ♥653 ♦AQ84 ♣102
e) ♠Q10962 ♥64 ♣AKQ6 ♣95
f) ♠K8754 ♥72 ♦AJ93 ♣86

Bidding Quiz

1. A one-trump response to an opening bid indicates six to 10 high-card points. The bid does not promise notrump distribution, but is in essence a courtesy response, saying that you have enough points to answer an opening bid, but no other reasonable action is available.

Applying this guideline, only the first hand qualifies as a one-notrump response. Although the hand contains a good six-card club suit, if you were to bid two clubs, you'd be announcing that you had more than 10 points. One notrump is therefore the only remaining option.

It would be wrong to respond one notrump with b), as you have too many points. The proper response with this hand would be two clubs.

With c), the correct response is one heart, not one notrump. The obligation to try to find a major-suit fit takes precedence over attempting to limit your strength. The one-heart response indicates four or more hearts and six or more high-card points, with no upper limit.

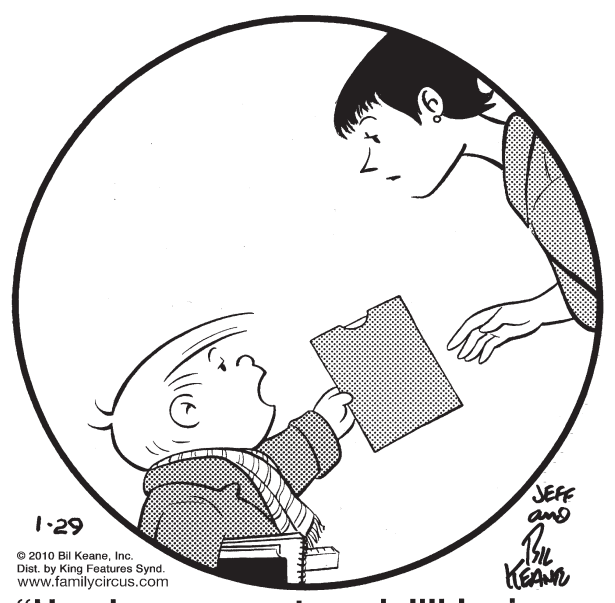
2. The proper initial response with d) is one diamond, not one spade. This makes it possible to explore for a potential fit in all four suits while still on the one-level. If partner next bids one heart, you can then bid one spade, thereby informing him that your spades are only four cards long. This type of information often proves invaluable to partner as he seeks the proper contract.

With f), the initial spade response is correct, but a two-diamond bid at your next turn would not be. After partner's two-club rebid, which indicates minimum values (13 to 15 points), you should pass, since game is now highly unlikely. Two clubs is probably the best partscore contract, and you should not force partner to bid again with such skimpy values.

Hand e), however, offers a reasonable chance for game, despite partner's weak rebid. There might still be a game in notrump, spades, diamonds or clubs, and you can best explore that possibility by bidding two diamonds (forcing). By inference, partner will know you have five spades, since with only four spades, you would have bid one diamond first, as in d) above.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Here's my report card. I'll be in my room practicin' being grounded."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

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

Cryptoquip

XDBH OAVGAMBL ZADTHHBM'

GCBOBM XBLB ZKMN NANTSSW

KHGSTWTUSB, RCR NDBW

UBOAVB ULTDVM' UAVUM?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF I EVER WALK INTO AN ICE CREAM SHOP, I PLAN TO NONCHALANTLY ASK "WOULD YOU DO ME A FLAVOR?"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals D

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pie maker's device, at times
 - 6 Sch. org. time
 - 9 Burst
 - 12 Scent
 - 13 Work unit
 - 14 "Hail, Caesar!"
 - 15 Genius
 - 16 One who's hardly humble
 - 18 Short and thick
 - 20 Sty cry
 - 21 Salamander
 - 23 Crony
 - 24 Intersect
 - 25 Complaint
 - 27 Skewed entree
 - 29 Upbraided
 - 31 Disinclined
 - 35 Shopping centers
 - 37 Go sight-seeing
 - 38 Claw
 - 41 Victory
 - 43 Inseparable
- DOWN**
- 44 Language of Pakistan
 - 45 Tots' break time
 - 47 Supplementary dose
 - 49 Election tally
 - 52 Cleo's slayer
 - 53 Ref
 - 54 Varnish ingredient
 - 55 Neptune's realm
 - 56 Derek and Diddle
 - 57 Old episode
 - 1 Taxi
 - 2 Bobby of hockey lore
 - 3 Poultry purchase
 - 4 Send forth
 - 5 Accumulated, as debts
 - 6 Little rock
 - 7 Avoidir-du-poix
 - 8 — Khan
 - 9 Veranda
 - 10 They take the cake
 - 11 Makes coffee, maybe
 - 17 Fruity ice
 - 19 Rock drummer
 - 21 Decline
 - 22 Doctor's due
 - 24 Cleveland cager, for short
 - 26 Renowned
 - 28 Fundamental
 - 30 Catch some rays
 - 32 Farm alarm?
 - 33 Baltimore alternative
 - 34 Prior to the cake
 - 36 Insignificant ones
 - 38 Brass instruments
 - 39 Got up
 - 40 Treatment for Parkinson's
 - 42 When pigs fly
 - 45 San —, Italy
 - 46 Unrivaled
 - 48 Jalopy among boats
 - 50 Flightless bird
 - 51 Break a Commandment

Solution time: 25 mins.

L	I	S	T	H	A	M	E	M	U	S
O	D	O	R	E	G	O	Y	U	L	E
N	O	S	E	L	O	S	E	T	N	A
G	L	O	B	E	S	S	A	L	A	A
				E	L	I	N	E	T	
J	O	C	K	N	O	T	A	T	I	O
A	N	I	K	O	I	O	R	E		
R	O	T	A	T	I	O	N	U	N	T
	A	M	O	K	I	N				
S	I	T	T	U	P	S	E	D	W	A
I	S	I	S	O	E	R	R	O	A	R
F	L	O	E	M	O	E	A	N	T	I
T	E	N	D	E	N	D	P	E	E	P

Yesterday's answer 1-29

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12					13			14			
15					16			17			
	18			19				20			
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25		26		27		28					
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