

Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



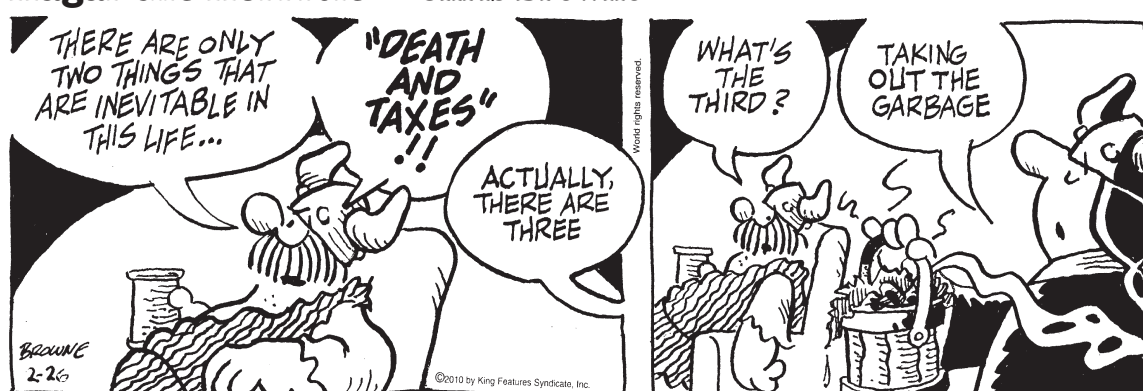
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



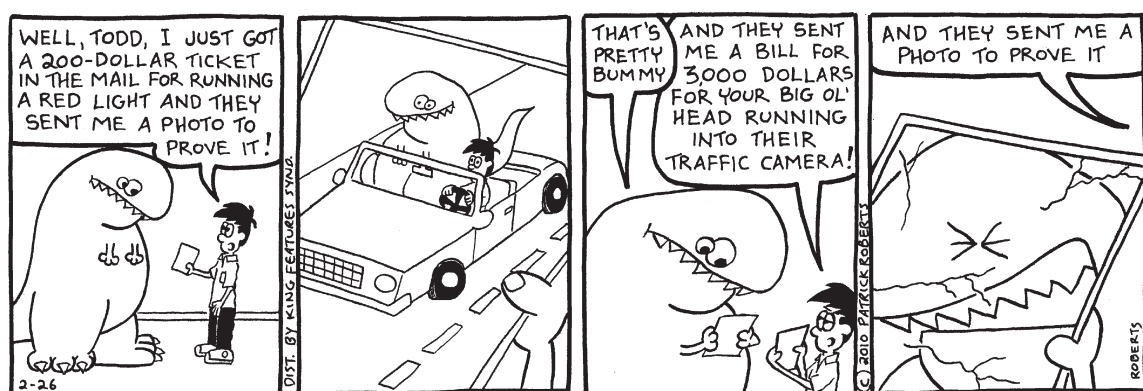
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



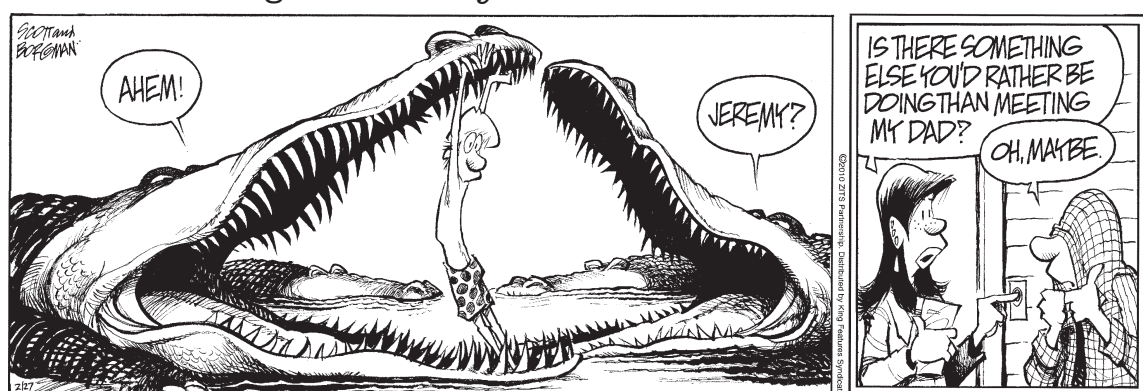
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Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Clean chamois does windows

Dear Heloise: When I lived in Germany, I learned to use a CHAMOIS to clean my windows. They can be found in the automotive section of most stores, and also in auto-parts stores. The ones available here have a lot of oils in them. They must be thoroughly washed with a good detergent and rinsed very well before being used on your windows.

I also use a gallon of warm water with about a half-cup of fabulous vinegar. There's no need to wipe one direction on one side of the glass and the other way on the other side because there will be NO streaks. I squeeze the chamois until it doesn't drip to clean the window, then wring the leather out until it is as dry as I can get it to dry the glass.

Don't be alarmed when you want to use it the next time. It is supposed to dry stiff as a board. There is one thing to remember, though: Keep it away from your husband. He will want to use it on the car. Make him get his own. — Fran McFall, Huntsville, Ala.

SCENT

Dear Heloise: At the bottom of trash cans in the kitchen, bathroom and bedroom, place a medium-size scented candle (unlit, of course). The fresh smell will last for months. — Cindy Wolf, South Orange, N.J.

LABEL MAKERS

Dear Heloise: Most of the time, a label maker includes a device to get the backing off the label. I've found that if you run the tape under the clip on a pen (like you would do when curling ribbon), it will separate enough to pull it apart. You may have to do it twice, but it sure saves a lot of frustration and my co-workers' ears. — Skipper, Sterling, Va.

BATHROOM FAN

Dear Heloise: To keep your bathroom exhaust fan running smoother longer, turn off when using hairsprays and other aerosols, which coat the blades with sticky residue, accumulating dust and throwing them out of balance. — Bryce Scott, New Brunswick, Canada

FREEZING LEMONS

Dear Heloise: I am sometimes the recipient of a bag of lemons. After washing and drying, I zest them -- the zest freezes nicely. Then I juice the lemons and freeze the juice into ice cubes. They keep in plastic zippered bags for quite some time. — Liz Goodman, Dana Point, Calif.

EXPIRATION DATES

Dear Heloise: After going grocery shopping and unloading the items from the bags, I take a marker and write the expiration dates on the cans. I also date the sides of boxed items. Sure saves your eyes. — Carolyn Schmidt, Newton, Kan.

NO SLIP

Dear Heloise: I was so tired of trying to keep my chair arm covers in place. So I came up with a solution. I purchased a quilter's basting gun at the local fabric store. Voila! No more fishing down the cushion to find the covers. It also works on the headrest covers. — Margaret from Texas

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Bridge • Steve Becker

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts, and North leads a trump. How would you play the hand? (Played correctly, the contract cannot be defeated regardless of how the North-South cards are divided.)

West: ♠ Q 7 4, ♥ K Q J 9 6 3, ♦ 10, ♣ K 6 5. East: ♠ A 10 6, ♥ A 10 8 5, ♦ 7 4, ♣ A J 4 2.

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Clubs, and North leads the two of hearts. You win with the queen and lead the four of trumps to dummy's queen, North following with the three and South the two. How would you continue?

West: ♠ K 5, ♥ A Q 10, ♦ K Q 2, ♣ J 9 8 6 4. East: ♠ A J 8 3 2, ♥ K J, ♦ A J 7, ♣ A Q 5.

Test Your Play

1. Draw the missing trumps, cash the K-A of clubs and, if the club jack is not yet a trick, lead a diamond. The defender who wins the diamond cannot return a spade or a club without establishing a 10th trick for you, so let's assume he leads another diamond. In that case, you discard your six of clubs!

Again the defender on lead cannot play a spade or a club without allowing you to make the contract, nor can he afford a diamond continuation, which would hand you a ruff-and-discard. You are certain to make 10 tricks whatever he returns, but note that at no point were you in danger of losing the contract.

2. The only real danger is the possibility of losing two trump tricks. This can occur only if the trumps are divided 4-1, so the question is how to guard against this eventuality.

If you were to cash dummy's ace of clubs at this point, you would go down if North started with the K-10-7-3. The best way to guard against this is to return to your hand by overtaking dummy's king of hearts with the ace and lead the nine of trumps.

If North produces the ten or king, you win with the ace and have the contract firmly in tow. If North produces the seven, you play low from dummy to assure the contract. At worst, you lose one trump trick by adopting this method of play.

Of course, North might show out when you lead the nine of trumps at trick four. This would occur if South, holding the K-10-7-2 originally, ducked dummy's queen of clubs at trick two. In that case, you can assure the slam by putting up the ace and returning the five toward your J-8-6.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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	6							3	
		5	2		9	4			
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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.

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

Cryptoquip

P I G B B G H L E G P D G N F P Z G N

F P N U T G H M K P K H R G W W G H

D J T M L L D O H G K D " M T P B G

P Z K M D D J I M U Z E M D T R J O ! "

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN SINGER DELLA PENNED HER OWN MUSICAL COMPOSITIONS, I GUESS THOSE WERE REESE'S PIECES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals Y

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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| ACROSS | 1 Expire | 6 Homer's outcry | 9 Ashen | 12 Reef around a lagoon | 13 Where, to Caesar | 14 Rhyming tribute | 15 Brit's service discharge | 16 Cheerleader's pair | 18 Celeb-laden magazine | 20 Sun's output | 21 Sticky stuff | 23 Infinitesimal | 24 Podiatry cases | 25 Responsibility | 27 Banished one | 29 Wall hanging | 31 Takes as one's own | 35 Beginning | 37 Drench | 38 Some times | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DOWN | 1 Young fellow | 2 Consumed | 3 Arrogant | 4 Black-thorn fruit | 5 Knee counter-part | 6 Two-family house | 7 Reed instrument | 8 That guy | 9 Saitor | 10 Clio | 11 Fits inside snugly | 17 Snapshots | 19 Jurors, in theory | 21 Red-staters' org. | 22 Yoko of music | 24 Scoundrel | 26 Clog | 28 Tops of heads | 30 Em halves | 32 — Beach, Fla. | 33 Pitch | 34 Tackle | 36 Beethoven's Third | 38 Himalayan land | 39 Meat contaminant | 40 Ready for battle | 42 Hens' pens | 45 Penpoints | 46 Now, on a memo | 48 Water (Fr.) | 50 Comprehend | 51 Golfer Ernie |

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 2-26

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