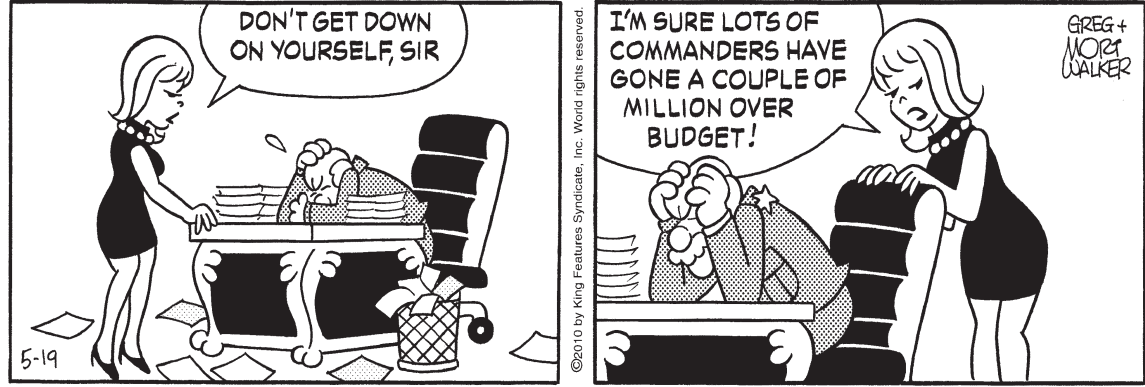


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



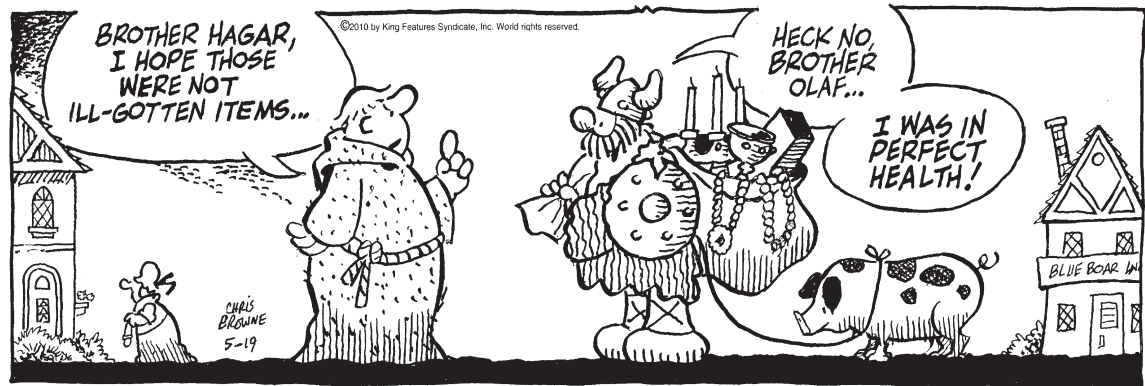
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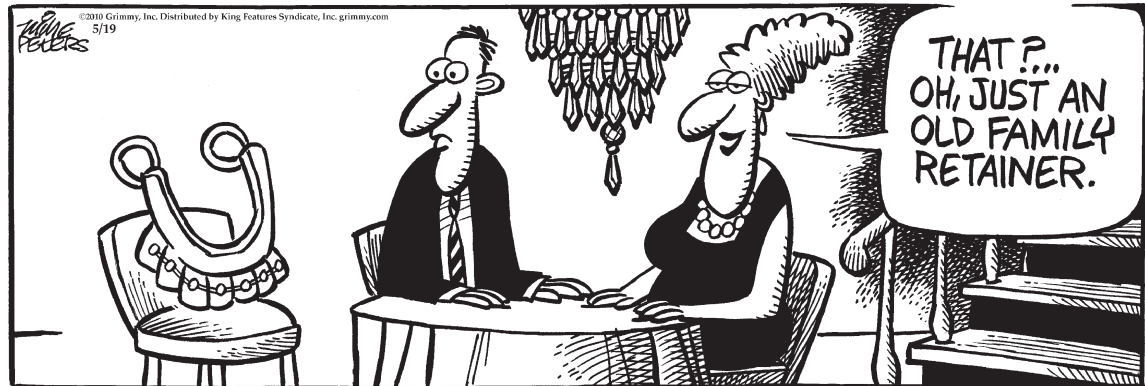
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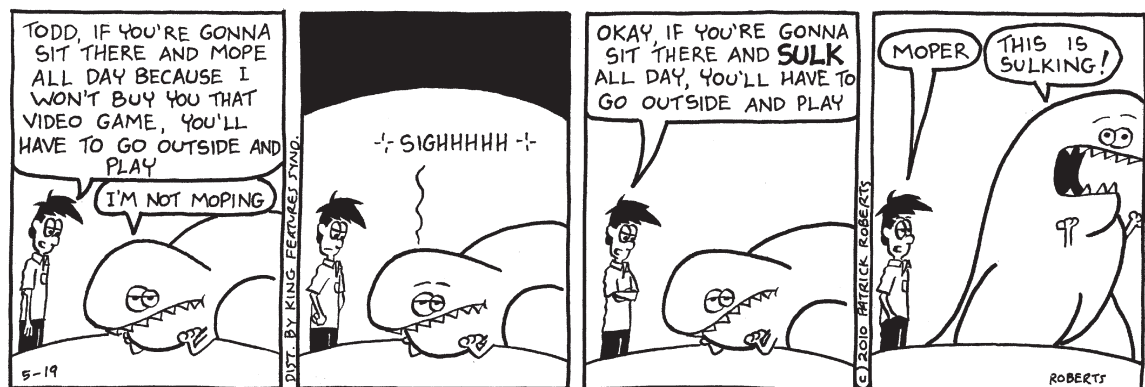
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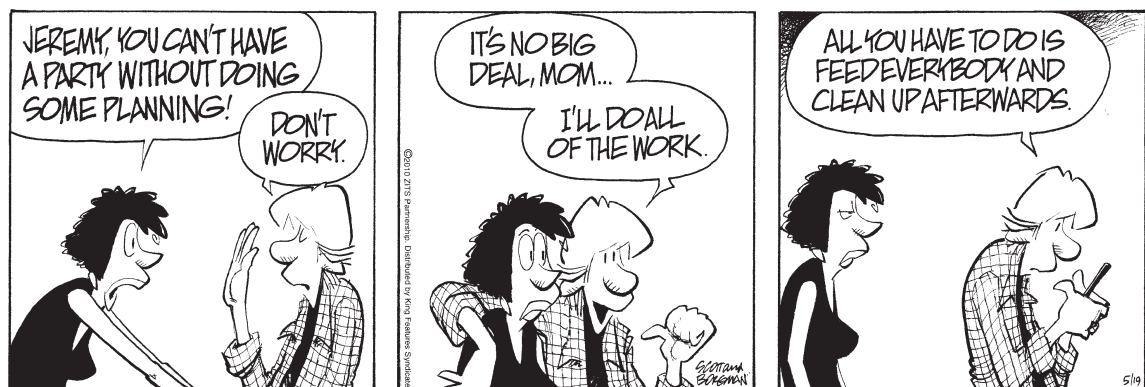
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise
 • Hints from Heloise

Biscuit mix stores on shelf

Dear Readers: I have misplaced your recipe for the "DRY BISCUIT MIX" that can be kept in a sealed container until needed and then liquid is added to it. Please print it again. Thank you very much. - Maxine Scatena, via e-mail
 I would be happy to reprint this often-asked-for recipe. This mix keeps well in a cupboard and even longer in the refrigerator. It is less expensive than store-bought mixes and is easy to make. To make Heloise's favorite Biscuit or Pancake Mix, you will need:

- 8 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup baking powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 8 teaspoons sugar (optional)
- 1 cup shortening
- Milk

Mix all dry ingredients together. Using a pastry blender, cut in the shortening until the mixture resembles coarse meal. Store in a well-sealed container in the pantry or fridge. To make biscuits, use 1/3 cup milk for each cup of mix. Bake at 450 F for 12 to 15 minutes. - Heloise

HANDY PIZZA PAN

Dear Heloise: In regard to the reader who had foil adhere to the bottom of her oven: I put my pie plate on a 12-inch pizza pan. It catches any drips but allows the heat to circulate for proper baking results. - Jane, via e-mail

VINEGAR CUCUMBERS

Dear Readers: For delicious cucumbers, soak them in cider vinegar and water for 10 to 15 minutes for a tangy treat. I like full strength, but others prefer a lighter version. - Heloise

EASY FREEZER ID

Dear Heloise: I enjoy freezing leftovers and smaller portions of meats bought in bulk, but oftentimes these smaller packages get lost in my freezer, and I can't find what I want when I need it, or I've forgotten what I have.

I put to good use the clear-plastic bins that variety salad greens come in by labeling them on the front end and stacking them on the shelves in the freezer. I've got one for chops, one for steaks, one for seafood, etc.

When I get more bins, I plan to use them to store smaller items together in the refrigerator: tub margarine, cream cheese and small leftover containers, for example. - Susan, via e-mail

CRYING OVER ONIONS

Dear Heloise: I have read and use hints from your column all the time, and thought I would send in mine.

When cutting or peeling onions, to avoid tears, put the onions on a plate, put the plate on top of the stove and turn the exhaust fan on. No more tears. - A Reader, via e-mail

CANNED BEVERAGE

Dear Heloise: When drinking from a canned beverage while driving a vehicle, use a drinking straw. That way, you can feel for the opening in the can, but you don't have to tilt your head back to get the last of whatever is in the can, thus taking your eyes off the road. - Elliot F. in Newark, N.J.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
 North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
 ♦K Q 9
 ♥7 4 3
 ♠A Q 10 8 5
 ♣Q 4
WEST
 ♠A Q 8 6
 ♥K J 8 7 3
 ♦J 10 8 3
EAST
 ♠A 5 4
 ♥J 10 9 2
 ♦6 4 2
 ♣K 9 7
SOUTH
 ♦J 10 8 7 6 3 2
 ♥K 5
 ♠—
 ♣A 6 5 2

The bidding:
 North East South West
 1♦ Pass 1♠ 3♥
 Pass 2♥ 2♠ 2♣
 3♠ 4♥ 4♠ 4♣
 Opening lead - jack of clubs.

Sylvia Misapplies a Rule

It did not take Sylvia long to establish herself as the club's chief conversation piece. It wasn't just that she played badly - after all, there were other bad players at the club - but the errors she made were the kind that would send her partners home talking to themselves.
 The trouble was that when Sylvia first began to play, she had accumulated a monumental mass of rules to guide her, and, when it came to applying this knowledge to a particular hand, she would distort what she had learned and take off in some peculiar direction. Despite her many transgressions, however, she had occasional moments of glory.

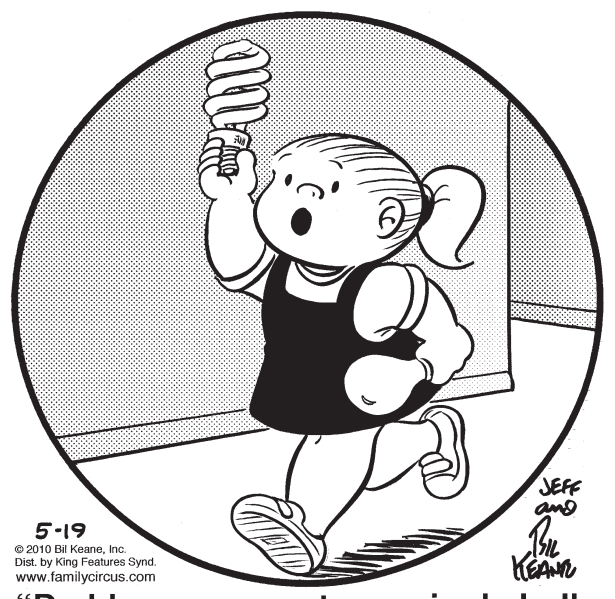
Take this hand where Sylvia was South. She had heard somewhere a rule about second hand playing low. Apparently, she did not understand that this principle applied only to the defenders and not the declarer.
 So when West led the jack of clubs, it did not occur to Sylvia to play the queen in an attempt to avoid a club loser. The thought that West might have led from the king was superseded by the automatic rule of second-hand low.

Sylvia then ducked the jack in her own hand also, and West played another club. Sylvia took the ace, ruffed a club, discarded a heart on the ace of diamonds, ruffed a diamond and trumped her last club. As a result, she lost only a club, a spade and a heart, and so made four spades.

Of course, if Sylvia had covered the jack of clubs with the queen at trick one, East would sooner or later have gained the lead with a club and returned a heart through her king to set the contract.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Daddy, can we put a squiggly bulb in rather than a fat one?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

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

Cryptoquip

FIVK S YPD OGKKVOXJ
 PKAVDYDGPKA FSXVY JGPYOVI,
 Q JPRRGJV XISX'J OSBBVA
 FVBB-XG-FVBB OSYRVXQKD.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IN THE LIONS' NAVAL SERVICE, IS ONE OF THEIR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS CALLED THE ROAR ADMIRAL?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 Radius neighbor
- 5 Whopper
- 8 Cruising
- 12 Litigious sort
- 13 List-ending abbr.
- 14 Poker variety
- 15 Sponge-Bob's pal Patrick,
- 17 Tortoise's challenger
- 18 Cast away
- 19 Fairy king of folklore
- 21 Addition problems
- 24 Donkey
- 25 Witticism
- 28 British prep school
- 30 Glutton
- 33 Feedbag tidbit
- 34 Absolute
- 35 "— had it!"
- 36 Monokini
- 37 Galley array
- 38 Unwanted e-mail
- 39 Geneticist's abbr.

DOWN

- 41 Cavort
- 43 Different from
- 46 Stares stupidly
- 50 Jockey's handful
- 51 Hoagy Carmichael classic
- 54 Wilder or Hackman
- 55 Spot on a domino
- 56 Otherwise
- 57 Work units
- 58 Still
- 59 Jet forth
- 10 Continental coin
- 11 Mideast gulf
- 16 Winter ailment
- 20 Supply of money
- 22 Transcending (Pref.)
- 23 Ringo —
- 25 Occupation
- 26 Stirrup site
- 27 Pesky dark-brown bird
- 29 Approximately
- 31 Eventual aves
- 32 Jewel
- 34 Drench
- 38 Trick-taking card game
- 40 Baseball teams
- 42 Boss (Abbr.)
- 43 Incite
- 44 — do well
- 45 Get a glimpse of
- 47 "— Fiction"
- 48 Being, to Brutus
- 49 Mulligan, for one
- 52 Dead heat
- 53 Suitable

Solution time: 21 mins.

LEE	CALIF	SOB
OVA	OBES	AIR
SART	ORIAL	RNA
ALA	ALECK	S
POST	CORA	ED
ABAR	REV	WASPS
LORD	SAD	STY
MEDIA	NEW	IRA
IAMB	CANCEL	L
CONSUL	EGO	U
ALI	SARAN	WRAP
VIA	ERASE	AGO
EON	DEFER	HEX

Yesterday's answer 5-19

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15			16					17		
18						19	20			
		21	22	23	24					
25	26	27			28	29		30	31	32
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