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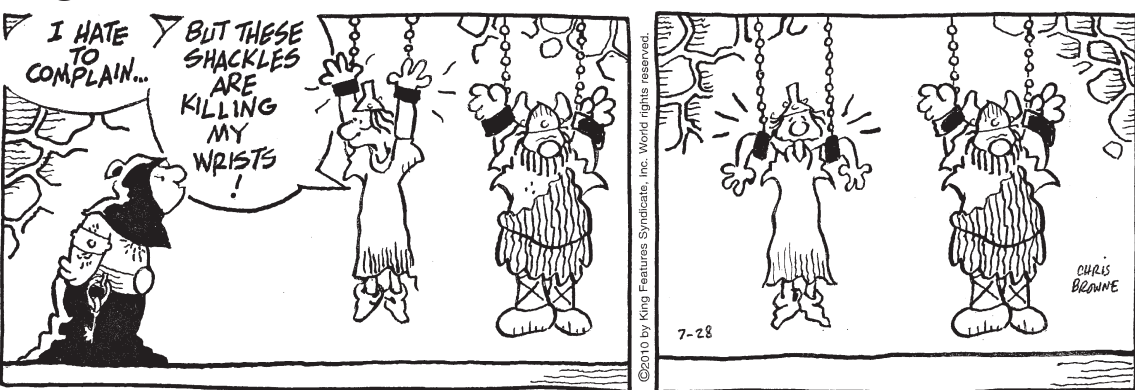
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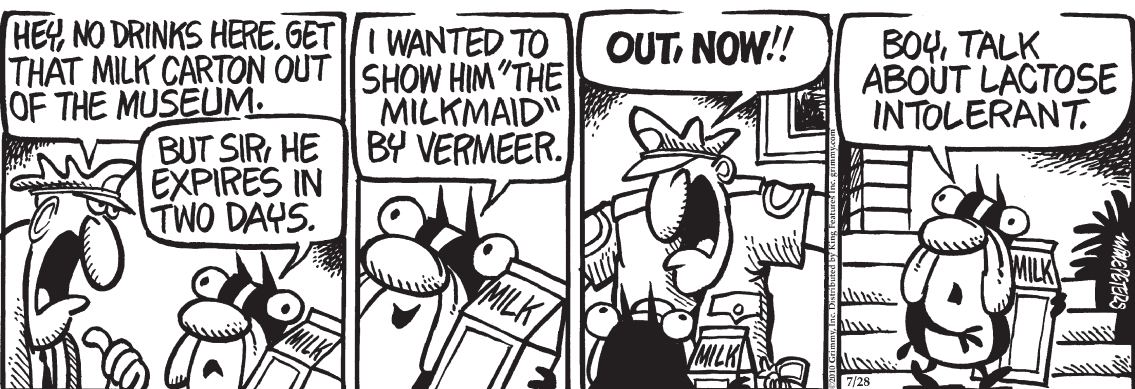
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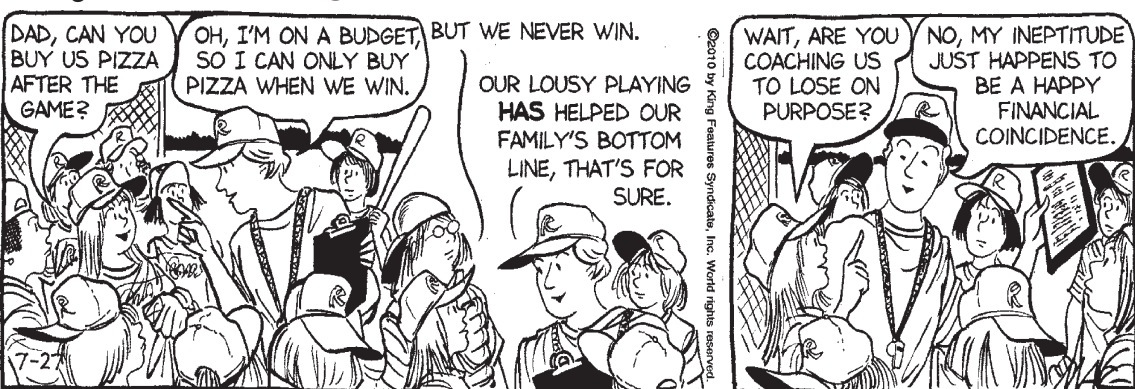
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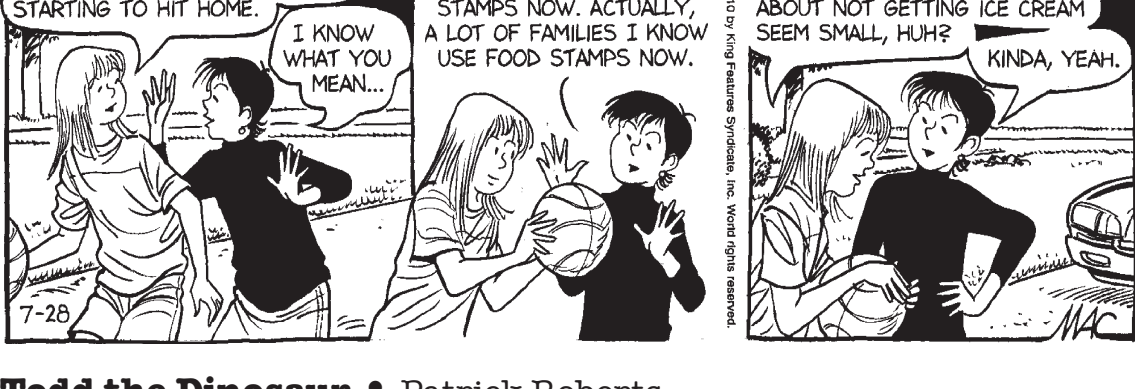
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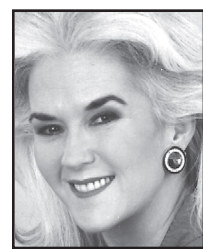
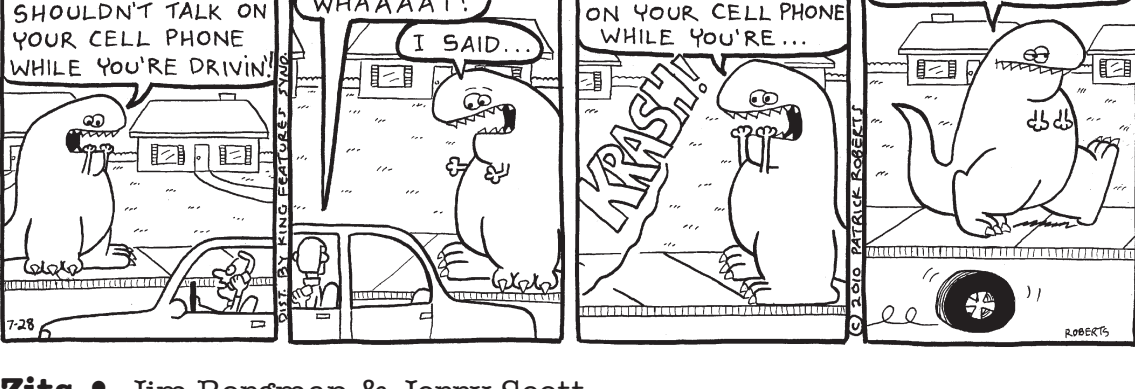
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**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Heloise**

• Hints from Heloise

**Peking roast uses coffee, garlic**

Dear Readers: Nancy from Fredericksburg, Va., recently sent me a yellowed newspaper clipping of a RECIPE my mother, the original Heloise, printed in 1962. Boy, did it bring back some memories for me of a tasty pot roast on Sundays and yummy sandwiches the next day! Here is the Heloise Peking Roast in mother's voice.

"We were staying at a little Chinese Hotel which served the most delicious roast beef that I had ever put in my mouth. One night the Chinese cook revealed his secret. Here it is:

"My name for it is 'Peking Roast.' It is cooked in coffee. It is terrific. It is not necessary to use an expensive cut of meat to make this recipe. For the roast you may select any cut of beef.

"Take any cut of beef about 3 to 5 pounds. Use a large knife to cut slits completely through the meat. Insert slivers of garlic down into the slits. Those who do not like garlic can use onions instead. Both may be used if you wish.

"The Chinese cook did use both; one onion sliver, and one garlic sliver, etc.

"Pour 1 cup of vinegar over the meat and make sure it runs down into the little slits where the garlic and onion buds have been placed. Put this in your refrigerator and leave it for 24 to 48 hours.

"When ready to cook, place in a big, heavy pot - iron if possible - and brown in oil until nearly burned on all sides.

"Pour 2 cups of strong (brewed) black COFFEE over the meat. Add 2 cups of water and cover. Simmer on top of the stove for four to six hours. Season with salt and pepper 20 minutes before serving time. That's all there is to it, gals.

"Another thing, if you cook your roast too fast or the lid is not tight enough, you may need some additional water. This does not change the taste of your roast.

"However, don't let the roast swim as if it were a whale in the Pacific! Never add more than 1 cup of water at a time after the mixture has begun to boil down.

"This recipe is so delicious that you could serve it to the Queen of England if she should walk into your dining room right now." - Heloise (1919-1977)

Now that's my mother's voice and her one-of-a-kind recipe! - Heloise

**SEND A GREAT HINT TO:**

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**CHEESE MIXING**

Dear Heloise: I had just grated a somewhat large amount of two different cheeses and needed to mix them, but didn't want to make a mess on the counter. I took a clean plastic bag, like what you would find in the produce section of the store, put the cheeses in it and shook it. The two cheeses were mixed with no mess. Thanks for all your great hints! - A faithful reader in Montana (c)2010 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

**Bridge** • Steve Becker

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

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1 ♣ Pass 1 ♦  
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead - seven of hearts.

**A Collaborative Effort**

Good defense often requires close partnership cooperation; if the defenders are not operating on the same wavelength, they might allow declarer to make a contract that should have been defeated.

Consider this case where West led the seven of hearts against three notrump. East won the trick with the queen and returned the four of hearts to South's ten and West's jack. West then led the heart five to force out South's ace.

Declarer now tried a diamond finesse, losing the queen to East's king. Had East returned a club, South would have gone down two. But East returned the jack of spades, and declarer romped home with nine tricks.

It must be conceded that, from East's viewpoint, the jack-of-spades return seems more attractive than a club return -- especially since South had bid clubs. Nevertheless, it was the wrong play, since West had indicated by his five-of-hearts lead at trick three that he wanted a club return if East later gained the lead.

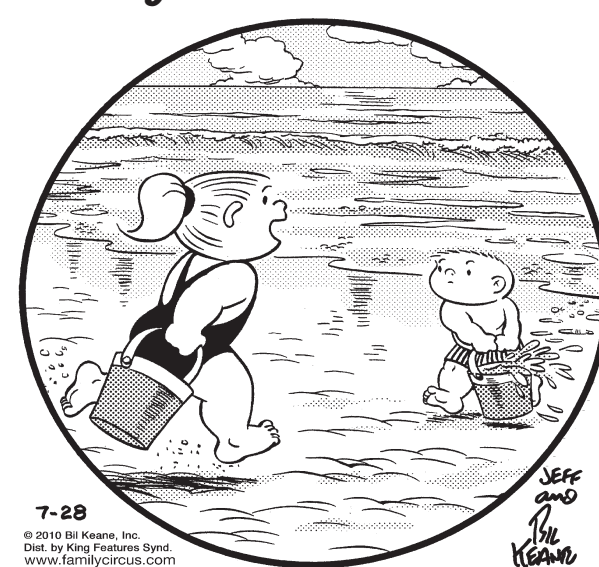
At the point where West led the five, he had the K-9-5, all equal in value. By selecting the five, his lowest heart, he was signaling that his entry card was in the lowest-ranking suit, clubs. Had his entry card been in spades, West would have returned his highest heart, the king, to ask for a spade return.

This type of play, called a suit-preference signal, is valuable in many hands. It is not difficult to learn or apply. The significance of the card returned is easy enough to remember: high means high, low means low.

Of course, the signal is worthless if one defender is familiar with it and the other is not, or if one defender is paying attention and the other isn't. It takes two to tango.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



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**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/28

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.

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

**Cryptoquip**

Y H M B J N V S T H Y T C V Y U  
C J D Y F X U H L D U S F J U O T S R O J C  
U S U X J F N S L T C , R S L D C Q S L  
V M Q X J ' V U M R O D J C B Y T O ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THE ARACHNID LOOKED TOWARD THE WOMAN'S WARM APPLE DRINK, THE SPIDER SPIED HER CIDER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals U

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**  
1 Corn eater's castoff  
4 Drunkard  
7 Smart phone?  
8 Lomond and Ness  
10 Sound from a rapid-flying object  
11 Comprehension  
13 Small, unpretentious place  
16 Hooter  
17 Search  
18 Meadow  
19 Unopened flowers  
20 Nervous  
21 Host  
23 Hardly neat  
25 Raised  
26 On deck  
27 Grecian vessel
- DOWN**  
12 Poem of lament  
14 Undraped  
15 Minstrel's song  
19 The A train?  
20 Superlative suffix  
21 Boo-boo  
22 Telepathic  
23 Unembellished  
24 Lapsed  
25 Insect  
26 Zeroes  
28 9-to-5, e.g.  
29 Reluctant  
30 The D in DKNY  
31 Farm animals?  
32 "Absolutely"  
34 Mideast gulf  
35 Night light?
- Solution time: 21 mins.**
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| I | C | E | D | M | A | G | R | A | T | A |   |
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| E | R | I | C | S | N | A | P | B | A | C | K |
| A | T | T | A | C | H | W | O | R | T | H | S |
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