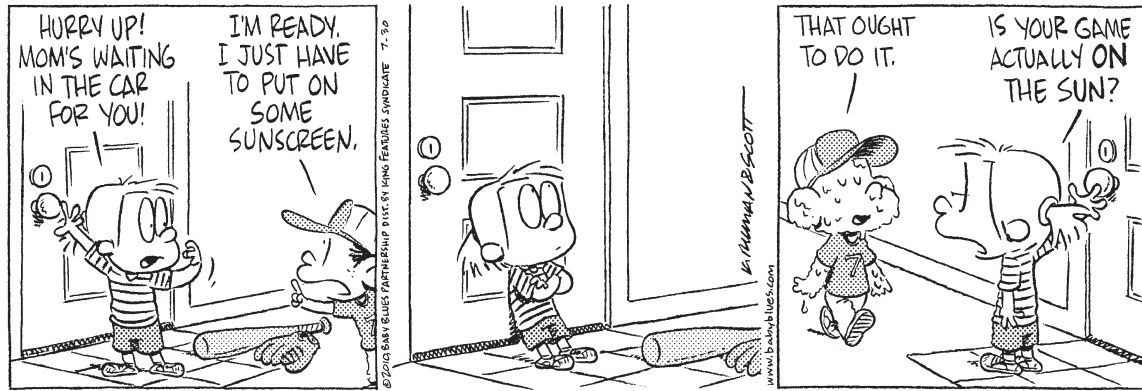


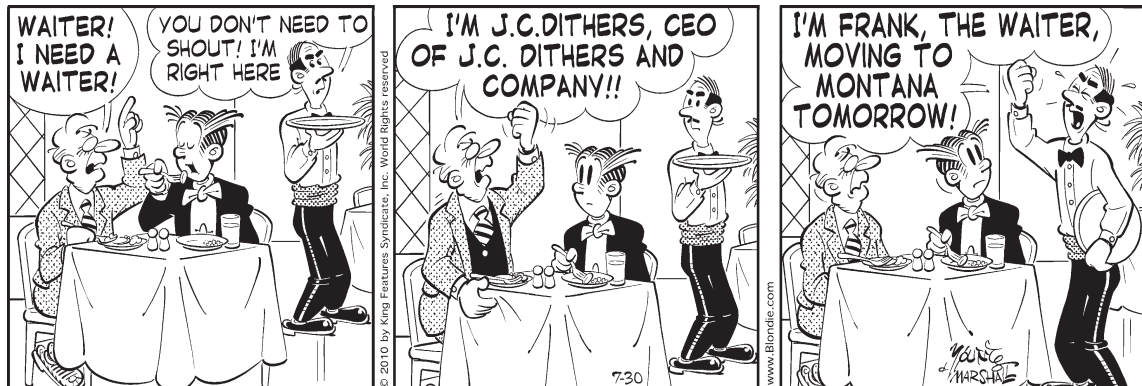
Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



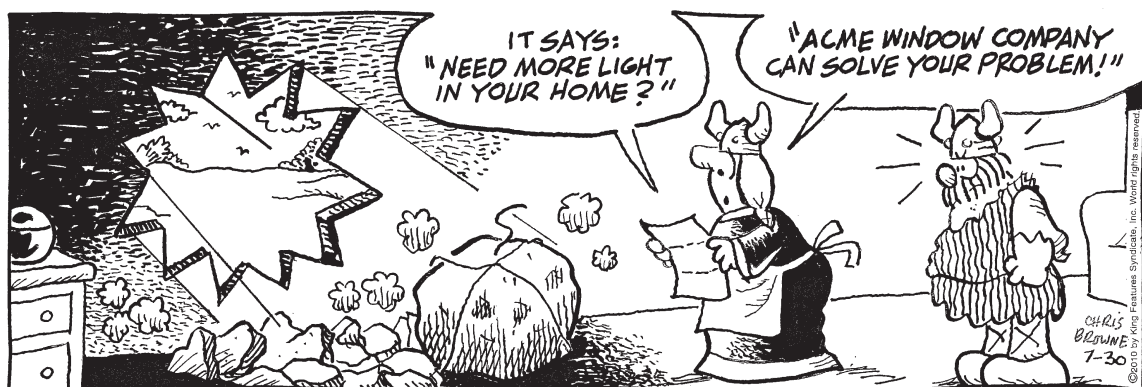
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



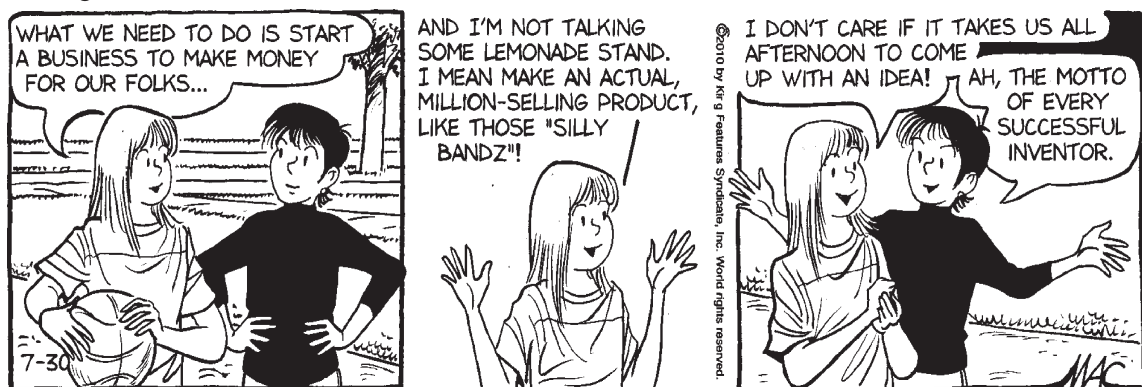
Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Bags keep info close at hand

Dear Heloise: Being a (now retired) military family, we always have kept a computer inventory and backup file, by room, with digital photos and a scanned copy of the purchase price and date of all of our belongings in case of loss in a move, a house fire or robbery. OWNERS MANUALS and receipts were stored in a file cabinet.

Sounds pretty organized, doesn't it? Well, our water heater died, and we had a heck of a time finding the owners manual (too many "filing systems") with the actual receipt and warranty information.

As a result, I pulled all the file folders that could possibly contain this information, put the owners manuals, warranty information and receipts for each item in separate self-sealing plastic bags and taped them to the appropriate appliance in an inconspicuous but accessible location. I did the same for the lawn and garden equipment.

I always kept the boxes for my small appliances for storage and shipping, and the appropriate information is now safely stored with each small appliance. — L.W., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Keeping up with manuals and warranties can be a chore, but it's important! Keeping them with the item, if possible, is a simple, effective way. I learned from my parents that if you can write the info on it (without it showing) or tape the info to it, do so! — Heloise

CELL-PHONE LIGHT

Dear Heloise: I have found that the screen light on my cell phone is sufficient to read my watch in the dark or find a keyhole in a car or door. I enjoy your feature in our local paper. — A Reader, via e-mail

Good hint! Speaking of cell phones, here is a cell-phone catastrophe from Steve Cuzner, via e-mail. He says: "While talking on my cell phone, I walked into the kitchen, where my wife had a large pot simmering on the stove. I lifted the lid to take a peek at what she was cooking. My phone slipped out of my hand and into the pot of simmering homemade vegetable soup!"

P.S.: I'll bet this was one added ingredient your wife didn't count on! — Heloise

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: My husband and I take several driving trips a year and have found the following hints very helpful:

- Keep a list on your computer of everything you want to take with you and print it out when packing. Then check things off as you pack, and you won't forget anything.
- Take books that are on tapes or CDs to listen to. It's amazing how much shorter the drive seems when listening to a good book.
- My husband and I each take a different major credit card so that if I were to lose my purse or he should lose his wallet, we still would have a credit card. — P.W. of Ohio

(c)2010 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

Bridge • Steve Becker

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

East	South	West	North
1 ♣	Dble	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	?		

What would you bid now with each of the following six hands?

- ♠ K862 ♥ K86 ♦ K862 ♣ K8
- ♠ K862 ♥ Q862 ♦ AQ62 ♣ 8
- ♠ K1062 ♥ K862 ♦ AQ62 ♣ 8
- ♠ AQ862 ♥ K86 ♦ AKJ6 ♣ Q
- ♠ J985 ♥ A85 ♦ KQ10 ♣ AJ4
- ♠ AJ94 ♥ Q6 ♦ AKQ5 ♣ A54

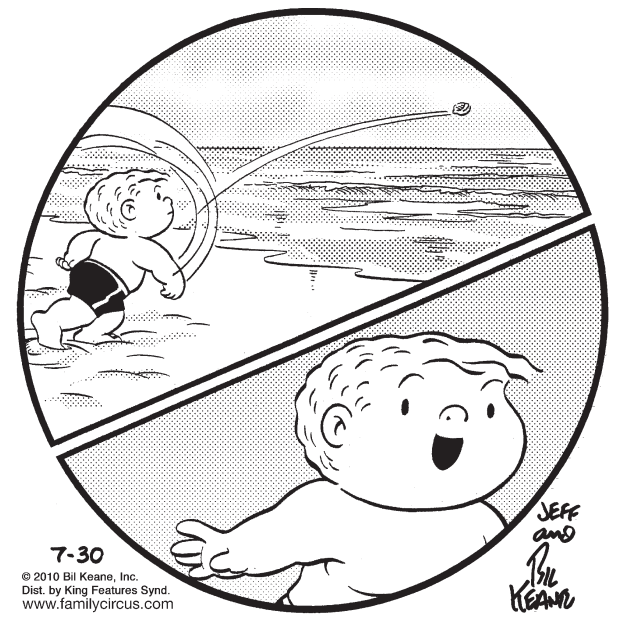
Bidding Quiz

(This bidding quiz and the answers below appeared some years ago in "Rate Your Own Game," then a monthly feature of *The Bridge World Magazine*. The problems were preceded by the statement that a single-jump response to a takeout double shows nine to 11 points and is not forcing.)

- Pass. Positionally promoted values notwithstanding, this is a minimum double with minimum heart support. Doubler should have no thought of reaching game.
- Three hearts. In spite of the low point count, this is a sound raise because of the playing strength for hearts. The absence of a cuebid by North in clubs, which suggests that he has some clubs to ruff, is a favorable sign.
- Four hearts. Game cannot be guaranteed, but with prime values behind the opener, good trumps and good ruffing potential, you would be putting too much pressure on partner with a mere invitational bid of three hearts. Your values are such that if a little luck is needed (such as a couple of finesses), you will have more than the usual chance because of East's opening bid.
- Two spades. Game must be reached, but you can't tell whether it should be bid in notrump, spades, hearts or diamonds. Further investigation is needed, and since two spades is forcing and properly descriptive, you need look no further for the best way to proceed.
- Two notrump. This does not deny the heart support suggested by your takeout double; it merely offers notrump as an alternative contract. If partner is bidding mainly on distribution, he can retreat to a suit contract.
- Three clubs. Three notrump, with only one club stopper, would be unnecessarily precipitate. Instead, you force partner to give you more information — without yourself sending a misdescription — by using a strength-showing cuebid. This does not affirm or deny interest in hearts; you plan to clarify your intentions on the next round (as by bidding three notrump, which, following the cuebid, is more tentative than a direct jump).

(c)2010 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I hit the ocean!"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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

Cryptoquip

UJPUKJ BJWKKT GJKLJMJ

DNWD UPKLYJRWV HNPCKO'MJ

GJYPRJ WV WBDLHD. NJ'H

WKFWTH OBWFLVA NLH ACV.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CLASSIC KIDS' TALE OF A BLOND-HAIRED GIRL AND HER ANCESTORS: "GOLDILOCKS AND THE FOREBEARS."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals P

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- Mom-and-pop org.
- Moolah
- Privy to (Fr.)
- Water
- Vicinity
- "Forget it"
- Omens
- Ganges wrap
- Wilbur's horse
- Bygone anesthetic
- Song of sorrow
- Amorous look
- Vanished
- Encroach
- Suitable
- Construction site machine
- Versatile vehicle
- Barren
- "A Death in the Family" writer
- Nitwit

DOWN

- Shell-game
- Greek cross
- Increases
- "The Price Is Right" emcee
- Dry
- Witness
- Owns
- Marching properly
- Ark builder
- Shrek, e.g.
- Bleak, in Holly-wood
- Incite
- Otherwise!
- "Bounds" along
- Give a speech
- Hereditary
- Unit
- Snare
- First Roman emperor
- Goblet feature
- Leak slowly
- Stop up
- Hateful
- "M*A*S*H" star
- Paddock pops
- Coffee vessel
- Mamie's man
- Fresh

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 7-30

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			33				34			
		35					36			
37	38	39				40				
41				42	43				44	45
46				47					48	
49				50					51	