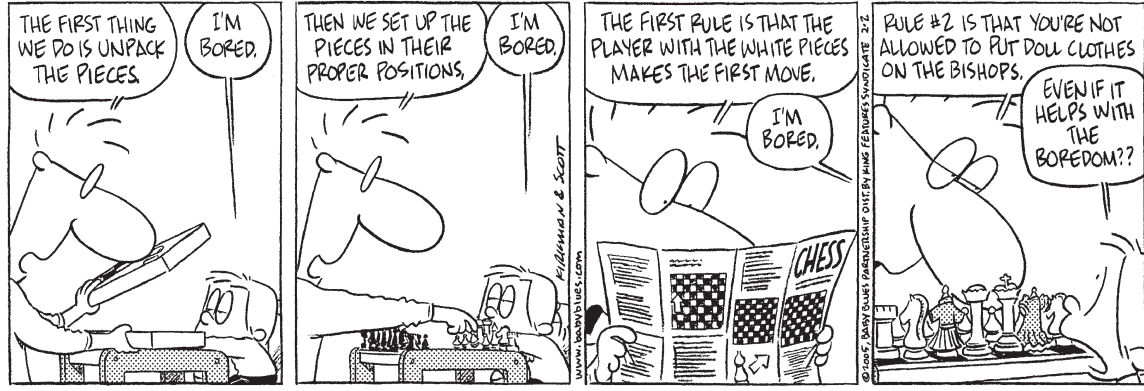


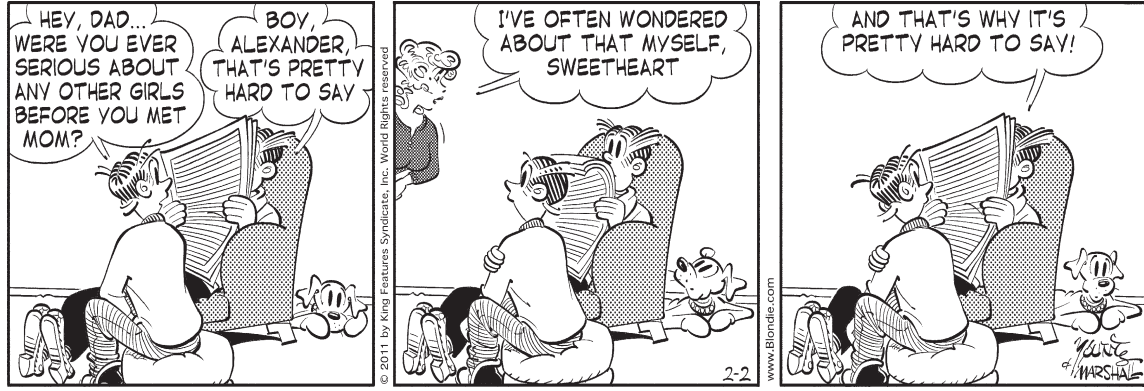
Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



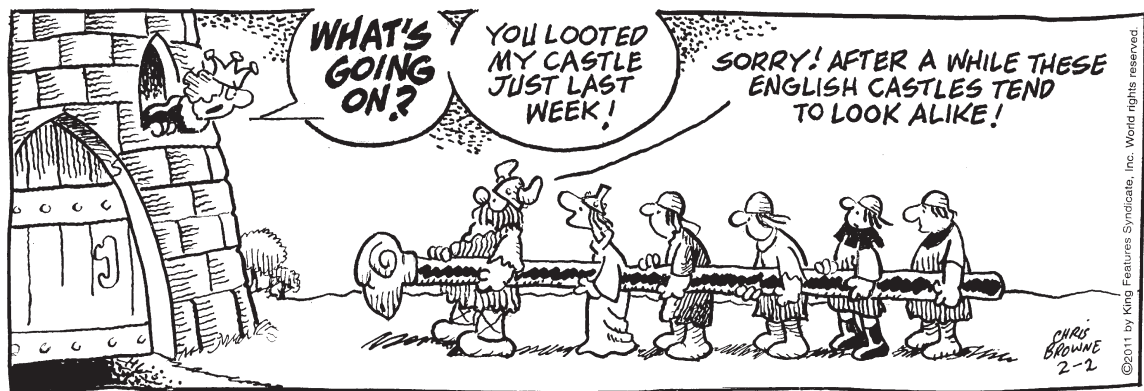
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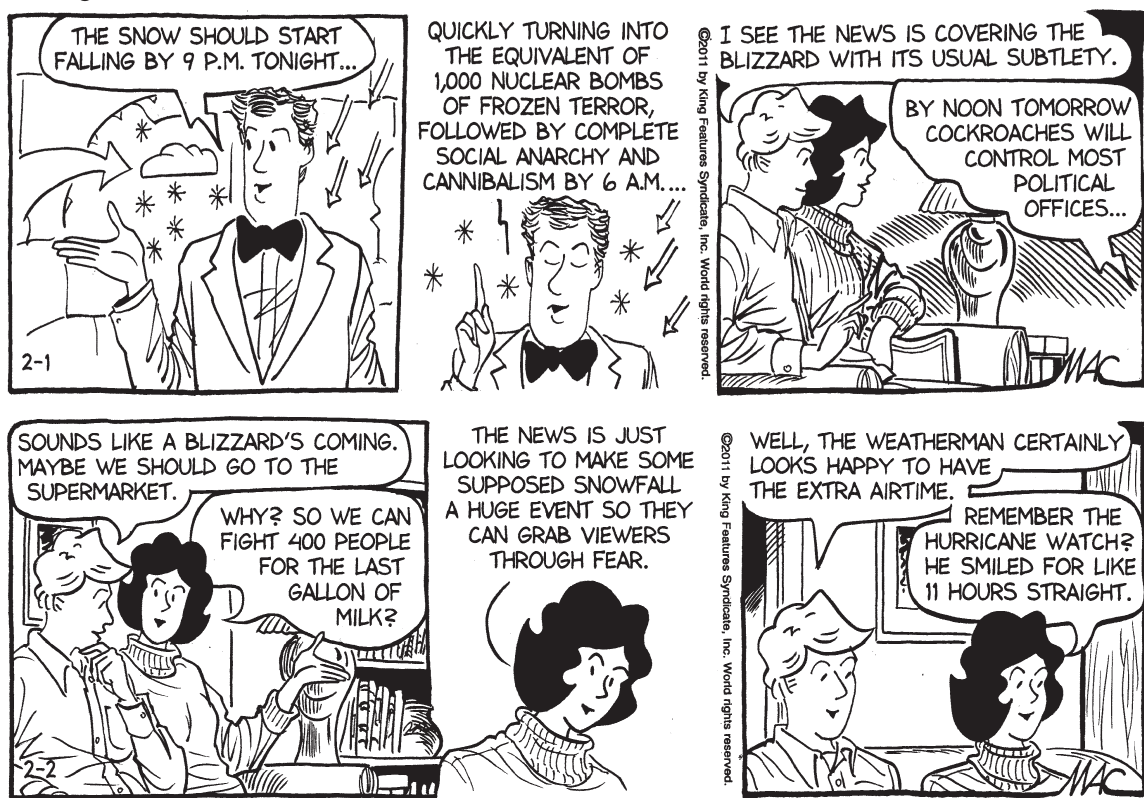
Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



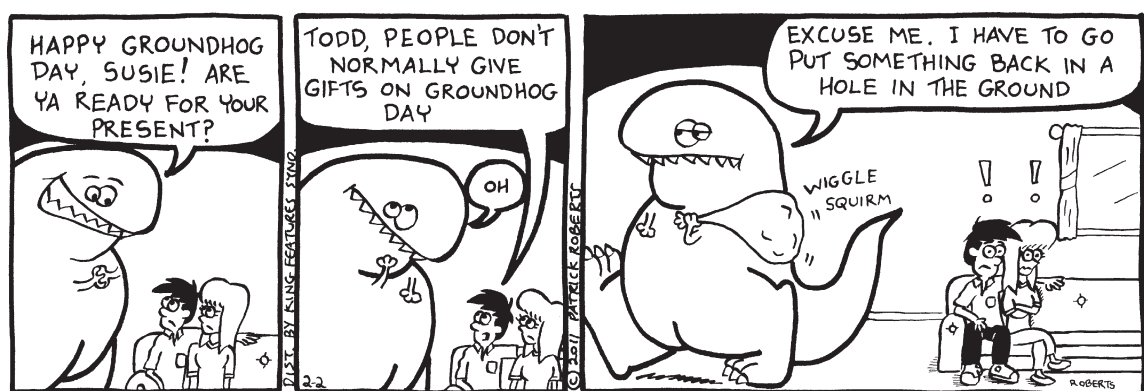
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise

Distilled water best for baking

Dear Heloise: I would like to give you this little hint: Never use TAP WATER to make bread.

You need to know what is in your tap water to be the most successful when baking bread.

Dear Readers: Here's one of my favorite hints: I keep a can of peas (this works with green beans as well) in my refrigerator for an easy "pea salad" at mealtime or when unexpected guests arrive.

Dear Heloise: Not only is applesauce a good substitute for oil in cake recipes, but so are yogurt (plain or flavored), mashed bananas, pureed peaches and pumpkin.

Dear Heloise: We recently had a blizzard hit our area, depositing more than 25 inches of snow. The foul weather did not prevent us from hosting a large family get-together.

Dear Readers: How about using those leftover plastic lunch-kit containers to repack lunches? Cut up fresh vegetables for one section, with ranch dressing to dip in another.

Dear Heloise: I make a lot of chocolate-dipped goodies, and I found that using a double boiler and standing at a hot stove was cumbersome.

Bridge • Steve Becker. East dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH: ♠ 10 6, ♥ 10 4, ♦ K 6 4, ♣ A J 9 3 2. WEST: ♠ A 9 5, ♥ 1 9 8 5 3, ♦ Q 9 7, ♣ 7 4. EAST: ♠ 8 7 4, ♥ K 6 2, ♦ J 8 3 2, ♣ K 6 5. SOUTH: ♠ K J 3 2, ♥ A Q 7, ♦ A 10 5, ♣ 10 8.

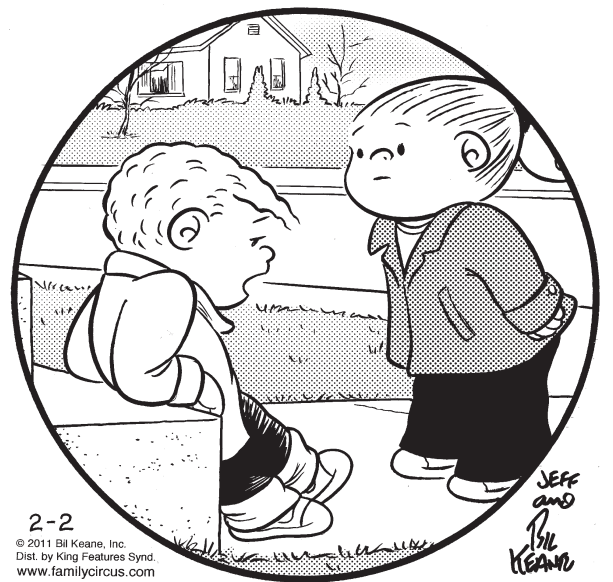
A Question of Priorities. There are so many seemingly contradictory rules which are supposed to guide declarer during the play that it is not at all surprising that many players sometimes become confused.

For instance, one source might advise developing your strongest suit, while another might advocate developing your longest suit. Someone else tells you to count your winners, and another says to count your losers, and so on, ad infinitum.

All such advice, though offered in good faith, is intended to be merely general and should be categorically rejected whenever following the general rule seems unwise. In most deals, the goal is to make the contract, and this takes precedence over mere generalities.

Declarer should, however, lead spades first - not because they're shorter, longer or more solid, but because leading spades first assures the contract.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Mommy just told me we DON'T get presents on Groundhog Day."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

Conceptis Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

Difficulty Level ★★★ 2/02

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.

Cryptoquip

VG VOGJQ IQGIFQ YOG ZQV

NFF HGVOQAQL HX

MPIAQT MJQ IWBT VWN VMGB

WJNZQ, M JNX "TGPPN LGYB!"

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IN A CERTAIN BIG SAUDI ARABIAN CITY, IS COMPUTER STORAGE SPACE MEASURED IN MECCA-BYTES?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Yesterdays answer crossword grid with numbers 1-50.