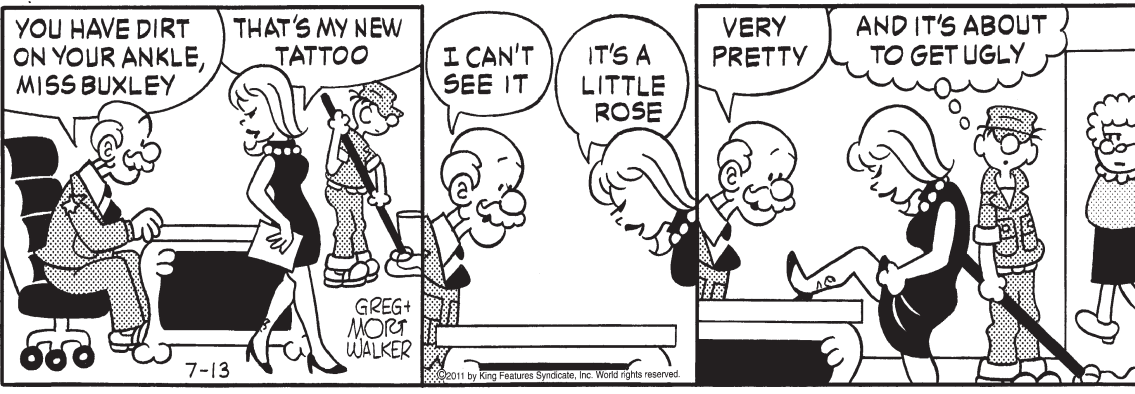


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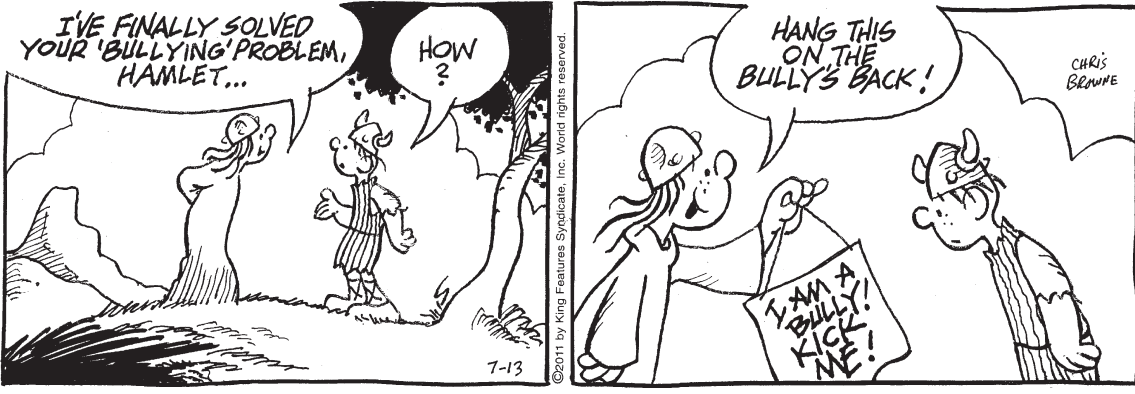
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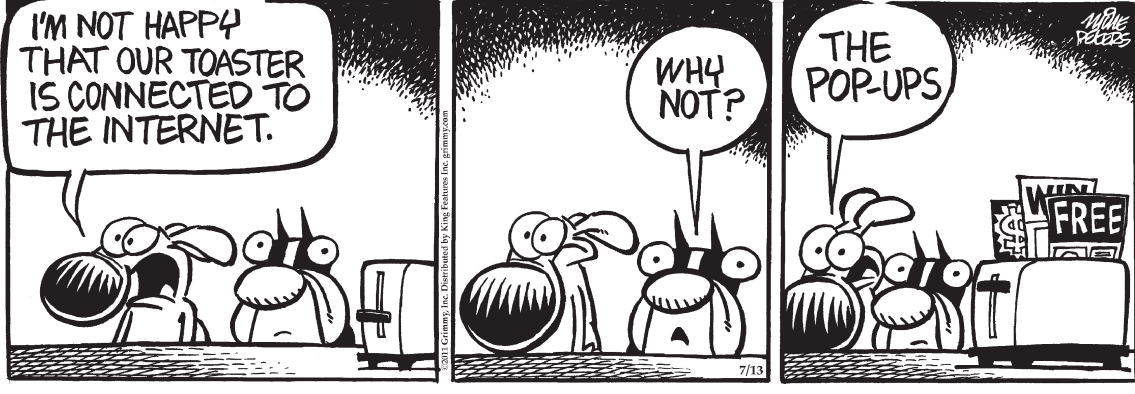
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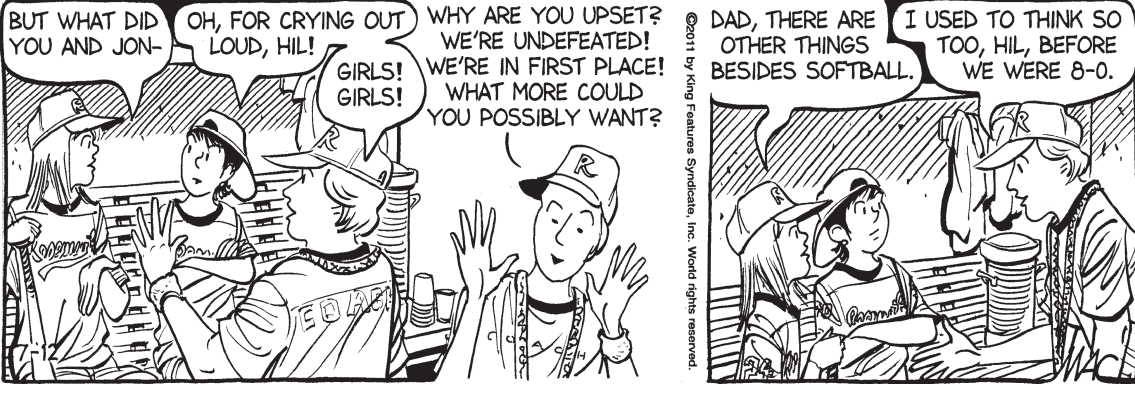
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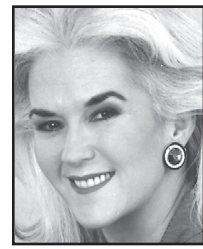
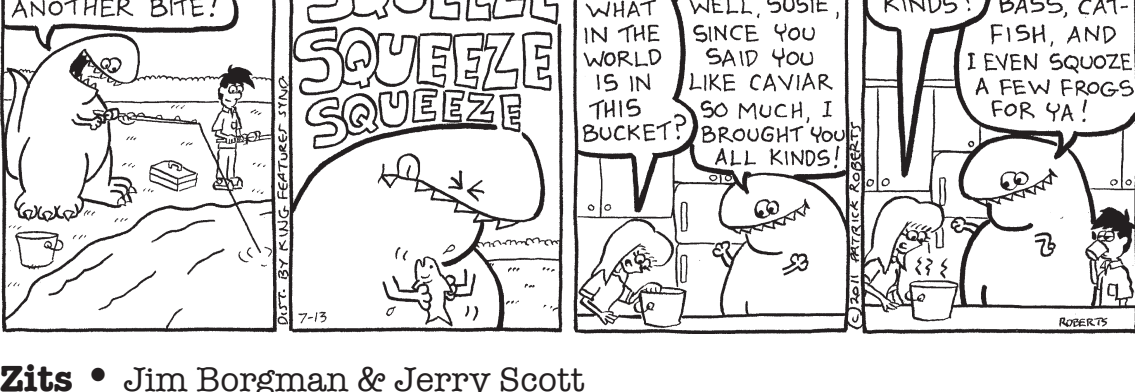
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Dishwasher fails nonstick pans

Dear Heloise: My wife says I've RUINED HER NONSTICK PANS by putting them in the dishwasher. Is there any way they can be repaired? I would appreciate an answer. — L. Foust, via email

Uh-oh, I'm afraid I have some bad news. According to a major manufacturer, there is no way to repair the pans after they have gone through the dishwasher and are no longer nonstick, are scratched or have lost some of the nonstick finish.

In most manufacturers' instruction booklets, it specifically states not to put any nonstick cookware in the dishwasher for cleaning.

Don't use cleaners that are abrasive or caustic, and don't use bleach or dishwasher detergent. Use only regular dish soap and water.

There is now nonstick cookware that is dishwasher-safe, so keep this in mind if you buy new cookware. — Heloise

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EASY COVER

Dear Heloise: My sister loves to entertain, especially during the summer, when everyone can be outside on the backyard deck. This hint was one I saw while at her last party.

When she brought out a bunch of drinks, she had covered each with a cupcake liner. This way, no bugs can get into the cup. After a sip, you return the top. — Joanne in Texas

MOUSE-PAD OPENER

Dear Heloise: Did you know that using the backside of a cheap, thin mouse pad, such as is used for home computers, makes an excellent gripper for opening stubborn jar lids and bottle caps? — B.D., Joplin, Mo.

FROZEN HINT

Dear Heloise: Living alone, I rely heavily on frozen vegetables in bags. I put the open bags, clipped shut, together in a mesh bag in the freezer. When I want some veggies, I just pull out the bag and sort through it on the counter. That way, I don't have to keep the freezer door open while I decide what I want. — Rosalie V., via email

TOMATO-PASTE USES

Dear Readers: Many recipes call for a tablespoon of tomato paste. But what do you do with the rest? No one wants to waste perfectly good food, so here are some hints for using the paste:

- Make small pizzas with tortillas or English muffins. Spread on a little paste, then add some cheese and toppings.
- Mix some with okra and season for a tasty side dish.
- Make tomato juice. Mix 1 part tomato paste with 3 parts water until smooth and creamy. Add salt to taste. — Heloise

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Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 9 3
♥ K Q 6 4
♦ A K 8
♣ J 7 4

WEST
♠ 6
♥ J 9 7 3 2
♦ Q 10 7 5 2
♣ A 6

EAST
♠ A Q 10 8 7 5 2
♥ 10
♦ J 9 6 3
♣ 2

SOUTH
♠ K 4
♥ A 8 5
♦ 4
♣ K Q 10 9 8 5 3

The bidding:
East 3 ♠ South 4 ♠ West Pass North 5 ♠
Opening lead — six of spades.

Declarer Scores a Bull's-Eye
Adjectives such as "brilliant" are used far too often in bridge. After all, if someone makes the correct play, one that everyone should make, he is hardly deserving of unbridled adulation. All he has done, really, is make the right play.

Take this case where South wound up in five clubs after East had opened with three spades. West led the six of spades to East's ace, and the contract seemed destined to go down one, since West could ruff the spade return.

But South, who was perfectly aware that West could ruff the second spade, was not about to give up without a fight. And so, when East took the ace of spades at trick one, South casually dropped the king!

This left East in a quandary. From where he sat, South appeared to have started with the singleton king of spades and West with the doubleton 6-4. It therefore seemed pointless to return a spade, particularly with the jack in dummy.

So East turned his attention instead to his singleton heart. If West happened to hold the ace — certainly not an impossibility — a heart ruff would sink the contract. Accordingly, East shifted to the heart ten.

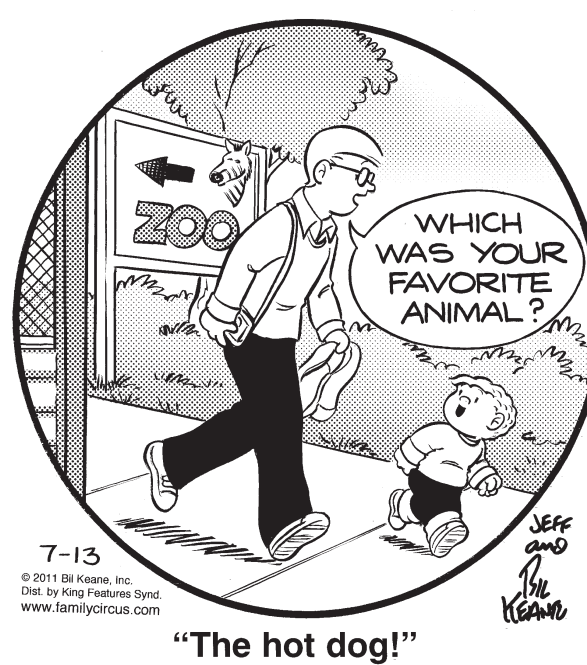
Having gained a reprieve, South won the heart, cashed the A-K of diamonds — discarding his remaining spade — and then led a club. West won with the ace, but when East was unable to ruff the heart return, declarer had the rest of the tricks.

South's play at trick one is certainly worthy of admiration. East was highly likely to have a seven-card spade suit, and a ruff was imminent. East would have had no trouble diagnosing the situation if declarer followed to the ace with the four, so the only chance was to try to fool East by dropping the king.

But was this play brilliant? Hardly, because it was the right play under the circumstances.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★

Cryptoquip

YMI SXBQ SEYS FTI CQQJN

YN SEPTFE EXN GYR GKQYSE

VPTJR TNQ NPBQ CKQNEQMXMF

E Q X M N Q K S N V Q K S N

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DO YOU THINK

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: COMPANY THAT'S FAMOUS FOR DELIVERY OF DENTURES TO HOMES AND OFFICES: UNITED PARTIAL SERVICE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals H

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mary's pet
 - 5 Sleepwear, for short
 - 8 Commotions
 - 12 Brit's exclamation
 - 13 Debtor's letters
 - 14 Domesticated
 - 15 Made moist
 - 17 Send forth
 - 18 Lance
 - 19 Crouches
 - 21 Line of fashion?
 - 24 Boom times
 - 25 Auction actions
 - 28 Asian desert
 - 30 Animation frame
 - 33 Historic time
 - 34 Bolivian city
 - 35 Guitar's cousin
 - 36 Jewel
 - 37 War god
- DOWN**
- 1 Covers
 - 2 Now, on a memo
 - 3 Jerry Herman musical
 - 4 Circumvent
 - 5 Wrestling win
 - 6 Scarborough of MSNBC
 - 7 Lather
 - 8 Enjoyed thoroughly
 - 9 Syrian city
 - 10 Leave out
 - 11 Collections
 - 16 Before
- 20** Classroom surprise
- 22** Culture medium
- 23** Segway alternative
- 25** Plead
- 26** Rage
- 27** Harmful
- 29** Diamond corner
- 31** — out a living
- 32** Meadow
- 34** Dalai —
- 38** Iraq War helicopter
- 40** Nome dome
- 42** Id counterpart
- 43** Cincinnati team
- 44** 1960s singer
- 45** Rim
- 47** Run away
- 48** Toppled
- 49** Catch sight of
- 52** Massachusetts cape
- 53** Pie filling?

Yesterday's answer 7-13

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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15				16				17		
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