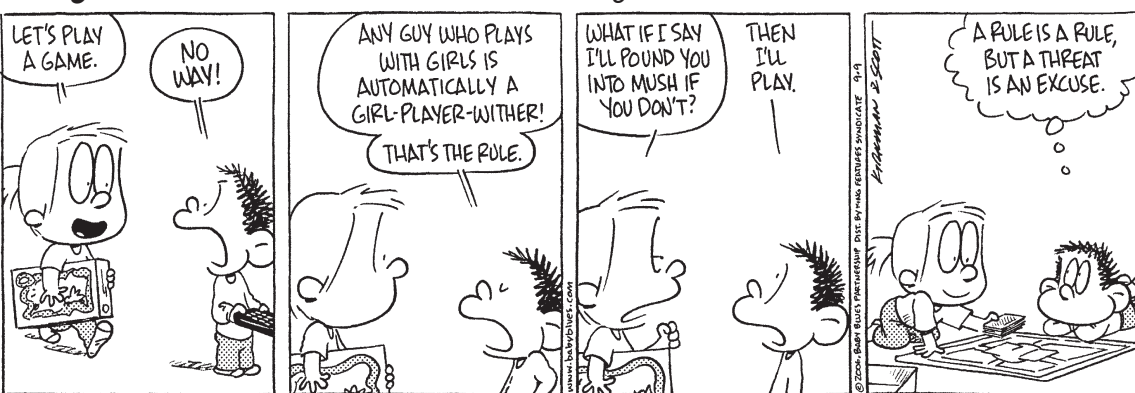
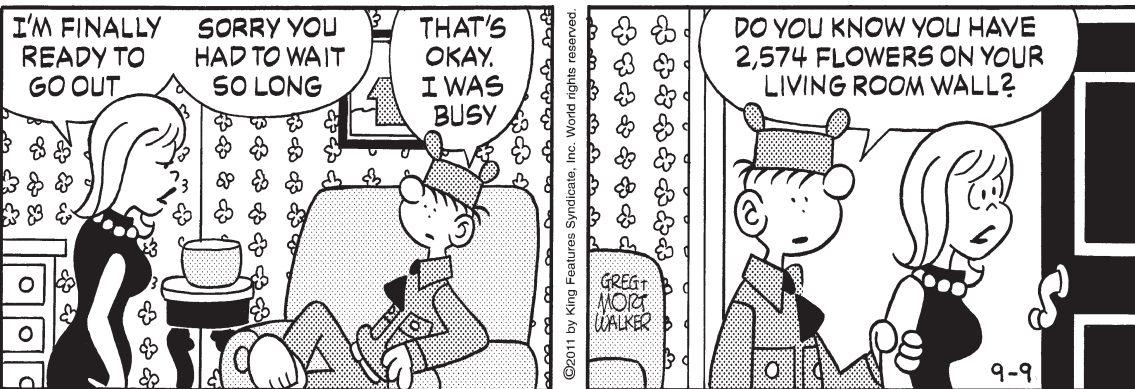


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



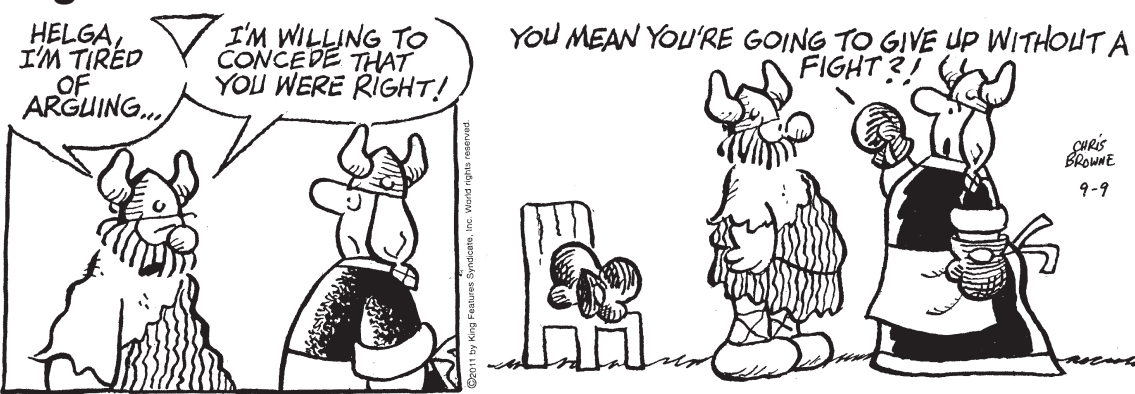
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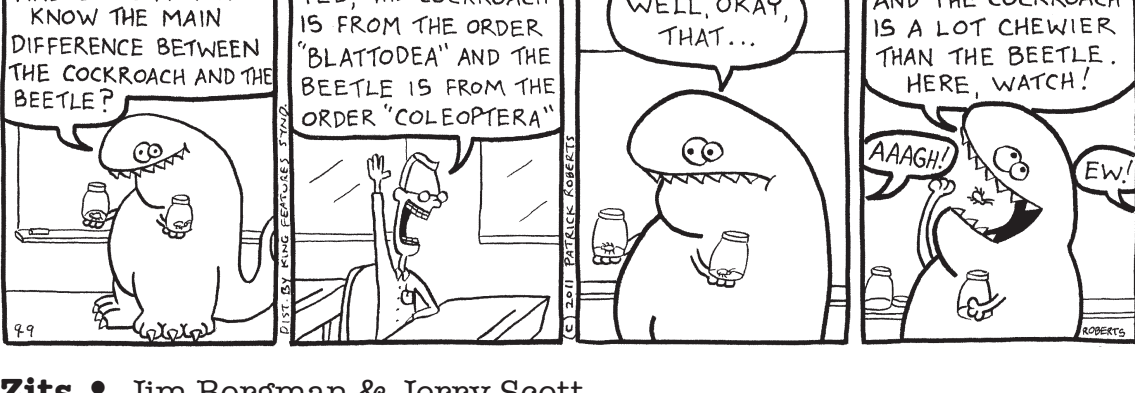
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Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Plan placement for picture wall

Hello, Heloise: I have just moved from Texas to Arkansas. My Texas home had two walls meeting in a corner that was perfect for HANGING PICTURES, but the new house had only a long, straight wall. Here is my solution:

1. Take a photo of each picture/wall hanging.
2. Take a large area (e.g., dinner table, floor, etc.) and arrange pictures into columns and rows. Mark each to identify its location. Columns are a, b, c, and rows are 1, 2, 3.
3. Take brown craft paper and cut to the exact size of the frame.
4. Tape the pictures of pictures to the brown paper and tape that to the wall.
5. You can move and adjust without putting holes in the wall.
6. With brown paper still on the wall, begin installing the picture hangers. Remove paper and finish hanging.

For a guy to come up with this solution is surprising, but it works. I enjoy reading your column. — Chuck M., via email

Not surprising! Thanks for writing, Chuck, and glad you like the column. — Heloise

SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

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MAKEUP MONEY-SAVER

Dear Heloise: To remove makeup (and save discoloration of washcloths), I use baby wipes prior to soapy face-washing. They are less expensive than makeup-removing towelettes, and they do just as good a job. — Elaine W., Tyler, Texas

GUM IN CARPET

Dear Heloise: How do I remove chewing gum from carpet? — Dolores Rose, via email

Grab a metal pan and some ice! Put the ice in the pan and set this on top of the gum to harden it. When frozen and hard, using a dull knife, scrape off as much as possible. For the remaining gum that can't be removed, dab the stain with a little dry-cleaning solvent on a clean cloth. This should fix your sticky situation! — Heloise

SOCK SOLUTION

Good morning, Heloise: I wear orthotics that go from the ball of the foot to the heel. I have worn the outer cover off them and had it replaced several times. But in this summer's heat, the covers loosened, and I was unable to replace them.

I purchased several pairs of girls' small, cotton "no-show" socks and pulled them over the orthotics, with the ankle opening on the bottom. They fit perfectly and are more comfortable than any cover I've had. They are much cheaper, they can be removed and laundered, and having a stack of these socks means I can wear sandals with fresh covers daily. Who knew? — K.C., via email

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Bridge • Steve Becker

You are South in each of the following three hands. What would you bid at the point where the question mark appears?

1. ♠ — ♥ QJ74 ♦ AKJ5 ♣ AKJ92
South West North East
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ 1 ♠
?
2. ♠ AQ104 ♥ 62 ♦ Q3 ♣ AQ972
North East South West
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
3 ♥ Pass ?
3. ♠ Q85 ♥ AJ87 ♦ AJ6 ♣ QJ6
North East South West
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2 NT Pass ?

Bidding Quiz

1. Two spades. You should enthusiastically welcome East's spade overcall and take advantage of it by cuebidding the suit. This tells partner that game is certain, probably in hearts, and that a potential for slam exists. An alternative action, if you play "splinter bids," would be to bid three spades, indicating four-card support for hearts, a singleton or void in spades, and enough strength to contract for game opposite a simple one-heart response. Partner might have any of the following hands for his one-heart bid:

- ♠ J63 ♥ K10852 ♦ Q7 ♣ Q84
- ♠ 863 ♥ AK8532 ♦ 9 ♣ 753
- ♠ K852 ♥ K963 ♦ 832 ♣ 76

With the first, a small slam is virtually certain; with the second, a grand slam is probable; and with the third, partner will have his hands full just making game.

2. Four hearts. Under the circumstances, it is best to raise to game in hearts with only two baby trumps. You have a sound opening bid facing partner's opening bid, which means there's a game somewhere. With partner unable to support clubs or spades, and apparently unwilling to play notrump, there is no real choice but to undertake the game in hearts. Partner should have seven hearts or six very good ones when he bids the suit three times. He might have any one of these hands:

- ♠ K73 ♥ AQJ983 ♦ J6 ♣ 86
- ♠ J86 ♥ KQJ7543 ♦ A8 ♣ 10
- ♠ K5 ♥ AO98754 ♦ K7 ♣ 63

and with each of them you'd belong in four hearts.

3. Six notrump. This is one of those occasions when reaching the best contract is simply a matter of arithmetic. Partner's rebid of two notrump indicates 18 or 19 points and a balanced hand. Adding your 15 points to partner's, you have the 33 points in the combined hands that make a slam contract mandatory.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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

Cryptoquip

VZJV BVCJEPO ERXFOC LBJ

EAV FOZJKLEP KOCG BOEBLFWG

JV JWW. L BRHHABO LV

XR BV FO LCCJVLAEJW.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: GOVERNMENT BIGWIG KNOWN FOR MAKING VERY POWERFUL VOLLEYBALL HITS: THE SPIKER OF THE HOUSE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals L

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 37 Take to the seas | 2 Back of a horse's leg | 22 Color member |
| 1 Super-heroes' garments | 38 Bread making | 3 Part of a horse's leg | 24 Scale |
| 6 "Wham!" | 41 Symbol of intrigue | 4 Always | 28 Docket entries |
| 9 Noun following a prep. | 43 Crafty "Seasons" | 5 Letter of line | 30 Shaft of light |
| 12 Tequila source | 45 Most con-temptible | 6 Spud | 32 Oriental format |
| 13 — pro nobis | 47 Skill | 7 Exam | 33 Hodges of baseball |
| 14 Macabre author | 49 Winning "Eureka!" | 9 "Tosca," for one | 34 TV Tarzan player |
| 15 Riddle | 52 Scooted | 10 Hole-making bug | 36 Wrestler-turned-actor |
| 16 Wine experts | 53 Trunk of movies | 11 Ventura or Eisenberg | 38 Half a 1960s quartet |
| 18 Family-related, in a way | 56 Get on | 17 Comes to breakfast strips | 39 Nebraska city |
| 20 Raw rocks | 57 Feel | | 40 Twangy |
| 21 That girl | | | 42 Triumphs over |
| 23 Corpulent | | | 45 Boast |
| 24 Don't blink | | | 46 Loafer, for one |
| 25 Mine, partially | | | 48 Historic time |
| 27 Winter warmer | | | 50 Nincompoop |
| 29 "Raging Bull" star | | | 51 Buck's mate |
| 31 Claim | | | |
| 35 Comes to earth | | | |

Solution time: 25 mins.

C	A	S	H	I	C	F	L	A	T		
L	U	T	E	N	O	N	I	N	R	E	
A	R	I	A	S	E	C	E	S	N	E	
P	A	R	R	O	T	H	U	S	T	O	N
			S	K	I	P	T	A			
F	A	I	T	N	U	I	S	A	N	C	E
O	W	N	C	N	N	C	A	L			
R	E	S	T	A	T	E	S	E	M	I	
		T	A	X		T	O	W			
S	O	R	B	E	T	A	Z	A	L	E	A
E	L	U	L	H	A	L	T	O	L	D	
R	A	C	E	I	L	L	H	O	L	D	
A	N	T	S	I	S	E	H	E	K	E	S

Yesterday's answer 9-9

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12					13			14		
15					16			17		
	18			19				20		
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