

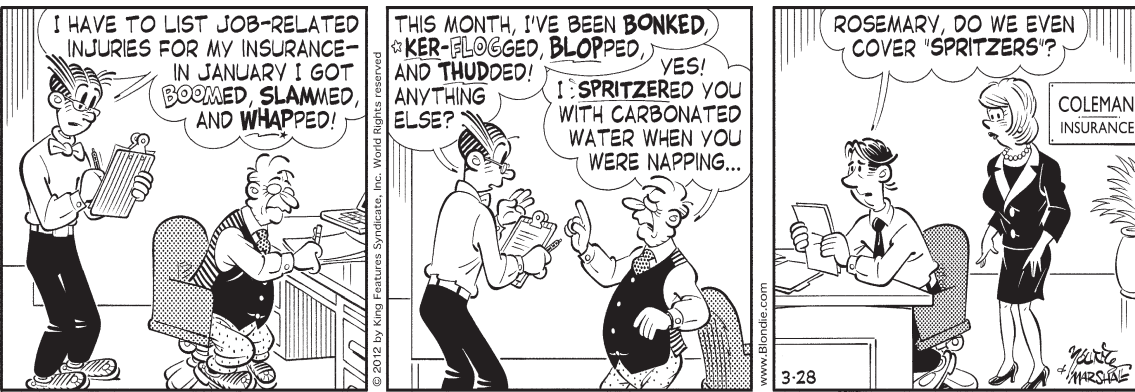
**Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



**Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



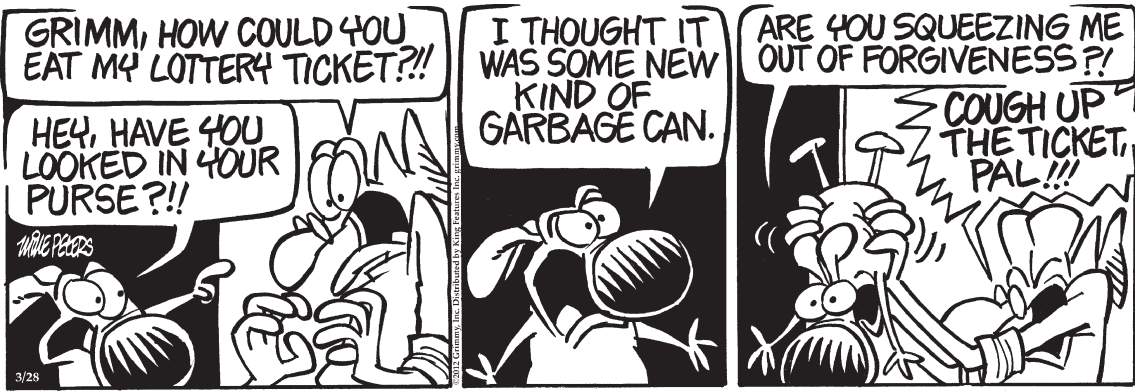
**Blondie** • Chic Young



**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

**Names spread from jam to jelly**

Dear Readers: Jellies, jams, preserves, fruit butters — what is the difference? It can be confusing, so here are a few "sweet" hints to help you buy the one that's right for you:

- JELLIES are made from fruit juice, and when cooked, they ... well, gel.
- JAM is made from crushed, pureed fruit. It usually is a bit thicker than jelly.
- PRESERVES can contain large chunks of fruit or whole fruit. This makes them thicker and more filled with fruit than jelly or jam.
- FRUIT BUTTER is made when fruit pulp and sugar are cooked together. It usually is smooth, but there is NO butter in fruit butter!

Most have added sugar, so if you need to watch calories or sugar intake, be aware and look for sugar-free options, which are more readily available today! — Heloise

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**HELOISE'S HOT-COCOA MIX**  
Dear Heloise: I cannot find your delicious cocoa mix made with dry milk. Please reprint it. -- Shirley, via email

Here is the recipe for Heloise's Hot Cocoa Mix. It's easy and cheap to make! Save money and enjoy some hot cocoa.

Gather the following ingredients:  
2 cups of powdered milk  
A dash of salt  
1/4 cup of cocoa  
1 cup of powdered (confectioners') sugar  
Mix all the ingredients together. Place around 4 tablespoons into a cup or mug. Fill with approximately 8 ounces of boiling water and stir. You can add more or less mix, depending on your taste.  
Store in a sealed container. And another hint: It makes a great gift when in a decorated container with the instructions on the outside. — Heloise

**LETTER OF LAUGHTER**  
Dear Heloise: My friend was sitting in the living room with his parents. In the kitchen, in a big pot, was a simmering turkey carcass being used to make turkey stock. It was noticed that at any one time, only one of the two Siamese cats was in the room, apparently switching off.  
My friends all headed to the kitchen. Cat No. 1 tried to intercept them on the way. As they swung open the kitchen door, Cat No. 1 disappeared. On the kitchen floor was Cat No. 2 with the carcass, retrieved from the boiling water for more comfortable dining. Never underestimate the wiles of a cat, or two. — R.A., Fredericksburg, Va.  
Yikes, those are pretty darn smart and mischievous cats! Glad cat No. 2 didn't get hurt by the hot turkey carcass. — Heloise

**EASIER EGG REMOVAL**  
Dear Heloise: To keep eggs from breaking when making hard-boiled eggs, I use a pasta server to place the eggs in and remove them from simmering water. — Joan in Guntersville, Ala.

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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 9 4  
♥ Q 10 9 8  
♦ K Q J 5  
♣ A J

**WEST**  
♠ K Q 10 7 2  
♥ 5 3  
♦ 9 8  
♣ 9 8 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ J 5  
♥ 7 6 4  
♦ 10 7 2  
♣ Q 10 7 6 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ 8 6 3  
♥ A K J 2  
♦ A 6 4 3  
♣ K 4

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
2 ♥ Pass 6 ♠ Pass  
Opening lead — king of spades.

**As Ye Sow, So Shall Ye Reap**  
Part of the skill of good declarer play consists of inducing your opponents to make errors. The more often a declarer gives the opposition a chance to make an error, the more often will the desired result be attained.  
Consider this deal where South is declarer at six hearts. The contract cannot be made against best defense, yet there is a real possibility to make the slam if declarer sets the stage properly.  
Let's say you're South and win West's king-of-spades lead with the ace, East playing the five. You draw three rounds of trumps and then cash the A-K-Q of diamonds and A-K of clubs, ending in your hand. At this point you lead a low spade toward dummy's 9-4, and West, who holds the Q-10 of spades, must decide which of them to play.  
If he makes the normal play of the ten, you make the slam! East must win with the jack, and since his only remaining cards are the Q-10-7 of clubs, he must lead one of them. This allows you to discard a spade from one hand while you ruff in the other, and the slam is home.  
If West is smart enough to play his queen when you lead the spade toward dummy, he defeats you, but it has cost you nothing in the process to present him with an opportunity to make an error.  
Actually, West has a very difficult decision to make when you lead the spade. From his point of view, he should play the ten if he thinks you started with 8-6-3, and the queen if he thinks you started with 8-6-3. West might guess right, or he might guess wrong, but at least he should be given the chance to go astray. Lots of points — 1,530 of them — ride on his decision.  
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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 3/28

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.

**Cryptoquip**

F N X I M P W K G C P C F B L C J L  
D M P N X N T P D M K I T R N M P  
B P N M C F D J N X J L P M R ' D A K G P R :  
"DKMCAANR CF XLP WCXXR."  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SOME PEOPLE ARE TOTALLY CRAZY ABOUT A CERTAIN SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY. I CALL THEM BRAZIL NUTS.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals I

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
1 Comic strip penguin  
5 Witness  
8 Slightly  
12 Kate's role in "Titanic"  
13 Luau bowlful  
14 Bro  
15 Very active  
17 Capri, e.g.  
18 Overexert  
19 It's handy if you have to break your word  
21 — -la-la  
22 Roger Rabbit, e.g.  
23 "Great!"  
26 Performance  
28 Exhaust  
31 Egg  
33 Kangaroo's move  
35 Betty's "Hot in Cleveland" role  
36 Frankincense or myrrh

**DOWN**  
38 Third degree?  
40 Moon craft  
41 Stepped (on)  
43 Thing, in law  
45 Meager  
47 Aviator Earhart  
51 Jason's ship  
52 Profession  
54 Quartet  
55 Salt Lake athlete  
56 Garfield's name  
57 Salamanders  
58 Petrol  
59 — -tat-tat

**25** Laugh so hard it hurts  
**27** Upper surface  
**29** Guitar's "fuel" cousin  
**30** Nonstick spray  
**32** Kaleidoscope  
**8** Fat components  
**9** "Sex and the City" writer  
**34** Groups of words  
**37** Ph. bk. info  
**39** Ms. Moore  
**42** Clean as software  
**44** Man of La Mancha  
**45** Protected teacher, often  
**48** Mother of Castor and Pollux  
**49** — an earthquake, or ...  
**50** Crising  
**53** Actress Hagen

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 3-28

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15			16					17		
18						19	20			
23	24	25		26		27		28		29
31			32		33		34		35	
36				37		38		39		40
45	46					47		48	49	50
51					52	53				
54					55			56		
57					58			59		