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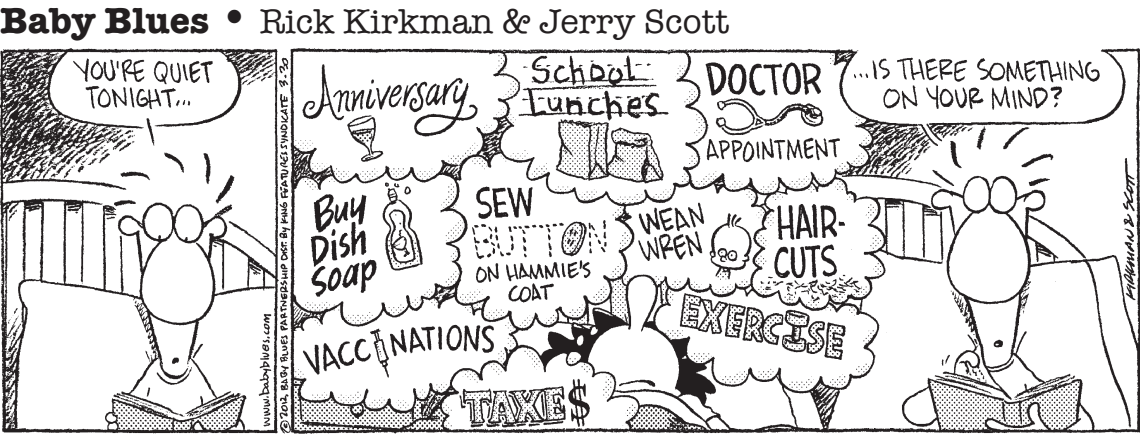

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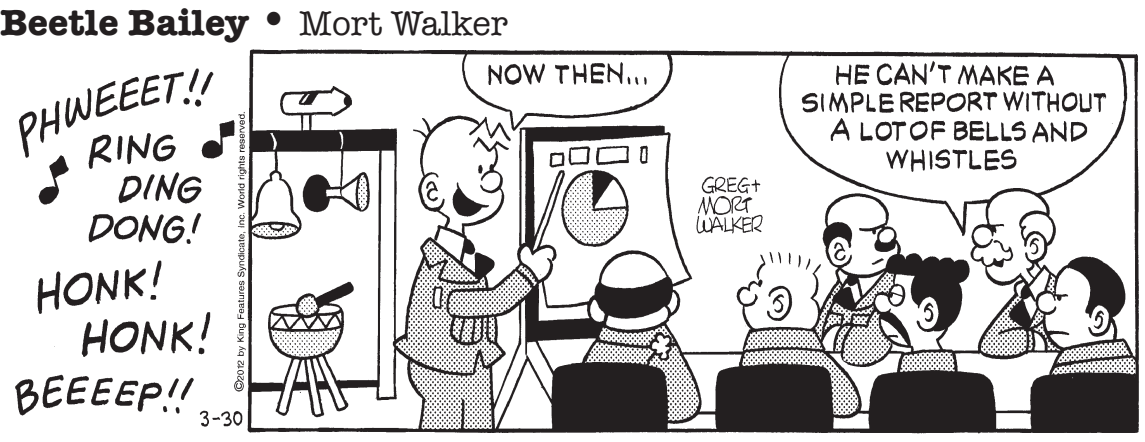

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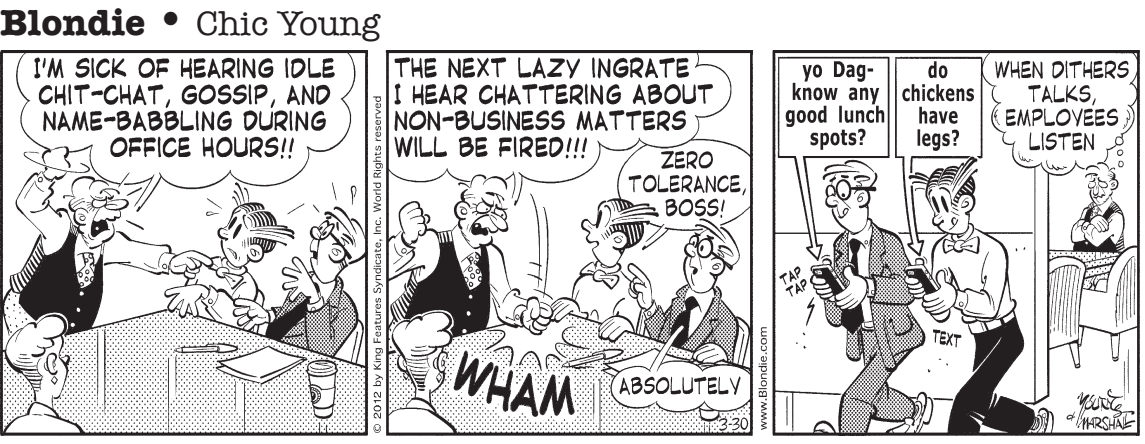

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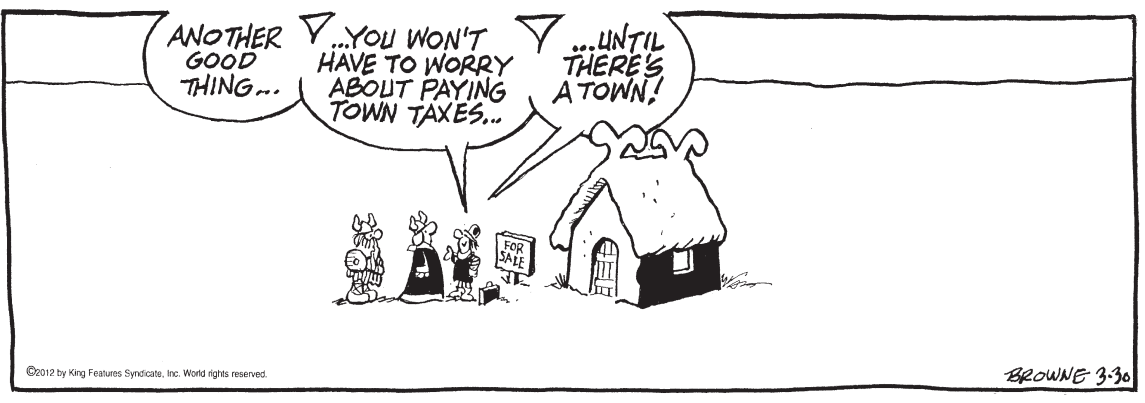

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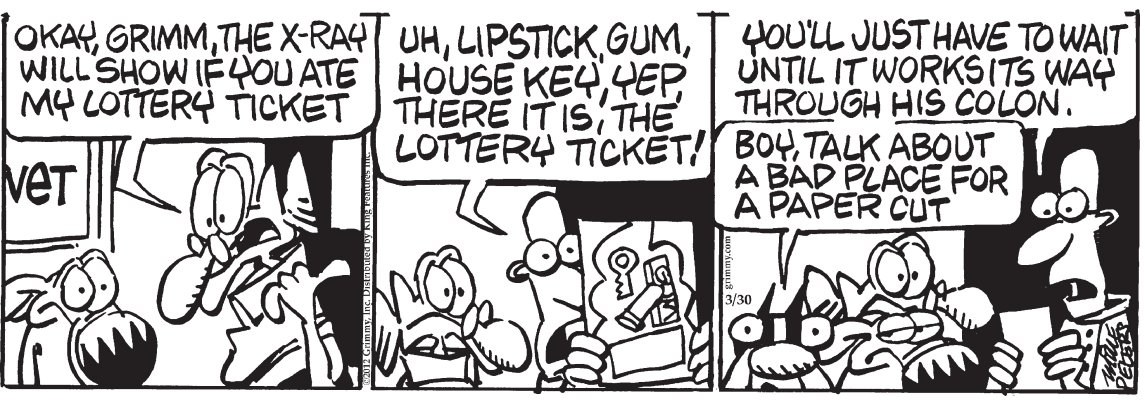

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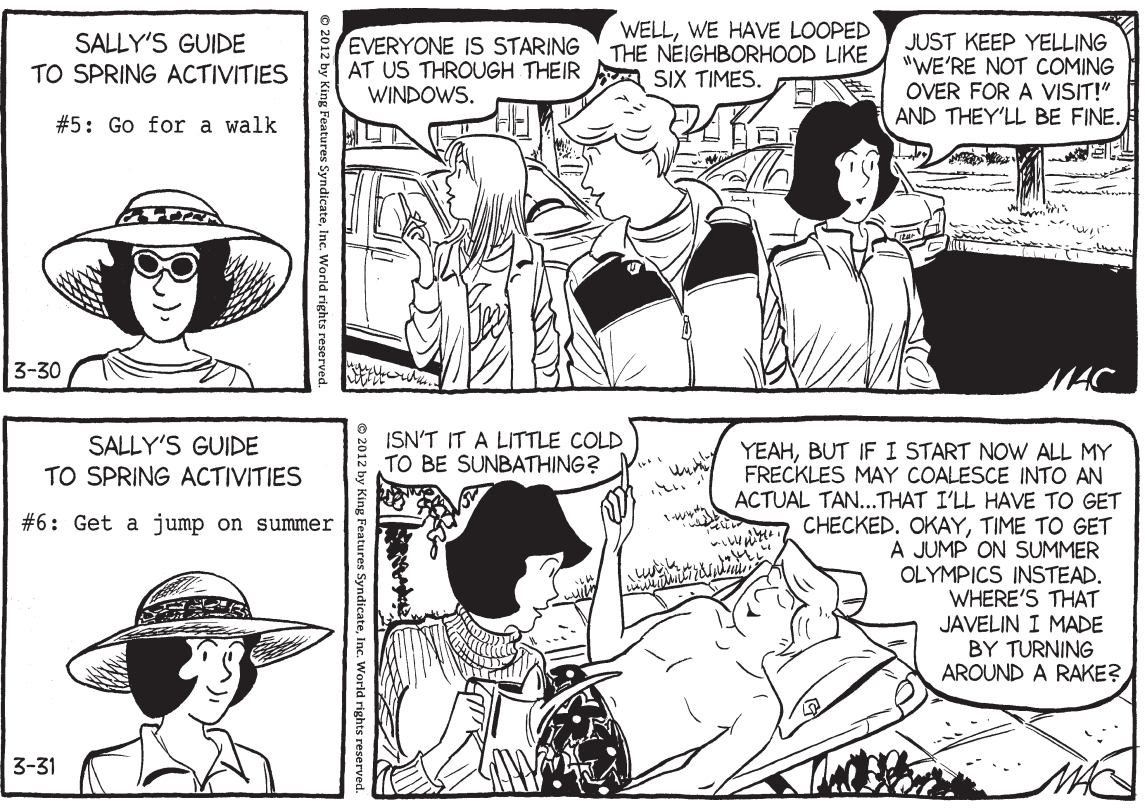

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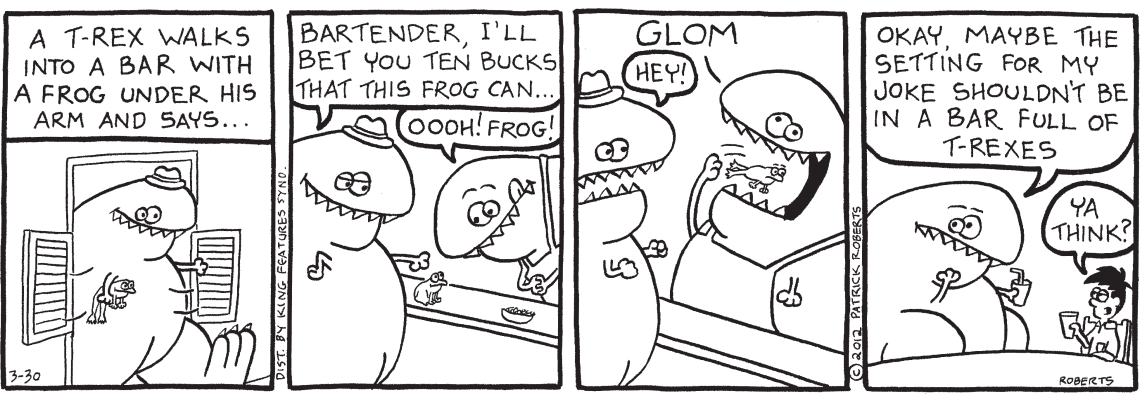

Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott

Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Which size is the right size?

Dear Ladies: Are you wearing the right bra size? Do you know that a majority of women aren't? Here are instructions to find your correct size:

• For the band size, measure snugly around your rib cage, just under your bust. Take this number and add 5 – this is your band size. (If the number is odd, add one so you have an even number.)

• For the cup size, while wearing the bra you wear the most, measure the fullest part of your bust. Take this measurement and compare it with the band-size measurement. If the number is one inch more than the band size, you are an "A" cup. If it is 2 inches more, you are a "B" cup, 3 inches is a "C" cup and so on.

The fit of a bra can vary greatly between manufacturers, so always remember to try on a new bra before you purchase it.

If you have gained or lost weight or had a baby, you probably are not wearing the right size. – Heloise

P.S.: You deserve at least one new bra a year!

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BREAD FREEZE

Dear Heloise: We travel a lot for sporting events, and to try to save money, we often pack our own food. The best idea I found was to freeze a loaf of bread before you travel, and it will "travel" very nicely without getting smashed. – Ashley in Omaha, Neb.

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Readers: Springtime may mean a trip to the beach or lake! What are some important items to pack when you head out? Take a variety of cups, utensils and bowls in lots of shapes and sizes to use when building a sandcastle.

Save up margarine tubs, potato-chip canisters and other small, lidded containers. These work well to hold shells.

A bag for minor emergencies is good, too. Meat tenderizer can help with a jellyfish or bee sting. Pack plenty of sunscreen, adhesive strips and first-aid cream as well, and lots of drinking water, too. – Heloise

CHOOSY CHORES

Dear Heloise: I found an easy way to motivate my kids to do extra chores. I have a board with the chores they are supposed to do, along with "bonus" chores they can earn money for. The kids get to pick which chores they want to do and, based on their selection, how much money they will earn. The chores get done, and the kids learn about earning money. – Linda in Cincinnati

Teach the kids living skills when they are young, and they can use them the rest of their lives. – Heloise

NOISY PHONE

Dear Readers: Does owning a smartphone with an annoying ringtone wear on your ears? To quickly silence a ringing smartphone, try pressing any key on the side of the device. This won't answer or decline the call; it simply shuts off the ringtone. – Heloise

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Bridge • Steve Becker

You are West, defending against Four Spades, and here is what you see after leading the king of hearts:

NORTH
♠ A K 10
♥ 10 6 3
♦ K 7
♣ Q J 8 6 2

WEST
♠ 5
♥ K Q 9 7 4
♦ A J 8 3
♣ A 7 5

The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Dble	Redble	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	

South wins your king-of-hearts lead with the ace, East playing the five, and cashes the A-K-10 of spades, East playing the 4-2-6. On a low club lead from dummy, East plays the four and declarer the king. How would you defend?

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Test Your Defensive Play

You have to don your thinking cap securely for this one. The first problem is whether to win the club, but before deciding this, you should try to construct the kind of hand declarer must have for the contract to be defeated.

You start by brushing aside those hands where the contract is indefensible. You can't win by conceding defeat. All your thoughts should be concentrated on hands where South might have four losers.

You know from the bidding and East's high-low in trumps (indicating three of them) that South started with six trumps. He therefore has 10 tricks – six spades, two clubs, a heart and a diamond – after you take the ace of clubs, assuming you give him a chance to cash them.

However, you may be able to score four tricks before South can score 10 – if the cards are divided as you must hope they are. Since you are obviously limited to one trick in clubs and one in diamonds, your only chance is to win two heart tricks. This is possible in only one case, namely, if East started with specifically the J-5 of hearts. Since this is your only hope, you should defend on that basis.

Accordingly, you win the club at trick five and return a low heart. You are rewarded when East wins with the jack and returns a diamond to your ace, and you cash the queen of hearts to put the contract down one.

In the actual deal, South had:

♠ QJ9873 ♥ A82 ♦ Q5 ♣ K3 and was defeated by the low heart return.

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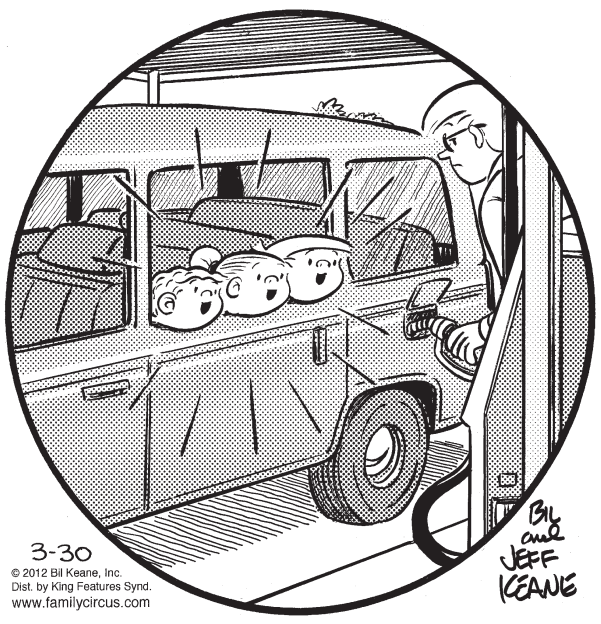
Family Circus • Bil Keane



"...$45.60, $45.70, $45.80, $45.90..."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 3/30

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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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 3/29

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Cryptoquip

X EXMAQB JRA IXCC BWBLKATCCJ RQYBQ T YQXLS IUXZU JRA YXHCXSB, VTHBY RL KUB CTI RE VBWBQTMBH.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A VERY NICE GUY PROMISED TO BUY ME SOME JAMAICAN SPIRITS, BUT HE JUST GAVE ME THE RUM-AROUND.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals Y

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Suitable
4 Egg part
8 Eccentric
12 Appomattox VIP
13 "Superfood" fruit
14 Met melody
15 Stuff drifting in the ocean
17 Depend (on)
18 Hit
19 Jewel
21 Trawler need
22 Quantum theorist Max
26 Lay out
29 Muppet master Henson
30 Before
31 Vague
32 Swindle
33 Ontario tribe
34 "— Town"
35 Salary
36 Go in search of prey
37 Pluto, once
39 That girl
40 High times
41 Get snug
45 Addict
48 Banana's cousin
50 Bucks' mates
51 Re planes
52 Restroom, for short
53 Microwave, jocularly
54 Is going to
55 Weep

DOWN
1 Heidi's range
2 Hide
3 Rend
4 Talked on and on
5 Four pairs
6 "7 Faces of Dr. —"
7 Leader
8 Fate
9 Raw rock
10 Lubricate
11 Bandleader Kyser
16 Fool
20 Shade source
23 Infamous lyrist
24 Team of workers
25 Nautical stabilizer
26 Buy stuff
27 Cohort of Ringo
28 Pound of poetry
29 Bliss
32 Dupe
33 Top of a wave
35 Energy
36 Carbolic acid
38 Hospital employee
39 Tangle
42 Body powder
43 Taleteller
44 Jealousy
45 Grecian vessel
46 Old French coin
47 "A mouse!"
49 Mainlander's memento

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 3-30

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
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■	■	■	40			■	41			42	43	44
45	46	47		■	48	49						
50				■	51				■	52		
53				■	54				■	55		