

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



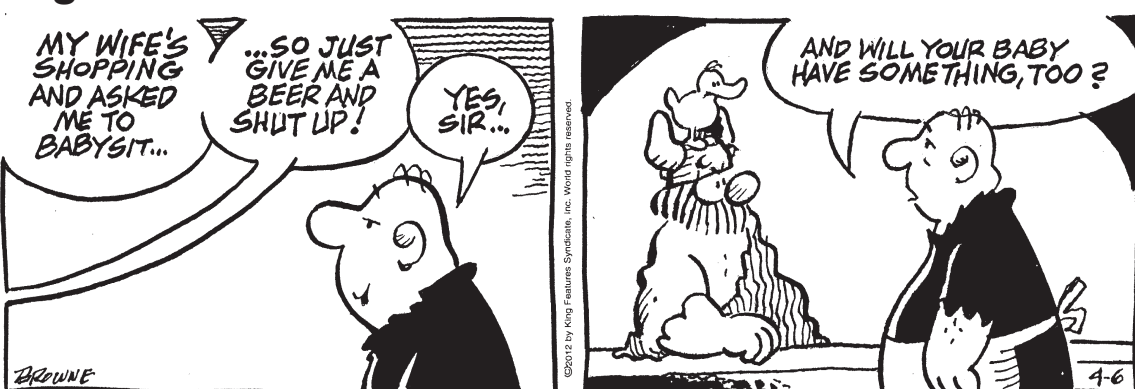
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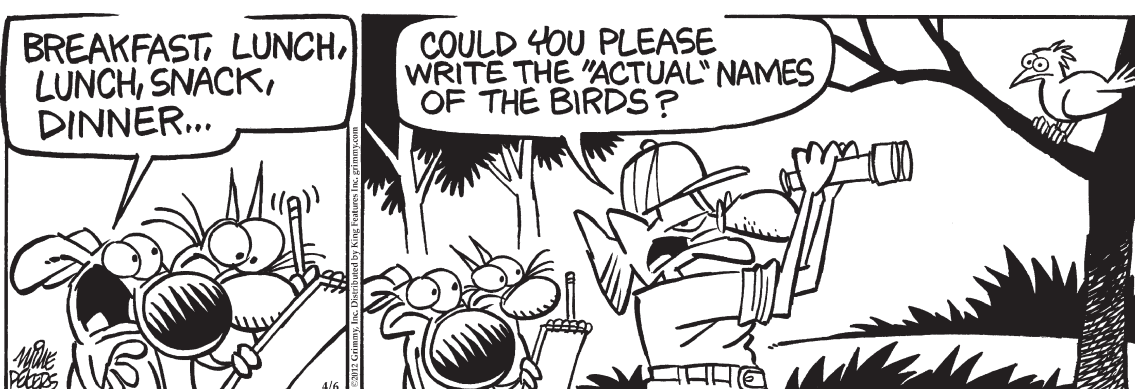
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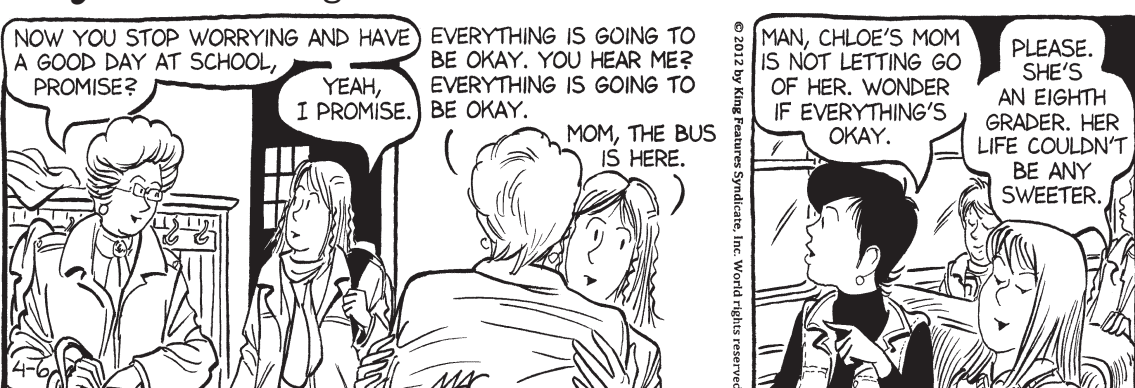
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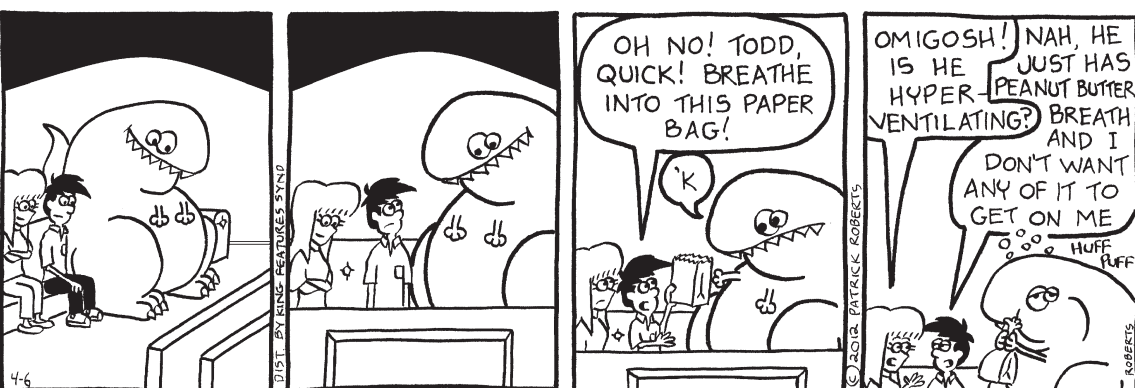
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**Sally Forth** • Greg Howard



**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Heloise**  
Hints from Heloise

**Soaking helps underarm stains**

Dear Heloise: Help! Any advice for getting underarm stains from deodorant/perspiration out of men's shirts? Thanks. — J.A. in Dayton, Ohio

Yes, I do have some helpful hints to take care of this unsightly problem. According to the experts at the Drycleaning and Laundry Institute, stains can occur with prolonged exposure to deodorants and perspiration. Here are some hints for how to clean stains and prevent them in the future:

- Before washing, soak the garment in an enzyme detergent or presoak.
- Wash shirt in the hottest water that's safe for the fabric.
- Wash shirt as soon as possible.
- Wearing the garment again before washing can cause buildup, so only wear it once.
- Try not to overuse deodorant, and let it DRY before putting clothing on.

Stains are just a part of life, but we can deal with them. Find ways to care for clothing and remove stains in Heloise's Handy Stain Guide for Clothing. To order, send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (65 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Stain Guide, Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Have a mystery stain? Apply pre-wash spray and rub into the stain. Wash as usual after all traces of the stain are removed. — Heloise

**BIRTHDAY NEWSPAPER**

Dear Heloise: I thought of this after my grandchildren were born. I wish I had saved or purchased a fresh copy of the newspaper on the day they were born to give to them on their 21st birthday. Wouldn't that make a neat gift?

One could take that a step further and continue to save the paper, or at least the front section, each year on their birthday and give them all as a present when they become 21 or whatever occasion you think is right for your family. — Lloyd K., Ellinwood, Kan.

Lloyd, what a great idea! You usually can get a past copy for a small fee by calling your newspaper. — Heloise

**ID FOLLOW-UP**

Dear Heloise: I have a question about your column regarding airport ID. My wife cannot drive a vehicle at this time due to illness, and her driver's license has expired. Can her license still be used for identification? — Leo in California

Leo, the answer is yes and no. The Transportation Security Administration (www.tsa.gov) says the expired license can be used as secondary ID. A birth certificate, Social Security card or marriage license can work as primary identification.

Here in Texas, you can get an identification card (it looks like a driver's license) at a Department of Public Safety office. — Heloise

**PAPER-TOWEL SAVINGS**

Dear Heloise: My money-saving hint for draining bacon, sausage, etc., is to use just one layer of paper towel on top of several layers of newspaper instead of many layers of expensive paper towel. — Lisa Y., Meridian, Miss.

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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

**You are South**, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has gone:  
West North East South  
1♦ 1♠ Pass ?  
**What would you bid** with each of the following five hands?  
1. ♠A84♥87♦653♣KQ974  
2. ♠KJ7♥AJ952♦64♣K83  
3. ♠95♥Q83♦A107♣KJ752  
4. ♠K2♥KJ4♦KQ10♣A10983  
5. ♠J♥AQ842♦985♣J642  
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**Bidding Quiz**

1. Two spades. Before discussing what to do, it might be best to define partner's one-spade bid. Most overcalls on the one-level are based on eight to 12 high-card points and a good suit, although partner could have as many as 16 points in high cards. The one-spade overcall should therefore tentatively be regarded as merely a competitive bid and not the equivalent of an opening bid.

Though it is not likely that the combined hands contain the wherewithal necessary for game, you should nevertheless raise partner's spades, partly to allow for the possibility that he has a strong hand, and partly for tactical reasons. A bid of two clubs would not be wise because it is not forcing and would deny spade support and at the same time would make it easier for West to bid again at a low level.

2. Three spades. This time game prospects are much brighter, and your three-spade bid invites partner to continue on to four spades unless his overcall is in the minimum range.

3. One notrump. Game is unlikely, but even so, it's much better to bid one notrump than to pass. This will give partner another chance to bid if he happens to have a strong hand. It would be wrong to bid two clubs, which would indicate a better club suit and would also understate the all-around value of your hand.

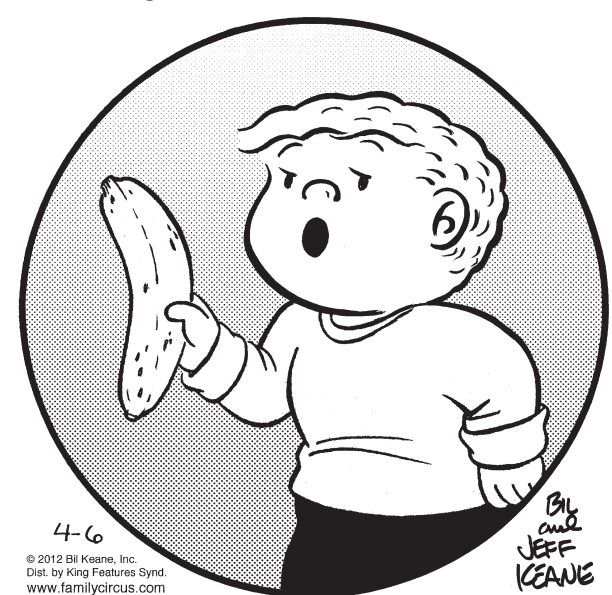
4. Three notrump. It's hard to imagine a hand partner can have where you won't have a good play for nine tricks. A jump to two notrump (invitational) would be an egregious underbid.

Partner might dislike notrump and retreat to four spades, but your values are fully adequate for that contract as well.

5. Pass. You shouldn't go looking for trouble by bidding two hearts. Partner's suit should be at least as good as yours, and if he lacked support for hearts and rebid his spades, you'd be worse off than you were before. This is the type of hand that suggests a possible misfit, and experience teaches that the sooner you "let go" in misfit hands, the better off you will be.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



"Mommy, is this banana underripe, overripe or just ripe?"

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 4/6

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

**Cryptoquip**

OAMULGA WPYG HIUBYQA  
HUOIYM IYZG GS AUGYQC,  
Y BLAGG ZASZQA SLBPW

WS MUQQ YW WAUI-C MQSWP.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE MY PRIMARY SUBJECT IN COLLEGE WAS "SUCCESS IN PLACING BETS," I WAS MAJORING IN WAGERING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals O

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Energy producer
  - 4 Car
  - 8 Mexican money
  - 12 Scull tool
  - 13 Got bigger
  - 14 Small stream
  - 15 Wasteful
  - 17 Exam format
  - 18 Ashen letter
  - 19 Last
  - 20 Sleep soundly?
  - 22 Pedestal part
  - 24 Master of ceremonies
  - 25 Crystalline mineral
  - 29 "I — Camera"
  - 30 Shuts loudly
  - 31 Brazilian tourist mecca
  - 32 Miami squad
  - 34 Shape
  - 35 Knocks
- DOWN**
- 36 Coral
  - 37 Let
  - 40 Texas city
  - 41 Laugh-a-minute
  - 42 Saskatchewan, e.g.
  - 46 Roundish hairdo
  - 47 Aching
  - 48 Eviscerate
  - 49 Existed
  - 50 On the rocks
  - 51 Vast expanse
  - 4 Nimble
  - 5 Incite
  - 6 Afternoon social
  - 7 Pussy-Cat's partner
  - 8 Ads for
  - 9 Green land
  - 10 Refinery refuse
  - 11 —
  - 16 Pub shows
  - 19 Probability
  - 20 Roe provider
  - 21 Hideo of baseball
  - 22 Campus VIPs
  - 23 Charitable donations
  - 25 Buy and resell quickly
  - 26 Drags out
  - 27 Ethereal
  - 28 Cavort
  - 30 "Pyg-malion" writer
  - 33 Atom component
  - 34 Points of concentration
  - 36 Macadamized
  - 37 Bedouin
  - 38 Bio title word, often
  - 39 Traditional tales
  - 40 Sported before
  - 19-Across
  - 43 Sindbad's bird
  - 44 Prompt
  - 45 Timetable abbr.

Solution time: 25 mins.

T	W	A	S	W	A	R	P	L	A	Y
H	E	M	P	H	U	E	H	L	I	N
R	A	I	L	E	G	G	U	N	I	T
U	N	R	O	L	L	A	M	M	O	
B	R	A	C	E	E	T	C	E	M	T
O	A	T	H	B	R	A	P	U	M	A
O	N	O	S	R	I	W	O	M	A	N
L	I	Z	A	U	R	N	A	R	E	A
A	C	E	S	E	I	N	G	I	S	T
M	E	R	E	T	O	Y	E	A	T	S

Yesterday's answer 4-6

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12			13					14		
15			16					17		
20	21			22	23					
24				25				26	27	28
29			30					31		
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