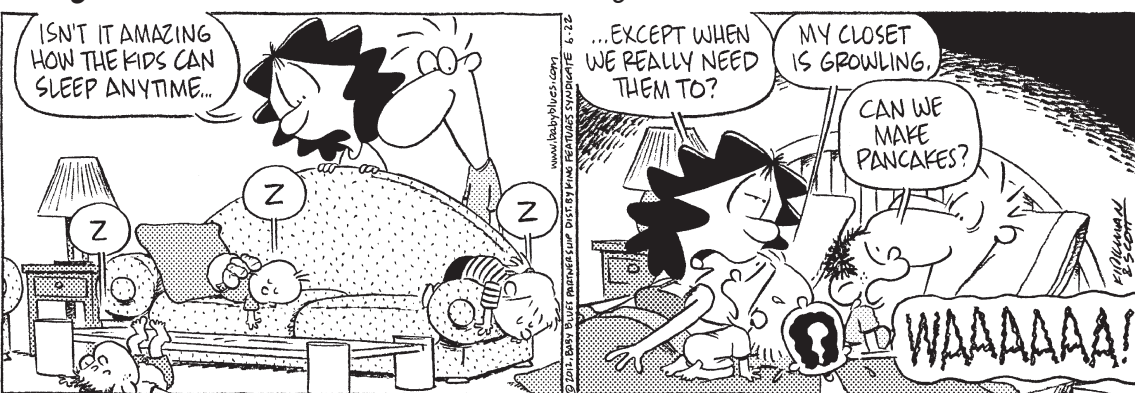
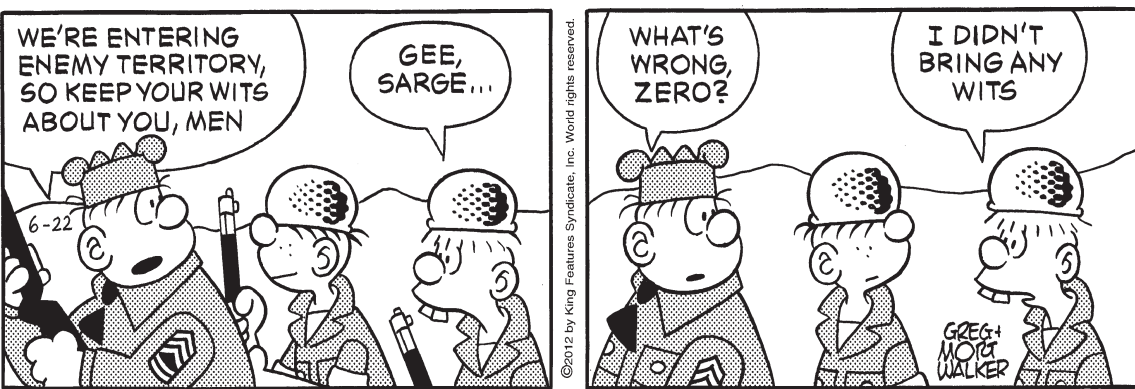


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



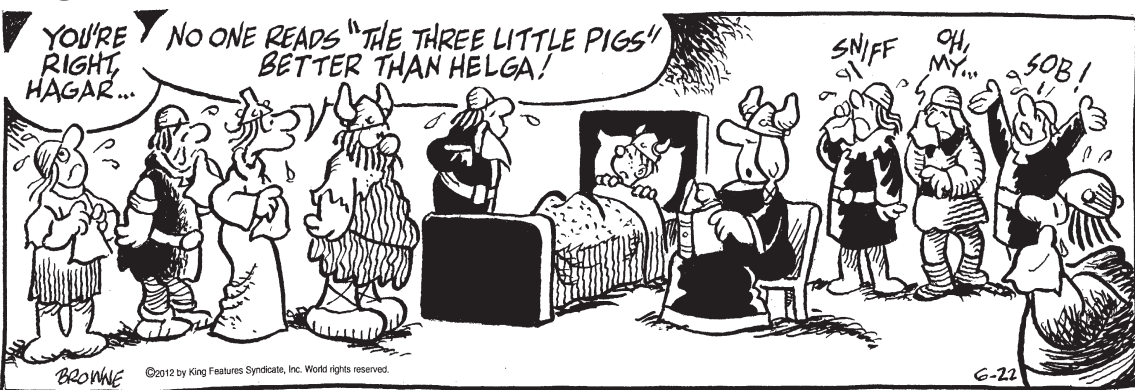
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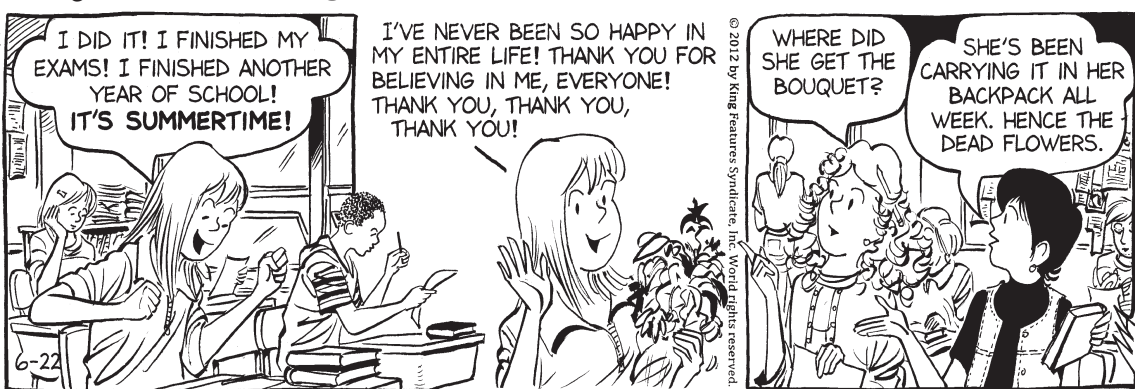
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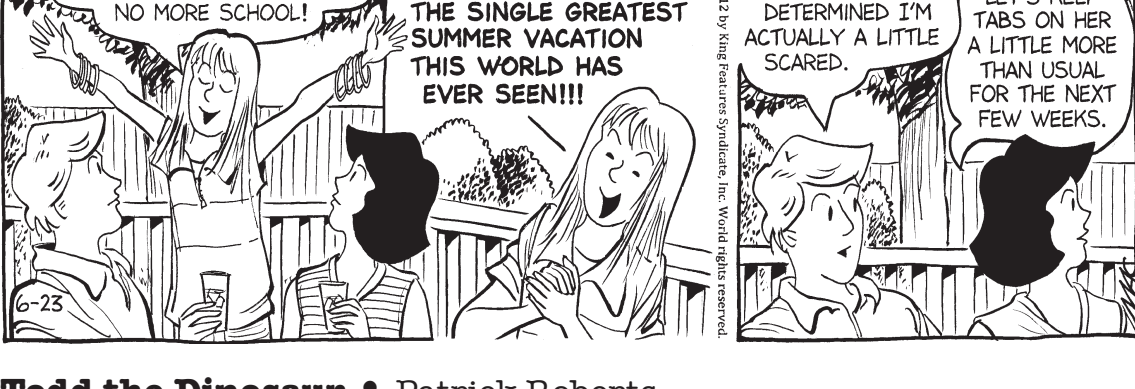
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Spotty towels: variety of causes

Dear Readers: In a recent column, a reader named Sylvia wrote about a problem she was having with her bath towels looking as if someone had spilled bleach on them. Well, you had a lot to say on the issue. Here are a few comments:

1. "I found out that the culprit for my towel spotting was the new whitening toothpastes people are buying to whiten their teeth," said Sally, via e-mail
2. "As a mother of three daughters, I believe at least one of the causes is any medication or face wash that contains benzoyl peroxide. It doesn't show up until after the wash," said Jean, via e-mail
3. "Same thing happened to me with two sets. Turned out to be my wrinkle cream that I use at night," said Jane, via e-mail
4. "I've had the same problem as Sylvia. I discovered that after washing whites with bleach, you always should rinse inside the tub while filling for the next load. The next load should be light colors or delicates that aren't affected by bleach," said Helen from Nebraska

Absolutely yes to Nos. 1 and 2, maybe to No. 3, depending on the ingredients and possibly to No. 4. — Heloise

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TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: A hint for runners who travel: I save the cardboard from folded dress shirts that I get from the dry cleaners. I put it under my running shoes when I put them back in my luggage. It keeps the dirt out of your luggage, and you can recycle the cardboard when you return home. — Roger B. in Houston

Also, you can use the plastic dry-cleaning bag that usually is hanging in the hotel closet. I use it for shoes, soiled clothes and even to hold fresh flowers I may bring home from a trip. — Heloise

CAMERA COVERAGE

Dear Heloise: I found an easy way to ID my camera without giving out too much personal information. The very first picture is of my business card, with my name and phone number clearly showing. If it gets lost and someone checks the photos, my contact information is right there. — David in Florida

T-SHIRT TURNAROUND

Dear Heloise: I have done my fair share of painting around the house. I, like many others, have a certain pair of clothes that I use just for painting. I still turn my shirt inside out, though. If I get a little paint on me, it is only the inside of the shirt that is ruined. That way, if I need to run an errand, like to the hardware store, I turn the shirt right side out and don't look too bad. — Jimmie in Texas

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Bridge • Steve Becker

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Spades. North leads the four of spades, and you win South's ten with the jack. How would you play the hand?

- WEST**
 ♠ AKQJ98
 ♥ AKJ9
 ♦ 4
 ♣ AK
- EAST**
 ♠ 7652
 ♥ 5432
 ♦ AQ9
 ♣ 94

2. Again you are declarer at Six Spades, but this time with a slightly different hand. North leads the four of spades, and you win South's ten with the jack. How would you play the hand?

- WEST**
 ♠ AKQJ98
 ♥ AKJ9
 ♦ 4
 ♣ A9
- EAST**
 ♠ 7652
 ♥ 5432
 ♦ AQ8
 ♣ K4

Test Your Play

1. The contract is ice-cold regardless of how the cards are divided. To assure the slam, play another trump, then cash the A-K of clubs and A-K of hearts. If both defenders follow suit in hearts, you can't lose more than one heart trick, so let's assume the worst — that one opponent started with the Q-10-x-x of hearts.

If North is the player with the Q-10-x-x, you next lead the four of diamonds to dummy's nine. (If North produces the jack or ten, you cover with dummy's queen.) South wins but must yield a ruff-and-discard or return a diamond into the A-Q. In either case, you get rid of both of your heart losers.

If South has the Q-10-x-x, you make the slam simply by leading a diamond to dummy's ace and returning a heart toward your J-9.

2. Despite the striking similarity between this hand and the previous one, there is a world of difference in the correct approach to the play. (Both hands were composed by Israeli expert Paul Lukacs.)

Again you can guarantee the slam against any distribution. But because this time dummy has the eight of diamonds instead of the nine, and also has an extra entry in the form of the king of clubs, you must adopt a different approach.

Draw the one missing trump, cash the ace of hearts (assume both defenders follow low) and ace of diamonds, then ruff a diamond. Next cash the A-K of clubs and ruff the queen of diamonds.

Having eliminated both minor suits, you now lead the nine of hearts. If North has the Q-10-x-x, he wins with the ten but must return a heart into your K-J or yield a ruff-and-discard.

If South has the Q-10-x-x, he must win and return a heart, allowing you to take the proven finesse, or else yield a fatal ruff-and-discard by returning a minor suit.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

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

Cryptoquip

C U W P N L V B L C O Z N D P V N C C

Z R B K N D W N T N D R E C L N T N W

B C U W Q R N Q B I N , P E O R M K E O

C B K V N I B L N M J E D R U J N ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FAMOUS BIG APPLE SKYSCRAPER CONSTRUCTED FROM GRAY METAMORPHIC ROCK: THE EMPIRE SLATE BUILDING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals Y

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 \$ dispenser
 - 4 Twosome
 - 8 Nonsense
 - 12 Pi follower
 - 13 Green land
 - 14 Sandwich
 - 15 Escalade, e.g.
 - 17 Troop group
 - 18 Veer
 - 19 Longing
 - 21 Help
 - 22 West
 - 26 Dangles a carrot
 - 29 Lunchonette order
 - 30 Compete
 - 31 "Time" founder
 - 32 Jane's "Glee" role
 - 33 Lo-cal
 - 34 Tramcar fill
 - 35 "Monty Python" opener
 - 36 Traffic cone
 - 37 Golf bag carrier
- DOWN**
- 3 Fashion
 - 4 Ilium's place
 - 5 Wasn't well
 - 6 401(k) alternative
 - 7 Go green
 - 8 Tied
 - 9 Coffee shop
 - 10 Main-lander's memento
 - 11 Parcel of land
 - 16 Mad
 - 20 Corrode
 - 23 Satan's forte
 - 24 One of the Jacksons
 - 25 Melt
 - 26 United nations
 - 27 Emanation
 - 28 On the rocks
 - 29 Clear the tables
 - 32 Sign painter's aid
 - 33 Hammerstein's contribution
 - 35 Jr.'s junior
 - 36 Study
 - 38 Nerdy sort
 - 39 Utah city
 - 42 Mountain-top
 - 43 Whine
 - 44 Get a glimpse of
 - 45 Occupation
 - 46 "The — Daba Honeymoon"
 - 47 Neither mate
 - 49 Big bother

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 6-22

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
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