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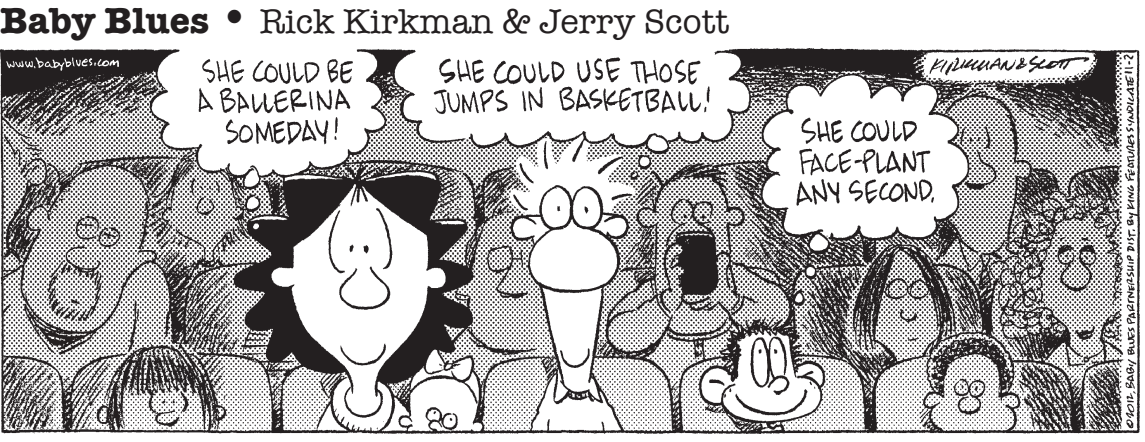

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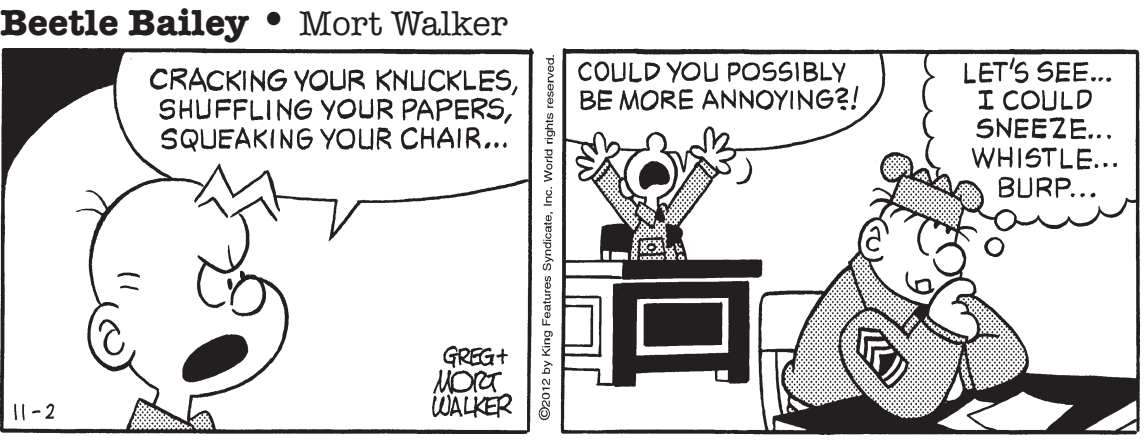

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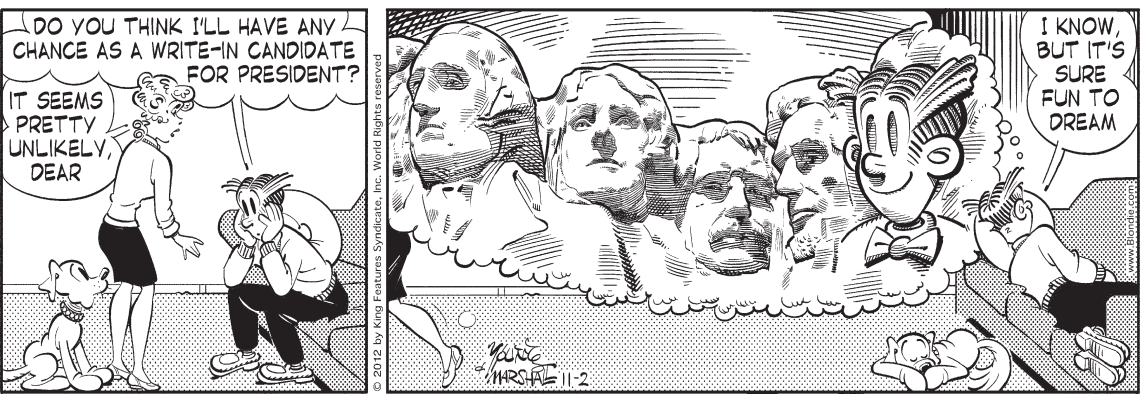

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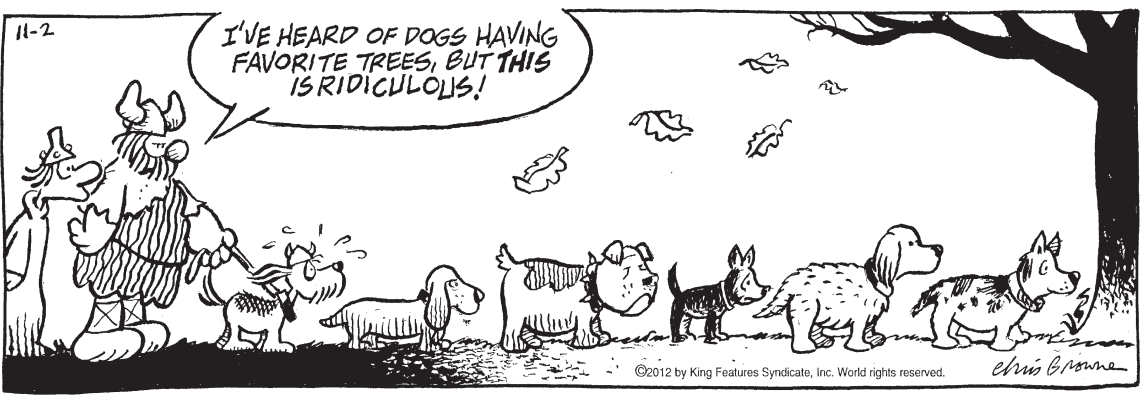

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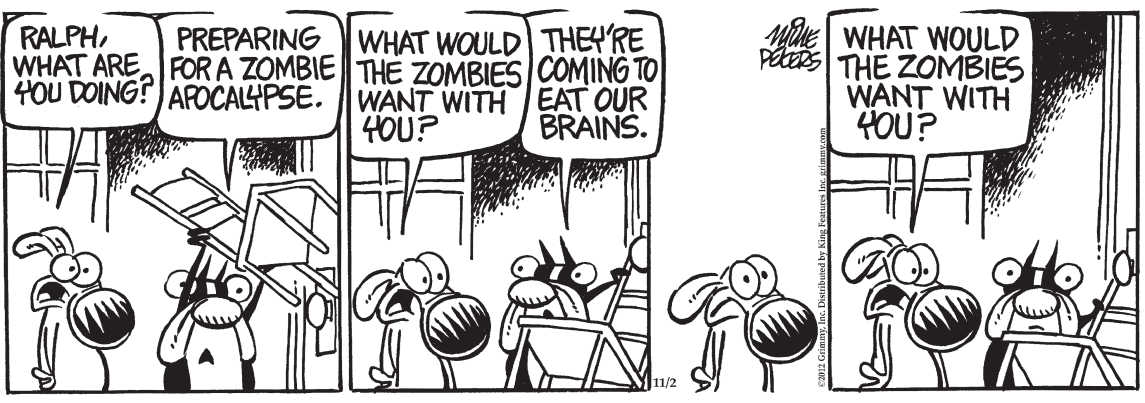

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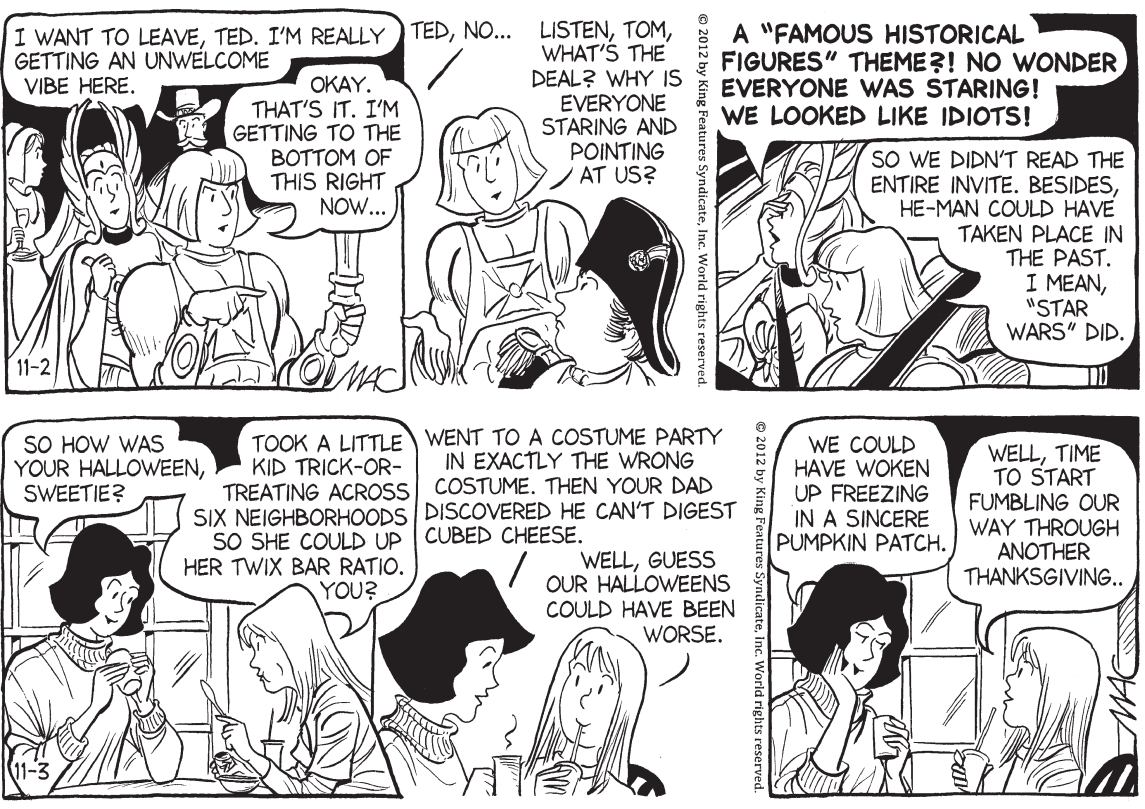

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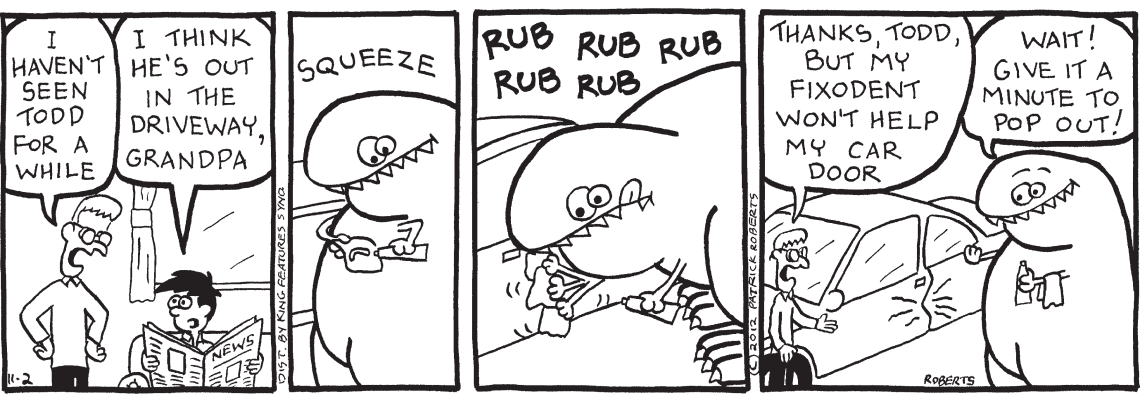
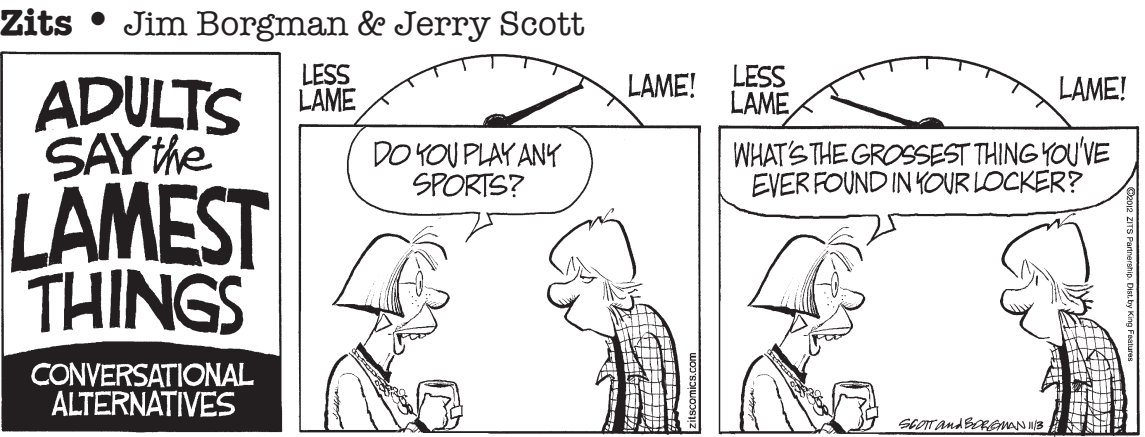


Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Spicy meatballs a favorite snack

Dear Readers: Here is a recipe for spicy Swedish meatballs that many readers request, since it's a favorite as an appetizer at all gatherings! You will need:

2 cups breadcrumbs
1/2 cup milk
8 ounces ground beef
8 ounces sausage meat (spicy)
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1 teaspoon soy sauce
1/2 teaspoon monosodium glutamate (optional)
5-ounce can sliced water chestnuts, chopped

Mix breadcrumbs and milk together in a large bowl, then add all other ingredients into the bowl and mix well. Place formed meatballs (they should be about 1 1/2 inches) onto an ungreased cookie sheet with sides. Bake for about 30 minutes at 350 degrees F, or until golden brown. Drain on paper towels before serving. They go perfectly with my jelly or wine sauce. Want to know the recipes? Order my pamphlet Heloise's Main Dishes and More. Send $3 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (65 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Main Dishes, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Before cutting, you should allow most cooked meats (such as brisket or roast) a few minutes to "set." It allows the juices to completely soak into the dish. – Heloise

COMPUTER SEARCH

Dear Heloise: I am constantly forgetting where I have saved documents or projects on my computer. I have found a tool that has helped me many times. Go to the Start menu and select "Computer." Select "Libraries." In the upper right-hand corner on most computers, there will be a search box. Type in keywords, and it will locate any files with that keyword in it. – A Reader, via e-mail

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: I love traveling, and to save money on my trips, I try to use local transportation, like subways, buses or trains, instead of taking a taxi. I usually have a list of places I would like to visit, so before I leave, I map routes to and from. I look up bus or train schedules on the Internet, since most have websites. All you need are the addresses of the starting and ending locations. You type in the information, and the mapping website will tell you what bus or train you need to take. It even includes stops and transfers. I find that it saves money and gives me a little different perspective of the place I am visiting. – A Reader in Illinois

ALARM NOISE

Dear Heloise: For folks who live alone, before retiring for the night, put your car keys on your nightstand. If you hear or see anything suspicious going on, hit the "alarm" button on the key fob, and your car alarm hopefully will scare an intruder off. – D.L. in Missouri

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Bridge • Steve Becker

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Diamonds. North leads the six of trumps. How would you play the hand?

WEST	EAST
♠ A Q	♠ J 9 3
♥ —	♥ A Q 10 8 2
♦ A J 10 9 7 4 2	♦ K Q
♣ A K 9 8	♣ 6 5 3

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Hearts. North leads the king of clubs, which you win with the ace. You play a diamond to dummy's king, both opponents following low, and lead a heart to the queen, South playing the three and North the nine. How would you continue?

WEST	EAST
♠ K J 9 4	♠ —
♥ A Q J 7 5	♥ 8 6 4 2
♦ J 2	♦ A K 8 7 5 3
♣ A 3	♣ 10 6 5

* * *

Test Your Play

1. Win the trump with the queen, lead a spade to the ace and return the queen of spades. This virtually assures the contract, since it enables you to dispose of the 9-8 of clubs on dummy's ace of hearts and jack of spades.

It would be a serious mistake to attempt a spade finesse at trick two. If the queen lost to the king and North led another trump, you'd eventually go down one, losing a club trick as well as the spade trick. The temptation to try a spade finesse should be firmly resisted.

2. By far the best plan is to cash the ace of hearts at this point. If the trumps divide 2-2, the slam is certain even if the diamonds break 4-1. You would continue with a diamond to the ace, ruff a diamond, ruff a spade and then ruff another diamond, establishing dummy's last two diamonds as tricks, with a second spade ruff as the entry. At worst you'd lose one trick.

Now let's suppose North shows out when you cash the ace of hearts at trick four. In that case, you can still make the contract if the diamonds are divided normally, that is, 3-2. Lead a diamond to the ace, ruff a diamond, ruff a spade and then start running dummy's established diamonds. You lose a trump trick sooner or later to South's king, but that is the only trick you lose.

It would be wrong to attempt a second heart finesse after the first one succeeds, since in the process you would waste a precious entry to dummy that you desperately need to establish the diamond suit. The contract would become unmanageable if South started with three hearts to the king, and you would go down in a slam you could have made.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane

"My mom says will you tell me when it's four o'clock, 'cause that's when I should go home."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 11/02

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/01

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Cryptoquip

B KFNNGKI CGADK JIVAAU ABDI NAVUBML IBLTWIIM-TGAI JGFMSK HVU SGHM KGFWT BM WTI LGAC KWVWIK.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU PROVIDED OVERNIGHT LODGING FOR HIGH-RANKING ENGLISH PEERS, HAVE YOU PUT UP YOUR DUKES?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals I

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Earth (Lat.)
6 Witnessed
9 — -relief
12 Symbol of slowness
13 Inventor Whitney
14 Genetic abbr.
15 Of punishment
16 Burma's capital, once
18 Astute
20 Took the train
21 Oom follower
23 Thither
24 Xbox enthusiast
25 "— a Kick Out of You"
27 Worked with rattan
29 Circle around the sun
31 Conspiracy of silence
35 Cardiff's people
37 Sunrise
38 200 milligrams
41 Gear tooth
43 Affirmative action?
44 Culture medium
45 Cringes
47 Longtime Klugman co-star
49 Symbol of sorrow
52 Jazz job
53 Accomplished
54 Intact
55 Individual
56 Chances, for short
57 Gumby's horse

DOWN
1 Recipe meas.
2 Away from WSW
3 Cowboy, often
4 Iranian money
5 Dumpster location
6 Venus' sister
7 Winged
8 Victory
9 Witch craft?
10 Battery terminal
11 Less loony
17 Ranked
19 Singer's recording
21 Snapshot
22 Past
24 Jewel
26 In the direction of
28 "Forget it!"
30 Trawler need
32 Rifle
33 Pair
34 Moreover
36 Berates
38 Freight
39 Over
40 Kitchen need
42 Outfit
45 Film sample
46 Nevada city
48 Commotion
50 Regret
51 Pigs' digs

Solution time: 25 mins.

G	L	I	B	■	D	A	M	■	S	M	O	G
L	O	C	I	■	I	G	O	■	T	I	D	E
A	G	O	G	■	P	A	S	■	U	N	I	T
M	E	N	T	A	L	■	S	T	A	I	N	S
■	■	■	O	R	O	■	■	A	R	M	■	■
R	A	M	P	■	M	I	N	U	T	I	A	E
E	L	I	■	■	A	K	A	■	■	Z	I	G
M	I	N	I	S	T	E	R	■	B	E	R	G
■	■	E	M	U	■	■	R	I	O	■	■	■
S	E	R	A	P	H	■	A	N	N	A	L	S
C	R	A	G	■	A	P	T	■	M	O	A	T
O	G	L	E	■	L	E	O	■	O	N	C	E
T	O	S	S	■	E	A	R	■	T	E	E	M

Yesterday's answer 11-2

1	2	3	4	5	■	6	7	8	■	9	10	11
12					■	13			■	14		
15					■	16			17			
■	■	18			19			■	20			
21	22		■	23			■	24				
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29				30		■	31			32	33	34
■	■	■	35			36		■	37			
38	39	40			■	41		42	■	43		
44				■	45				46		■	■
47				48			■	49			50	51
52			■	53			■	54				
55			■	56			■	57				