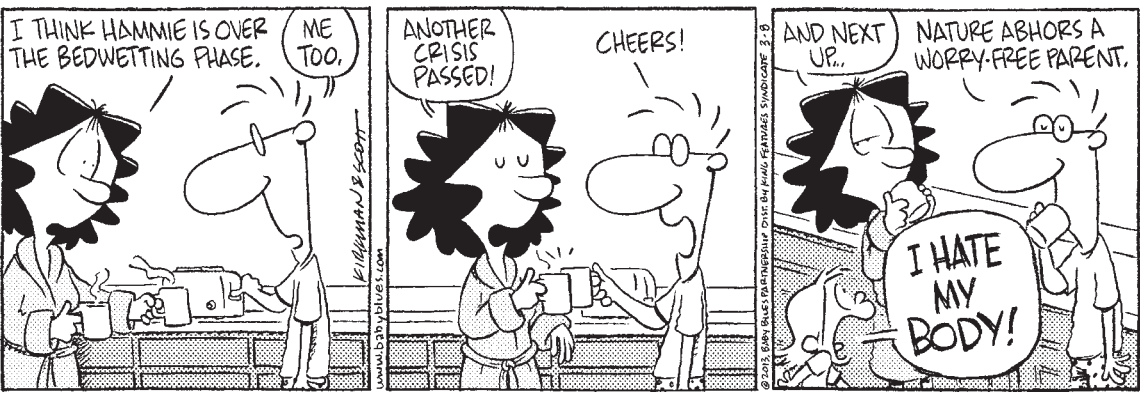
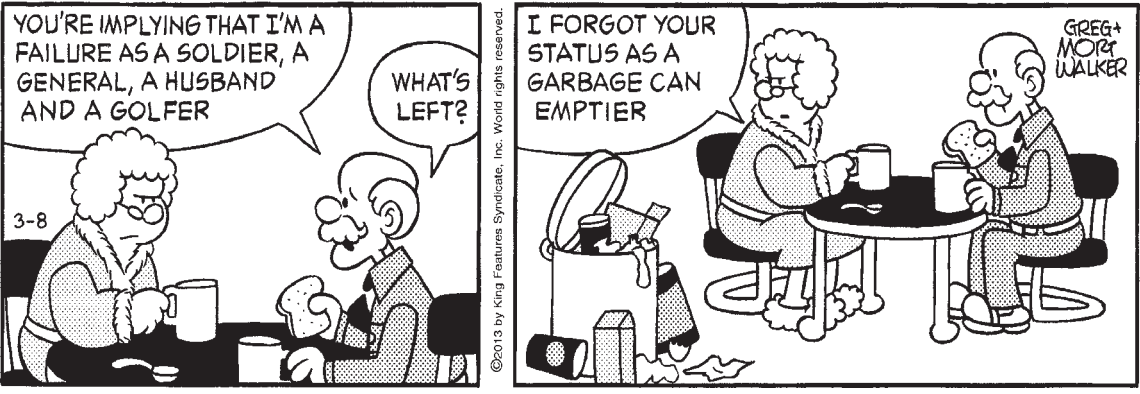


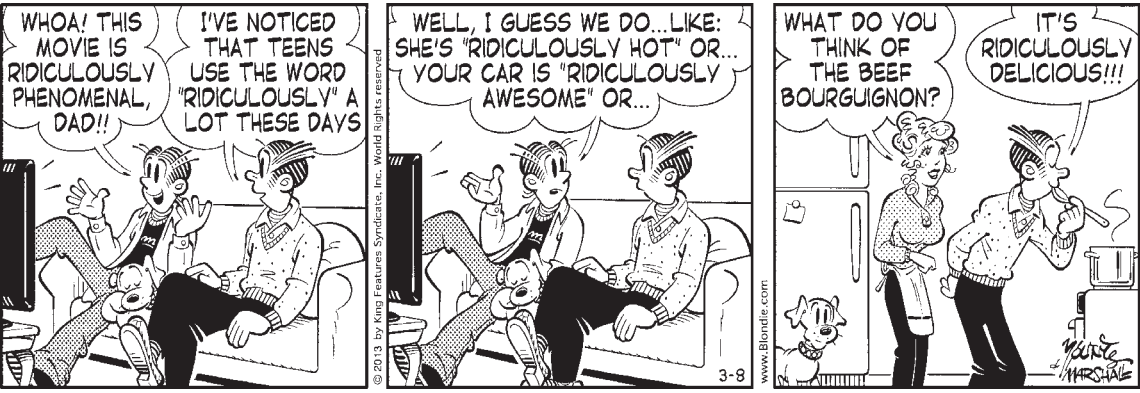
Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



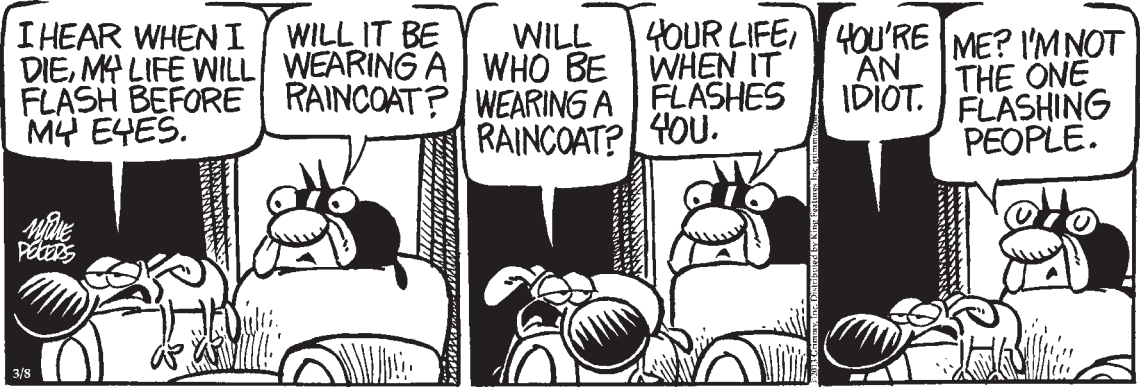
Blondie • Chic Young



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



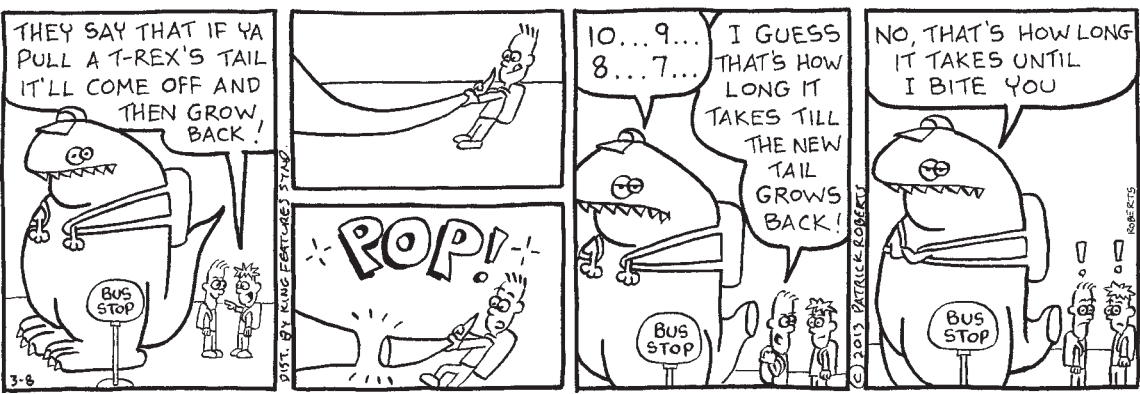
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



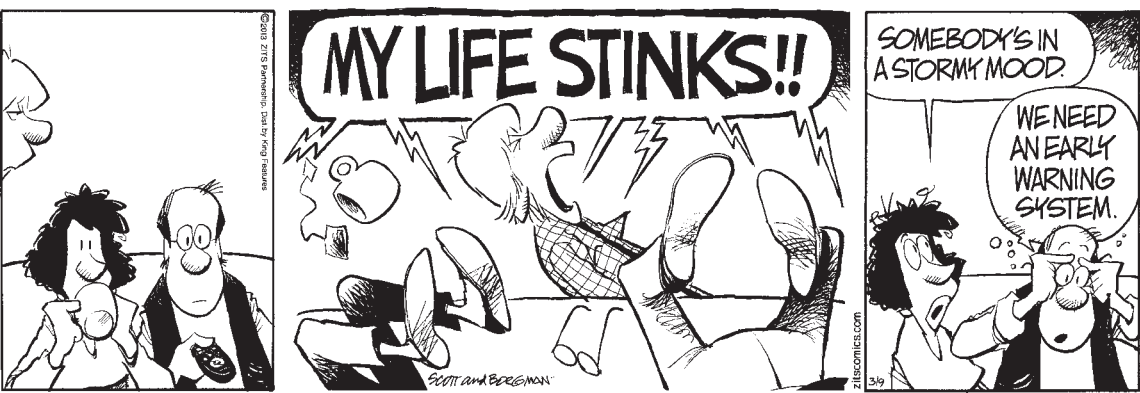
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Inside-out box helps in mailing

Dear Heloise: I have an idea that may help people when mailing packages. The boxes you get purchasing coffee pots, etc., are free and relatively easy to turn inside out.

If glued, use a knife and carefully open the seam. If put together by tabs and no glue, just reassemble using packing tape.

The inside is blank, so there are no UPCs to block out. Just address and mail. No wrapping necessary. Hope this saves the purchase of mailing boxes. — Joan in Niles, Ohio

It will save money as well as help the environment with more uses before recycling. — Heloise
SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

Heloise
P.O. Box 795000
San Antonio, TX 78279-5000
DELETING COOKIES

Dear Readers: Are you aware that your computer stores information, small text files called "cookies," from websites you visit? These can be helpful or bothersome. Cookies and the browser cache (the history of websites you have visited) can speed up the process when revisiting a website. The site loads faster, and you don't need to re-enter your information, but it can slow down your computer. Here is how to delete those temporary files if you want:

Open an Internet window. On your upper task bar, there will be an option for "Tools." Click on it, then select "Internet Options." A window should pop up with an option to delete temporary files, cookies, etc.

Some systems have an option to "Delete Browsing History" on the Tools menu.

Just remember, when you delete these cookies, it will delete your saved login and password information from these sites, so you will have to re-enter them the next time. — Heloise

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Readers: Traveling with kids can be a struggle, but coloring kits can keep most kids occupied for a while. Paper, pencils and crayons are simple and fun; however, it's no fun when a stray marker or pen slips between the seats. How about making a coloring kit that the kids can't lose pieces of? You'll need:

- A small cookie sheet
- Markers, crayons, colored pencils, etc. (whichever you prefer)
- A notebook or coloring book
- Magnetic tape (you can find this at most home-improvement or craft stores)
- Instant glue
- Scissors

Cut a few pieces of magnetic tape, and glue one to each crayon or marker. Cut a few larger strips to glue to the back of the notebook/coloring book. Attach to your cookie sheet, and voila! No matter how the kids set them in the tray, they will stay attached! — Heloise
(c)2013 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

Bridge • Steve Becker

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the four of spades. South wins with the king and returns the seven, which you cover with the ten. North takes the queen and shifts to the jack of hearts. How would you play so as to ensure the contract against any distribution of the North-South cards?

West
♠ J 10 9 5 3
♥ A 10 8
♦ 7
♣ 8 6 5 4

East
♠ 6 2
♥ K 9 5
♦ A K J 10 3
♣ A K Q

2. You are declarer with the West hand at the ambitious contract of Seven Hearts, and North leads the queen of spades. Assuming the trumps are divided 2-2, how would you play the hand?

West
♠ A 10
♥ A Q 10 7 4
♦ A K J 10 9
♣ A

East
♠ 9 7 6 3
♥ K J 9 8
♦ 7 2
♣ 10 5

Test Your Play

1. The only way you can be 100 percent certain of the contract is to play dummy's king and your ace on North's jack of hearts! Now lead the jack of spades to force out the ace, establishing two spade tricks in your hand.

Let's assume North wins and makes the neutral return of a club to dummy's queen. You next lead a low heart to your eight. Regardless of how the opponents defend, they cannot stop you from reaching your hand with either the eight or ten of hearts, so you are certain to score two spades, two hearts, two diamonds and three clubs to come to nine tricks.

If you adopt any other line of play, you might make the contract, but you cannot be sure of it. The extraordinary play of the K-A of hearts at trick three removes all doubt about the outcome.

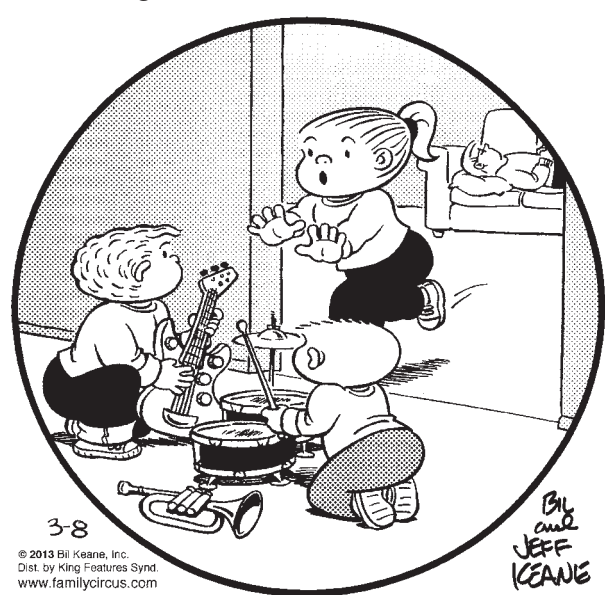
2. Take the ace of spades, cash the A-K of hearts, lead a diamond from dummy and finesse the nine. If the nine wins, enter dummy with a trump and repeat the finesse. If the diamonds are divided 3-3 or 4-2, you make the contract by discarding three spades from dummy and then ruffing the ten of spades.

It would be wrong to cash the A-K of diamonds, planning to ruff a diamond in dummy. Unless the queen fell under the A-K — less than a 20 percent chance — it would then be impossible to avoid a spade loser. As opposed to this, a first-round finesse against the queen offers nearly a 50 percent chance of success.

Note that it would also be wrong to cash the ace first and then try the finesse, since you could no longer make the slam if South started with four diamonds to the queen.

(c)2013 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Hold it! Daddy says all he wants today is a little piece of quiet."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 3/08

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.

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

Cryptoquip

BVT NTZWMMQ CZFUTB NTJN

WDNV MW BVT FZO WZCDJO

ZB FDQDXHJMHNJO JMI

AFDXTN. IVZB XVTZA NUZBTN!

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE SHE'S ABOUT TO GIVE BIRTH, I MAY APPROACH THE GOAT AND REMARK "YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 34 Some-where out there
4 Second letter
8 Wild and crazy
12 Indivisible
13 Mideast airline
14 Sheltered
15 Gin, e.g.
17 Grad rags?
18 First murderer
19 Iron
20 Suitor
22 Paddock parent
24 Long-running Broadway musical
25 Pheasant or grouse
29 Fuss
30 Dental filling
31 Ultra-modern (Pref.)
32 Backyard attraction

DOWN 1 "What's up, —?"
2 Literary collection
3 16th-century cartographer
4 Start
5 Verve
6 Highland hat
7 Brewery product
8 Capital of Croatia
9 Shaving cream
10 Information
11 Longings
16 Speaker's spot

19 Quarry
20 Wound cover
21 Gully place
22 Soda shop orders
23 Asian nurse
25 Summer-time pest
26 Notorious
27 Ca-booze's place
28 Collegian quarters
30 Construction piece
33 Gizmo
34 Winged
36 Garden intruder
37 3-Down's creations
38 Leering look
39 Adolescent
40 Luminary
42 "Humbug!"
43 Expert
44 Lingerie item
45 Conclusion

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 3-8

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				26	27	28
29			30					31		
32		33						34		
		35						36		
37	38	39				40				
41				42	43				44	45
46				47					48	
49				50					51	