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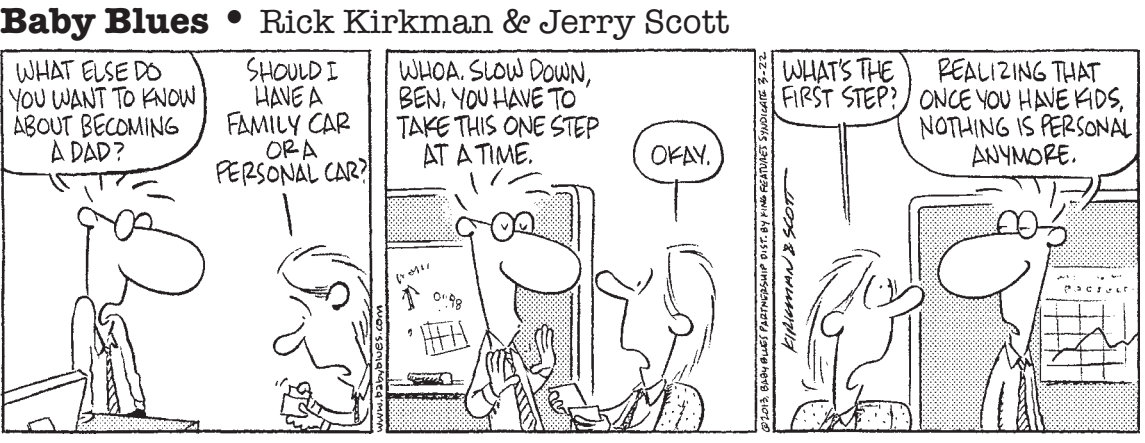

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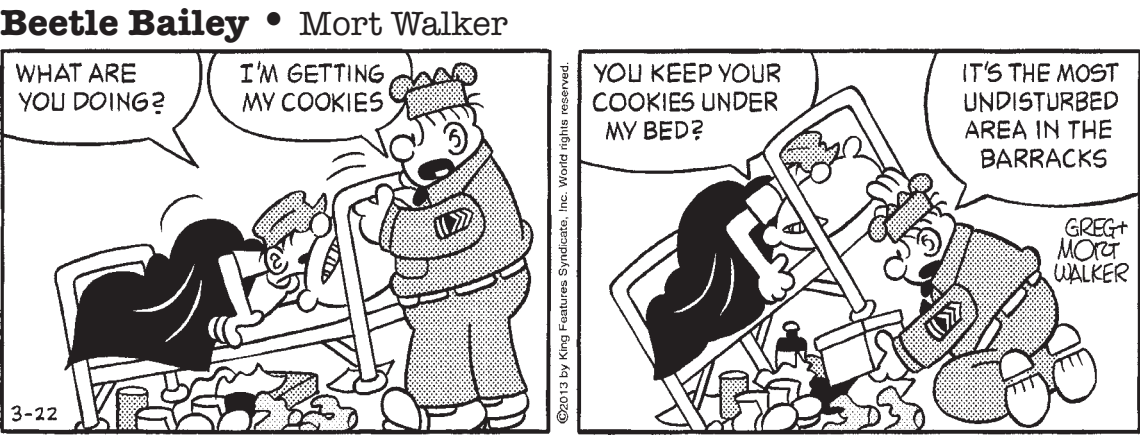

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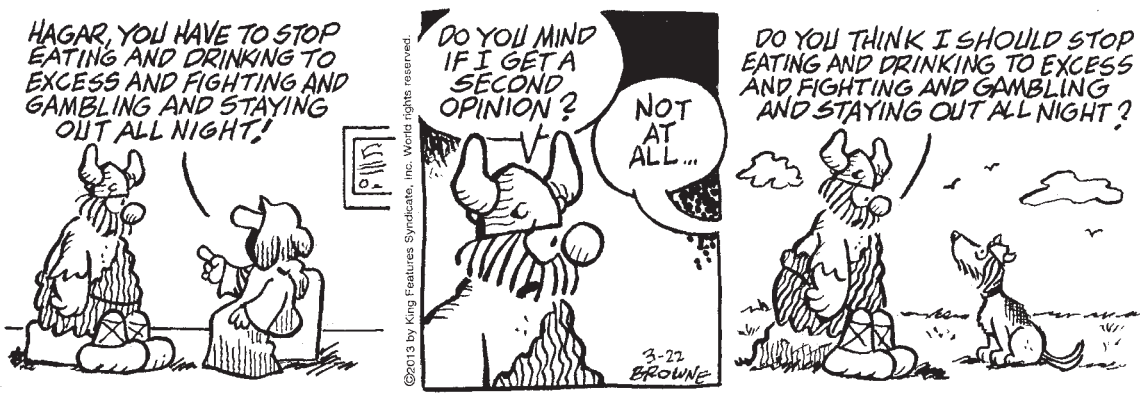

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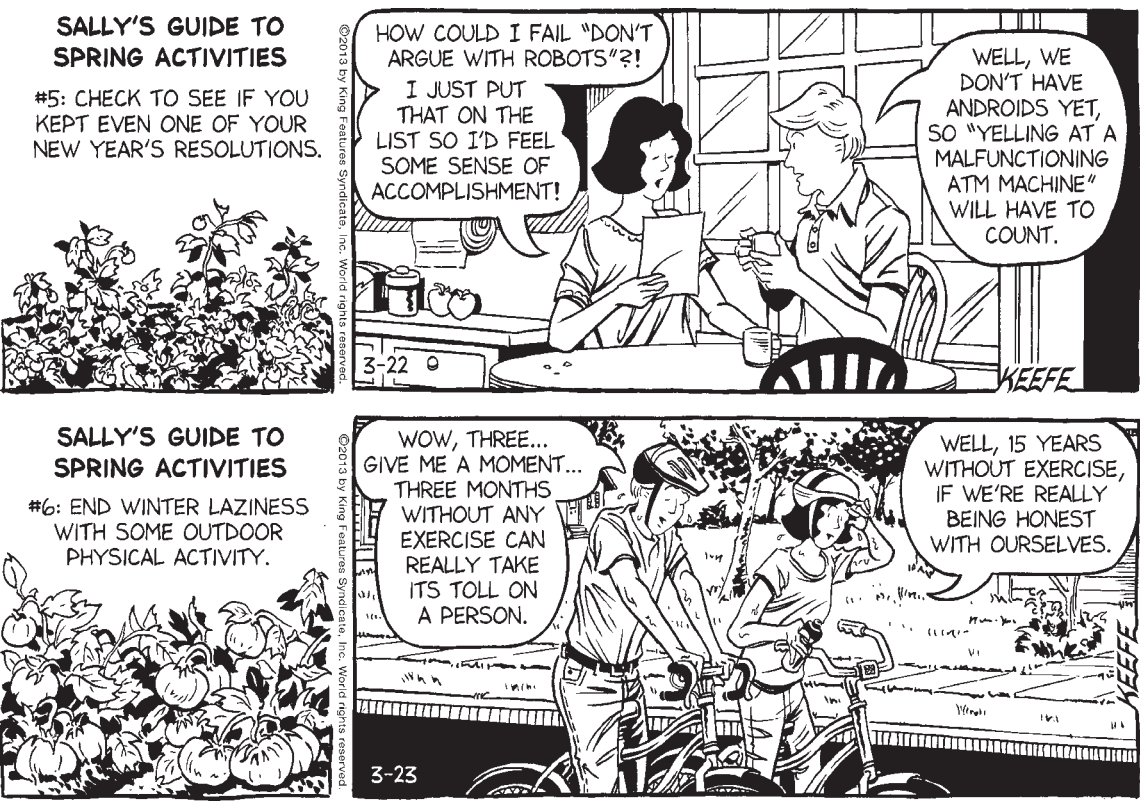

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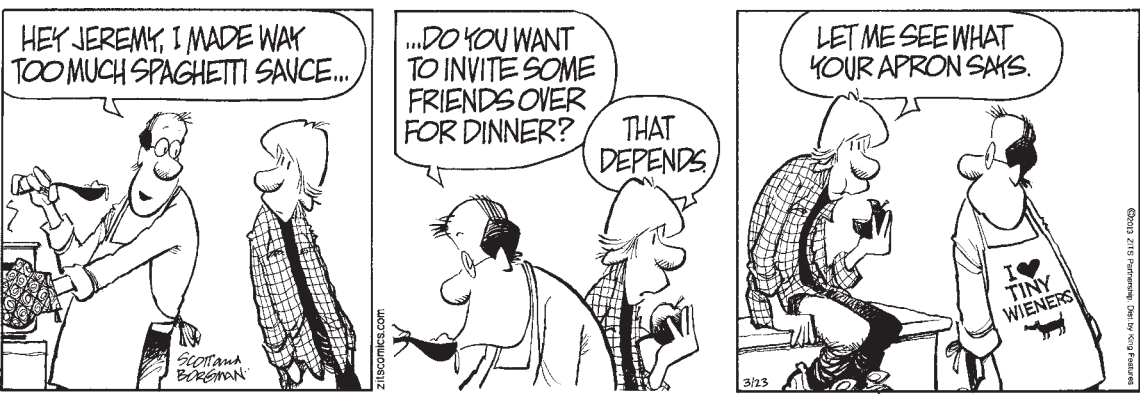

Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Filter searches on computers

Dear Readers: Do you know how to filter out "bad" stuff on your search engine when browsing the Internet? You can adjust your search settings to filter out "explicit images" and videos. Here's how you do it:

• Most search engines have a "gear" icon in the upper right-hand corner. (If not, look for a "settings" or "preferences" option.) Click on this.

• Next, select "search settings." You may be automatically directed to the settings page.

• Options will appear for "Safe Search."

• Choose the option you prefer, "Strict" being the highest level of filtering.

• Scroll down and click "Save."

Saving the selected settings will filter (stop) unwanted junk! If you have children in the house who use the computer for homework, this is protective! Anything you can do to prevent unwanted (pornographic or distasteful) information from coming into your computer is smart. – Heloise

SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

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TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: I love to go on road trips with my friends and family, and I take my faithful sidekick, my dog.

I always make extra stops for him to use the restroom even if I don't have to. A lot of people sometimes forget that their pets might need to stop more often than they do. So please remember your pets when traveling, and plan for extra stops. It doesn't hurt to stretch your legs more, either! – Kayla in North Carolina

"Woof, woof" from Cabbie, our mini schnauzer. Remember, the size of the bladder matters! – Heloise

DUSTING POWDER

Dear Heloise: I read in your column how to add fragrance to talcum powder. Well, silly me, my perfume fragrance came in dusting powder, so I did not save your directions. Would you mind reprinting your suggestion? – Terry H. in Florida

Making your own scented powder is a great way to save money!

Start with plain talc powder, baking soda or cornstarch and fill the old container. Spray or pour a little perfume on the powder. Seal the container tightly and leave overnight or longer. The powder will absorb the fragrance, and voilà, your own dusting powder. – Heloise

COMFY CUSHION

Dear Heloise: I had surgery and have difficulty sitting in hard chairs for longer periods of time. When we go to restaurants, they often have wooden chairs. I took a small chair cushion and placed it in a canvas tote I keep in my car. It is easy to carry inside, sit on and then take with me when I leave. No more uncomfortable meals. – A Reader in Tennessee

NONSLIP STOOL

Dear Heloise: My grandson comes over often and loves to help me in the kitchen. I bought a step stool so he could reach the counters and sink easily. The top was a little slick, so I got some inexpensive bathtub appliqués (the nonslip type) and placed them on top of the stool. He can now stand on it without slipping. – Kellie in Washington

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Bridge • Steve Becker

You are the dealer and open One Heart. Partner responds Two Hearts. What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠ K106 ♥ KQ763 ♦ AQ5 ♣ 84
2. ♠ AJ42 ♥ K86432 ♦ — ♣ A93
3. ♠ QJ9 ♥ AQ853 ♦ KJ4 ♣ AJ
4. ♠ — ♥ Q97654 ♦ A ♣ AKQ432

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Bidding Quiz

1. Pass. Partner's raise shows six to 10 points and moderate to good trump support. If partner has minimum values, you might not even make eight tricks, although that is unlikely. If partner has maximum values, you'll probably make nine tricks, but making 10 would most likely require a fair amount of luck. On balance, the winning action is to pass.

2. Four hearts. This is the percentage bid, the one that figures to do best in the long run. Although you have only 12 high-card points, this hand offers far more potential for game than the previous one with 14 high-card points. The big difference is the distribution, which is very attractive. Thus, you'd surely want to be in game if dummy came down with any of these mediocre holdings:

♠ K7 ♥ QJ75 ♦ 98743 ♣ 65
♠ Q86 ♥ AJ95 ♦ 9542 ♣ 74
♠ 9873 ♥ A975 ♦ J863 ♣ 10

3. Two notrump. This shows 18 or 19 points and allows for the possibility that three notrump might be easier to make than four hearts. Partner cannot pass the two-notrump bid. If he prefers hearts to notrump, he will return to three hearts with a minimum, or bid four hearts with a maximum. If partner does bid three hearts, you should carry on to four. Bidding four hearts directly over two is also a reasonable choice.

4. Five notrump. This is an ideal hand for the grand slam force convention. The leap to five notrump (which has nothing to do with Blackwood) accepts hearts as trump and asks partner to bid seven hearts if he holds two of the three top trump honors, without regard to the rest of his hand. If partner has only one of the top honors (in this case, the ace or king), he simply bids six hearts.

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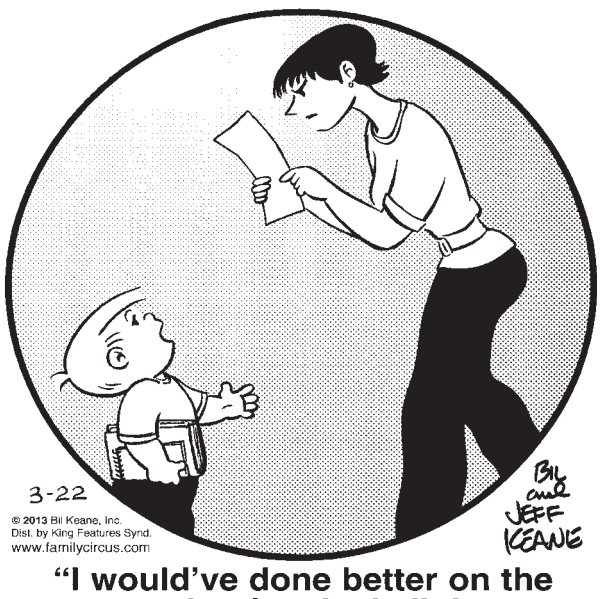
Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I would've done better on the test but it asked all the wrong questions."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 3/22

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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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 3/21

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Cryptoquip

POGRBXO H'EO ORNOJ R DYNYW TYBQFRQO RN GFBTGF, H HLRQHJO H LBXN FREO R XNTYJQ LYTRD WHPOT.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN FELIX ON "THE ODD COUPLE" HASN'T EATEN FOOD FOR A WHILE, I EXPECT HE GETS UNGER PANGS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals I

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Snapshot
6 America's uncle
9 Go back
12 Dawn
13 Pirouette pivot
14 "7 Faces of Dr. —"
15 Foolish
16 Current
18 Use mouthwash
20 Stirred
21 Service charge
23 Exist
24 Nervous
25 Screws up
27 Point of view
29 Horseradish cousin
31 Medal earners
35 Mottled mount
37 Break suddenly
38 Went on all fours
41 Kreskin's claim
43 Have a go at
44 In the pink
45 Daughter of Muhammad
47 Oppressive
49 Danger
52 [Uncorrected]
53 Work with
54 Skip a sound
55 Superlative ending
56 Roulette bet
57 Rose

DOWN
1 Tire pressure stat
2 Barbarian
3 Asian wild asses
4 With 46-Down, cheese-topped sandwich
5 Phantom's bailiwick
6 "Hot"
7 Top-rated
8 "Family Guy" daughter
9 "Cats" inspirer
10 Money lenders
11 One over par
17 Deed holders
19 Wheat or rye
21 A handful
22 Geological period
24 Brewery product
26 Demolitions specialist
28 Specter
30 Morsel
32 Easternmost Great Lake
33 Corn spike
34 Agent
36 Ribbed
38 Opted for
39 Indian royals
40 Vote in
42 They're calling Danny Boy
45 Blend together
46 See 4-Down
48 "— American Cousin"
50 Altar affirmative
51 Started

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 3-22

1	2	3	4	5	■	6	7	8	■	9	10	11
12					■	13			■	14		
15					■	16			17			
■	■	18			19			■	20			
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44				■	45				46		■	■
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52			■	53			■	54				
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