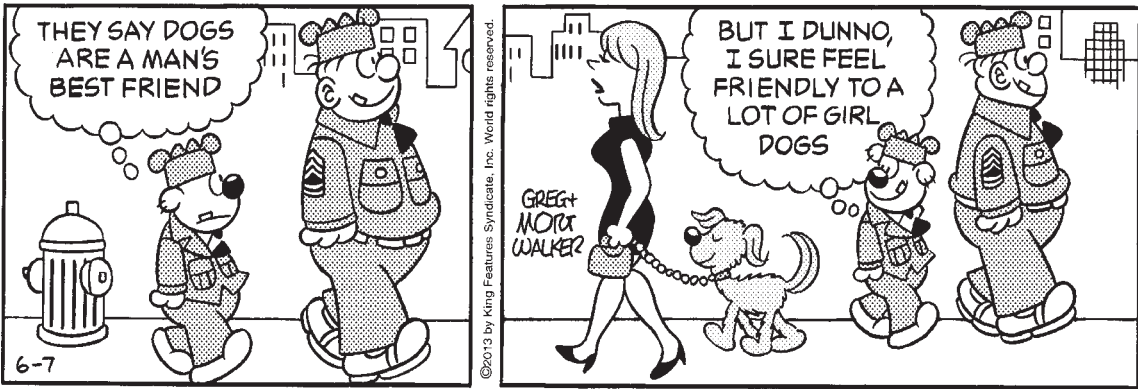


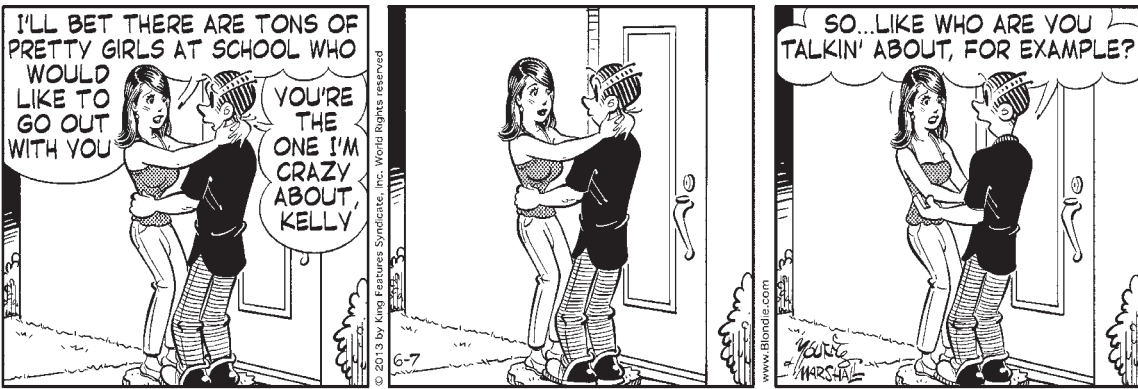
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### Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



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### Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



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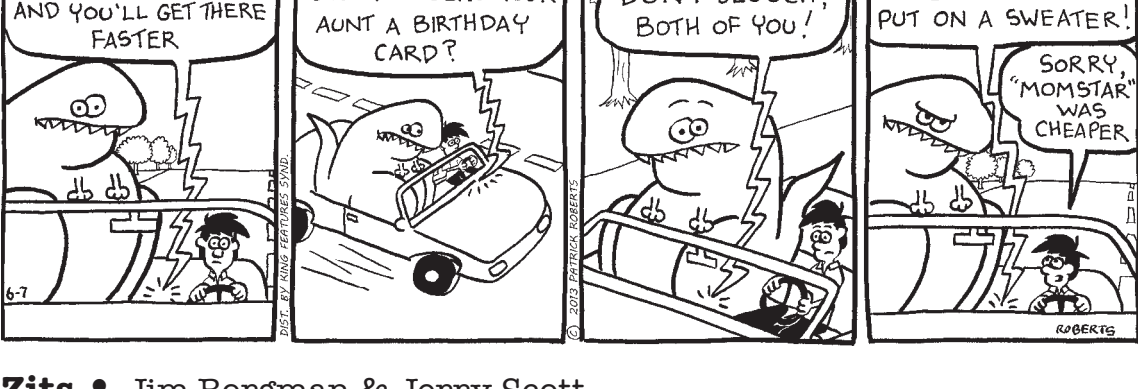
### Sally Forth • Greg Howard



### Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



### Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



### Heloise • Hints from Heloise

# Subscriptions can be managed

Dear Readers: How many magazine subscriptions do you have? If you have a few (I have more than 10), I bet you get renewal notices what seems like all the time! Here are some helpful hints to manage magazine subscriptions:

- Companies may start sending renewal notices up to 18 months in advance! Look at the address label on your subscription - there may be a small date or code. This will tell you when your subscription actually expires.
- Call the company if you want to renew. You might be able to get a better price.
- Keep a list or spreadsheet if you have several subscriptions. Write down the dates you renewed, what price and when they expire.
- Always look at your notices. Some companies will automatically renew the subscription if they don't hear from you. So always check. - Heloise

**TRAVEL HINT**  
Dear Heloise: To ease airport X-ray lines, I put my keys and change into my shoe. This makes it so easy to retrieve (just pour it out into your hand) rather than attempt to pick it all up from the plastic tray. - Patrick in Maui, Hawaii

**SELF-GRIPPING TAPE**  
Dear Heloise: How do I remove lint from heavy self-gripping tape? - Annie in Grafton, Wis.

Don't you just get bugged by the sticky (or nonsticky, really) problem? When it happens, the tape stops sticking together! Pull out as many of the larger pieces as you can. Then take a crochet hook, a stiff toothbrush or a small comb and gently clean out the debris.

Depending on what the tape is on, press the two sides together when not in use to keep them from getting full of lint. - Heloise

**MEDICINE MELTDOWN**  
Dear Heloise: My daughter had to take a medicine that was bitter, and it was a battle to get her to do it. Since it was a liquid, I mixed it in with some yogurt and gave it to her during her meal. She didn't even realize the medicine was in it. No more battles. Check with your pharmacy or physician first to make sure it is OK to mix the medicine with something. - A Reader in Pennsylvania

**FURNITURE MOVING**  
Dear Heloise: I recently had the carpet replaced in my house.

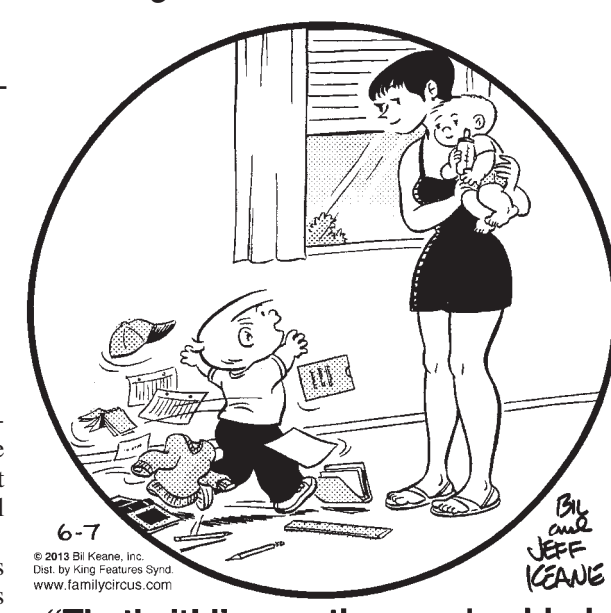
To move the heavy furniture, the workers had two long strips of thick plastic attached to ropes. They would slide the strips under each side of the furniture and then pulled it by the ropes. They had all the furniture moved very quickly without killing their backs. I thought it was such a good idea and that it would be good for everyone. - A Reader in Georgia

**BIDDING QUIZ**  
Below are five bidding sequences. In each case, state whether you consider the last bid in the sequence to be forcing (compelling partner to bid again) or nonforcing (permitting partner to pass).

- |        |           |
|--------|-----------|
| Opener | Responder |
| 1. 1♠  | 2♦        |
| 2. 1NT | 2NT       |
| 3. 1♣  | 1♥        |
| 4. 1♦  | 2♦        |
| 5. 3♦  | 3♣        |

Answers:  
1. Nonforcing. Responder has indicated at least 10 points by his two-diamond bid and does not show extra values by bidding two notrump in this sequence. Therefore, if opener has minimum values, he may pass. It follows that if responder has a game-going hand, he must bid three notrump, not two.  
2. Nonforcing. This is an invitational raise in notrump and has nothing to do with Blackwood. Responder is asking partner to go on to slam if he has a maximum one-notrump opening, and to pass if he has a minimum. If opener is in the middle of his notrump range (say, 16 points playing 15-17 notrumps), he can bid five notrump and leave the final decision to partner.  
3. Forcing. Responder's first two bids were forcing, and so is the three-club bid. Responder must have a game-going hand, since he failed to pass two clubs and also failed to bid three clubs (invitational) instead of two diamonds. He is apparently looking for the best game or slam contract.  
4. Forcing. Opener might be inviting partner to bid three notrump with a club stopper, or he might be angling for a slam in diamonds or hearts. Responder can't tell yet which it is, but he should make the most descriptive bid he can find at this point.  
5. Forcing. When responder names a new suit below the game level, the bid is unconditionally forcing -- even when the opener's bid is preemptive. This allows responder to explore for the right contract when he has a good hand without having to make a blind stab at the best spot.

### Family Circus • Bil Keane



### Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

### Cryptoquip

FTOLKMT NJRMT MRXYM LGT  
LFRKN MRIN EGHXDM, WHYJN  
ARK VKN NJTW KXETG NJT  
OLNTYRGA RI VRV WKMHO?  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SOMEBODY SWAYING SLOWLY SMACK-DAB NEXT TO A MARX BROTHER MIGHT BE DANCING CHEEK-TO-CHICO.

### Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS  
1 Homer's cry  
4 Commotion  
7 Couturier Bill  
12 — out a living  
13 America's uncle  
14 They're usually covered in white  
15 Auto  
16 Cartoon canary  
18 Suitable  
19 Point of view  
20 Effervescence  
22 Squirrel's home  
23 Mediocre  
27 Samovar  
29 Sister of Venus  
31 Kin of "Abracadabra!"  
34 Crucifixes  
35 Sufficient  
37 "Brady Bunch" girl  
38 Cash-drawer compartment

DOWN  
39 Swelled head  
41 Marvel Comics group  
45 Clutch  
47 Anger  
48 16-Across' pursuer  
52 Legislation  
53 Praiseful rendition  
54 Clean Air Act org.  
55 Consumed  
56 "Excavating for —"  
57 Bashful  
58 Neither partner  
62 Giraffe's cousin  
63 Avis competitor  
64 "The Thin Man"  
65 Detergent brand  
66 Dog's doc  
67 Occur to  
68 Last letter  
69 Information unit  
70 Myrna of Hollywood  
71 Matter-horn, e.g.  
72 Tackle moguls  
73 Away from NNW  
74 Where to see "The Last Supper"  
75 Boer fighters  
76 Cheer-ful part of NYC?  
77 Hackman or Wilder  
78 Beseech  
79 Masseur's workplace  
80 Sweet potato  
81 Mainlander's memento  
82 U-Haul rental

Solution time: 25 mins.

H	E	M	A	B	E	L	V	A	S	T
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Y	A	R	N	A	P	E	N	Y	E	

Yesterday's answer: 6-7

1	2	3		4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11
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