

**Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



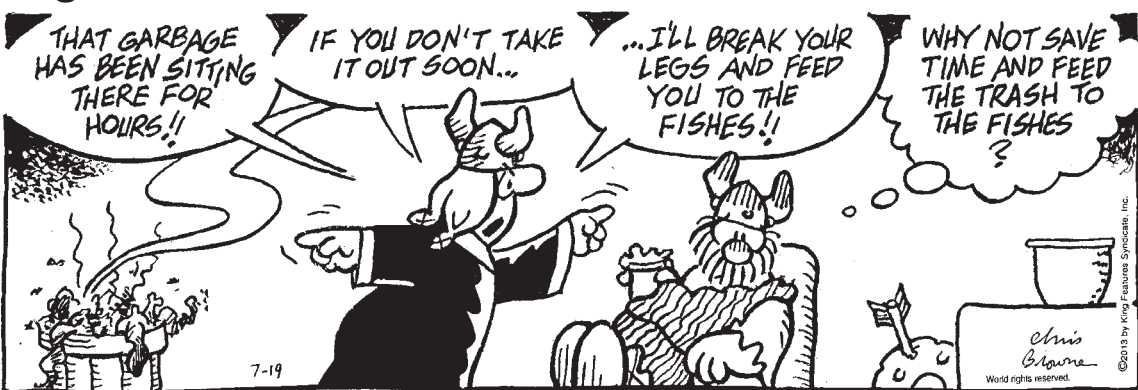
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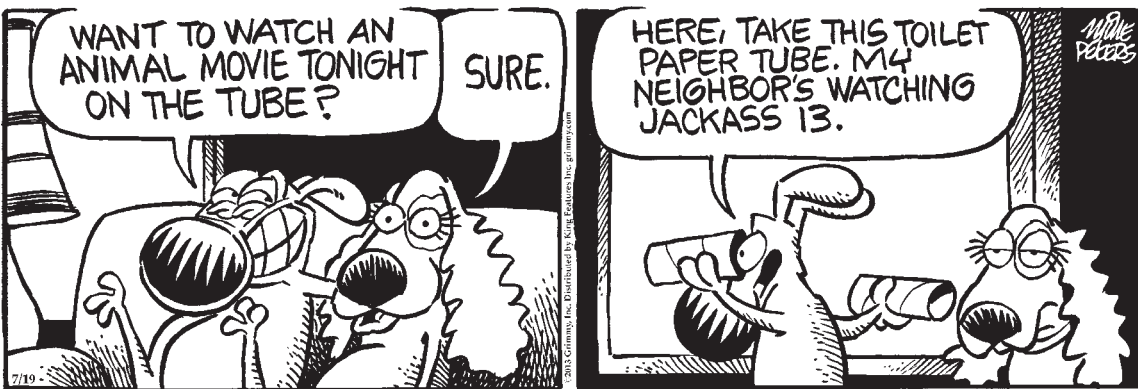
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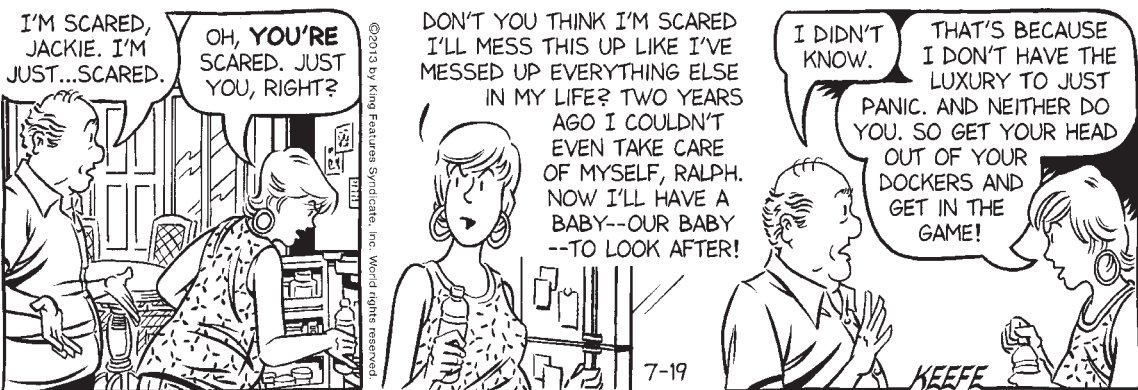
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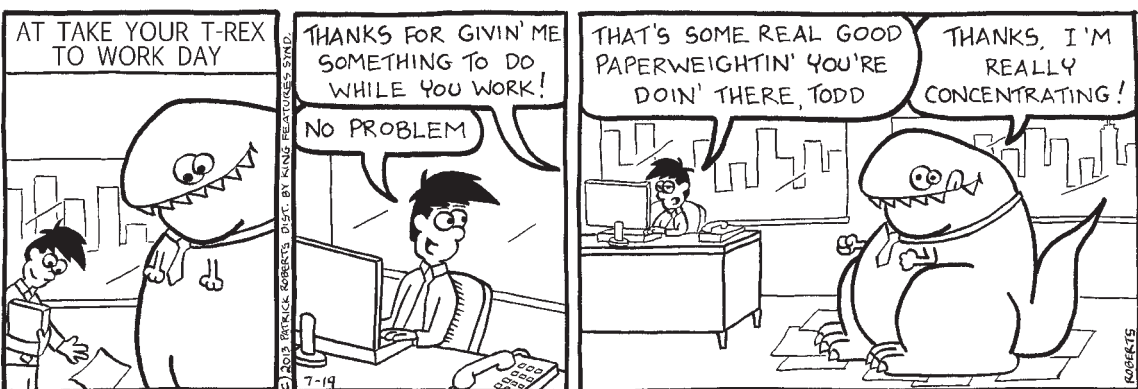
**Mother Goose and Grimm** • Mike Peters



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**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Heloise**

• Hints from Heloise

**Motion sickness helped with plan**

Dear Heloise: Do you have any hints for reducing motion sickness while in the car? We are planning a road trip, and my daughter has an issue with carsickness. I don't want the trip to be completely miserable for her. -- Anne in Vermont

Oh, motion sickness is dreadful. Here are a few hints to help make the trip a little more enjoyable:

- Make sure she eats before the trip. A lot of people think not eating will help, but it can make things worse. Just don't overeat, and avoid fatty, spicy and greasy meals.
- Take crackers or other small snacks, and eat frequently to alleviate nausea.
- Position your daughter for a smoother ride. Have children sit in the middle of the back seat to reduce movement.
- Keep her focused on the horizon. Don't let her read.
- Let cool air blow on her face. Turn the air-conditioner vent toward her, or crack a window.
- Distract her. Try singing songs, playing games or talking to focus her mind on something else.

Watch for the signs of motion sickness, such as loss of appetite, cold sweats or queasiness. If you notice these, pull over for a break. Have her stretch her legs, use the restroom or stop for a quick bite to eat. Take enough time for the symptoms to pass, and then begin the trip again. -- Heloise

SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

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ATTRACTING BIRDS

Dear Heloise: I know you're an animal lover, and your guidance to the reader who asked about how to attract more birds to her yard was great. I'd like to add a key point: I read a statistic that the majority of American songbirds need insects to feed their young. I learned that the most important thing you can do to support and attract birds is to stop using pesticides. -- Julie in New Jersey

**BRICK PATIO**

Dear Heloise: We have a brick patio. The bricks are not glazed or finished in any way. We cooked hamburgers and got grease spots on the bricks. Is there any way to get the grease out? I have read and enjoyed your column in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal for years and years. -- Sara M., Lubbock, Texas

Try using liquid laundry detergent. Mix 1 cup of detergent with a gallon of water. Use a soft-bristled brush and scrub thoroughly. Do a small section at a time, then rinse. If that does not remove the stain, you might need to try a commercial brick cleaner, which is available at most hardware or home-improvement stores. Be sure to read all instructions and follow safety guidelines. -- Heloise  
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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

You are South, neither side vulnerable, and the bidding has gone:  
West North East South  
3♦ 3♠ 4♦ ?  
What would you bid with:  
♠ 5♥ AKQ108 ♦ 8♣ KQ8743

**Bidding Quiz**

George Rapee, playing in the 1972 International Team Playoff, was faced with this extremely difficult bidding problem and, after considerable thought, elected to bid four hearts. Everybody passed, and Rapee made seven. This was the full deal:

**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 10 9 3 2  
♥ 7 3 2  
♦ A 5  
♣ A 10

**WEST**  
♠ K 8 4  
♥ 9  
♦ K Q 9 7 4 3 2  
♣ 9 5

**EAST**  
♠ J 7 6  
♥ J 6 5 4  
♦ J 10 6  
♣ J 6 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ 5  
♥ A K Q 10 8  
♦ 8  
♣ K Q 8 7 4 3

The *Bridge World* magazine, which polls top experts each month on a variety of bidding problems, presented this one to its distinguished panel with the following results:

There were 10 votes for Four Hearts; nine for Five Clubs; three for Five Diamonds; three for Four Notrump; four for Double. There were no votes for Six Hearts, Six Clubs or Five Hearts, which were alternative possibilities. Here are some of the comments offered by the panelists:

- Jack Ehrlenbach: Five clubs. Hoping to get my hearts in over five diamonds.
- Edgar Kaplan: Five clubs. When in doubt, bid your longest suit. And I'm in doubt.
- Bobby Wolff: Four hearts. Nothing else is remotely in the ballpark.
- Theodore Lightner: Four hearts. There is often no satisfactory action after a pre-empt. Amen.
- Marshall Miles: Double. I'm probably settling for 300, and we probably have a game. But where? It is possible we have a slam, but there is no logical way to investigate it.
- Alvin Roth: Four notrump. I'm only guessing. There is a good chance that partner has two aces; if so, I plan on bidding six clubs. If partner has only one ace, I'll bid five hearts. How come that in real life I have never had this type of problem?
- Bridge World Editor: Because you didn't get to the Playoff.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



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"Golf's pretty easy. You just hit the ball, then lean to the side and say 'FORE!'"

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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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.

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

**Cryptoquip**

MOVP CFNM CPOC YOZLM LZHQ

HW WZFMAYB QPHCHLZOQPMZT

NMMC, CPMB TPOZM O LMAJFAM

V O N M Z O - K M Z F M .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: OUTFITS BEING DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR MEN AND BOYS REHEARSING THINGS: MALE PRACTICE SUITS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals T

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Aries
  - 4 Incite
  - 8 Satanic
  - 12 Carte lead-in
  - 13 Perjurer
  - 14 Unruly hair
  - 15 Acquire, as an inheritance
  - 17 Sicilian spouter
  - 18 Hangers
  - 19 Coffee shop container
  - 21 Gorged on
  - 22 Set, as the sun
  - 26 Adolescence
  - 29 Bashful
  - 30 Carnival city
  - 31 Therefore
  - 32 Allow
  - 33 Sentry's command
  - 34 Solidify
  - 35 Snapshots
  - 36 Ball VIP
  - 37 Enter
  - 39 Whammy
- DOWN**
- 40 Author Fleming
  - 41 Applications base
  - 45 Blunder
  - 48 Get sick (with)
  - 50 Touch
  - 51 One
  - 52 Actor Stephen
  - 53 Compassion
  - 54 Hospital furniture
  - 55 Kreskin's claim
  - 24 Determination
  - 25 Memorandum
  - 26 Safe-cracker
  - 27 Black-and-white
  - 28 Trademarked
  - 29 Dr. Ruth's topic
  - 32 Pride member
  - 33 Group of six
  - 35 Bake sale grp.
  - 36 Assaults
  - 38 Swell
  - 39 Hot and sticky
  - 42 Clinton's veep
  - 43 Farm females
  - 44 Break suddenly
  - 45 Space
  - 46 Kimono sash
  - 47 No longer stylish
  - 49 Individual

Solution time: 25 mins.



Yesterday's answer 7-19

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		
45	46	47				48	49		42	43	44
50						51			52		
53						54			55		