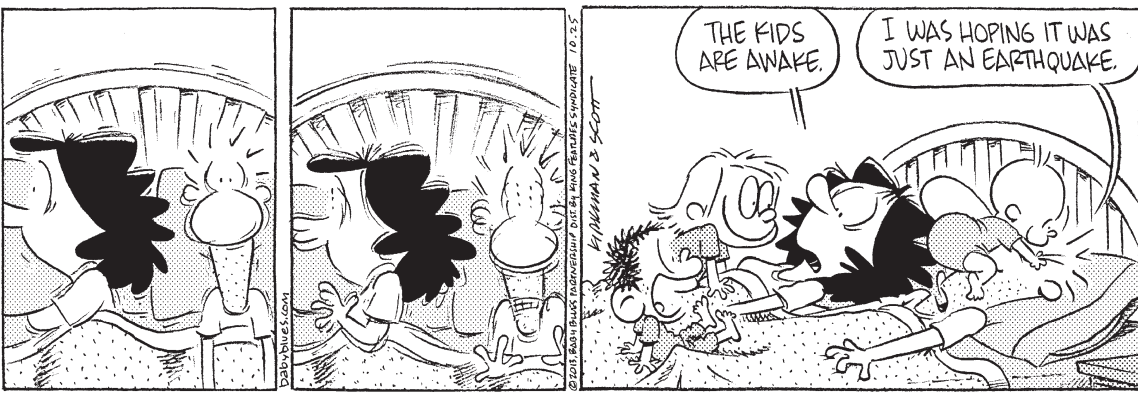
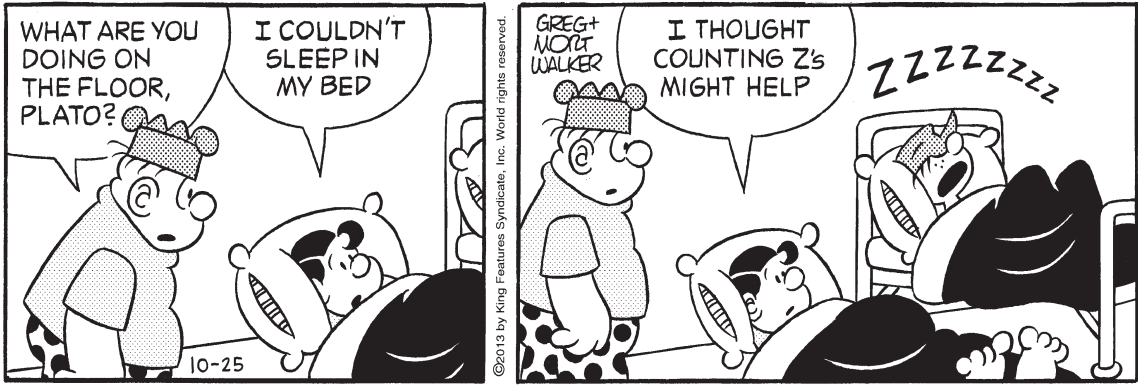


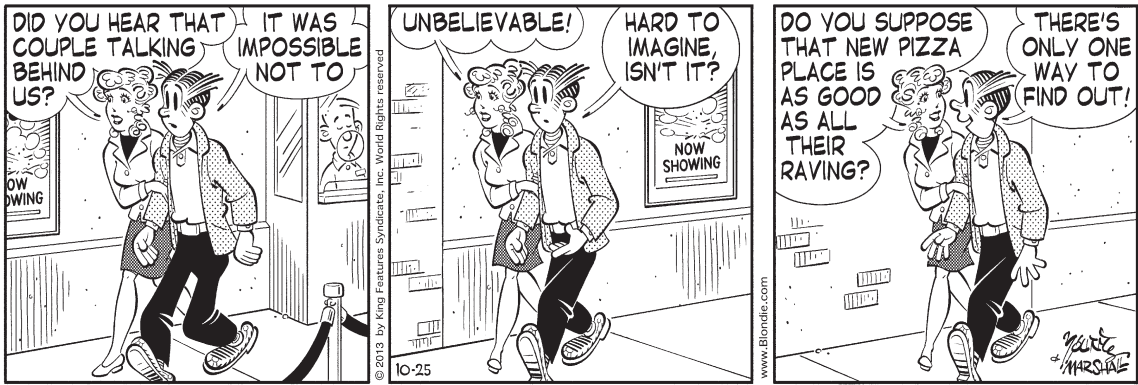
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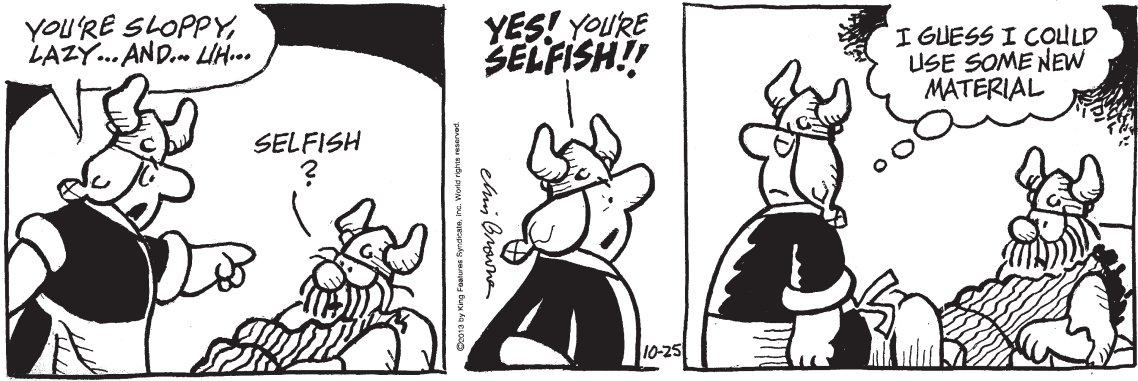
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



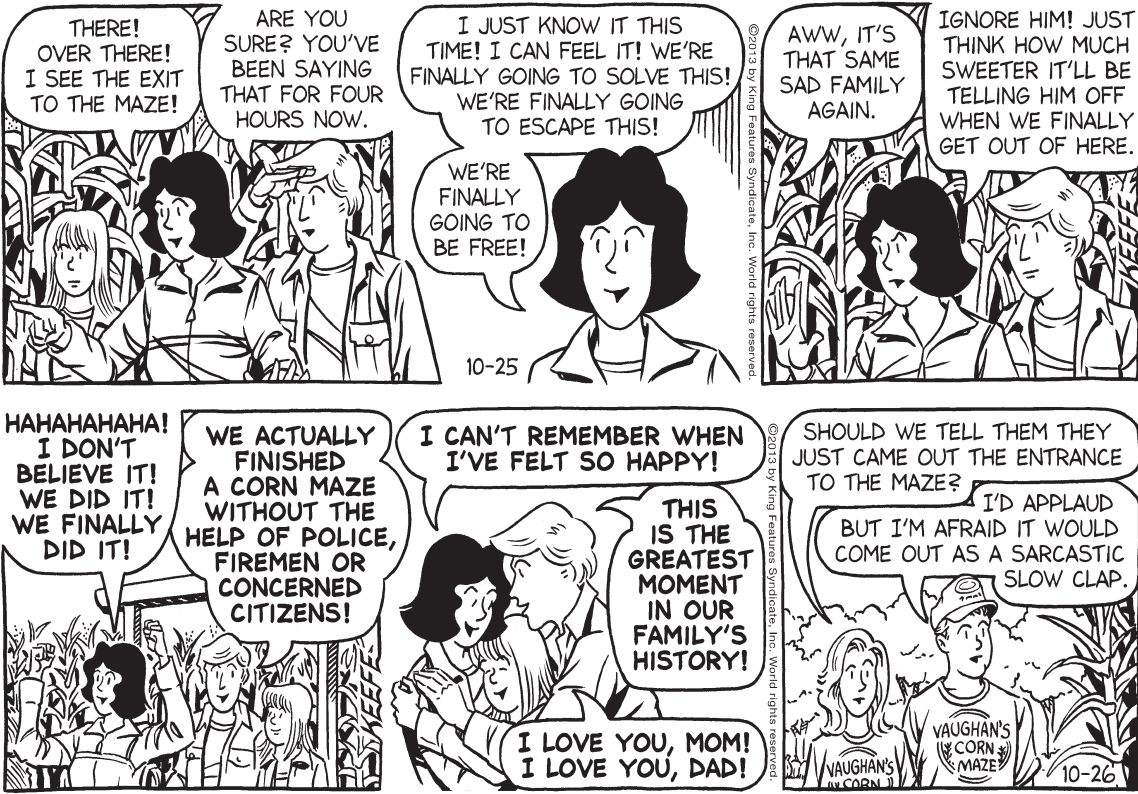
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Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



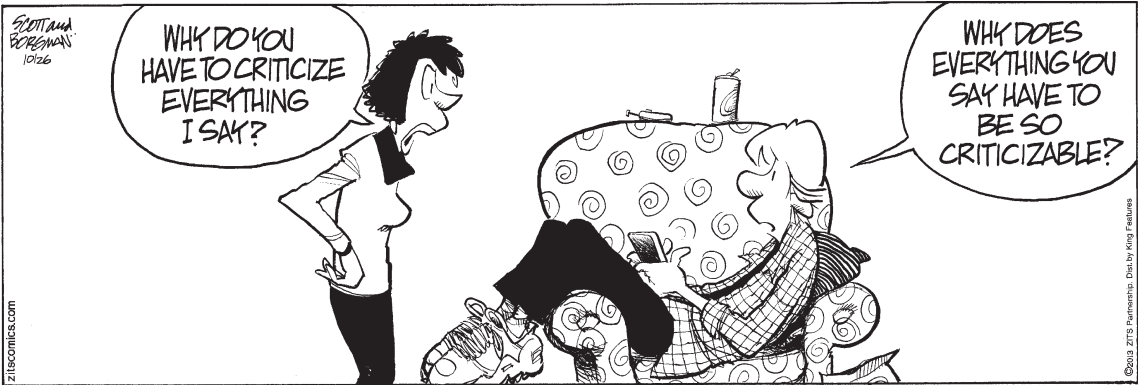
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Save water now for lower rates

Dear Readers: Did you know that conserving water now can reduce your water bill later?

- Check toilets and pipes for any leaks. Turn off the faucet while brushing teeth.

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: When on an extended trip and in a different hotel each day, keeping dirty clothes separate from clean is a chore.

STOVE BURNERS

Dear Heloise: Can you please tell me how to clean the burners on my stove?

I have a hint that may help! Take the burners off and put them in a large, plastic garbage bag.

LIGHTEN THE ROOM

Dear Heloise: We've had lots of storms in our area, and we were without power.

MASCARA BRUSHES

Dear Heloise: I take old mascara brushes, wash and dry them, and use them to clean ports on hummingbird feeders.

Bridge • Steve Becker

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Hearts. North leads the king of spades, taken by dummy's ace.

Test Your Play

1. Your first reaction might be to continue with the queen and another trump, planning to run the diamonds later on.

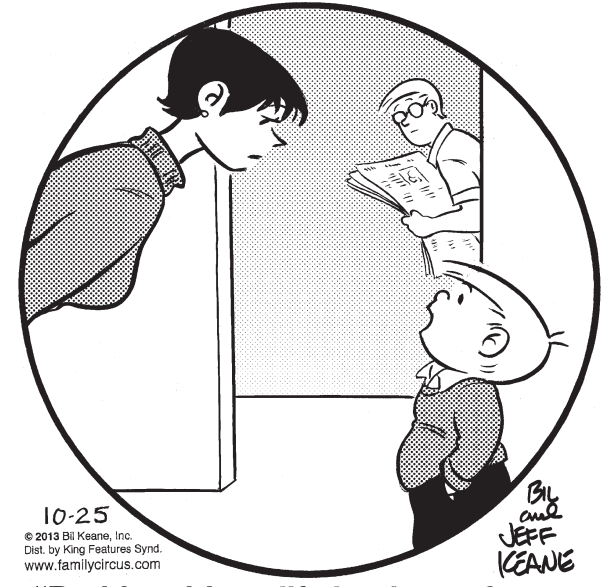
However, there's a flaw in this plan. Upon winning the jack of trumps at trick five, South might put you on the spot by returning a club.

To avoid this potential dilemma, you should cash the queen of trumps at trick four and then play the K-Q of diamonds.

2. You can't afford to play the Q-J of trumps at this point, since you would then have no way to reach the J-8 of diamonds.

To give yourself the best chance, play dummy's A-K of diamonds first, hoping North did not start with a singleton or void.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Daddy told me life begins at forty. What am I s'posed to do till then?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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.

Cryptoquip

ZKNG U'Y OQAAEUGF OKUGFH TX, U THTQAAE RLG'O ZQGO XNLXAN GNQW YN. U GNNR YE DLTGONW HXQDN. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I'LL GUESS MY FOE SHOULD GET HERE IN SEVENTY MINUTES. THAT'S MY ESTIMATED TIME OF A RIVAL.

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

Crossword grid with clues: Across 1 Treasure seeker's aid, 4 Speed along, 7 Student of Socrates, 12 Oklahoma city, 13 King beater, 14 Severity, 15 Wardrobe mal-function, 16 Don't give up, 18 Vast expanse, 19 Reporter's coup, 20 Ship's framework, 22 Literary collection, 23 Pleased for one, 27 Jungfrau, 29 Iran, once, 31 Pursuit, 34 Divine.

Crossword grid with numbers 1-58.