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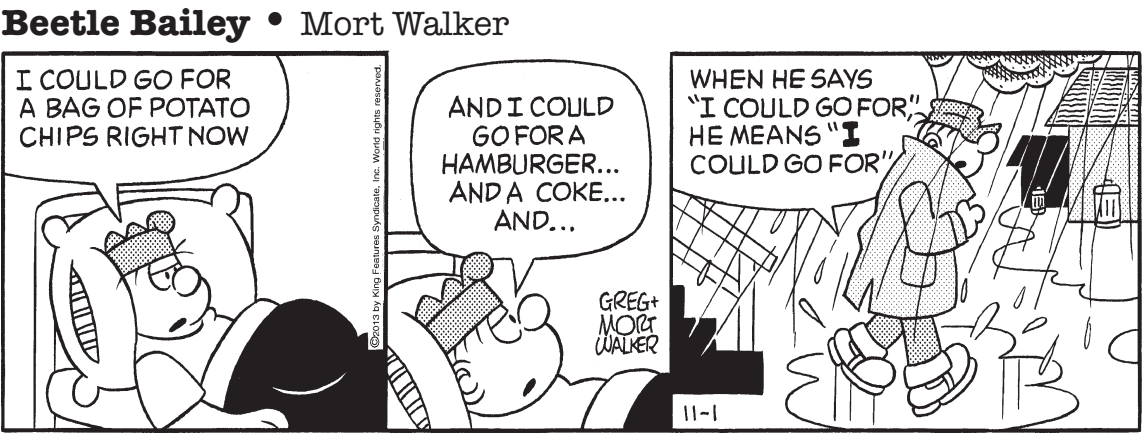
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



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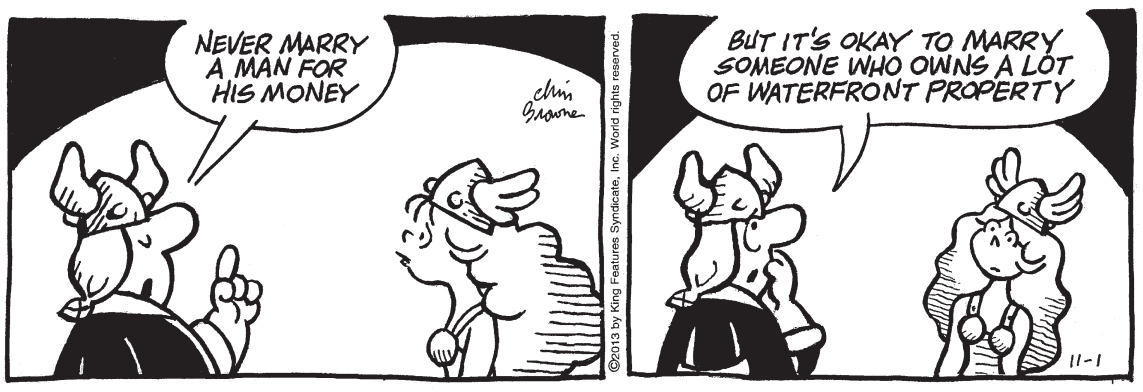

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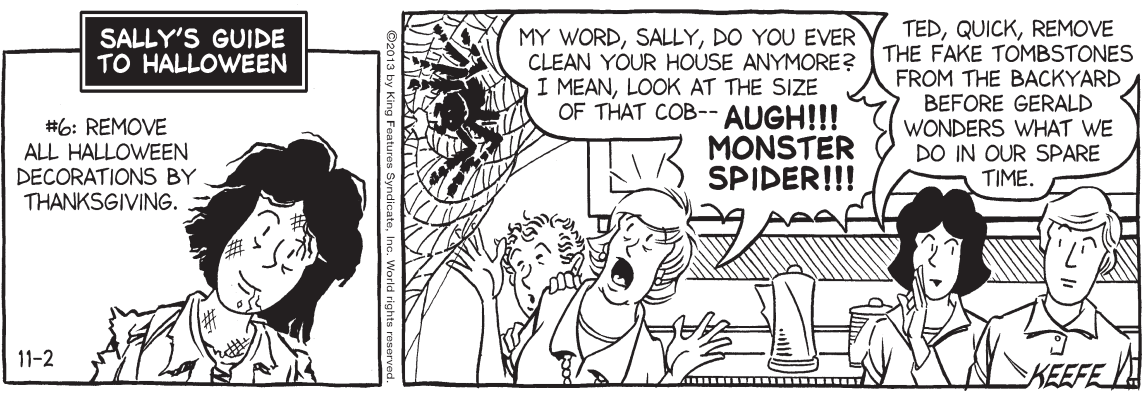

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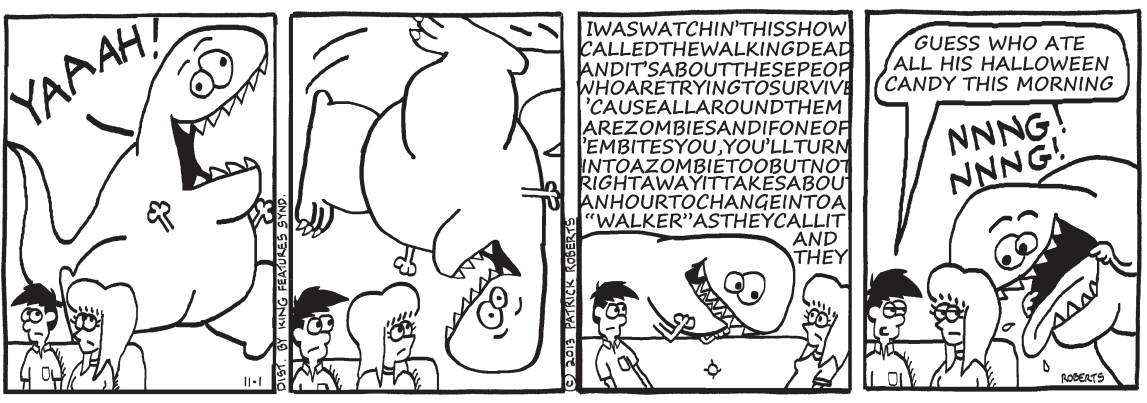

Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott

Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Motion sickness has many cures

Dear Readers: Many of you wrote sharing your hints about how to reduce motion sickness. Here is what some of you had to say:

Agnes in West Sacramento, Calif.: "I used the herb ginger root to calm the stomach: two capsules a half-hour to an hour before the trip started. Then another capsule every hour or whenever I started to feel queasy."

Dave, via e-mail: "My cure for motion sickness: Suck on a lemon. It worked for me as a child while riding miles in a car. It now works for my grandchildren."

Grandma J., via e-mail: "Did you forget ginger snaps? They taste so good. Kids love them, and they do help relieve the symptoms of motion sickness."

Robert Beyer, M.D., in California: "As an ophthalmologist, I sometimes have patients with this problem. Some of them obtain relief if they close or cover one of their eyes. It seems that in some individuals, motion sickness is a three-dimension motional perception problem. Restricting vision to one eye while the difficulty is occurring seems to benefit these individuals."

Thank you all for writing. Most people know about ginger (in any form) to help settle a queasy stomach, but I sure never thought about closing one eye! – Heloise

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: We recently got back from a trip, and I wanted to share some travel tips.

Bring a "jersey" dress that you can accent with great accessories and wear out to dinner your first night, then let it become your beach cover-up/bathrobe for the rest of the trip.

On our trip, I bought some earrings that were delicate, and I was afraid they'd get squished out of shape. For the flight home, I put them in the empty boxes of my pillbox. I was so impressed with the idea, I moved all my earrings into that container! – Lisa C., Colorado Springs, Colo.

WINDSHIELD CLEANING

Dear Heloise: Cleaning the inside of the windshield is a contortionist's dream. I just learned that by wearing latex gloves, I have a better and easier grip on paper towels. – Garry in Huber Heights, Ohio

LEAF BLOWER

Dear Heloise: I cringe every fall, seeing my neighbors blow or rake their leaves into the gutters, which clogs the drain systems.

Almost worse are the many plastic bags full of leaves left for trucks to take to the landfills. Hasn't everyone gotten the memo by now about plastic bags? If your disposal company will not accept loose leaves in a garbage can, one large bag can be filled, then the leaves inside crushed and condensed and used for compost in flower beds. Leaves (and grass clippings) make excellent mulches and fertilizers. – Lynn in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

Below are four unrelated bidding sequences. In each case, do you treat the last bid in the sequence as forcing (compelling partner to bid again) or nonforcing (allowing partner to pass)? A bid that merely invites partner to bid again should be treated as nonforcing.

	Opener	Responder
1.	1 ♠	2 ♣
	2 ♥	3 ♣
2.	1 ♥	1 ♠
	2 ♣	2 ♦
3.	1 ♥	2 ♣
	2 ♦	
4.	1 ♥	2 ♦
	3 ♣	

* * *

Forcing or Nonforcing?

1. Nonforcing. Responder has indicated 10 or more points by going into the two-level in a new suit, but he has now said that unless opener has significant extra values, or greater length in the two suits that he has bid, he believes a partscore in clubs is the best contract. Opener is thus warned that to continue bidding with a minimum hand will almost surely get the partnership overboard. It follows that if responder has a game-going hand, he should find some bid other than three clubs at his second turn. A typical hand for responder in this sequence might be:

♠ 7 ♥ J3 ♦ K82 ♣ AQ109752.

2. Forcing. This is in keeping with the general principle that when responder names a new suit, it is a forcing bid. Thus, in the given auction, both one spade and two diamonds are forcing. Note that opener's two-club bid – because it is a change of suit by opener as distinguished from a change of suit by responder – is not forcing (responder could pass with six or seven points and a preference for clubs). Only a rebid of three clubs (a jump-shift) by opener would be forcing.

3. Forcing. Here, because opener has not limited his point count, it would not make much sense to permit responder – who has promised upward of 10 points – to pass. Further bidding will be needed to determine whether the partnership has enough points for a game, and whether the game is in a suit or notrump.

4. Forcing. Three clubs promises well above a minimum opening, since opener has voluntarily climbed into the nine-trick level. It shows roughly 17 points or more. Opener should have at least five hearts and four clubs, but could easily have greater length in either or both suits.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane

"I'm gonna skip breakfast this morning. Okay, Mommy?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 11/01

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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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/31

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Cryptoquip

EDIAP GUXG AVDGDA XTYXBE UXE EIDOP ARZZPIGE XQRCG APTPQVDGDPE, D YRCTO EXB UP'E EGXV-AXEGDA.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SHOULD A VERY SCARY FEMALE GHOST START USING A DATING SERVICE IN ORDER TO FIND MR. FRIGHT?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals H

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 — in (collapsed)
6 Oft-bracketed word
9 Rule, for short
12 Tourist's query
13 Actress Gardner
14 Commotion
15 "West Side Story" heroine
16 Dizziness
18 Candy brand
20 Pre-owned
21 Spell-down
23 Round Table address
24 Fourth estate
25 State with certainty
27 Boxer who appeared in "The Hangover"
29 Throw off track
31 Lucky number
35 Transparent
37 "Ratatouille" rat
38 It's a dyeing art
41 "Tasty"
43 Regret
44 Ireland
45 Zodiac twins
47 Sofia of "Modern Family"
49 Egg box quantity
52 Compass pt.
53 Tarzan's son
54 Sleep soundly?
55 Young Scot
56 Ram's mate
57 Doctrine

DOWN
1 Welsh valley
2 "Eureka!"
3 "Girl With a Pearl Earring" painter
4 A Great Lake
5 College VIPs
6 Tasty
7 Currier's partner
8 Auto
9 Lift
10 Rims
11 Merchandise
17 "What's Love Got to Do With It" singer
19 Name
21 Awful
22 Leading lady?
24 D.C. VIP
26 NASCAR goings-on
28 Antitoxin
30 Sort
32 AT&T competitor
33 Ostrich's cousin
34 "Science Guy" Bill
36 Ensign's affirmative
38 Cut at an angle
39 Sports venue
40 Weary
42 In the thick of
45 Get bigger
46 Zilch
48 Cent portrait
50 Before
51 Profit

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 11-01

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8		9	10	11
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15						16			17			
		18			19				20			
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