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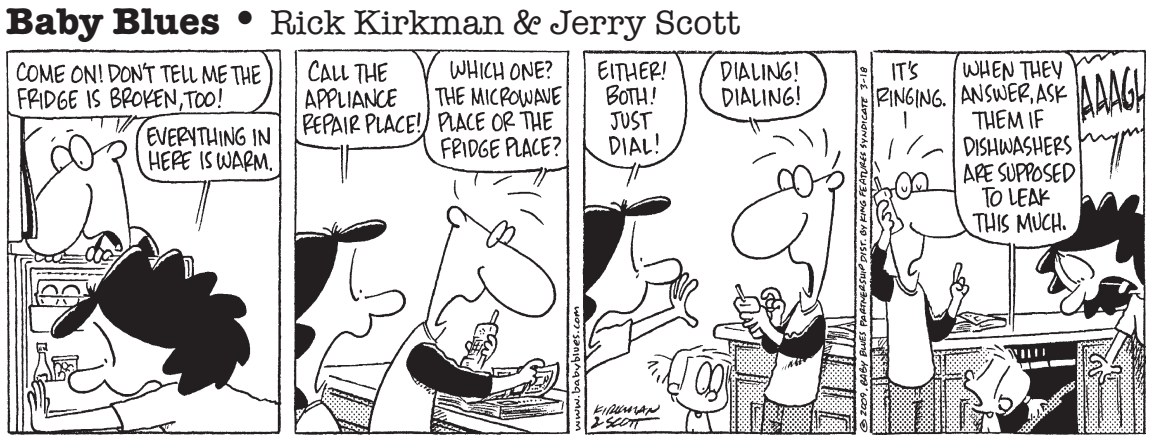

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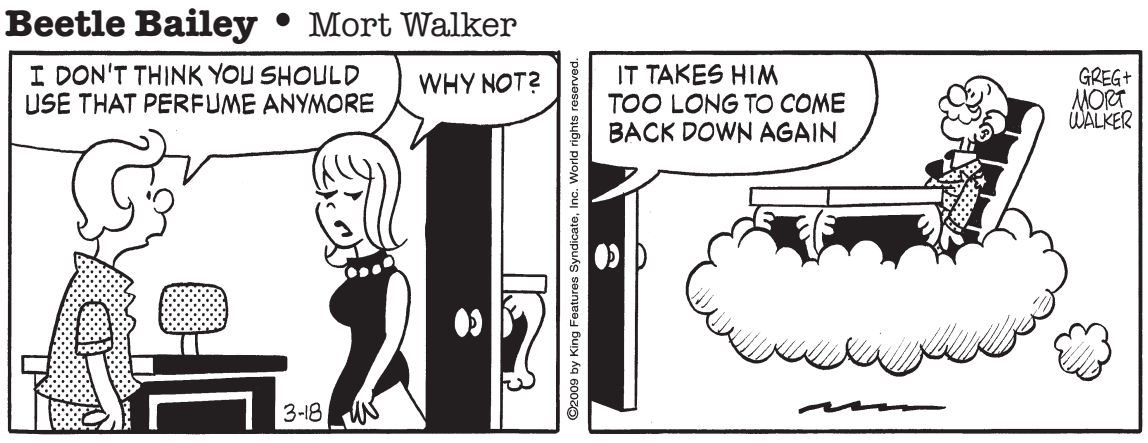

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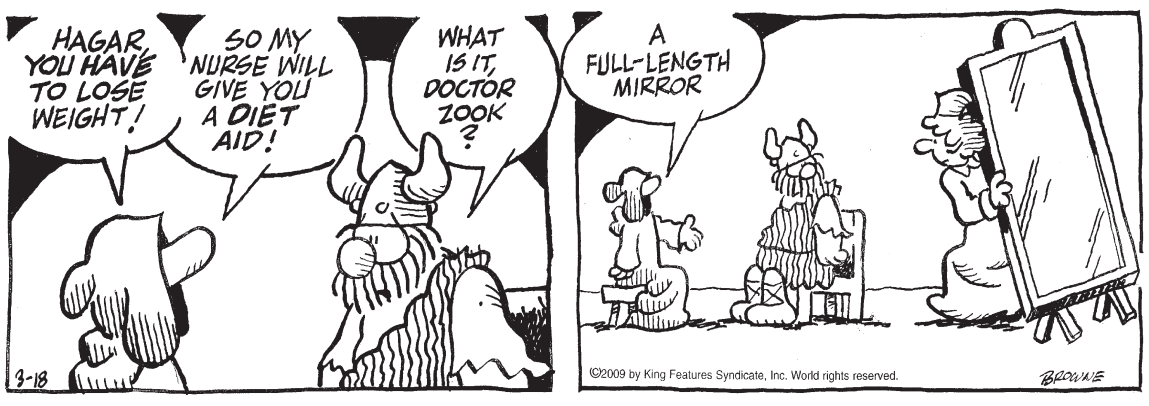

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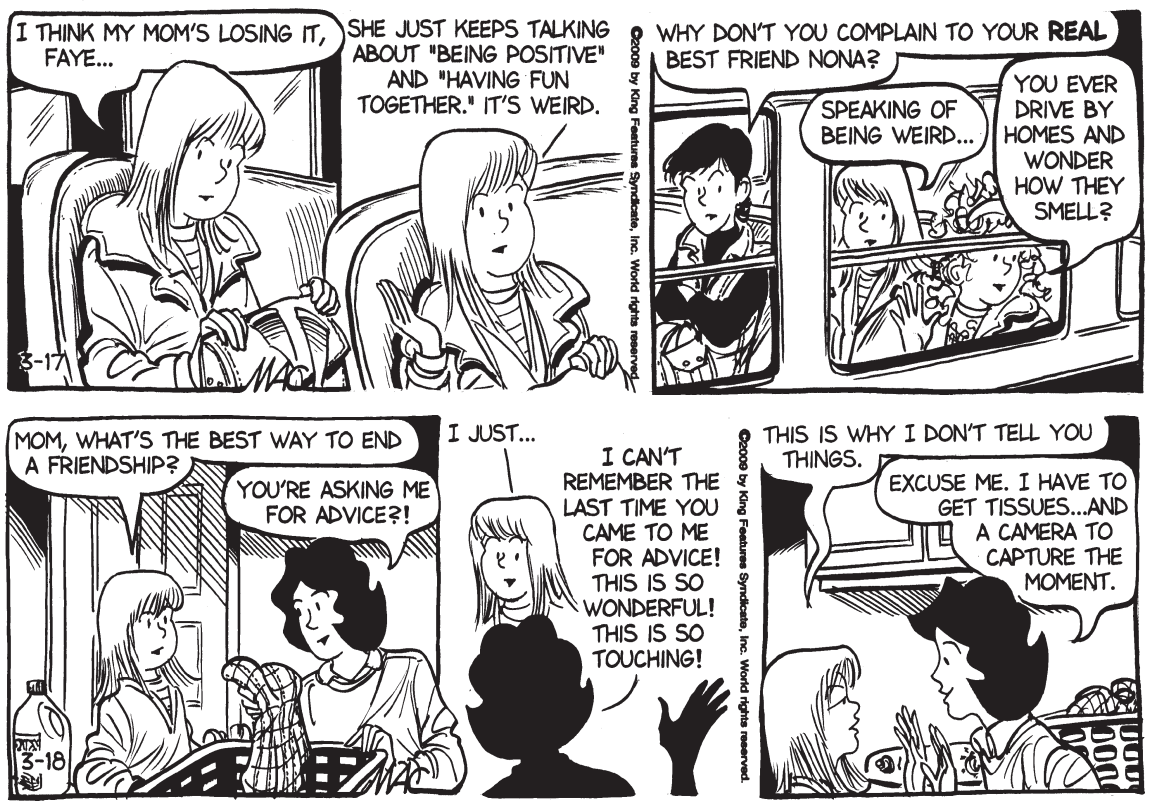

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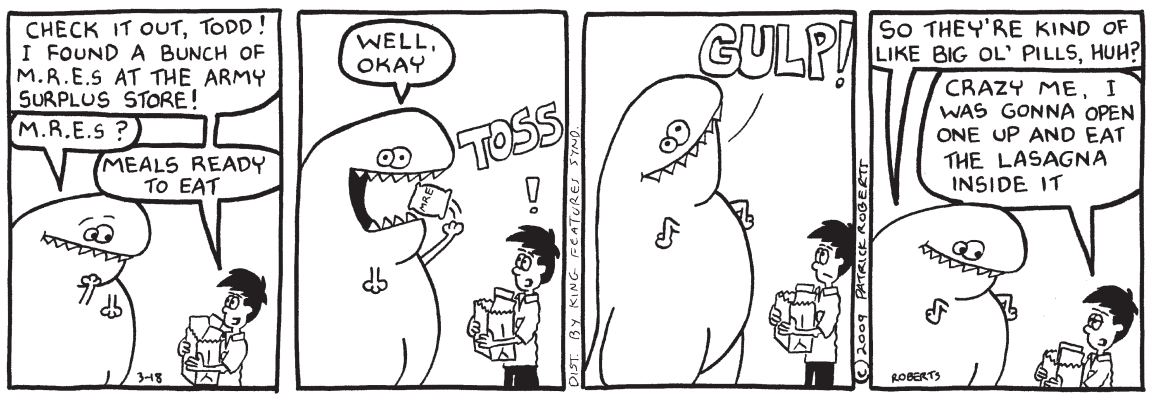

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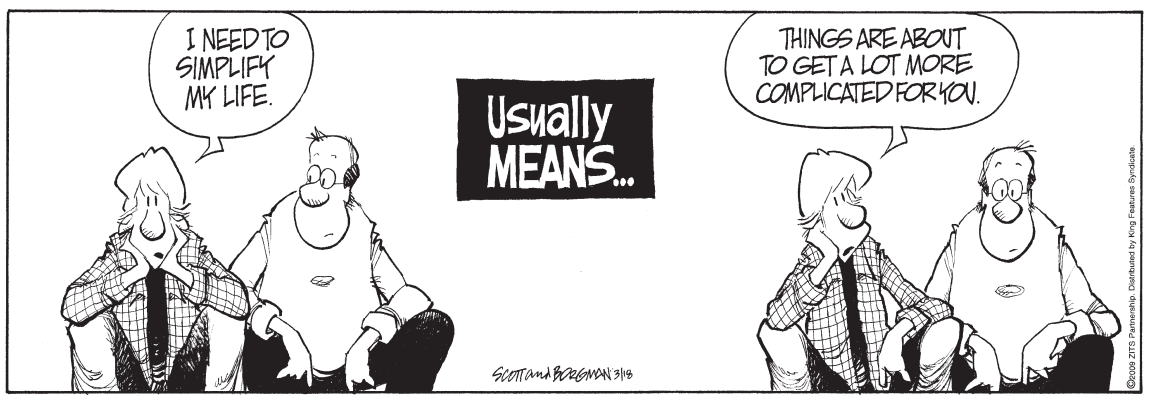

Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Here's recipe for Vienna coffee

Dear Heloise: How can I get the recipe for VIENNA COFFEE MIX? I used to make it all the time, and now I can't seem to find the recipe. Can you help me, please? Thanks so much! – Jenny, via fax

I would love to share this recipe with you and other readers who may want to give it a try. To make it, you'll need:

1/2 cup instant-coffee granules

2/3 cup granulated sugar (or an equivalent amount of artificial sweetener)

2/3 cup powdered milk or powdered coffee creamer

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

To make, combine the dry-mix ingredients and blend well. Store in an airtight container. To serve, put 2 rounded teaspoons of the mix into an 8-ounce cup and add boiling water, stirring well.

You can find this recipe and a ton of delicious flavored coffee and tea recipes in my Heloise's Flavored Coffees and Teas pamphlet, which you can get by sending $3 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (59 cents) envelope to: Heloise/CT, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. FYI: You can add these ingredients in layers in a pretty jar and give as a gift! – Heloise

STAY-PUT ICING

Dear Heloise: When wrapping leftover cake, spray the plastic wrap with some nonstick cooking spray. The icing will stay on the cake and not on the wrap. It really works – try it! – Jean Merenda, Weirton, W.Va.

PLASTICWARE CODING

Dear Heloise: I was forever searching through plasticware trying to find the lid that matched a container. What a hassle! I decided to solve this problem once and for all. I simply coded the dishes using a permanent marker. For example, I wrote a number 7 on a container and a 7 on the matching lid. – Elizabeth, San Antonio

HANDY SHOPPING LIST

Dear Heloise: I finally got around to creating a last-minute shopping list of ingredients needed for a half-dozen easy recipes. This way, I can pick up exactly what I need from the supermarket on my way home from work. No matter how many "staples" I have on hand, I always seemed to be missing an essential fresh ingredient that would slip my mind in the rush to get home. The list lives in my car's glove compartment and has become a lifesaver. – Michelle Braverman, Houston

PANCAKE TOPPING

Dear Heloise: The other day, I made pancakes and served up the first batch, and when I went to get the syrup, there wasn't any. In fact, there wasn't any jelly or anything. Oh, no – what to do? After searching the pantry, I found a can of apple-pie filling. Hmm ... I heated it up a little, and the kids just loved it! Now, once a month or so, we make pancakes and choose a pie-filling flavor. Delicious! – Jolene, Springville, Utah

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Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 10 7
♥ Q 10 9
♦ Q J 10 9 7
♣ Q 2

WEST
♠ 6 4
♥ J 8 4 3
♦ A 8 5
♣ J 7 6 4

EAST
♠ 8 2
♥ K 7 6
♦ K 4
♣ A K 9 8 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A K J 9 5 3
♥ A 5 2
♦ 6 3 2
♣ 10

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 ♣	1 ♠	2 ♣	2 ♠
3 ♣	4 ♠		

Opening lead — four of clubs.

A Positive Approach

A defender should approach every deal with the attitude that the opposing contract can be defeated. This may sometimes require him to make what appears to be a suicidal play, but if that play offers the only hope of defeating the contract, it must be made.

Consider East's dilemma on this deal. He wins the opening club lead with the king and must then decide where the defense can get three more tricks.

As can be seen, if he tries to cash the club ace, South makes the contract easily. Declarer ruffs, draws trumps and forces out the A-K of diamonds. The defenders cannot attack hearts effectively from either side while the diamonds are being established, and South eventually disposes of his heart losers on dummy's last two diamonds.

However, East should realize that South started with a singleton club, since West almost certainly has four clubs for his raise. East should further adopt the view that his partner is very likely to have an ace for his bid, as little else is missing.

The next step is to credit West with an ace that will allow the contract to be defeated. The possibility of West's holding the heart ace is therefore dismissed, since if he has that card (and declarer the other two aces), the most the defenders can hope to collect is two heart tricks.

Next, East throws out the possibility of West's having the trump ace, as in that case South will end up with 11 tricks.

The only hope therefore is that West has the diamond ace. If he also has exactly three diamonds, the defense is in business.

Accordingly, at trick two East lays down the king of diamonds. When it holds, he leads a second diamond to West's ace and then ruffs the diamond return to sink the contract.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane

"If you break one, you'll have bad luck in seven years."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 3/18

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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.

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

Difficulty Level ★ 3/16

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Cryptoquip

HUPJ EAG WA KAHJUMYY MJ HMJZPO MJ F OPFYYE YMWUZHPMWUZ QPZFY RYPK, MR ZUFZ FYGQMJGQ RYMKMJW?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SUPPOSING AN OGRE PREFERRED A CERTAIN SEMISOFT CHEESE, COULD ONE CALL HIM A MUENSTER MONSTER?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals L

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Help
4 Site of Apra Harbor
8 Roosevelt successor
12 Omega preceder
13 Incite
14 Shrek, for one
15 Golfer Ernie
16 Classic Cadillac
18 "Unleaded" brew
20 Family
21 Jamie of "M*A*S*H"
24 Turning point
28 Robin Hood's forest
32 Green land
33 Whammy
34 Some wrestling matches
36 Born
37 Bedouin
39 "Gran Torino" star
41 Minion of Satan
43 Approach
44 Existed
46 U-Haul competitor
50 Tinseltown
55 Water (Fr.)
56 Ontario neighbor
57 Florence's river
58 Pompous sort
59 Require
60 Verse
61 Allow

DOWN
1 Mimicked
2 Last word in Gilligan's theme
3 Platter
4 Hearty laughs
5 It starts with "http:"
6 Time of your life?
7 Timid
8 Local, to a collegian
9 Past
10 To and —
11 Kennedy or Koppel
17 Gratuity
19 A cont.
22 Libertine
23 Typeface option
25 Provider of veritas
26 Sandwich treat
27 Prepared to drive
28 Roe source
29 Present
30 Physical
31 Tablespoonful or tablet
35 Fame, in 50-Across
38 Partook at kegling
40 Distort
42 Aye canceler
45 Trade
47 Option from Howie
48 Facility
49 Oxidation
50 Coop dweller
51 Raw rock
52 Falsehood
53 Plata's partner
54 Inseparable

Solution time: 21 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 3-18

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				42	■	43				■	■	■
■	■	■	44		45	■	■	46		47	48	49
50	51	52				53	54		■	55		
56				■	57				■	58		
59				■	60				■	61		