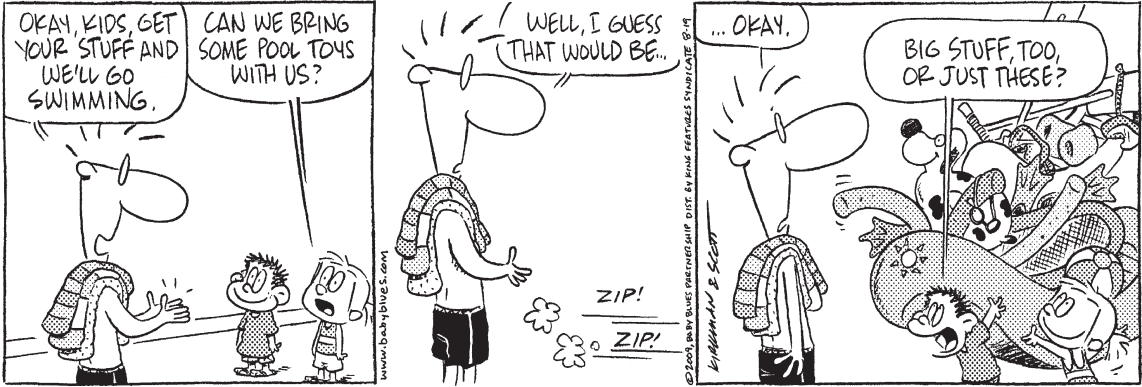


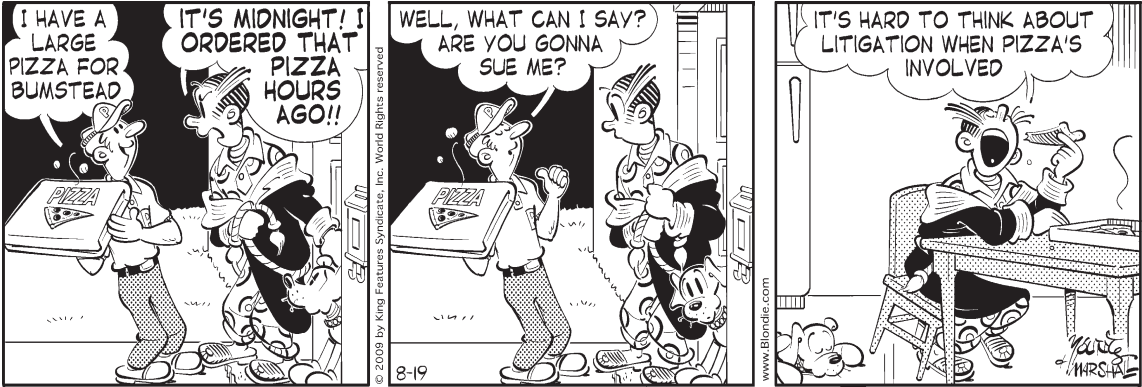
Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Pancakes use fizz for lightness

Dear Heloise: I lost the recipe for HELOISE'S PANCAKES using tonic water or some carbonated drink. I went to your Web site, but I couldn't find it. I really miss this recipe! I moved, and now it is missing. Hope you can help. Thanks. – Rose, via e-mail

Happy to help with this longtime favorite recipe. Basically, you can use any pancake recipe; just substitute club soda for the liquid. (You may be able to use tonic water, but the taste will be tart!)

Or, you can use any flavor soda pop. The carbonation gives pancakes and waffles a lighter texture, and the soda gives them a sweeter taste! I'm sure other readers will agree that these pancakes are the yummiest! This mixture doesn't store well, so make up only as much as you will use. – Heloise

SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

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SAVE MONEY

Dear Heloise: Here are a few of my favorite money-saving hints:

- To stretch baked beans, brown about 1/2 pound ground beef and add to the beans.
- If you need to stretch potato salad, add instant potatoes (which have been prepared).
- If I'm short on time, I purchase potato salad and add more pickles and more boiled eggs.

– Mary Martha Walker, Orlando, Fla.

MICROWAVE SMELL

Dear Heloise: A while ago, you shared how to get rid of smells in the microwave, and recently, my daughter burned popcorn in our microwave, which still smells terrible. Can you tell me what the secret is to getting rid of foul odors in the microwave? – Susan in Springfield, N.J.

This is one of the Heloise Top Ten Questions that comes in, so here's the update: Wipe down the inside of the microwave with a damp sponge sprinkled with baking soda. Then use another clean, damp sponge to remove the baking soda.

Mix 1/2 cup lemon juice and 1/2 cup water in a 4-cup or larger microwave-safe bowl. Place in the microwave and heat on high until the water boils. Then let it sit for 10-15 minutes. The water will cool down, and then you can remove the bowl and wipe the walls with a sponge. – Heloise

YUMMY JUICE

Dear Heloise: Want fresh-squeezed orange-juice taste at home without even getting out the juicer? Just mix store-bought orange juice and lemonade; the mixture should contain 2/3 orange juice and 1/3 lemonade. Feel free to adjust to your taste.

Also, for a summer refresher, add a little seltzer. Experiment with different kinds of seltzer and juices. Any juice can be frozen in frozen-treat molds for a cheap and easy way to cool down. Try making the treats with seltzer for some more fizzy summer fun! – Erin in Vermont

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Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ Q J
♥ Q 8
♠ A J 7 5 3
♣ 8 7 4 2

WEST
♦ 8 7 4 3
♥ J 10 9 5
♠ 6
♣ 10 9 6 3

EAST
♦ K 6 5 2
♥ K 6 4 3 2
♠ K 4
♣ J 5

SOUTH
♦ A 10 9
♥ A 7
♠ Q 10 9 8 2
♣ A K Q

The bidding:
North Pass East Pass South 1 ♦ West Pass
3 ♦ Pass
Opening lead — jack of hearts.

Penny-Wise, Pound-Foolish

There are some deals where players tend to suffer from a blind spot. Take this typical case from a duplicate game.

The deal was played at 26 tables, but our story concerns itself only with the 11 tables where the contract was six diamonds played by South. West invariably led the jack of hearts against the slam, after which nine declarers went down one, while at two tables South made the contract.

The play went quickly at the tables where the slam was defeated. In each case, declarer covered the heart lead with the queen and took East's king with the ace. The queen of diamonds was then finessed, losing to the king, and East returned a heart to set the contract.

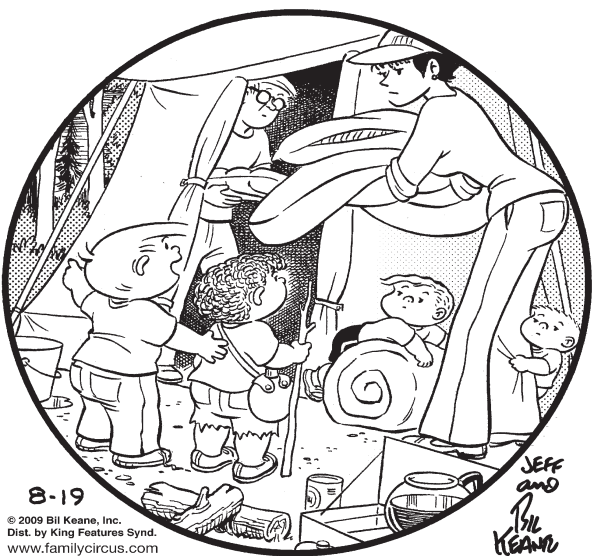
At the tables where the slam was made, South also led the trump queen at trick two but went up with the ace after West followed low. Declarer then led the spade queen from dummy and finessed. When the queen held, declarer continued with the jack. East covered with the king, taken by the ace, and South cashed the ten of spades, discarding a heart from dummy. He then conceded a trump to the king and so finished with 12 tricks.

Both successful declarers realized that the trump finesse was a red herring that did not offer nearly as good a chance to make the slam as the spade finesse did. If the spade finesse won, the slam was made, period. But if the diamond finesse won, declarer was still not yet home, and unless the opposing clubs were divided 3-3, he would have to try the spade finesse anyway.

While a successful diamond finesse might gain South 20 points, it could also lose the 1,370 points for making the slam -- which is exactly what it cost each of the nine declarers who tried the trump finesse.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



“Mommy, this is Tommy Libonate from the RV by the lake. Can he stay overnight?”

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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

Difficulty Level ★

Cryptoquip

JE F EFDGAI MPDJKAZ GJZ

KGJRY LADDJML PHD PE XAY,

J ZHSSPZA GA KPHRY XA

ZAAJML DGA IJZJML ZPM.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THAT ROAMING VAGABOND CARRIES AROUND FIVE WOODWINDS, SOME OF WHICH MUST BE THE HOBO'S OBOES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals E

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Spacecraft compartments
5 Scatter seed
8 Couple, to TMZ
12 Neighborhood
13 — Beta Kappa
14 Small plateau
15 Dosage measurer
17 Low
18 Chief island of Japan
19 Attic space
21 "Of course"
22 Tater
23 Chapeau
26 Bankroll
28 Arousing goose bumps
31 Notion
33 Rawls or Reed
35 Do a pre-laundry task

DOWN

36 Song of praise
38 Conclusion
40 Cause of royal insomnia?
41 Dressed
43 Glutton hood
45 Stick
47 Whiteboard accessory
51 Jail, at sea
52 Tinker, Evers or Chance
54 Highway division
55 Blunder
56 Hostels
57 Quiche needs
58 Scarlet
59 Spruced up
1 Maze option
2 Sandwich cookie
3 Campus VIP
4 Impudent
5 Re a husband or wife
6 Discoverer's call
7 Flight needs
8 Stains
9 Earring shape, often
10 Being (Lat.)
11 Sail holder
16 "That's a relief!"
20 Mimic
23 With it
24 Classified
25 Education
27 Buck's mate
29 Anger
30 Greek vowel
32 Claims
34 Not loud enough
37 Ruin the veneer
39 Coed quarters, maybe
42 Dissuade
44 Street urchin
45 Competent
46 Haul
48 Logical
49 Sicilian spouter
50 Whatever remains
53 Prior to

Solution time: 21 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 8-19

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
12					13				14			
15					16				17			
18								19	20			
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