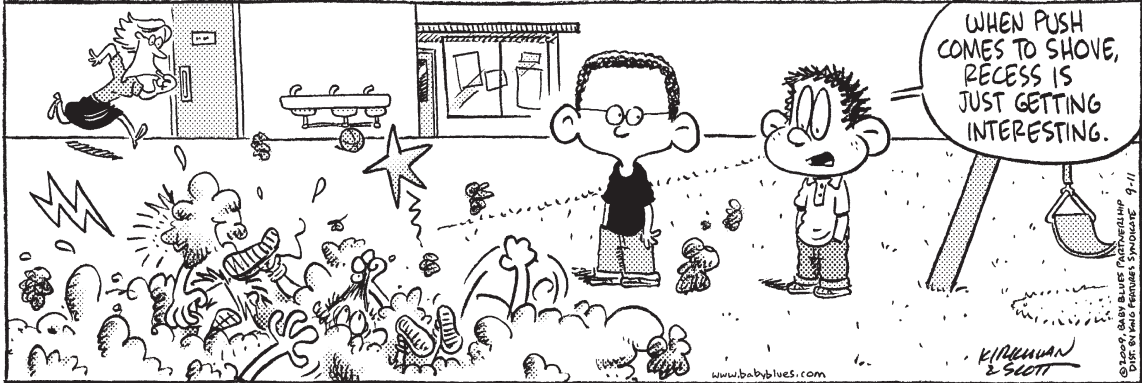
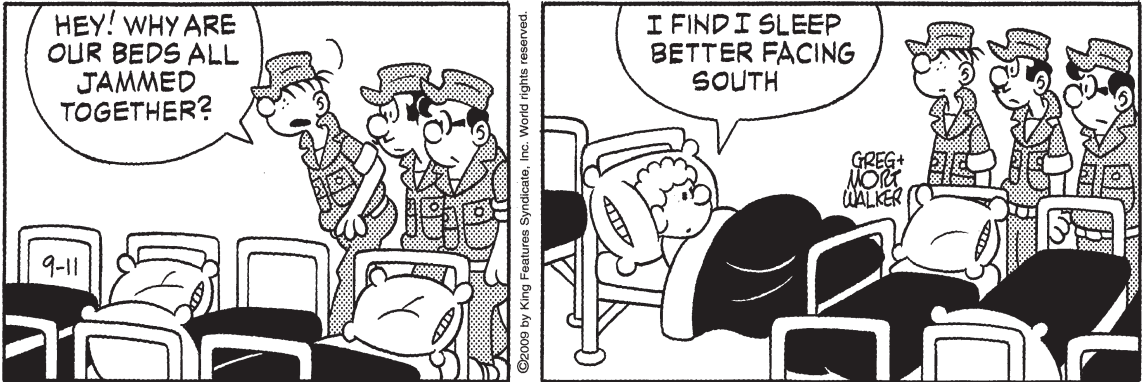


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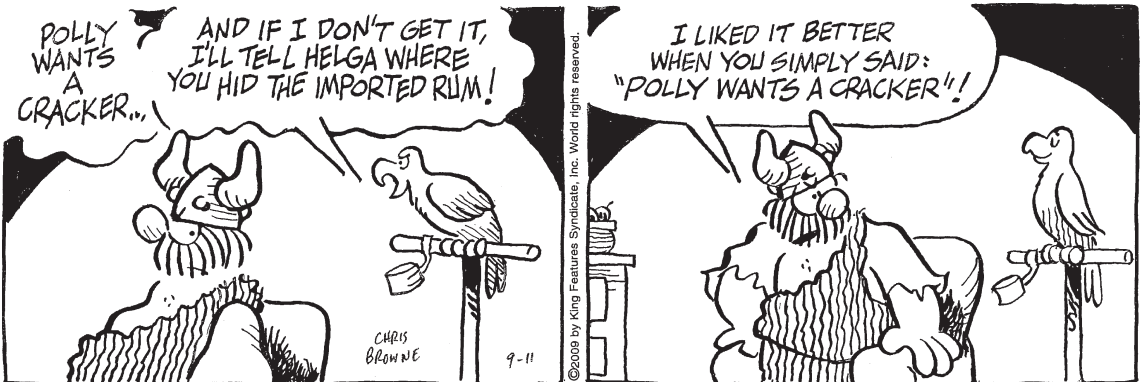
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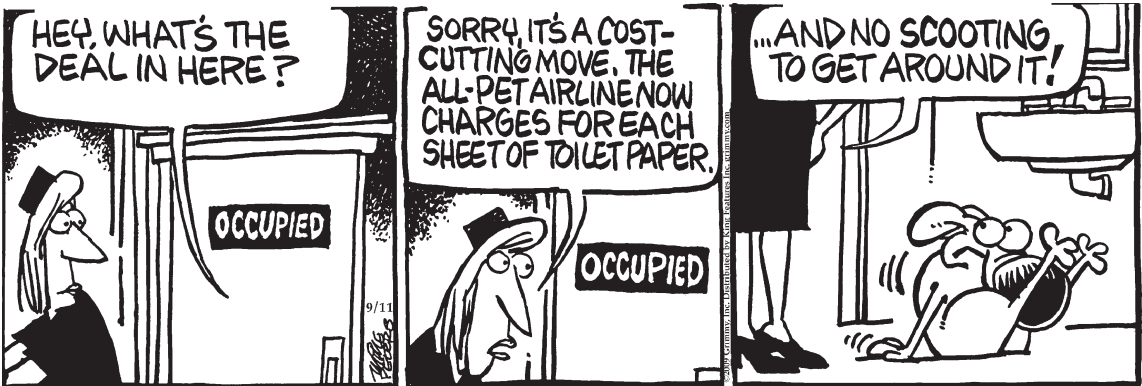
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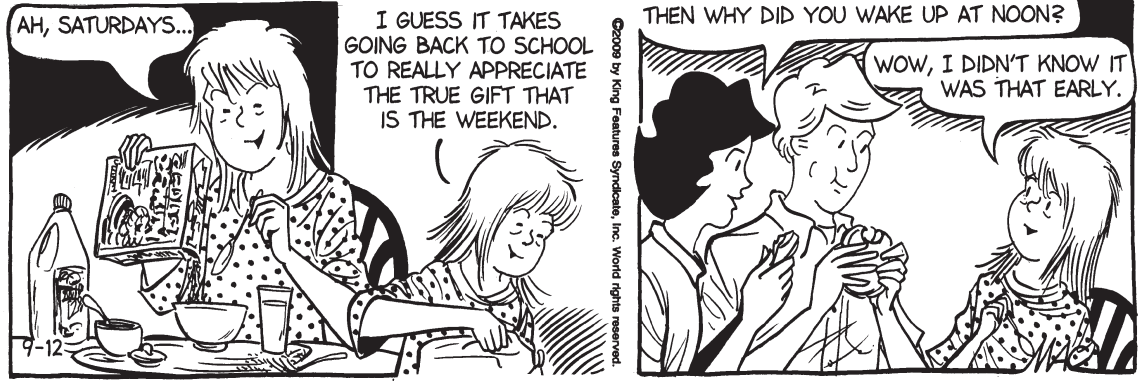
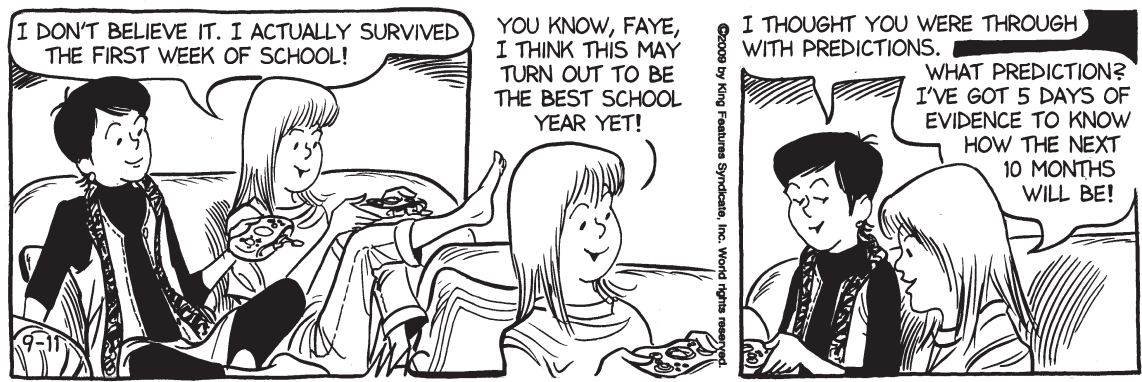
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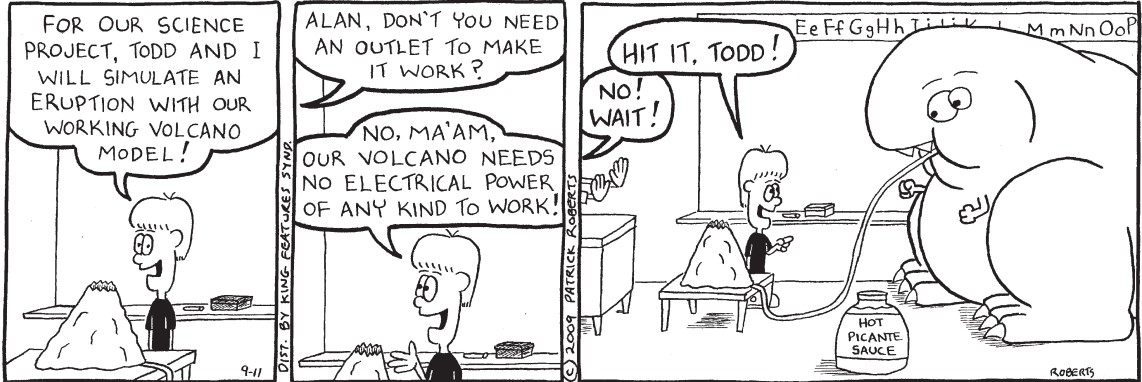
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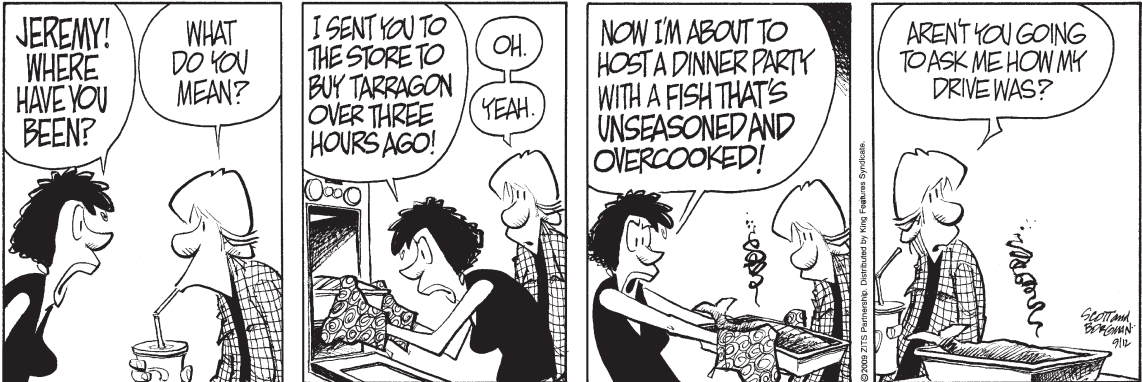
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Stainless sink likes extra care

Dear Readers: Many readers have STAINLESS-STEEL SINKS, and we get lots of questions about how to care for them. So, here are the Heloise hints:

- Do not clean with harsh or abrasive detergents.
- Don't use greasy or oily rags to clean sink.
- Wipe sink down regularly with baby, mineral or vegetable oil.
- Spray sink with a mixture of white vinegar and water, and buff dry.
- During and after cleaning, always rinse with lots of water.
- Don't use muriatic acid (or any cleaners like tile or grout cleaner that contain it), since it causes dark stains that you can't remove.
- Don't clean with chlorine bleach or use any cleaners that have it as an ingredient.

For more information on keeping your stainless-steel sinks looking new, check out the Specialty Steel Industry of North America's Web site at www.ssina.com. — Heloise

GLASS-TOP STOVES

Dear Heloise: I found that the cheapest way to clean glass-top stoves is to wet a sponge or dishrag, then dip it in baking soda. Rinse and wipe dry with paper towels. It gets off burnt-on spills with little effort. — Toni Lynch, via e-mail

Baking soda is one of my favorite, environmentally safe products to use instead of expensive cleaners!

For money-saving hints using baking soda, order my six-page Heloise's Baking Soda Hints and Recipes pamphlet by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (61 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Baking Soda, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. FYI: When baking soda is made into a paste for cleaning, it won't scratch most surfaces. — Heloise

FAUCET FIX

Dear Heloise: I have four boys; the youngest are 3 and 2. Their favorite activity is playing outside in the water. Every time I turn around, they're outside turning on the faucet.

I found that a round, plastic doorknob safety latch that covers the knob keeps little ones from turning the handle. It fits over the handle of the faucet, and no more extra running water. — Renee Morningstar-Wallace, Springfield, Ohio

PACKING TAPE

Dear Heloise: I keep a roll of packing tape in my kitchen. To make resealable packages for flour, sugar, etc., I simply apply a strip of tape to the package, and a second strip to the top.

I fold the end of the top strip under to create a tab for easy opening. Each time I use the product, I can "reseal" the package, and the product stays fresh. — Carol Smolen, Las Vegas

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Bridge • Steve Becker

You are West, defending against Four Spades after South opened with three spades and was raised by North to four. You lead the king of hearts, on which East plays the three and South the four. When you next lead the ace of hearts, East plays the six and South the eight. Which card would you play at trick three?

NORTH
♦ 7 6
♥ J 9 5 2
♦ A Q 8 4
♠ A K 7

WEST
♠ A 3
♥ A K Q 7
♦ 6 5 2
♣ Q 10 8 3

Test Your Defensive Play

This problem comes from the book "More Killing Defence at Bridge" by the brilliant Scottish player/writer Hugh W. Kelsey. The hand is another example of why experts agree that defense is the most difficult part of the game.

The correct play at trick three is the queen of hearts! You should play the queen even though you know your partner has the missing ten of hearts (because he did not play high-low to show a doubleton).

When declarer ruffs the heart and plays a trump, you grab the ace and lead another heart to kill dummy's jack. East ruffs and declarer overruffs, but South later loses a club trick and goes down one. This was South's hand at the start:

[S] K Q J 10 8 5 2
[H] 8 4
[D] 9
[C] J 6 2

Now let's suppose you had shifted to a diamond at trick three, which seems the more natural thing to do. In that case, South can make the contract with correct play. He wins the diamond with the ace and leads a trump to his king. You take the ace and lead another diamond.

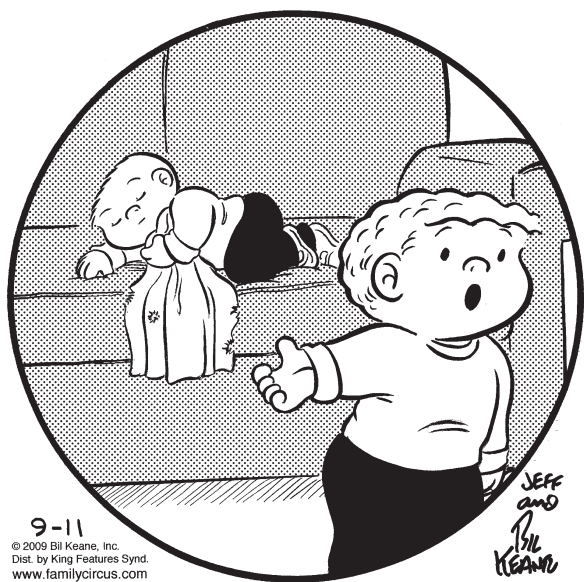
South ruffs, cashes the queen of trumps, leads a club to dummy's king, ruffs the nine of hearts and plays two more trumps to produce this position:

Declarer leads the eight of spades, and you are caught in a squeeze. If you discard a club, dummy discards a heart; if you discard a heart, dummy discards a club. Either way, declarer makes the last three tricks and the contract.

West must be exceptionally alert to foresee what might happen to him if he fails to lead the queen of hearts at trick three. But that's the highly demanding type of game bridge is.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"PJ's takin' a nap without bein' told. Is he allowed to do that?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

9/11

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

Cryptoquip

BJF MEM LJA LBU CWQXALD

DLWSL MWLEXQ? EL OUKPM

HA HAOWKDA LJAF JWM

W CKLKWP WLLSWOLEUX.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN SOME METAL DEVICE IS SO UGLY THAT IT DESERVES TO CORRODE, ONE MIGHT CALL IT RUSTWORTHY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals D

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	35 English home-work, perhaps	56 Pod dweller	19 Country singer Sara
1 Thespian	6 "Birth — Nation"	9 Edwards or Andrews (Abbr.)	12 Commercial for a TV show
13 Bribe	14 Grazing land	15 Mature	16 Light-weight outerwear
18 "For sure"	20 Emcee	21 "Eureka!"	23 Eventual aves
24 Big and strong	25 Bull's-eye hitter	27 Standish stand-in	29 "Sophie's Choice" author
31 Boxing combination	37 Luke's mentor	38 Perhaps	41 Sleep phenom
	43 Calif. hours	44 Garfield's pal	45 "Raging Bull" star
	47 Kewpie doll feature	49 Jordanian money	52 Raw rock
	53 Blond shade	54 Fashion	55 In medias —
	57 Entice	DOWN	1 Spring mo.
		2 Dernier —	3 Botanical sculpture
		4 Portent	5 Sonata movement
		6 Bony	7 Comes-tibles
		8 Software program	9 Unfriendly
		10 Banquet	11 Cuckoo
		17 Biden predecessor	32 Place name
		33 Sentence pts.	34 Feedbag morsel
		36 "Queen of Soul"	38 Engine
		39 Worship	40 "Holy smoke!"
		42 Central part	45 Rx measure
		46 Ceremony	48 Siesta
		50 Jungfrau, for one	51 On pension (Abbr.)

Yesterday's answer 9-11

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