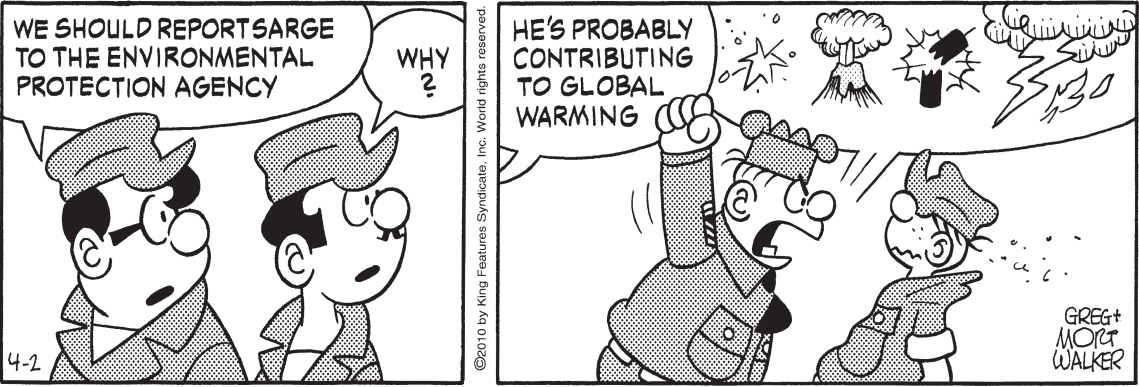


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Questions arise about detergent

Dear Heloise: I thought the reader letter about WASHING MACHINES was interesting. She said her repairman told her to always use liquid detergent to avoid buildup. My repairman told me to NEVER use liquid detergent because it clogs up the inside of the hoses. I said, "What, it has high cholesterol?" He laughed and said that was a good description. He recommended that I always use powdered detergent. Any ideas on which answer is the correct one? – Amy K., via e-mail

Amy, our friends at the Soap and Detergent Association say whichever form of detergent you prefer is OK. The cleaning advice given to the reader by her repairman was good. Once a month, run the washer, empty, with hot water, and this should dissolve any detergent buildup.

Other interesting detergent facts: In the United States, liquid detergents outsell powders. Liquids are effective on greasy stains and make good pretreaters for tough stains, while powdered detergent is better for lifting out ground-in dirt and clay, which makes it ideal for kids' clothes.

Also, some people tend to use more detergent than needed, especially liquids. The measuring caps are difficult to read, and some feel the more suds, the better, but that's not the case!

If you use powdered detergent, add it per the directions while the washer is filling with water so the powder can dissolve, then add the clothes. And don't overfill the washer. The clothes must be able to move around and be rinsed well. More clothes means not-so-clean clothes! – Heloise

TOWELS FOR PRIVACY

Dear Heloise: When moving into our new house, it would be a long time before we could get curtains, and we needed a way to close off some of the windows for privacy.

The problem was solved when I bought a selection of bath and beach towels and cafe curtain rods with clips. After putting up the rods, I stitched down a few inches on the top of each towel to make a stiff "header," and measured and marked the distance between clips with a laundry marker. Within a short time, we had "drapes." – Virginia Welch, Hampton, Conn.

SAVE A STAMP

Dear Heloise: If you make a mistake and ruin a perfectly good postage stamp, don't worry. Put the envelope in the microwave for six to eight seconds, and it will peel right off. Good as new, and ready for the new envelope. – Stacy in Bumpass, Va.

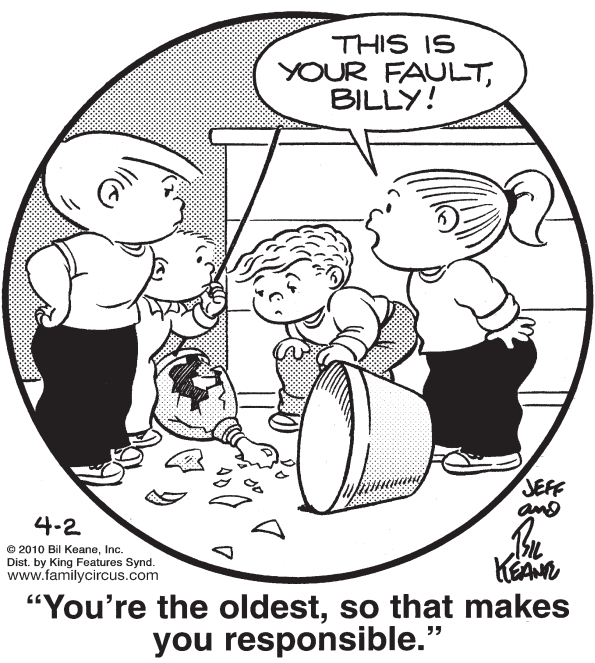
Stacy, we decided to give your hint a try, and yep, it worked perfectly. One note, though: We microwaved it for eight seconds, and when it came out, it was a little hot to the touch. So be careful. – Heloise

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: When staying at a hotel/motel, if there is a refrigerator, put the plastic ice bucket inside, and the ice will last longer. This saves trips to the ice machine. – Leland, Palm Beach, Fla.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

Cryptoquip

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ND CKHX DHWQ QLZYNHPQYO

O E Y W , A N B J P O N B X E O

H ' L V Y Q A Q J - K Q E Y C Q P ?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A POPULAR SEVENTIES TUNE DESCRIBING THE LEAF OF A TREE OUGHT TO BE CALLED "YOU'RE SO VEINY."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals Y

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Coop occupant

4 Speech impediment

8 Sandwich shop

12 Swiss canton

13 Reverberate

14 Send forth

15 The Reagan years

17 Prompts

18 Jason, formerly with the New York Giants

19 Hot tub

21 18-wheeler

22 Tower designer

26 Necklace fastener

29 The "e" in "i.e."

30 Carte lead-in

31 Earring site

32 Clear the tables

33 Campus area

34 Luau music-maker

35 Series of skirmishes

36 Warm-water food

37 This or that

39 — Lanka

40 Recede

41 Produces

45 Ring out

48 Genius

50 Mediocre

51 Laugh-a-minute

52 Lennon's lady

53 Smithsonian, for ex.

54 Faction

55 Kans. neighbor

DOWN

1 Colors

2 One of HOMES

3 In the vicinity

4 Do without restraint

5 Cupcake enhancement

6 That girl

7 Have choice

8 Starbucks

9 Ostrich's cousin

10 Whopper

11 "—

16 Mount

20 Trench

23 Mythical goat-man

24 Verve

25 Kenny Rogers hit

26 Hint

27 Trickster deity

28 Help a hood

29 W. of the Urals

32 My hat is off to them

33 Library demand

35 Symbol of intrigue

36 Wistful

38 Serf

39 Church council

42 Ponce de —

43 Eat in style

44 Uppity sort

45 Omega preceder

46 A billion years

47 Foolish one

49 Midafternoon in old Rome

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 4-2

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