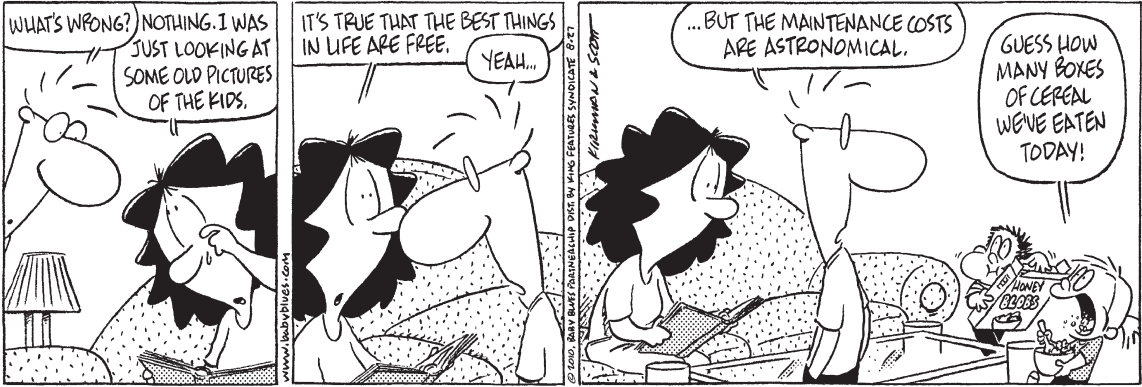


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Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



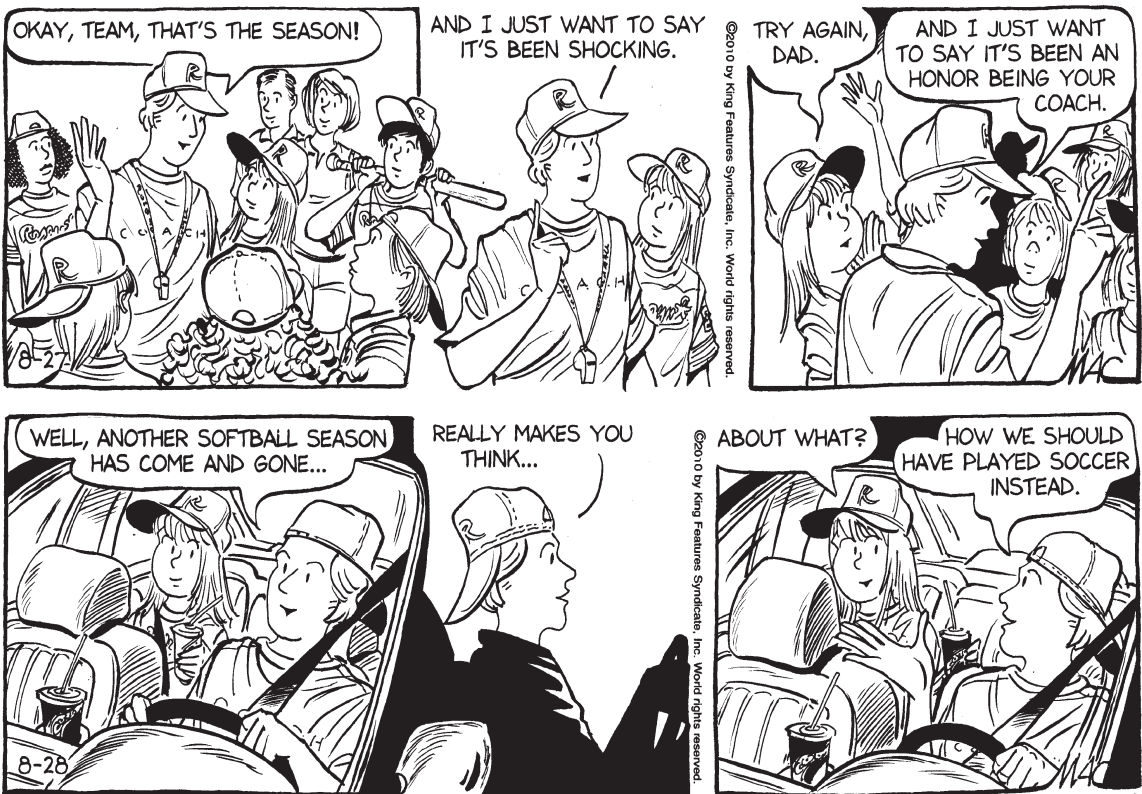
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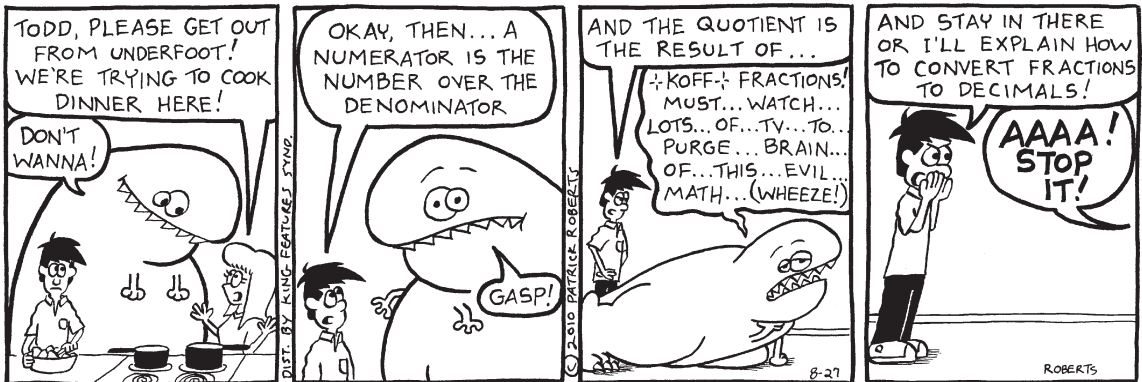
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Contact cases have many uses

Dear Heloise: I wear contact lenses and have extra CASES that came free when I bought products. They're small, flat, and the lids screw on tightly. I've used them as pill containers, for lip gloss, for cuticle cream, etc. They don't take up a lot of space, and they don't open easily. You can have one or two in each of your most-used purses, so that you don't have to totally shift the contents each time. If the screw-on lids look alike, write the contents on the outside with permanent marker. – R.H., via e-mail Have you been peeking in my purse? I've used the contact containers for hand cream, perfume and even extra liquid makeup for touch-ups! I put several coats of nail polish on the lid to mark them. – Heloise

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: My travel hint is this: Take along one of those room fresheners that do double duty as a night light. Plug it in near the bathroom. You never know when someone will need to get up in the middle of the night in an unfamiliar room. I prefer the kind that has scented oil. I choose the aroma for the room. Just remember to take it with you when you leave. -- Marion in New Jersey

EASY CLEAN

Dear Heloise: My parents have floor-to-ceiling windows with baseboards and quarter rounds. I used an electric toothbrush (disposable, obviously) to clean the baseboards, which have a lot of crevices. – Shari, via e-mail

PILLOWCASE PLACER

Dear Heloise: Marking jewelry for garage sales is a challenge. I take an old pillowcase, cut a small opening in the center of the closed end and slip a hanger through the hole. Then I pin my jewelry items on the pillowcase and hang it up somewhere in the garage. This makes it easier for shoppers to see what items are for sale. It works much better than putting earrings, necklaces, bracelets and pins in containers on a table. – Nancy in Elk Grove, Calif.

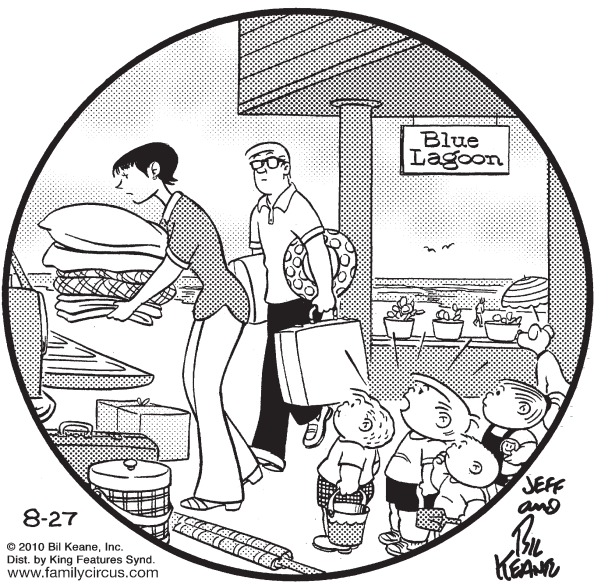
CAN-TASTROPHE

Dear Readers: Recently, I was attempting to open a can of tomato soup when the pull tab popped right off! I didn't know what to do! The lip of the can was too tall for my can opener to do the job. At my wits' end, I called the manufacturer, and here is what it said. The company is working on a redesign of the can where the pull tab won't come off so easily, and if it does, a can opener will be able to finish the job. The company graciously offered to send me a new can for my trouble! Great consumer relations! – Heloise (c)2010 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

Bridge • Steve Becker

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been:  
North East South West  
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
2 ♦ Pass ?  
What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?  
1. ♠ KJ85 ♥ AJ763 ♦ 10 ♣ 943  
2. ♠ K742 ♥ KQ64 ♦ J3 ♣ AJ9  
3. ♠ A82 ♥ AK962 ♦ K86 ♣ 73  
4. ♠ A ♥ QJ975 ♦ Q74 ♣ J862  
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Bidding Quiz  
1. Pass. Once partner rebids two diamonds, it becomes clear that there is no game in this hand, so the only question remaining is where to play the partscore. The two-diamond rebid identifies a hand of minimum opening strength with a rebiddable diamond suit, nearly always six or seven cards in length. Partner cannot be keen about hearts since he failed to raise them immediately. He also cannot have four spades since he did not bid one spade over one heart. Any further move over two diamonds would therefore be asking for trouble, so you should get out of the bidding while you still have a chance for a plus score. 2. Three notrump. An opening bid facing an opening bid is a game, and all signs here point to the game being in notrump. With 14 high-card points, notrump distribution and all suits stopped, no other bid should be considered. A two-notrump response at this point would not be forcing, while a three-club bid, though forcing, runs the risk of partner's venturing past three notrump at his next turn. 3. Two spades. This is a special bid designed to find the best place to play for game, which could be in hearts, diamonds or notrump. If partner next bids hearts or diamonds, you will bid game in that suit. If partner bids two notrump, indicating at least one club stopper, you plan to raise to three. If by any chance partner raises spades, which is quite unlikely since he cannot have four cards in that suit, you can always retreat to diamonds. 4. Three diamonds. This bid invites but does not force partner to continue. Game is unlikely if he passes. If partner bids again, he may show belated heart support by bidding three hearts, in which case you will carry on to four hearts. If he bids three notrump, you will accept that choice. If partner bids four diamonds, you will be faced with a tossup decision as to whether to bid five diamonds or pass. If partner has S 962 H K3 D AK10863 C A4, five diamonds is an excellent spot, while if he has S KQ3 H 6 D AKJ8652 C 73, five diamonds has no play. (c)2010 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



“Do we HAFTA leave? This place was just gettin' to feel like home.”

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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

Cryptoquip

AJ VA PJW WJ IKW V AMKKZLPI

WLETKW, L AEQLRRGKZ JP

WDK ZVADRVQZ WDK GLPK

“TKKM JXX WDK IVA.”  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A CHICKEN FARMER NEEDS TO URGE FOLKS TO TAKE ACTION, I WOULD ASSUME HE EGGS THEM ON.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals S

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS  
1 Angry bunch  
4 Emanation  
8 Ginormous  
12 Atmosphere  
13 Family-biz abbr.  
14 Cupid's alias  
15 Listen to what you just recorded  
17 Now, on a memo  
18 Christmas refrain  
19 Europe's boot  
20 How "alas" is said  
22 Trig function  
24 Sample of beefcake  
25 Withdraw  
29 Corroded  
30 Shoe-repair supply  
31 Compete  
32 Mastered perfectly  
34 Nevada city  
35 Relaxed  
36 Egret's cousin  
37 Hatred  
40 "La Vie en Rose" chanteuse  
41 Monopoly payment  
42 Chris Martin's band  
46 Fill fully  
47 Reed instrument  
48 Raw rock hound's clue  
49 Blood-sight  
50 Auction actions  
51 Drench  
DOWN  
1 Chart  
2 Lubricate  
3 Fresh  
4 Westminster, e.g.  
5 Eurasia's —  
6 Sinbad's band  
7 Request  
8 Passionate, as an argument  
9 — Major  
10 Target  
11 Catch sight of  
16 Egg part  
19 Cartoonist's needs  
20 Roe provider  
21 Car  
22 Charlie Brown's sister  
23 On the rocks  
25 Greets the villain  
26 Go beyond the limits  
27 Drunkard, maybe  
28 Night light  
30 Con game  
33 Like "it"  
34 Harvest  
36 Stashes  
37 Approximately  
38 Out of bounds  
39 Busy with  
40 Trudge along  
42 Corn holder  
43 Sapporo sash  
44 Exist  
45 Still  
Solution time: 25 mins.  
Yesterdays answer 8-27

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				
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42				43					44	45
46				47				48		
49				50				51		