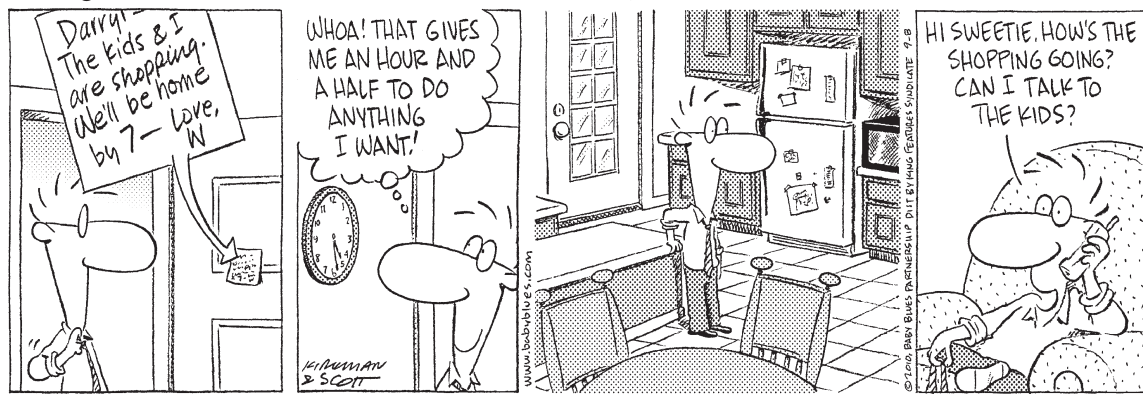
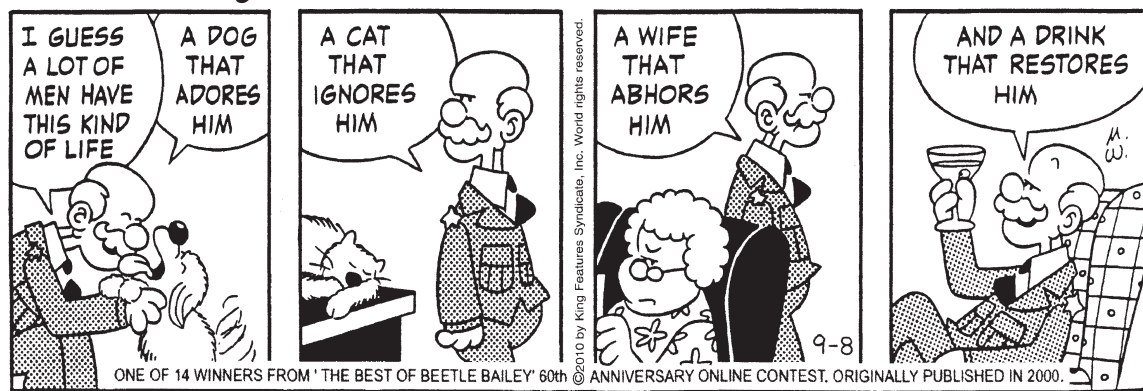


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Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



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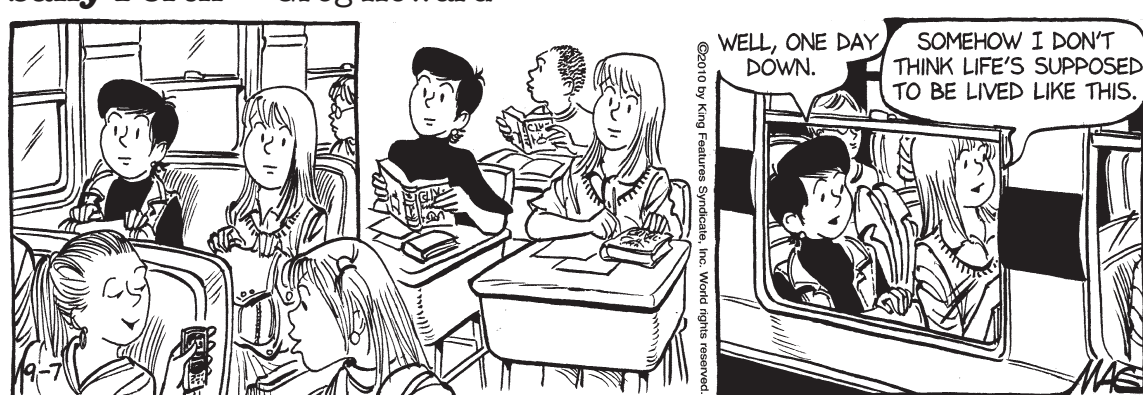
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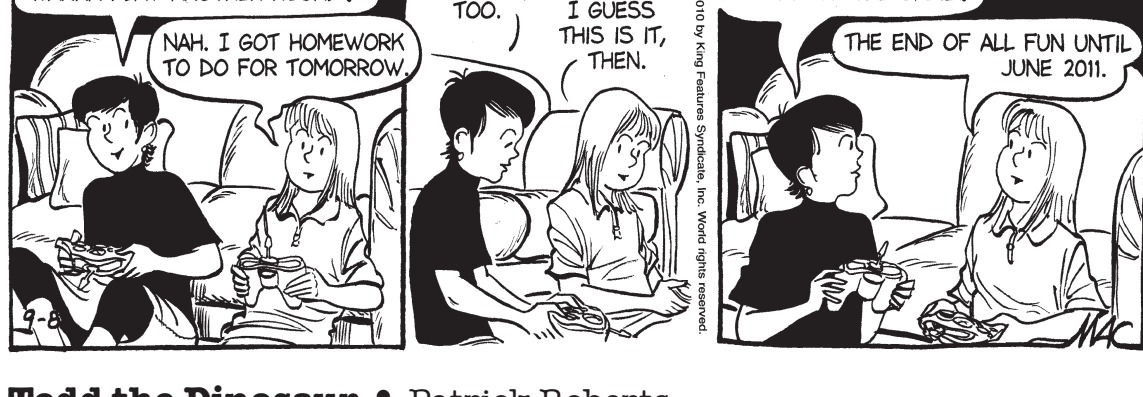
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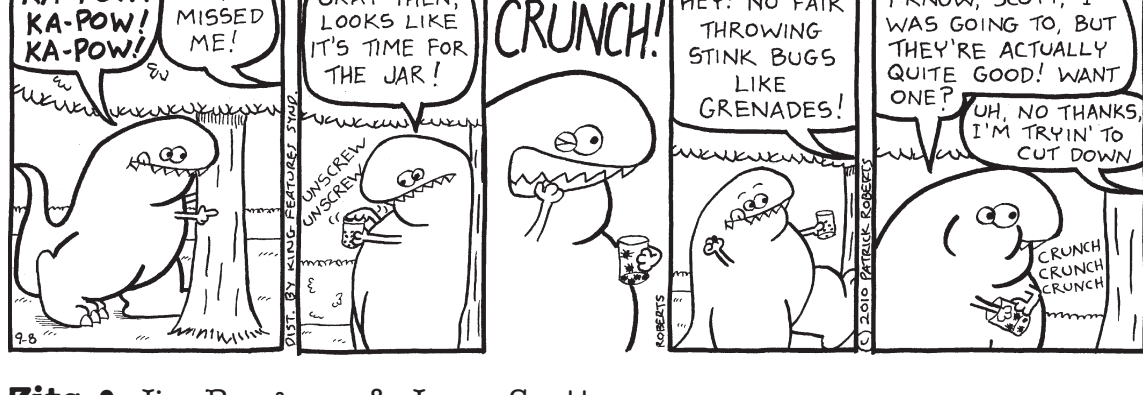
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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Try mixing up ingredients first

Dear Heloise: I love your CAKE MIX COOKIE RECIPE and make it a lot. I found that instead of adding the egg and oil to the cake mix first, I added nuts/etc. first and gave them a mix, then beat the egg and oil and added it to the mixture. — Maggie, via e-mail

Maggie, a super hint, and how smart! Yes, add the nuts, etc., first, then the "wet" ingredients. I, too, mix the eggs and oil in a measuring cup and then add them to the dry ingredients. Here is the Heloise Cookies From a Cake Mix recipe for those of you who might have missed it:

- 1 (18.25-ounce) box cake mix
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- Optional: 1/4 cup raisins, nuts or chocolate chips

Choose your favorite flavor of cake mix — I like chocolate, strawberry and even pineapple! Pre-heat the oven to 350 F. Mix ONLY the above ingredients in a large bowl until blended. Drop the batter by spoonfuls about 2 inches apart onto an UNGREASED baking sheet. Bake on the middle rack for 8-10 minutes, watching them carefully, because they brown quickly.

You can find this and a bunch of other cheap and easy-to-make recipes, such as Heloise's Mock Apple Pie and Baked Italian Chicken, in my All-Time Favorite Recipes pamphlet, which you can have by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (61 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Recipes, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Make a copy of sauce and spice recipes and affix them on the jars that hold these concoctions; you'll have the recipe right there when you need to mix up a new batch! — Heloise

NOT BROWN OR WHITE BUT GREEN EGGS

Dear Heloise: I am a faithful reader of your column in the Kerrville (Texas) Daily Times paper. A reader wrote inquiring if eggshell color had anything to do with the flavor of an egg. I raised Araucana chickens, a breed from South America, which lay colored eggs. My hens laid green eggs! The shades varied from pale turquoise to pale olive green. The birds were beautiful! The eggs tasted fine and were a hit in the kindergarten classes when reading Dr. Seuss' "Green Eggs and Ham"! — B.V. in Texas

Yes, the American Egg Board agrees — eggs of a different color all taste the same. — Heloise

HINTS FROM HELOISE CENTRAL

- Cheese puffs can jazz up meatloaf. Use them instead of bread crumbs.
- Parmesan cheese can spice up popcorn. Sprinkle some on!
- For a party, drop a maraschino cherry in each compartment of the ice tray.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ A 9 7
♥ K
♦ K 9 7 4
♠ A 10 9 6 3
WEST
♦ 6 5
♥ 9 7 4 3
♦ 8 6 5
♠ 8 7 5 2
EAST
♦ K Q J 10 8
♥ —
♦ A Q 10 3 2
♠ K Q J
SOUTH
♦ 4 3 2
♥ A Q J 10 8 6 5 2
♦ J
♠ 4
The bidding:
East 2 ♠ South 5♥ West Pass North 6♥
Dble Redble
Opening lead — six of spades.

South Stages an Extravaganza

Dear Mr. Becker: I recently played in a team contest when this deal arose on the final board of the match. We had fallen 2,000 points behind at the halfway mark, and I didn't think we had made much of a dent in that deficit.

I realized something desperate had to be done, so when East opened two spades (strong), I overcalled with five hearts! This may strike you as very peculiar, especially in view of the vulnerability, but since the match appeared lost, I didn't care if we had a catastrophe. Furthermore, after East doubled my partner's six bid, I redoubled — what else could I do?

When dummy came down, it looked like I'd have to lose two spades and a diamond. So for better or worse, I ducked the spade lead and allowed East to win the first trick. He was now afraid to play the ace of diamonds, fearing I was void and might thus acquire a 12th trick. Instead, he returned the king of spades. I took it with the ace and ran seven trump tricks, producing this position:

North
♦ K
♠ A 10 9
West
♦ 8 6
♠ 8 7
East
♦ Q
♦ A
♠ K Q
South
♥ 4
♥ 2
♦ J
♠ 4

I now led my last trump, discarding dummy's king of diamonds, and poor East was in deep trouble. He couldn't throw a club, which would allow dummy to take the last three tricks, nor could he spare anything else. In practice, he discarded the ace of diamonds. When I next cashed the jack of diamonds, East gave up the ghost, so I made the redoubled slam! Cordially, I.M. Dunn.
(P.S. We lost the match anyway!)

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



9-8

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"I'm supposed to be bossy! I'm older than you!"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Cryptoquip

QKFGA C SMDDXQNGZKFH

COCGBFKX SAGCJA GCNHBP KF

QDJA JKOA, DFA GDNMX

GCMM KP C PKGZ KF PBA JNX.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE PEOPLE LIVING ADJACENT TO ACTOR AND SINGER JIM MIGHT LOVE TO BE CALLED NABORS' NEIGHBORS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals I

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 35 Neither mate | 58 Color | 20 Bullets, e.g. |
| 1 Hairless | 36 Dowel height | 59 Jab | 22 Small combo |
| 5 Heidi's room? | 37 Jack of "Hawaii Five-O" | DOWN | 23 Prognosticators |
| 8 Bar | 38 Wan | 1 Honey bunch solo | 25 Recipe meas. |
| 12 Pennsylvania | 39 Owns port | 2 Carreras buildup | 26 Regret |
| 13 Meadow | 41 The Fed and the Black | 3 Dryer | 27 The Reagan Era, |
| 14 Colloquial greeting | 43 Missive | 4 Want quaff | 28 pretty much |
| 15 Genius | 46 County of Ireland | 5 Hearty | 29 Staffer |
| 17 Mid-month date | 50 Medley | 6 Maui memento | 31 Homer's interjection |
| 18 French composer Erik | 51 Giving only two options | 7 Brief pain spasm | 32 Parched |
| 19 Half a winter pair | 54 Artesian well? | 8 Tex-Mex entree | 34 Other-wise |
| 21 Charlie Brown's expletive | 55 "Hail!" | 9 Phantoms | 38 Dormant |
| 24 Wire measure | 56 lds' counter-parts | 10 Corrosive alkalis | 40 Expiate |
| 25 Genealogy chart | 57 Relaxation | 11 Whip | 42 Essen expletive |
| 28 Paper quantity | 16 Afternoon affair | 12 Afternoon affair | 43 Earring locale |
| 30 Peculiar | | 13 Afternoon affair | 44 Director Kazan |
| 33 — generis | | 14 Afternoon affair | 45 Peruse |
| 34 "Old MacDonald's Farm" refrain | | 15 Afternoon affair | 47 Jason's ship |

Solution time: 27 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 9-8

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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