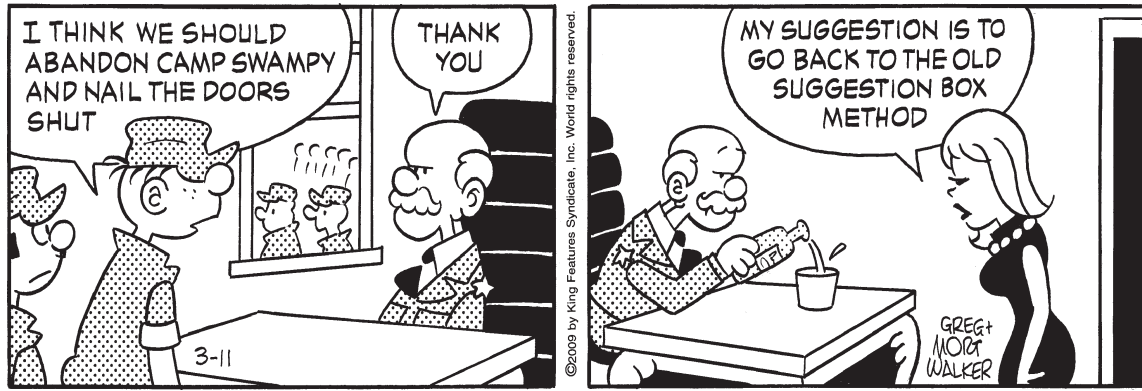


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



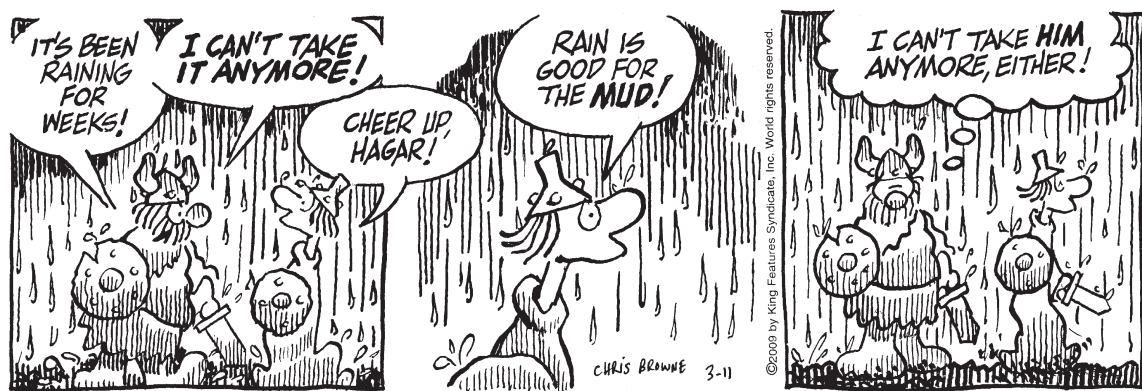
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



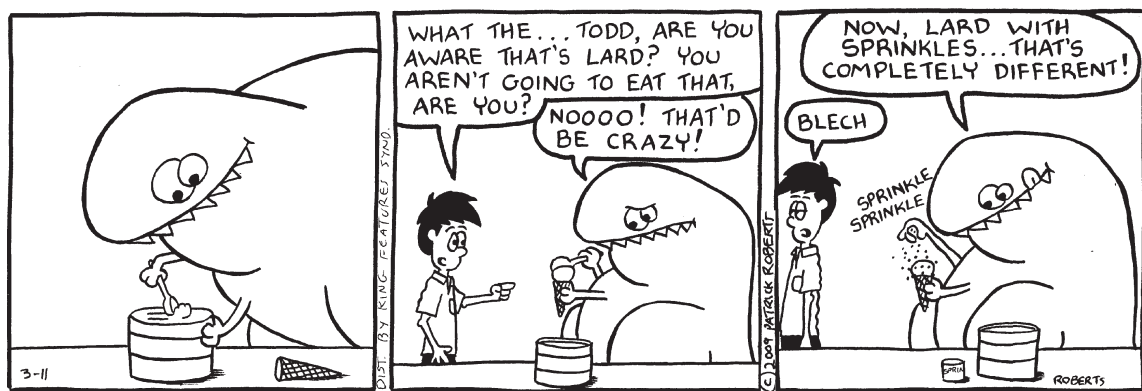
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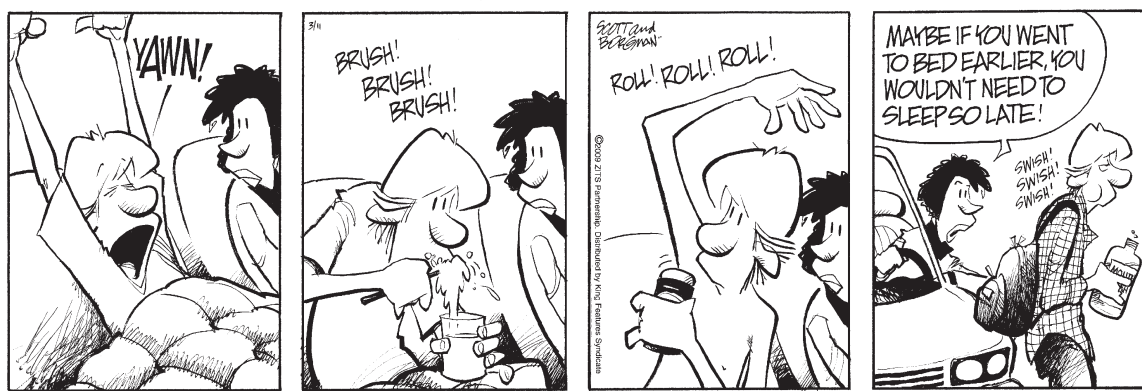
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Save vegetables for a great broth

Dear Heloise: I have a suggestion for those of us with COST SAVINGS in mind: Save the tough or root ends of celery, asparagus, carrots, onions, turnips, etc., and put them in a freezer bag, then into the freezer. When needed, put any combination in boiling, salted water and simmer for about 20 minutes.

It makes a wonderfully flavored broth to add to any dish or in which to cook rice or pasta, or add to soups. None of the scraps goes to waste, and it's even more flavorful than the canned products you buy at the store. Use your imagination and make it in bulk. — Cost Conscious in Katy, Texas

It's easy and cheap to make a base with little bits and pieces. A good homemade broth is a delicious, healthy and cheap way to enhance your favorite recipes and to "recycle" veggies that might otherwise wind up in the trash. I like to add a tasty broth base to several of the recipes in my Spectacular Soups pamphlet, such as Italian Pasta Soup, Chicken Tortilla Soup and my Quickie French Onion Soup. For all of these and more hearty and healthy soup recipes, send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (59 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Soup, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. And did you know that adding a small amount of pureed carrots can give most soups a sweeter taste and cut the acidic flavor of tomatoes in spaghetti sauce? — Heloise

THREE TO KNOW -- MONEY-SAVING GROCERY SHOPPING

- Start at the left aisle of a grocery store. You will finish faster (since most people start on the right, so there's more traffic there) and save a few dollars by not slowing down to buy things you don't need.
- Avoid displays unless the items are on your list.
- With iceberg lettuce, look for a heavy, compact head.

— Heloise

PIZZA

Dear Heloise: Just by accident, we discovered that when you cook your frozen pizza in a toaster oven, it works well to use the toaster setting for the first three minutes, then finish off the remainder at the oven setting, giving the pizza a toasty finish on top and bottom. — Bobbi Schott of Castroville, Texas

COOKING SMELLS

Dear Heloise: I had the ingredients to make cookies. However, I remembered that the spills on the bottom of my oven made a smell when heated. I thought, What would Heloise do? So, I got a paper towel doubled and ran it under hot water, then poured white vinegar on the paper towel and laid it on the spill on the bottom of a cold oven. Twenty minutes later, the spill wiped up easily. — Carolyn J. Moore, Valparaiso, Ind.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ A Q J 10 9
♥ A Q 10
♦ 10 3
♣ 10 9 2

EAST
♦ 6 5 2
♥ K J 4 3 2
♦ 9 8 6
♣ 7 4

SOUTH
♦ 7 4
♥ 8 6
♦ A K Q J
♣ A K Q J 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 NT Pass 5 ♠ Pass
7 ♠

Opening lead — five of hearts.

In the Arms of Morpheus

Dear Mr. Becker: It will no doubt astonish you to learn that I am probably the greatest bridge player in the world!

I say this knowing full well that my name is unknown to you and the bridge-playing public. It also is true that I have never won a world or national championship. Nevertheless, I still think no one can equal my accomplishments at the bridge table.

There is one thing seriously wrong with my game, though. The trouble is that I play brilliantly only while I'm asleep, but badly while I'm awake. I don't understand why this is so, but I am sure no one can hold a candle to my skills when I am in the arms of Morpheus.

For example, last night I held the East hand and my opponents got to seven clubs. They should have known I would defeat them, but my opponents never learn.

My partner led a heart. As anyone can plainly see, there is only one way for declarer to play such a hand. He must take the ace and place all his hopes on the spade finesse. It would be foolish to finesse the queen of hearts and then later have to finesse in spades also. This would be running two risks instead of one.

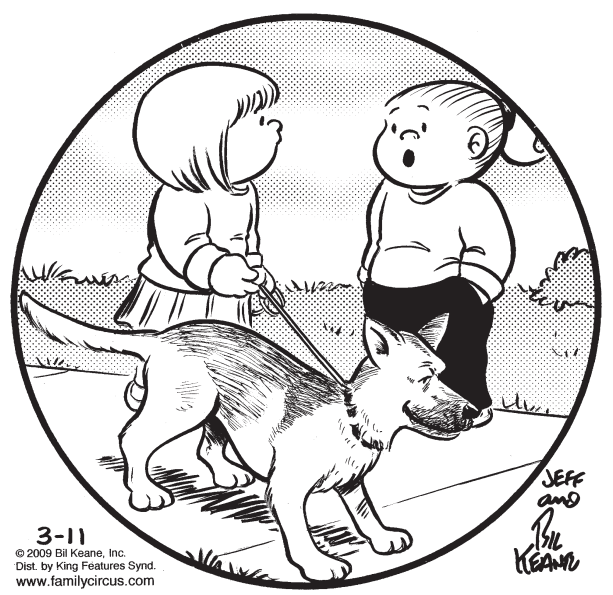
So South, being a good player, went up with the ace — and on the ace, I played the king!

You can't really blame South for falling for this play. He naturally thought the king was a singleton. Accordingly, after drawing trumps, he led a heart and finessed the ten, since there was no longer any reason to take a chance on the spade finesse.

But I took the ten with the jack to defeat the slam, and I'm sure I would have won the rubber on the next deal except that just then my wife woke me and said it was time to get up and go to work.

Cordially yours, Ford E. Winx
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



“Do you talk to your German shepherd in English?”

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

Cryptoquip

GP XQT'ED CJBXGAH BA
QAJGAD PDARGAH HBLD, YNDA
G MTCCQMD XQT LGHNY
FD TMGAH B RXFDE-MBFDE.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHENEVER ACTRESS HARPER OR BERTINELLI HAS DINNER, I SUPPOSE THOSE WOULD BE VALERIE'S CALORIES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals U

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Ruin the veneer
4 Turf
7 Asian desert
8 Garden intruder
10 "Peer Gynt" composer
11 Go ashore
13 Where the Tar River flows
16 Hawaiian music-maker
17 Rock opera by The Who
18 Encyclopedia bk.
19 Courts
20 Bigfoot's cousin
21 Metallic noise
23 Senses
25 Unyielding
26 Minimal change

DOWN

27 Two, in Tijuana
28 Dieter's entree
30 "Gee, ya think?"
33 Neil Diamond classic
36 Checked cotton fabric
37 Like Chicago, it's said
38 Mah-jongg pieces
39 Therefore
40 Roulette bet

41 Rotation duration
9 Non-sense
10 Wilde-beest
12 Entanglements
14 Diner employee
15 Foreman foe
19 Pale
20 Still
21 Throng
22 Go postal
23 Phobia
24 Provided an income for
25 Egos' counterparts
26 Sculpting mediums
28 Subway entrance
29 Played a part
30 Unclean
31 Destroy
32 "Yo!"
34 Eastern potentate
35 Old Italian money

Solution time: 21 mins.

STUD VIC OVAL
LUKE EVE PERU
ABET HELLENIC
WASABI LORDLY
CECA MAE
MICHELLE STAG
BAR PEPPYS TRA
ANEW SHELLACS
DOH ABEL
STIRUP AWAKEN
NUTSHELL MALE
OBOE AIL ALSO
BERN RES SEEN

Yesterday's answer 3-10

