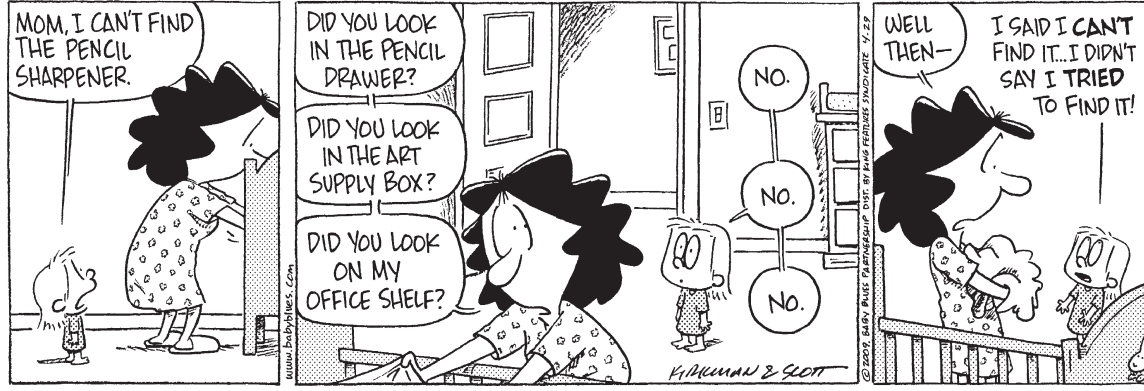
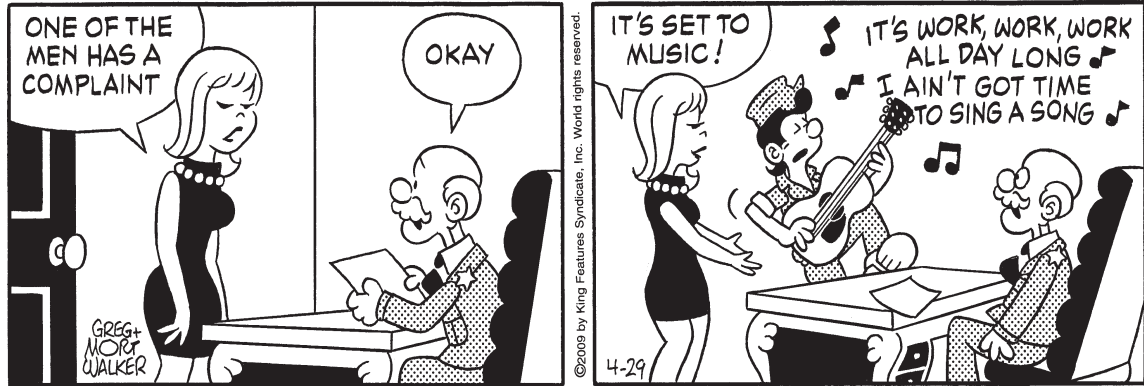


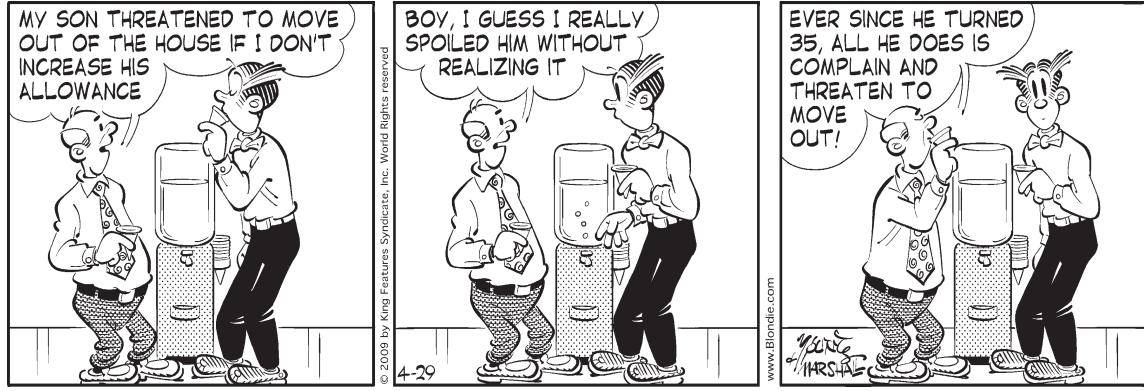
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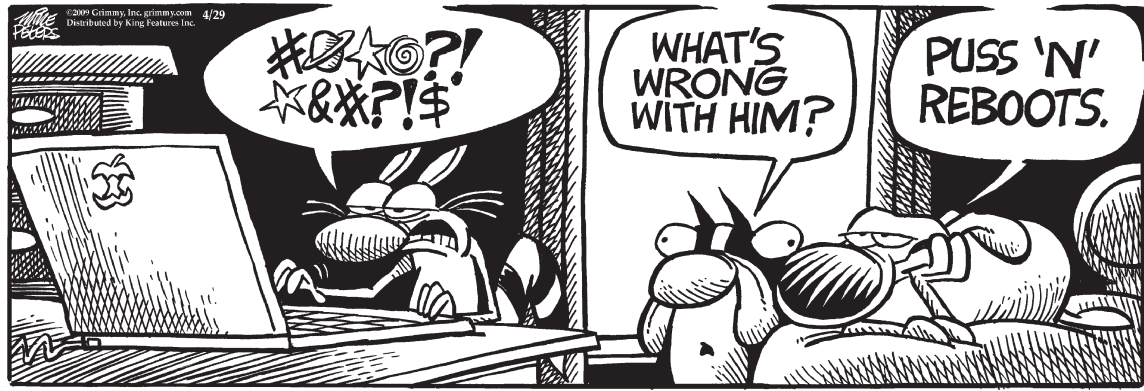
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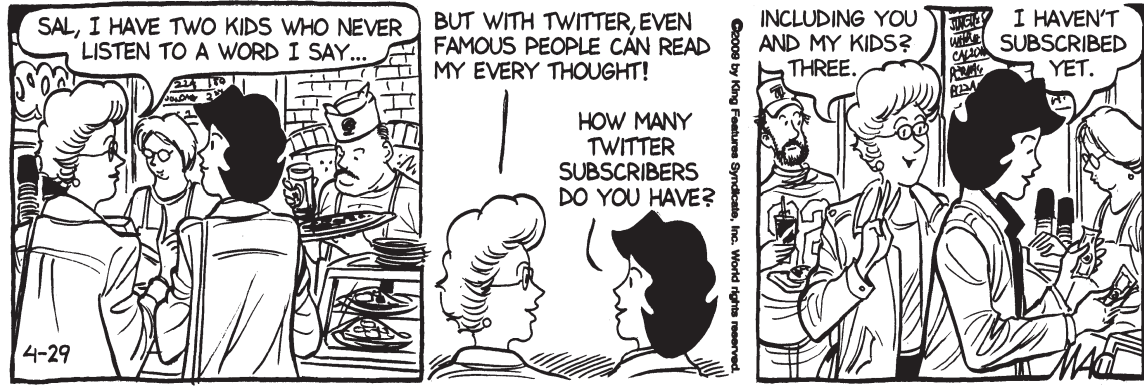
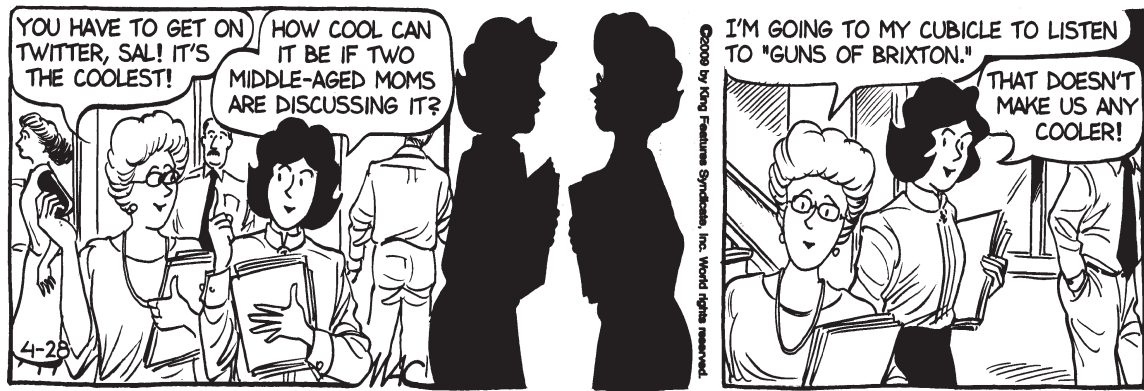
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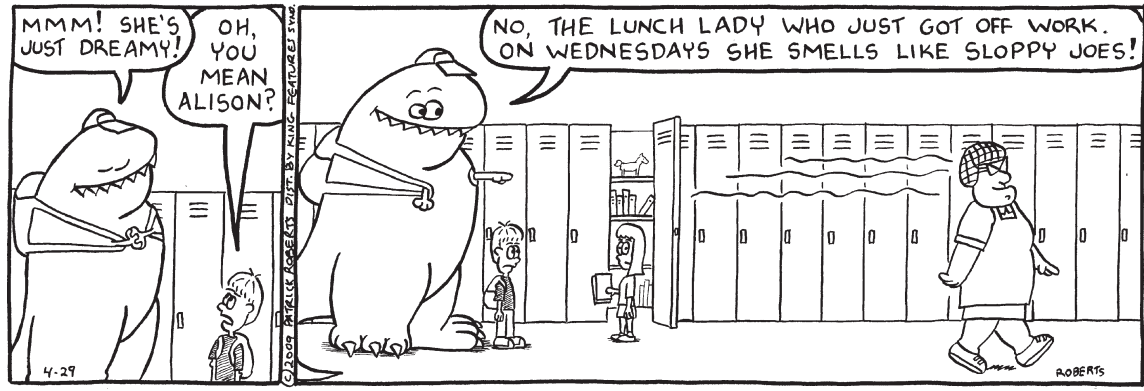
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Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Weevils can be source of moths

Dear Heloise: I have MOTHS all over my pantry and utility room! I have no idea where they're coming from, but as soon as I swat them, more seem to appear. I also have noticed tiny worms crawling on the ceiling and walls, which I assume later become the moths. Do you have any solutions that might get rid of these annoying creatures? — Becky, via e-mail

It sounds like you may have an infestation of weevils. Weevil eggs are in grain items that you buy at the grocery store. So, check all opened cereal packets, bags of flour and even dog food for signs of larvae or pupae.

Throw away all infested foods, and store the remainder in glass jars with tight-fitting lids.

Kill any adult moths you can with insecticide spray (must be food-safe, and don't spray food). Carefully spray cracks, crevices and the undersides of pantry shelves before putting food back. You might have to use a professional exterminator, who will fumigate with gases that won't harm food or leave residue.

To keep the eggs from hatching, whenever bringing grain products home, put them in the freezer for four days to kill the eggs. — Heloise

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HARD-COOKED EGGS

Dear Heloise: Hard-cooked eggs are nice if you can tell them from the raw ones. Use red food coloring in the water when cooking, and then put them back in the carton. It saves refrigerator space, too. — Wilson Harris, Laredo, Texas

BROWN SUGAR
Dear Readers: If you are out of brown sugar in the middle of cooking, do you run to the store? No! You can substitute 1 cup of granulated sugar with 4 tablespoons of dark molasses for dark-brown sugar. Stir with a fork to mix. This can be used in most recipes, but won't have the same texture as regular brown sugar. — Heloise

PIE AND CAKE HAULING
Dear Heloise: I had trouble carrying pies and cakes to potluck suppers. They would shift in the carriers, and frosting would hit the sides of the carrier or the pie crust would break. I cut a round of rubber shelf lining to place underneath. They arrive perfect. — Evelyn, Paso Robles, Calif.

CHEESE-FILLED JALAPENOS
Dear Heloise: Here is a trick I use when making jalapenos with cheese filling. Line a cookie sheet with foil, spray a cooling rack with canola spray and place the rack on the cookie sheet. Line the peppers up on the rack and bake. Try turkey bacon to wrap them. — DeDe, Childress, Texas

SAUCE CUBES
Dear Heloise: Since I live alone, a jar of spaghetti sauce is too much for me to use at one time. I put the extra into ice-cube trays and freeze. When needed, I pop the cubes out, and it's easily thawed in a bowl in the microwave. — Christine Martin, Staten Island, N.Y.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

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

A Dazzling Accomplishment

There is a play in bridge called the Deschappelles Coup. Its fancy name may scare the everyday player half to death, but the fear is groundless, as this relatively rare play is not difficult to execute.

Indeed, it's so simple that about all that's required is the courage and acumen to take a particular card out of one's hand and place it faceup on the table. Once the plunge is taken, nature takes care of the rest.

To illustrate how the coup operates, consider East's defense against three notrump on today's deal.

Declarer took East's jack of spades with the queen and led a club to dummy's queen, losing to the king. East now carefully studied dummy's imposing clubs, which would produce five tricks after the jack was forced out. He also took note of the fact that the ace of diamonds was dummy's sole entry to cash the five club tricks after they became established.

It was clear to East that if he made a routine spade return, dummy would eventually yield a total of six tricks — a number that would almost surely make three notrump impregnable.

East therefore returned the king of diamonds, a play that automatically reduced the total number of dummy's winners from six to two. Lopping off four of declarer's tricks in one fell swoop eventually proved to be more than South could withstand.

South struggled awhile but could find no way to avoid going down two. However, had East returned a spade instead of the diamond king at trick three, declarer would have made four notrump. The Deschappelles Coup proved to be just what the doctor ordered.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"These cards have kings, queens and jacks. Where are the jills?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 4/29

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

Cryptoquip

LKRC RLJYRJT DSCLJADJTL
HQQSDC SOLDSPSYN
RTSOGSTCRWS PSJYC. NHA
PRMKL SWST MSL GSTTN GJCLJ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I SUPPOSE WHEN ACTOR PACINO REMAINS FAITHFUL AND HONEST, SOME WOULD CALL THAT AL-TRUE-ISM.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals E

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 Dodge model
- 5 Lunch-eonette order
- 8 Open a crack
- 12 Fork option
- 13 Bruce or Brenda
- 14 Glazier's sheet
- 15 Economic saves
- 17 Pocket bread
- 18 All over the place
- 19 Steering lever
- 21 Roulette bet
- 22 Impale
- 23 Cauldron
- 26 Family room
- 28 Hotel offering
- 31 Historic times
- 33 Clergyman's address
- 35 See 34-Down
- 36 Anxiety
- 38 Durable wood

DOWN

- 2 Castle protection way of hastening a flight
- 3 Depilatory brand
- 4 Ham-mock occupant
- 5 Screw-up angle
- 6 Hin-drance
- 7 Criteria
- 8 Clap
- 9 Con
- 10 Initial stake
- 11 Ca-boose's position
- 16 As yet unpaid
- 20 "Monty Python" opener
- 23 Shooter ammo
- 24 Assoc.
- 25 Nature's way of hastening a flight
- 27 Modern (Prefix)
- 29 Greek cross
- 30 Id counter-part
- 32 Horses' housing
- 34 With 35-Across, 1927 melody
- 37 Latin 101 word
- 39 Howard of musicals
- 42 Considerably
- 44 Muddle with drink
- 45 "Face/Off" actor
- 46 The yoke's on them
- 48 Palm type
- 49 Frizzy do
- 50 Hebdo-mad
- 53 Santa —, Calif.

Solution time: 21 mins.

BAN JAB FETA
UFOS AWL OMIT
MAGI GOORUNE
PROXY LOUT
TEA PSYCHE
BABYSIT ETHIC
ALUM MAP HERO
SERIF DENIZEN
HERNIA WEE
UGLY EVADE
JOLT LAP EGAD
ERIE OWE SEND
BEDS TNT DAY

Yesterday's answer 4-29

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15				16				17		
18						19	20			
23	24	25	26	27	28			29	30	
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