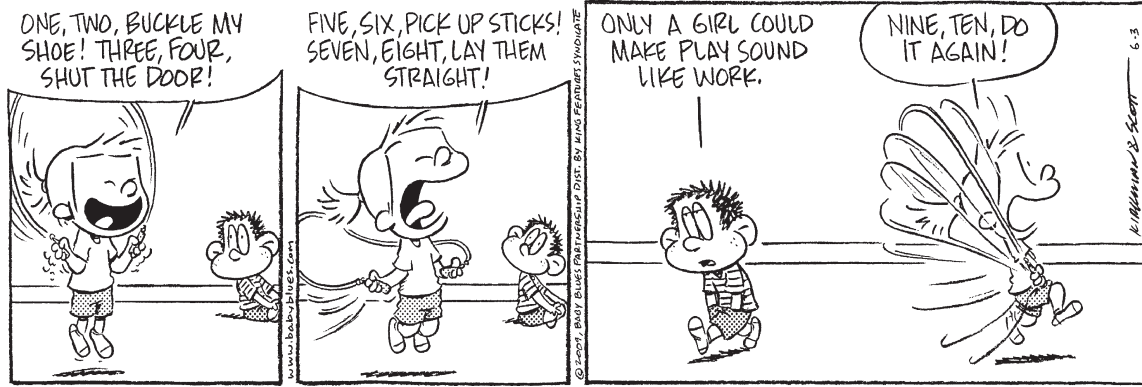
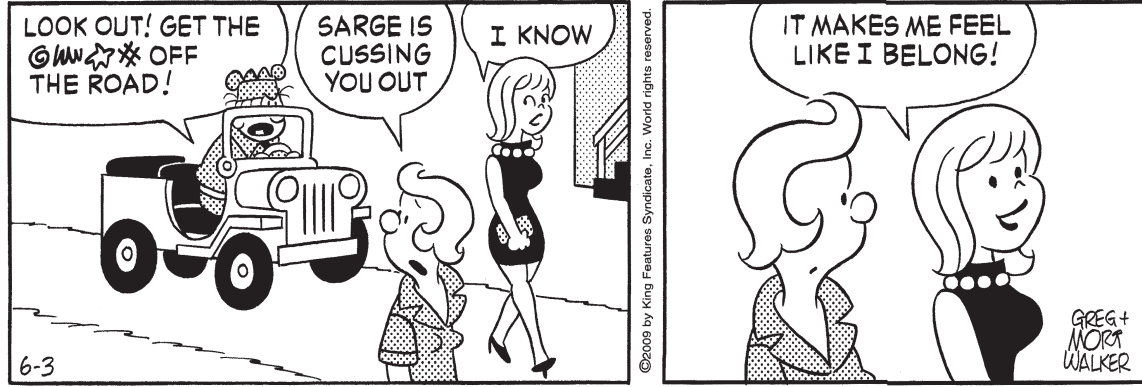


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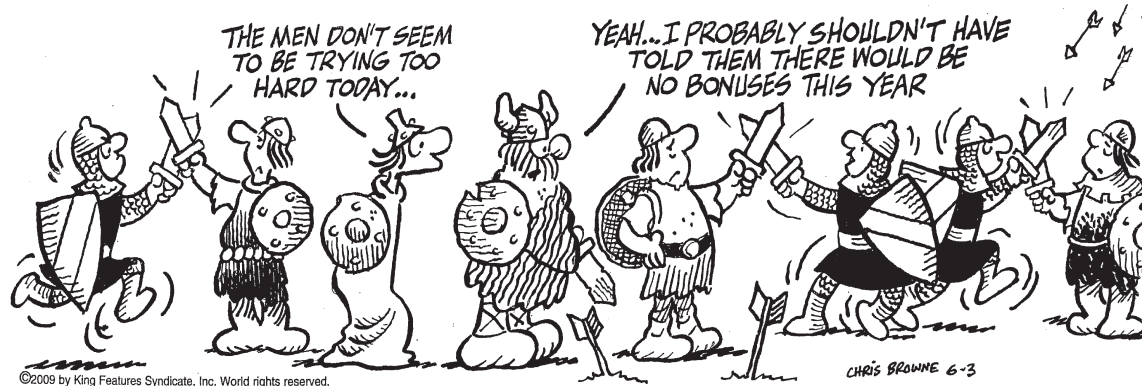
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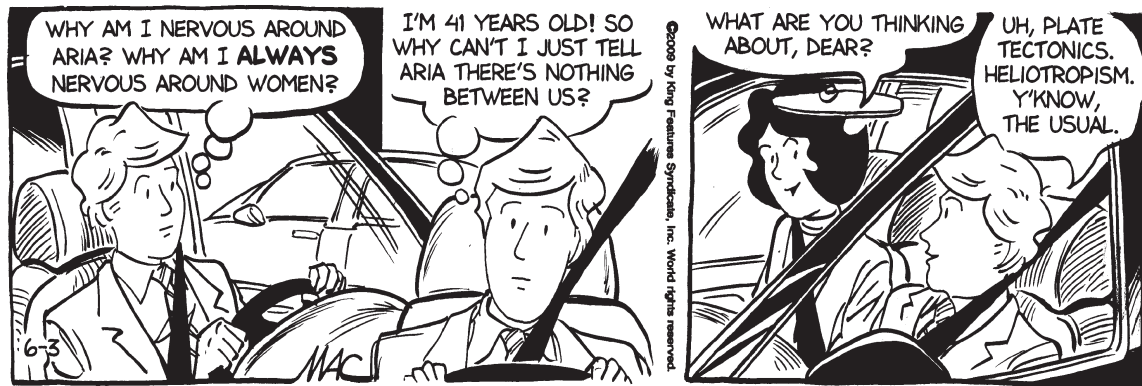
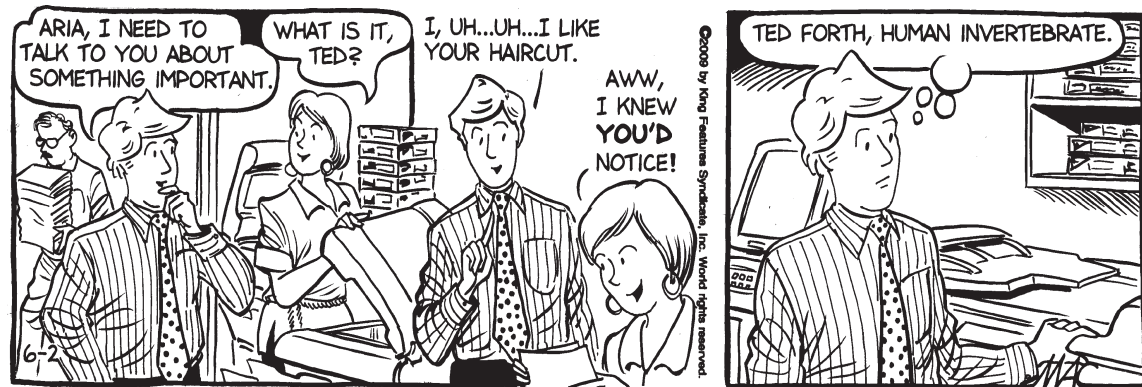
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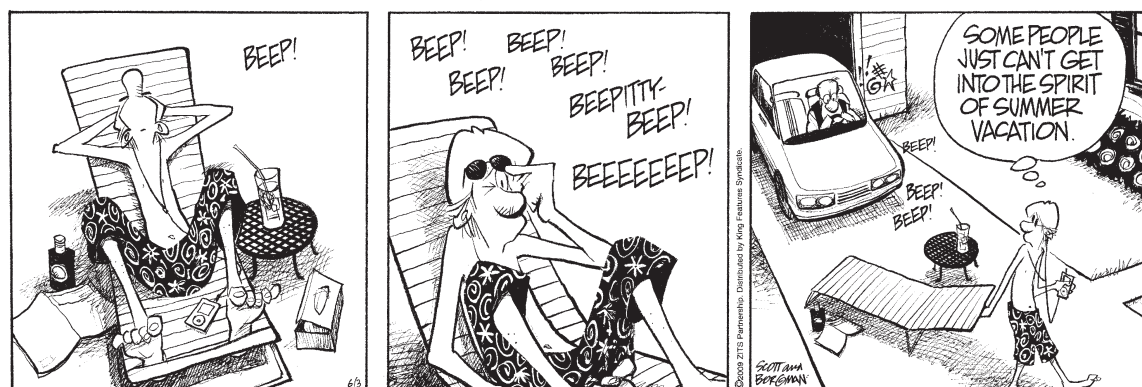
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Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Cream of tartar cleans aluminum

Cleaning Aluminum Pans
Dear Heloise: Thank you for your wonderful hints in The (Harrisburg, Pa.) Patriot-News. I read your hint on how to clean the INTERIOR OF ALUMINUM PANS. I have pans with dark interiors from cooking things such as asparagus, etc., and they need a good cleaning. Please help!
— Charlotte McCrary, Hummelstown, Pa.

Thanks for the kind words. The secret to getting those aluminum pans clean again is as close as your spice shelf. Just grab the jar of cream of tartar. Fill the pan with water and add 1 tablespoon of cream of tartar for each quart of water. Bring this to a boil. Let it "cook" for 10 minutes. Pour out the water, let cool, wash and rinse. It might take more than one cream-of-tartar cleaning. — Heloise

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EASY COFFEE POURING

Dear Heloise: To help keep coffee grounds fresher and make them easier to pour from the plastic container, I cut a small pouring spout in the foil opposite the handle. This makes it easier and less messy to pour and measure. The foil stays intact, and the lid can be replaced. I keep my coffee in the fridge, which I think keeps it fresher. — Rich Kirby, La Vista, Neb.

BUTTERMILK SUBSTITUTE

Dear Heloise: I remember seeing a recipe for making a buttermilk substitute. Would you please print this again? — A Reader, via e-mail

Unless you are a buttermilk drinker, you probably don't keep it on hand. There are a couple of ways to solve this problem:

- Mix plain yogurt with whole milk: 3/4 cup of yogurt with 1/4 cup regular milk.
- No yogurt? No problem! Add 1 tablespoon lemon juice or vinegar to 1 cup whole milk. Let it sit for about 10 minutes. It should thicken before being added to the other ingredients. — Heloise

STERLING-SILVER FLATWARE

Dear Heloise: How does one handle sterling-silver knives, forks, etc., for long-term storage? Is plastic wrap acceptable? — Helen Wick, via e-mail

The first choice is a cloth-lined chest or drawer, which most of us don't have. Next are cloth bags. You can store silver in sealable plastic bags or by wrapping the silver tightly in plastic wrap. The key is keeping the air out. DON'T use rubber bands around the plastic, as they can harm the silver. Don't store in a basement or attic, either. — Heloise

SCOURING-PAD STORAGE

Dear Heloise: I have found a way to keep soap-filled scouring pads from getting rusty. After I use one, I put it in an airtight, sealable plastic bag. It will stay fresh for months. — Janice B., Montgomery, Texas

Another way to save on them is to cut them in half or in fourths for use, or pop into a plastic bag or small container after using and into the freezer. They won't rust! — Heloise

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A 5 4 2
♥ 4 3
♦ K 9 2
♣ J 8 5
WEST
♠ J 8 6 3
♥ 9 8 7 5
♦ Q 7 6 5 3
♣ —
EAST
♠ K Q 10 7
♥ A Q J 10 2
♦ 8
♣ 6 4 2
SOUTH
♠ 9
♥ K 6
♦ A J 10 4
♣ A K 10 9 7 3
The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ 2 ♠
3 ♠ 3 ♥ 5 ♠
6 ♠
Opening lead — nine of hearts.

Good Detective Work

Let's say you're in six clubs and West leads a heart to East's ace. East then returns the heart queen to your king. How would you continue?

Obviously, your only other possible loser is a diamond. It is equally clear that you can escape a diamond loser by finessing successfully against the queen. The only problem is which way to finesse, since you can do so in either direction.

There are two ways of approaching situations of this type. One is that East, having overcalled on the two-level, is more likely to have the queen; the other is that since East is longer in hearts, West probably has the greater diamond length and is thus more likely to hold the queen.

Both are rules of thumb only, and not too much reliance should be placed on either of them without seeking further enlightenment about how the East-West cards are divided.

Accordingly, at trick three you play a spade to the ace, ruff a spade high, lead a low trump to the eight and ruff another spade high. You then lead a trump to the jack and ruff dummy's last spade.

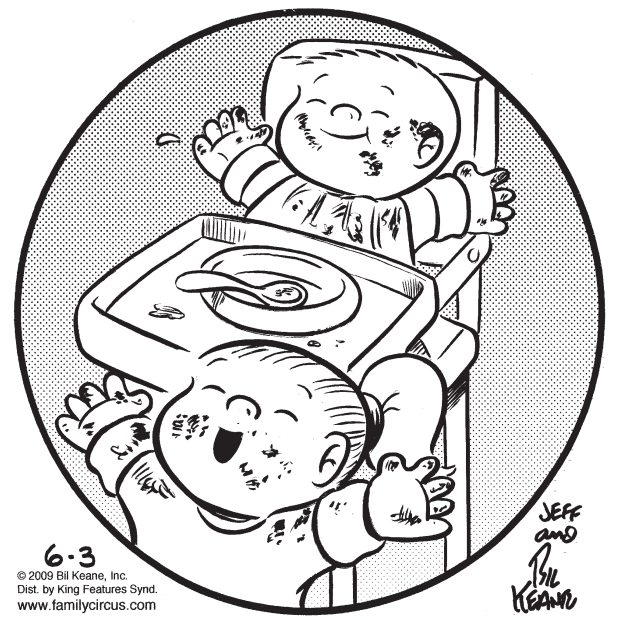
By now you should feel extremely confident about your prospects, since the East-West hands are more or less an open book. The four rounds of spades you so carefully played have settled the issue beyond a doubt.

Your investigation disclosed that East started with four spades and three clubs, in addition to at least the five hearts he needed for his overcall. He therefore cannot have more than one diamond.

Accordingly, after drawing a third round of trumps, you cash the ace of diamonds and then take a diamond finesse through West with 100 percent assurance that it will win.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



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"PJ 'ALL GONED' his dinner!"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/03

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

Cryptoquip

STYIM SL STDY HLX
MTRZFTSZMF OLLXKN, SJI
KZRZE DITHTXIX DJLGSIE

"TW Z WN XGEEIX'D YIIIOIX?"

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DOCUMENT OF LIBERTIES GIVEN BY THE RULER OF THE VOLCANIC ISLAND COUNTRY: THE MAGMA CARTA.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Part of T.G.I.F.
4 Dietitian's stat
7 Recognize
8 Express Freude
10 Paris' subway
11 Boarding-house occupant
13 Prankster's time
16 Carnival city
17 Camel's cousin
18 Lemieux milieu
19 Witted
20 Poolroom supply
21 Steak variety
23 Gene Krupa's set
25 Two-way
26 Battle in the ring

DOWN
19 Fa
1 Preamble follower
2 Actress Spelling
3 Distended
4 Flourish
5 Simoleons
6 Pet food brand
7 French military cap
8 React to a pun
9 Monotony
10 Scratch
12 Marathons, e.g.
14 Run off
15 "Of course"
19 Fa
1 Preamble follower
20 Director's cry
21 "Presumed Innocent" author
22 Mandrill, e.g.
23 Room access
24 Go wild
25 Dict. info
26 Boasts
28 Comment to the audience
29 Sleep-clinic study
30 Sheets and such
31 Second-hand
32 Obtain
34 LummoX
35 Block-head

Solution time: 21 mins.
MESA MAP MESA
OATH ANI EVES
SCAR SANDWICH
SHREDS GUILTY
WEEP END
SANDBURG GOOD
EMU TRIED ENE
EPTC SANDARAC
SOT MEAN
ARARAT PYTHON
SANDIEGO HARE
ARCO NEO ETAS
PEEN TEL MELT

Yesterday's answer 6-3

	1	2	3	4	5	6				
7				8		9				
10				11					12	
13				14					15	
16				17					18	
				19					20	
	21	22			23	24				
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27				28	29			30	31	32
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	36							37		
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