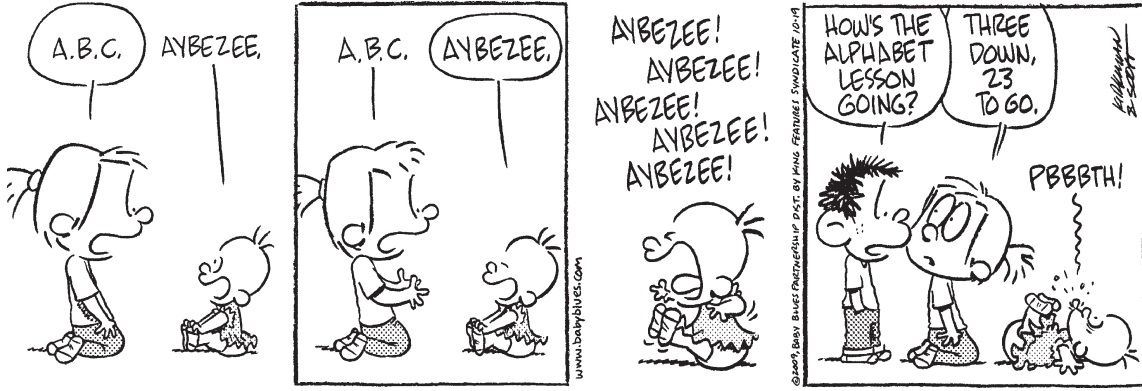


**Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



**Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



**Blondie** • Chic Young



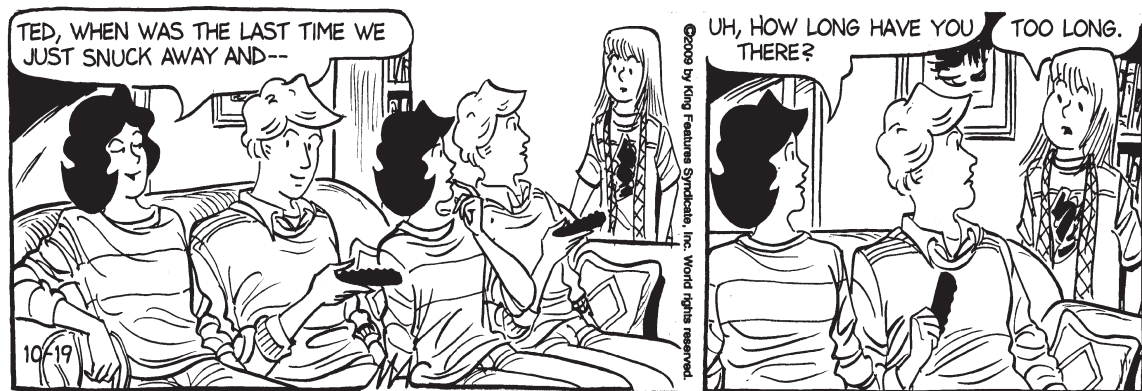
**Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne



**Mother Goose and Grimm** • Mike Peters



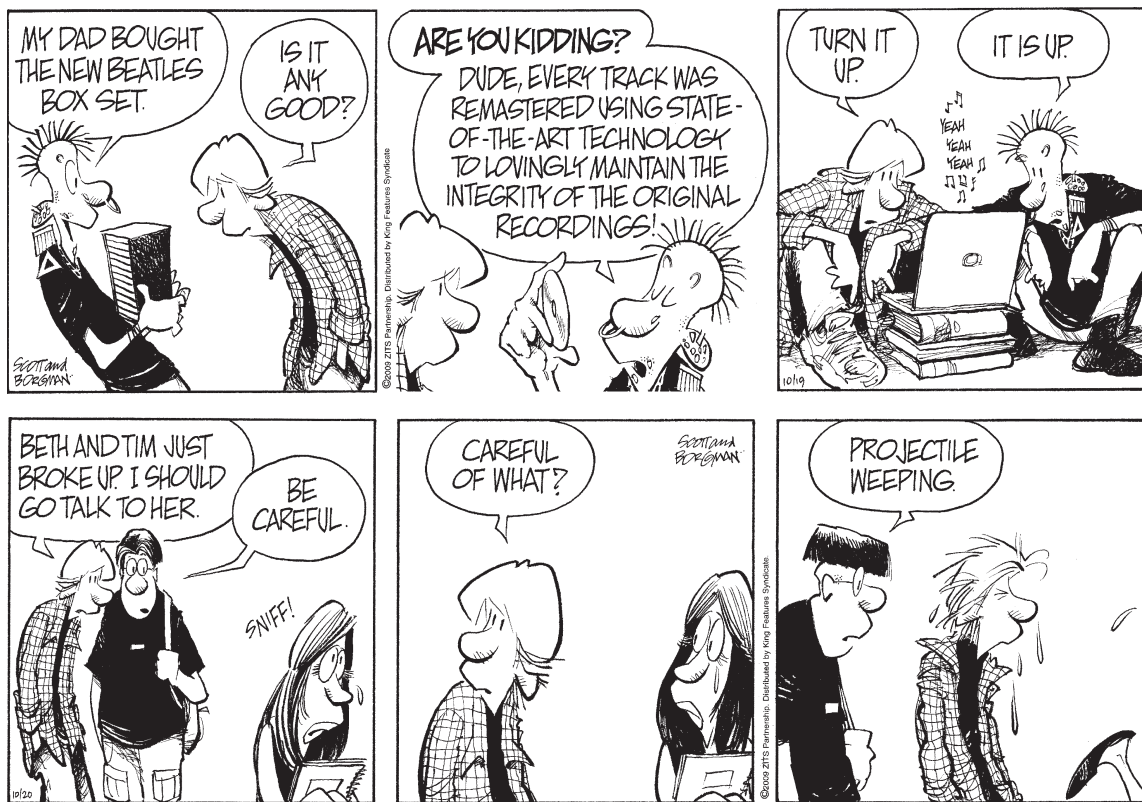
**Sally Forth** • Greg Howard



**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Dr. Joyce Brothers**  
• Ask Dr. Brothers  
**She separates work and home**

**Dear Dr. Brothers:** I am a mother in my 40s. I've been out of the work force five years, and am returning to my old firm in a different job. I need to work, and I need to pay attention to my kids as well. My idea is to leave the office at the office. That way, once I get home, I can be focused on the kids and my husband. And I won't discuss my home life at work. Sound workable? - K.J.

**Dear K.J.:** It is going to be a big step for you to re-enter the work force after spending five years at home with your children. It's good that you are thinking about how to enjoy both aspects of your life - the professional and the personal family times. I think it's OK to compartmentalize your day so you won't be distracted by thoughts of the kids at work and of work when you're at home, when you want to spend good quality time with your family. If you can handle it, go for it. Not everyone can divide their lives into neat boxes like that, however. It takes a lot of mental gymnastics sometimes. So don't be too hard on yourself if it takes adjustment before you get it right.

You might be interested in a study by Kansas State University. It found that those who are genuinely engaged in their jobs also had happier home lives, and vice versa. Workers who carried the office home and brought family problems into the workplace were liable to have worse moods. So, while separating your worlds is fine and probably will be helpful for you, be aware it is those people who are into both parts of their lives who fare the best. So don't be afraid to really care about your job. Good luck!

**Dear Dr. Brothers:** I have a reputation as the go-to person for getting things done. I've been proud of this through the years, but find I am slowing down and things seem to be dropping between the cracks. Is it worth it for me to try to keep going at the same level, or should I start disappointing people who want a piece of my time and talent? I would feel bad if I wasn't able to do everything I always have enjoyed. - M.S.

**Dear M.S.:** There is no doubt that people who are as solid as a rock can build up a wonderful reputation as they build their repertoire of skills through the years. You must have many accomplishments you are proud of. But it sounds like a well-deserved respite might be in order. You have earned the right to slow down, say no to a few projects and maybe take some time off. This will lead to a longer overall "career" as a mover and shaker, so it's worth the adjustment. You also might want to turn over some of your efforts to well-qualified younger people so there is a smooth transition in the community, and you still can participate as much as you desire.

Do you know you may be better at doing fewer tasks? A new Stanford University study has found that multi-taskers aren't as effective as they think. The researchers couldn't tell whether multitasking led to being bad at it, or whether multitaskers were ill-suited for activity but drawn to it. This might be a scientific way of saying that spreading yourself too thin just isn't a very good idea.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



"I don't think there IS anything better to do."

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

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**

WHV QOHU AOBRR FHS  
RWXNS IOXIUO YFX RPO  
SXS RU QHVFS XYUA:  
"YRGHV NI HA FRPB SX BX."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF I WERE OFFERED A BIG ENOUGH TASTE OF SOMETHING, I SUPPOSE THAT WOULD BE AN AMPLE SAMPLE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals T

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 NYPD rank
  - 5 Rotating part with a fanlike crest
  - 8 On in years
  - 12 U.S.
  - 13 Hearty brew
  - 14 Unaccompanied
  - 15 Indian wrap
  - 16 Liquidity measure
  - 18 Civil War battle site in Tennessee
  - 20 Almost not
  - 21 Bric-a-
  - 23 Apiece
  - 24 Boxing play
  - 28 Uninteresting
  - 31 Blackbird
  - 32 Soft drinks
  - 34 Vast expanse
  - 35 Emcee
  - 37 Late-night TV fare
  - 39 Allow
- DOWN**
- 21 Thin aperture
  - 42 Bird with a fanlike crest
  - 45 Removed the lid
  - 49 Strong current
  - 51 Ashen
  - 52 "Eleni" author
  - 53 Rd.
  - 54 Tablet
  - 55 Individual
  - 56 Despondent
  - 57 Otherwise
  - 1 Mama - Elliot
  - 2 Asian nursemaid
  - 3 Actress Gilpin
  - 4 Svengali's subject
  - 5 Sperm whale
  - 6 - cart
  - 7 Netting
  - 8 Hitchcock or Tennyson
  - 9 Yukon event
  - 10 Carbon compound
  - 11 Moist in the morning
  - 17 Chance, poetically
  - 19 Spheres
  - 22 Songs' endings
  - 24 "Humbug!"
  - 25 Lennon's Yoko
  - 26 Loosen
  - 27 Rolled around lazily
  - 29 Zodiac cat
  - 30 Legislation
  - 33 Omit
  - 36 Reservation
  - 38 Treeless tract
  - 40 Anderson's "High -"
  - 42 Quasi-modern creator
  - 43 - even keel
  - 44 Greek vowels
  - 46 Hammer's target
  - 47 Right angles
  - 48 Remove from the text
  - 50 Eggs

**Solution time: 27 mins.**

LAM HELP QUIT  
IDO UVEA UPTO  
ROOT BEER ESSE  
ASTER N AWL  
SIT GALOOT  
SALTS FOG VIAL  
CLAY CAN WELL  
ATM MIX MANSE  
TOBOOT SAG  
POI TREBLE  
RUHR ZOOTSUIT  
ASIA ENVY SEC  
WASH NEER HUH

Saturday's answer 10-19

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13			14			
15				16			17			
18				19			20			
24		26				27		28		30
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49				50			51			
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