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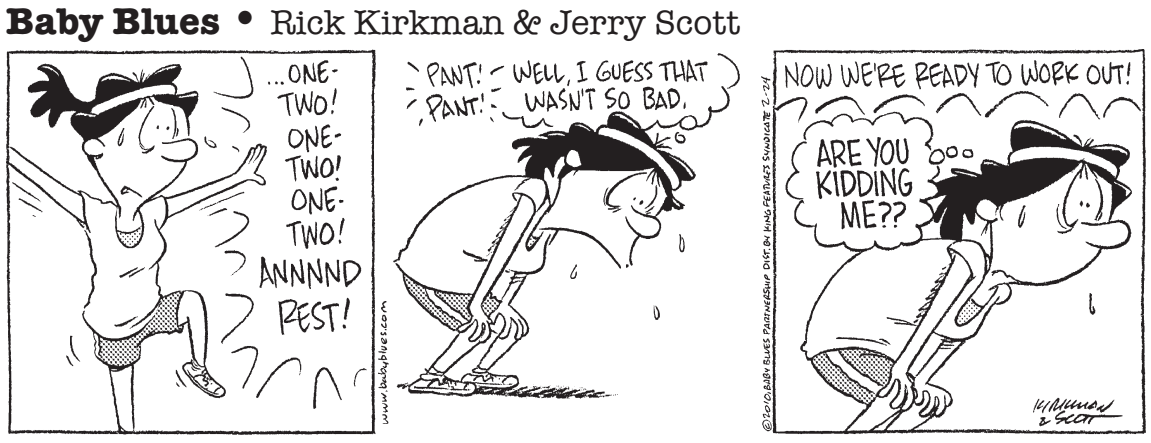

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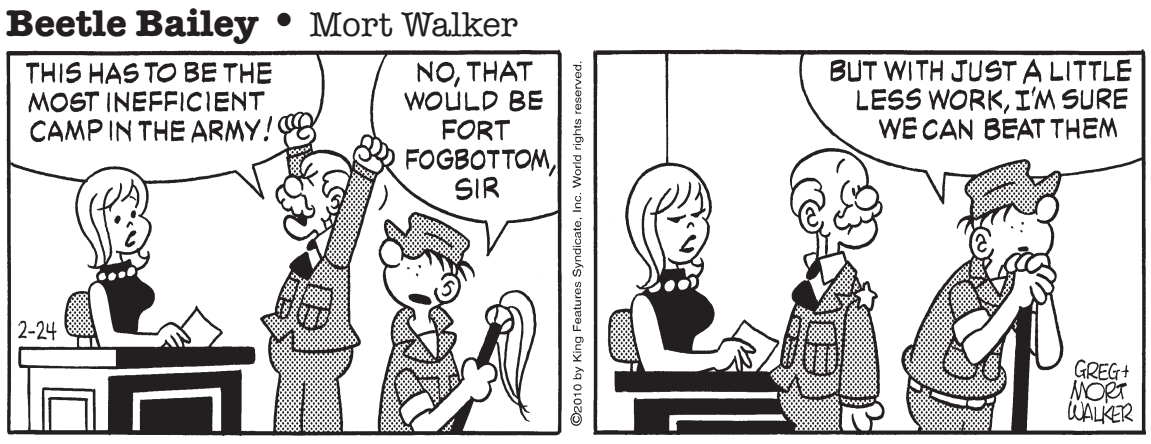

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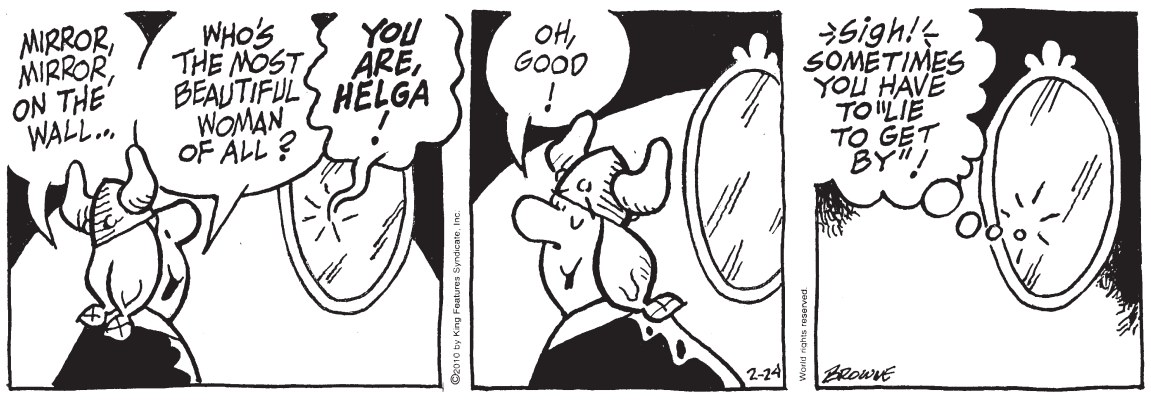

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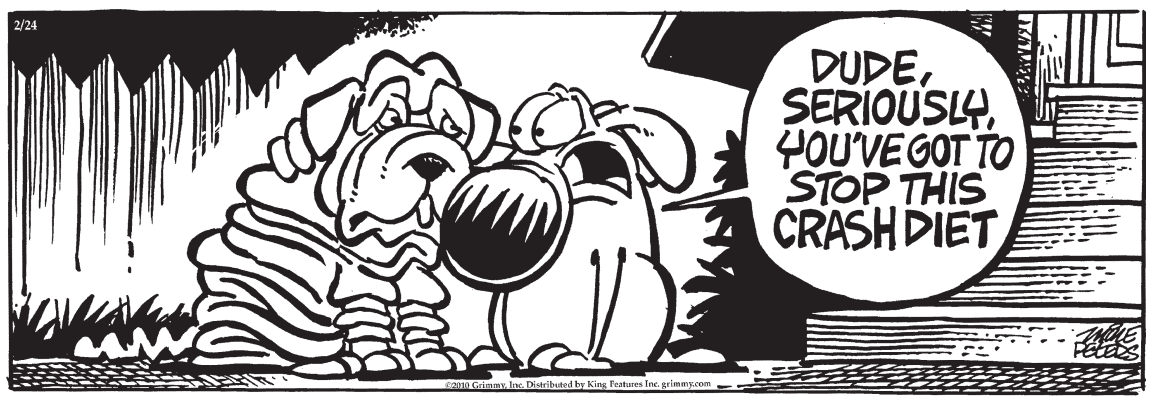

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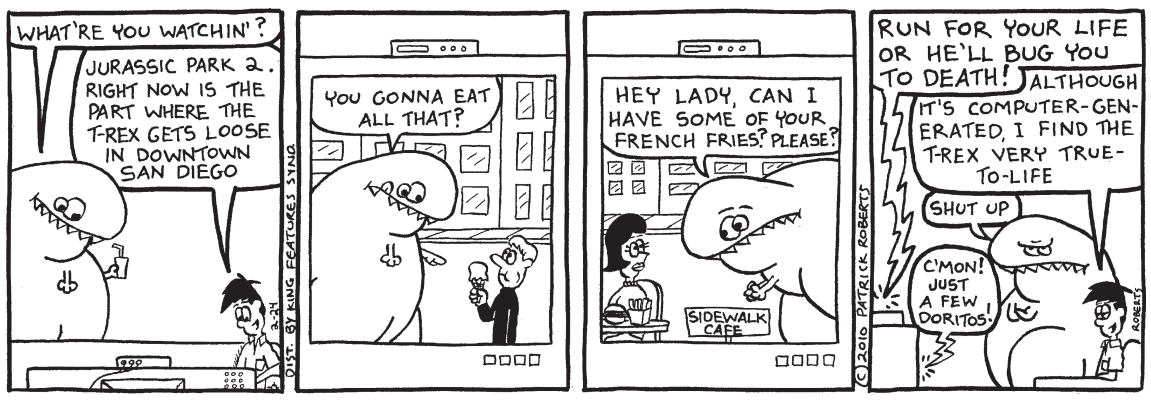

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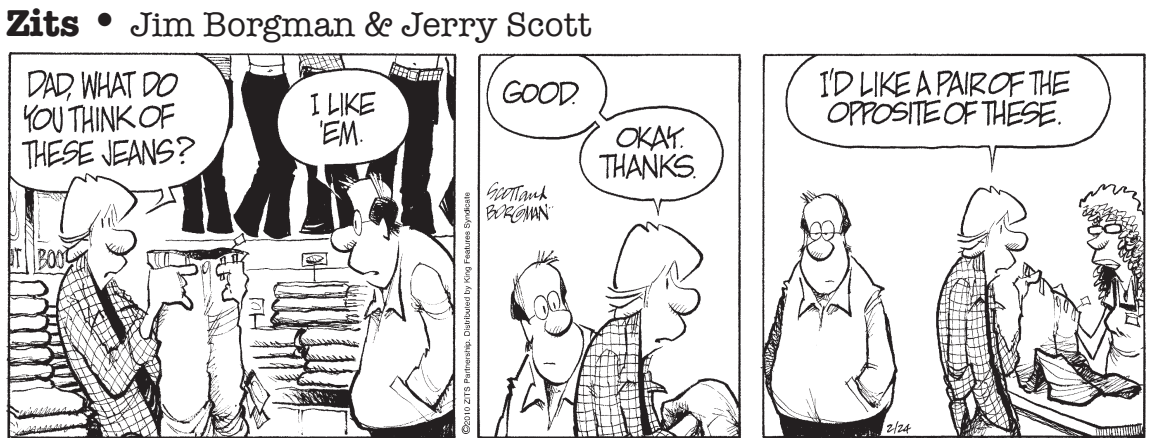

Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Old rolling pin easy to clean up

Dear Heloise: Could you please tell me how to clean and sanitize an OLD WOODEN ROLLING PIN? – Nancy Null, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Sure can, and how lucky if you inherit one! Wash and scrub in hot, sudsy water, rinse well and allow to dry completely. To sanitize, mix 1 tablespoon of unscented liquid chlorine bleach in a gallon of water and pour all over the area, or wrap the pin in a paper towel and soak with the solution. Let it sit for 15 minutes, then rinse and allow to air-dry. – Heloise

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FROZEN-VEGETABLES DISH

Dear Heloise: Often you give recipes for simple and quick meals and dishes. I have never seen this one in your column. I use a mixture of frozen vegetables, such as peas, broccoli and cauliflower, and warm them in my microwave. Strain and top with pasta or cheese sauce, and heat again in the microwave. Top with Parmesan cheese. You can add turkey meatballs if you would like. – Donald Shirkey, Center Point, Texas

Sounds yummy, and here is another quick use for leftover veggies:

VEGETABLE CASSEROLE

Dear Heloise: Leftover vegetables? No problem. I make a cup of white sauce, combine it with leftover green vegetables, put it in a casserole, top it with buttered cracker crumbs and bake until hot. Delicious money-saver, and it's nutritious, too! – Jeanette from Ohio

COLESLAW DRESSING

Dear Heloise: I enjoy reading your column in The (Amsterdam, N.Y.) Recorder. I read the hint for making coleslaw and putting the dressing in a zip-top bag. I used to use this hint but found it wasted a lot of the dressing. I now make it by putting 1/3 of the dressing in the bottom of the bowl, adding slaw, adding another 1/3 of the dressing, more slaw and finally the last 1/3 of the dressing and slaw. It mixes a lot easier this way, and in the days of not wanting to waste anything, I like this idea better! – C.T., Amsterdam, N.Y.

SOAP PADS

Dear Heloise: I recently made a discovery that has extended the life of our steel-wool soap pads. In the past, I kept the used pads in a dish under the sink. Within a day or two, they were rusted and unusable. Now I put a used pad in a plastic sandwich bag and tuck it back into the box. I have been using the same pad for more than three weeks, and no rust. – Mary Crane, via e-mail

WAREHOUSE BLUES

Dear Heloise: As baby boomers retire, we are not interested in buying large lots for groceries and supplies. A suggestion to companies out there: Why not start a warehouse-type store of small-quantity sizes? With the airlines requiring 3.4 ounces or less, this seems like another reason to specialize in small sizes. – Bebe Hall in Texas

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 7 3 2
♥ K 8 5
♦ K 7 4 2
♣ K 8 2

WEST
♠ A K Q 4
♥ 6 4 3 2
♦ 5
♣ 6 5 4 3

EAST
♠ 8 6 5
♥ Q J 10
♦ J 10 9 8
♣ Q J 10

SOUTH
♠ J 10 9
♥ A 9 7
♦ A Q 6 3
♣ A 9 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead — king of spades.

Sylvia Strikes Again

There were some members of the club who insisted that Sylvia was protected by a guardian angel. She would make the most dreadful plays imaginable, and, somehow or other, these plays would work to her advantage.

Consider this deal where Sylvia (West) led her A-K-Q of spades and then, planning to cash the four next, inadvertently led the four of clubs instead. As a result, Sylvia was never able to cash her last spade.

However, declarer eventually went down anyway, and Sylvia's sense of mortification was greatly allayed by this favorable turn of events.

Only in subsequent analysis was it discovered that South would have made three notrump had Sylvia cashed her fourth spade, since this would have squeezed her partner in the three remaining suits!

Thus, if East discarded a heart, declarer would win any return and cash three heart tricks. East would then find himself squeezed again. He would either have to unguard his diamonds or his clubs, and South would make three notrump by scoring an extra trick in that suit.

The same result would accrue if East elected to discard a club on Sylvia's fourth spade. Declarer would then cash three club tricks, squeezing East in hearts and diamonds.

And finally, if East discarded a diamond on the four of spades, he would later be squeezed in hearts and clubs when declarer cashed four diamond tricks in succession.

So, whichever way East turned, he could not escape the pressure exerted by a fourth round of spades from Sylvia. To this day, some members of the club still contend that it was not Sylvia who led the four of clubs at trick four, but her guardian angel!

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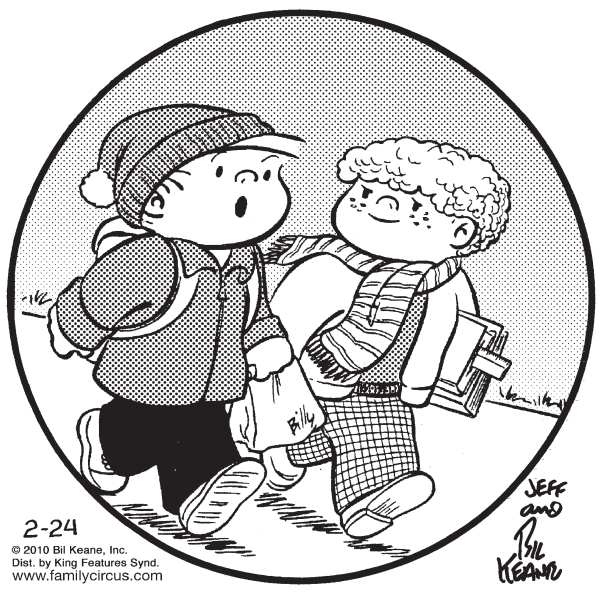
Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I hope I get better marks this decade than I did last decade."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 2/24

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★ 2/22

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Cryptoquip

XN FR FRXJFK'Y FRFEPJG IDBD JOML ELD YFJD FY F IDFYDK NFJXKG JDJADB, MPOKH XE AD YFAKD-APHXDH?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SUPPOSING A GADGET COULD DETECT A BAD-WORD BLEEPER'S PRESENCE, WOULD IT BE A CENSOR SENSOR?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals A

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Not pizzicato
5 Matterhorn, for one
8 Additionally
12 Fish's breather
13 Greet the villain
14 Burden
15 Nut
17 Division word
18 Omega's opposite
19 Scanty
21 — and crafts
24 Donkey
25 Nuisance
28 Min. fractions
30 Venusian vessel?
33 Ostrich's cousin
34 Utterly defeated
35 Debtor's letters
36 Tire pressure meas.
37 Tennessee emblem
38 Undo a dele
39 AAA job
41 Church recess
43 Frenzied
46 Plankton, in part
50 Mormon State
51 Recklessly
54 Erato is one
55 Piercing tool
56 Sicilian spouter
57 Fishing site
58 Golf ball holder
59 Crucifix

DOWN
1 Turkish title
2 Money of Cambodia
3 Applaud
4 Trite
5 Lawyers' org.
6 Part of UCLA
7 Verse
8 Assumed name
9 Forte
10 Fill till full
11 Smell
16 Jam ingredient?
20 Right on the map?
22 Despot
23 Old photo tint
25 Energy
26 Type measures
27 Grip
29 Point
31 Adversary
32 Chic no more
34 Bird of New Zealand
38 Merchant
40 Different
42 Blue
43 Camel feature
44 Needle case
45 Converse
47 Attend
48 Domini preceder
49 "Zounds!"
52 Ram's ma'am
53 Hearty quaff

Solution time: 21 mins.

L	E	I		M	A	R	G	E		C	H	E		
A	R	T		A	T	E	I	N		R	E	D		
C	R	O	S	S	W	O	R	D		O	R	E		
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O	U	R		T	S	P		R	U	R	A	L		
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C	A	R		E	R	A	S	E		I	I	I		
E	N	E		S	A	F	E	S		L	E	D		

Yesterday's answer 2-24

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
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