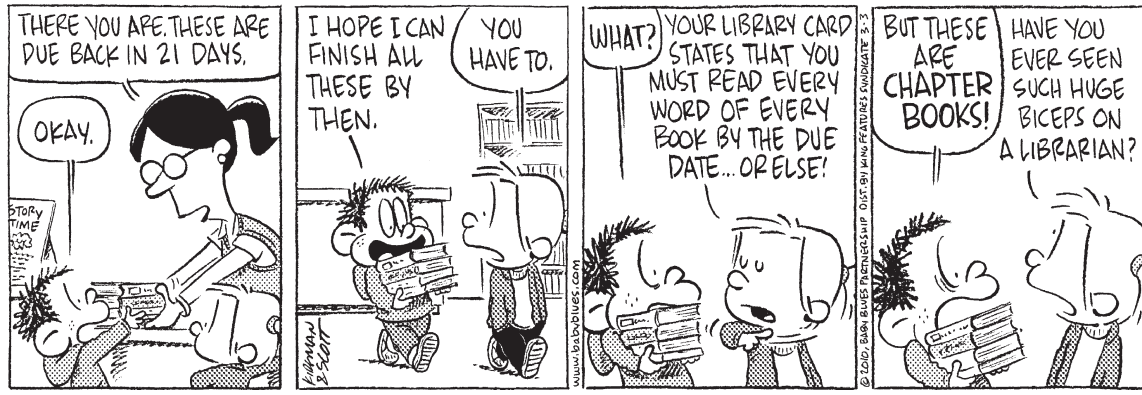
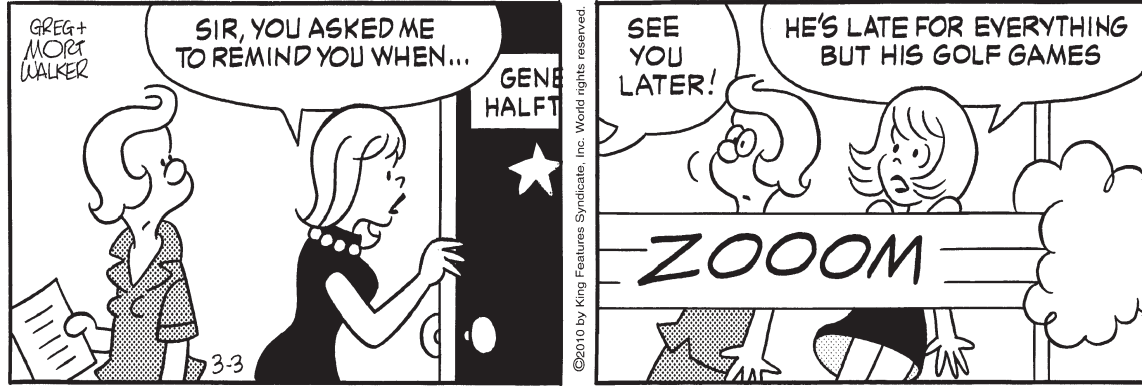


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



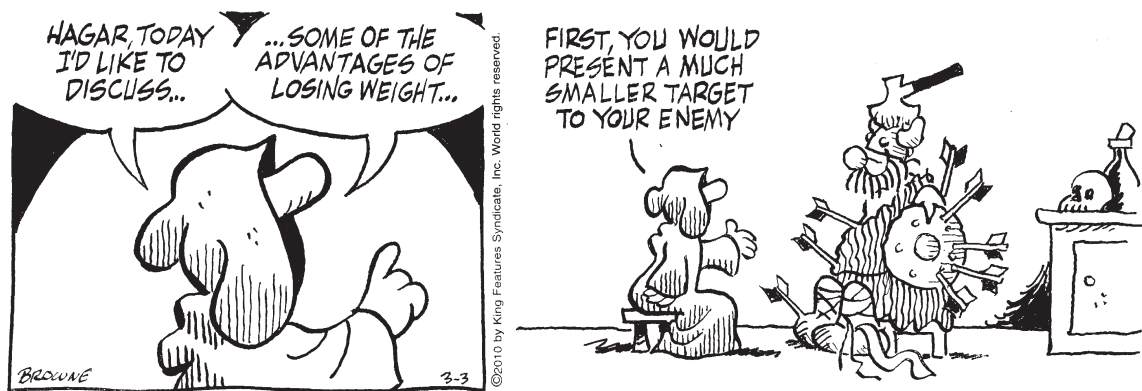
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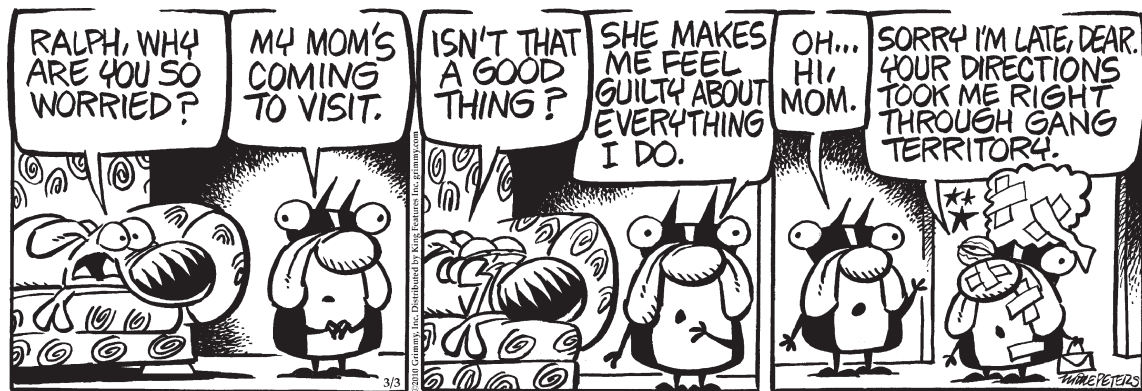
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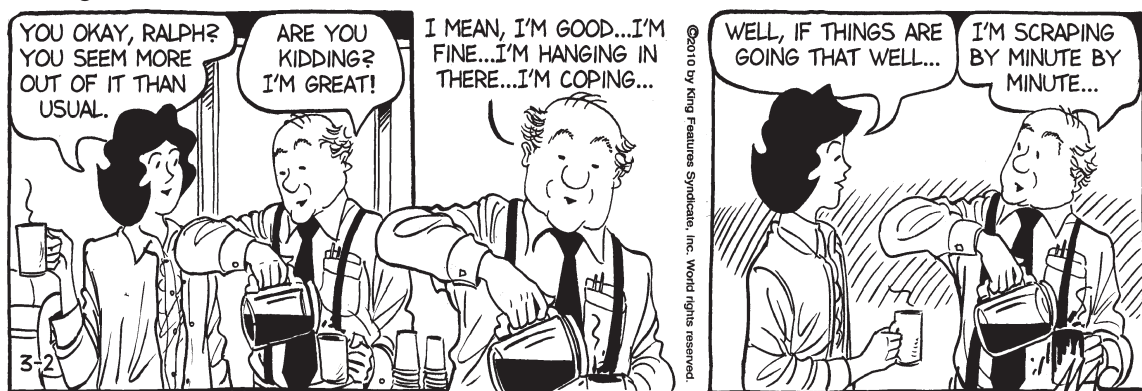
Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



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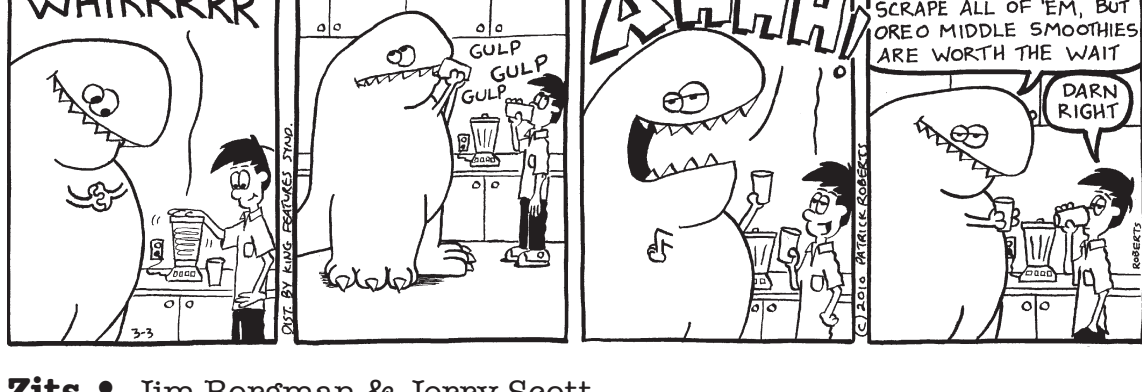
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise



Dear Heloise: I always get frustrated when I get to the bottom of my MUSTARD SQUEEZE BOTTLES. I know there's a good tablespoon left, but no amount of shaking or squeezing or cussing will get it out. Here's what I do:
I buy Dijon and honey mustard in 8-ounce squeeze bottles. When it becomes hard to get out the last bit, I pour in 2/3 cup oil, 1/3 cup red-wine vinegar and any other seasonings I might like. I put on the cap, shake well and voila - honey-mustard or Dijon dressing in a squeeze bottle. - Sarah, Washington, D.C.

Love it! Why not get the very best use of the last drop? You also can just add Italian dressing. Also, I use less oil and a little water and more vinegar to cut calories. - Heloise
STANDARD INGREDIENTS
Dear Heloise: A recent recipe called for a "box" of one ingredient and a "can" of another in the instructions. Depending on where we shop, amounts in cans and boxes vary widely. Please only print recipes with actual measurements of ingredients. I don't want to ruin a brilliant recipe with the wrong amount! Thank you so much! - Adrienne Soule, Abilene, Texas
Adrienne, how right you are! Many older recipes do read that way, since sizes were pretty standard. We'll do our best to translate or convert sizes and measurements in the future. - Heloise
CINNAMON TOAST SPREAD

Dear Heloise: I have lost a simple recipe for your Cinnamon Toast Spread using margarine and confectioners' sugar. Can you help? Thanks. - S.F., via e-mail
This is always a favorite, and it's not only for toast. You can try it on pancakes, bagels and even sweet potatoes. All you need is:
1/2 pound margarine or butter
3 tablespoons cinnamon
1/2 pound powdered sugar
Combine ingredients and mix with an electric mixer. Keep refrigerated in an airtight container.
You also can try my Cinnamon Sugar recipe. Combine 3 cups granulated sugar with 1/2 cup cinnamon. Mix and store in a shaker-top spice container. Put in a pretty container for an easy housewarming gift. I have other tasty spice mixtures that you can make and give as gifts. A few are Saltless Surprise, Seasoned Salt and Pumpkin Pie Spice. All you need to do is send \$3 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (61 cents) envelope to: Heloise/SSS, Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. HINT: Don't store spice mixes on or above the stove, microwave, dishwasher, refrigerator or oven, as the heat from these sources can shorten the life of spices. - Heloise

RECIPE MAKING
Dear Heloise: I enjoy your column in The (Newark, N.J.) Star-Ledger. When making a recipe from a package, I use a marker to write the amounts larger so I don't need to keep putting on my glasses to read it. - M.G., via e-mail
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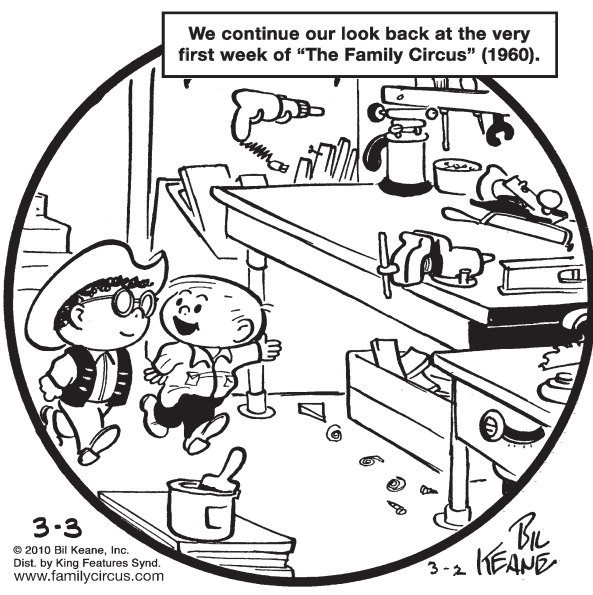
Bridge • Steve Becker

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

Add a String to Your Bow
While declarer should certainly formulate a plan at the start of play, he also should remember that he is not playing in a vacuum. He has real live opponents who won't sit idly by and allow him to achieve his goal without putting up a fight.
Consider this deal where the obvious approach at four hearts would be to negotiate a spade ruff in dummy, thereby limiting your losses to at most two spades and a club. This is a fine idea - if the opponents let you get away with it. But when the deal occurred, East won the opening spade lead with the ace and promptly shifted to a trump.
South won the heart in dummy and, in keeping with his game plan, led a spade to the queen and king, whereupon West returned a second trump. Unable to ruff his losing spade in dummy, declarer now had to rely on a club finesse. But when the jack of clubs later lost to the queen and East returned a spade, the contract was down one.
The final result was due directly to South's failure to adjust to the defense he encountered. Once East shifted to a trump at trick two, declarer should have abandoned his initial plan and instead sought an alternative to staking everything on the club finesse. He might then have spotted a better approach.
When the trump is returned at trick two, South should win in his hand and lead a club to the jack. If the finesse succeeds, his worries are over. But if, as in the actual deal, the finesse fails, all is not yet lost.
Assume East returns a trump to dummy's ace. Declarer cashes the diamond ace, ruffs a diamond and draws the remaining trump. He then makes his contract because the missing clubs divide evenly, allowing him to discard his third spade on dummy's fourth club.
This line of play is superior because it gives South two chances to succeed instead of only one.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"This is the desk where Dad makes up naughty words."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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

W ZMPBF DRT VSRV ZSMYJYQ
WEJYEVYF VSY CQWDOYY
AMDV LYQVRWEBT ARFY
R CROPBMPD FWDL-MJYQT.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE DONALD DUCK'S NEPHEW GOT SOAKED WITH MORNING MOISTURE, PEOPLE CALL HIM DEWY DEWEY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Caspian feeder
5 Couric's network
8 Close
12 One's performance
13 Coloration
14 Macadamize
15 Silicon Valley school
17 Scope
18 Find a new owner
19 Blood lines?
21 "Norma"
22 Soft ball
23 Pump up the volume
26 Underwear with underwire
28 Haley book
31 Fisherman's supply
33 Duchamp contemporary
35 Legal document
36 Tiramisu topper
38 Navigation aid
40 Actress Susan
41 Northern Iraqi
43 Gun lobby org.
45 Imprisoned
47 Black-eyed legume
51 Hoodlum
52 Joan, Michael or Cindy
54 Traditional tales
55 Diving bird
56 Craving
57 Race place, for short
58 Shelter
59 Ponce de -
DOWN
1 Cold War initials
2 Memory method
3 "Woe is me!"
4 Hermit
5 Gastrointestinal illness
6 Prickly seedcase
7 Auto style
8 Who killed Cock Robin?
9 Connecticut city
10 Eye layer
11 4:00 get-togethers
16 "The Biggest Loser" target
20 " - the fields we go"
23 Basic learning
24 Chinese chairman
25 Mary of
27 Branch
29 Dead heat
30 Pigs' digs
32 U.S. Open, e.g.
34 Flapjack
37 Exist
39 Ship's front
42 Transfer
44 Terrible
45 Wrinkly citrus
46 Middy
48 Sweat opening
49 Therefore
50 Mideast gulf
53 Regret

Yesterday's answer 3-3

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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