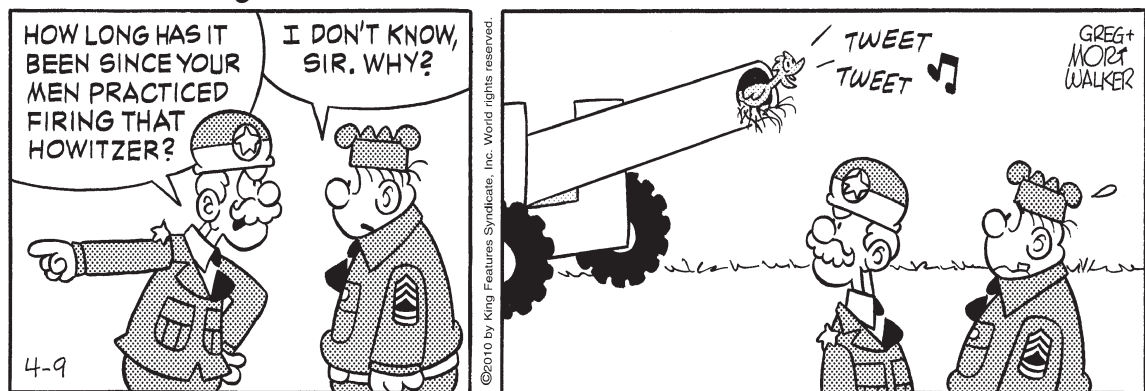




Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



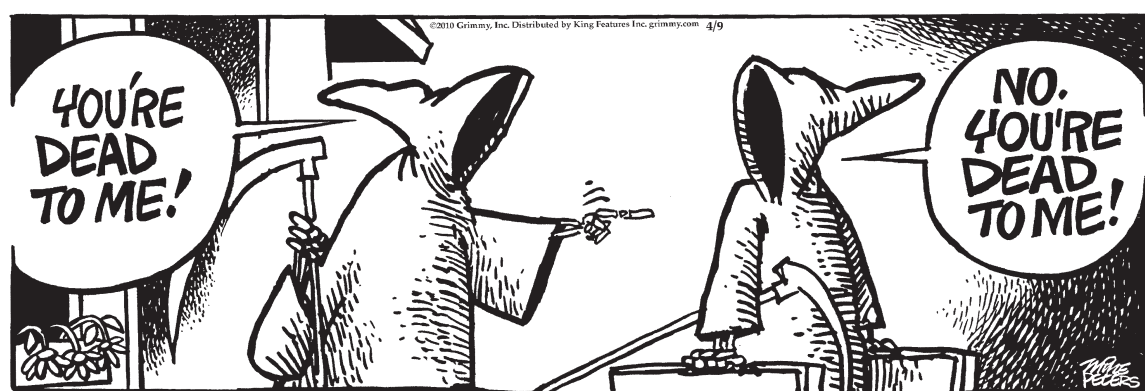
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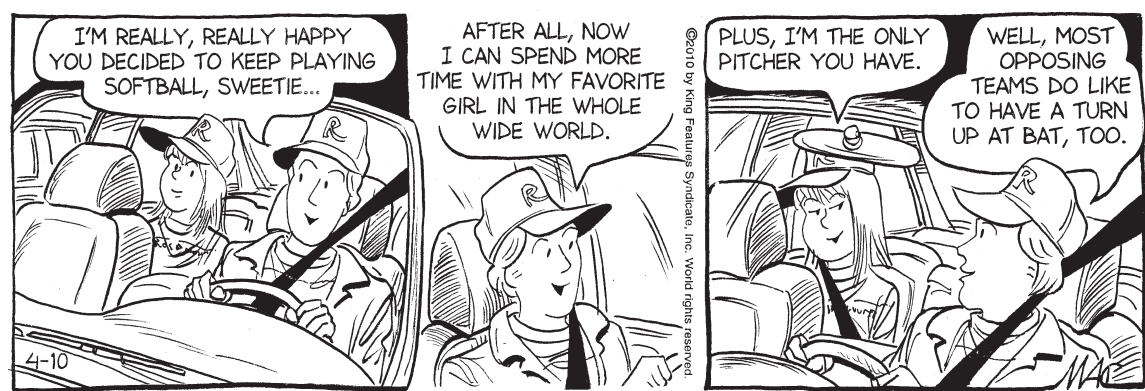
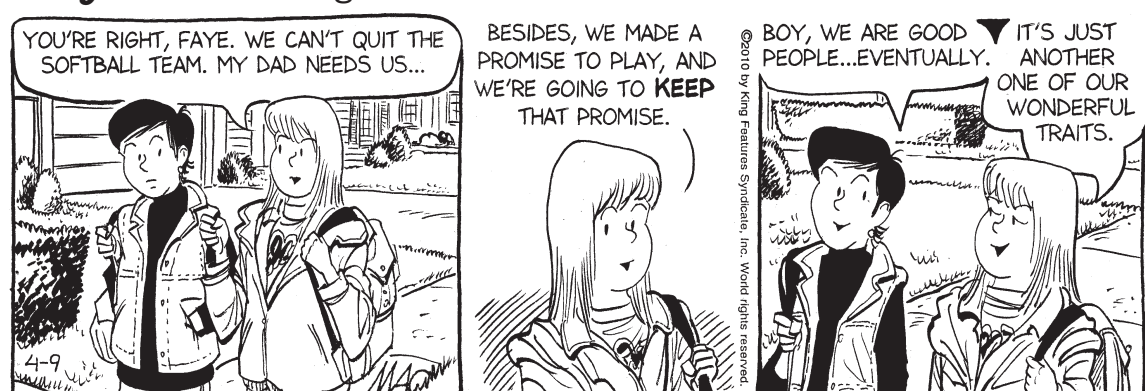
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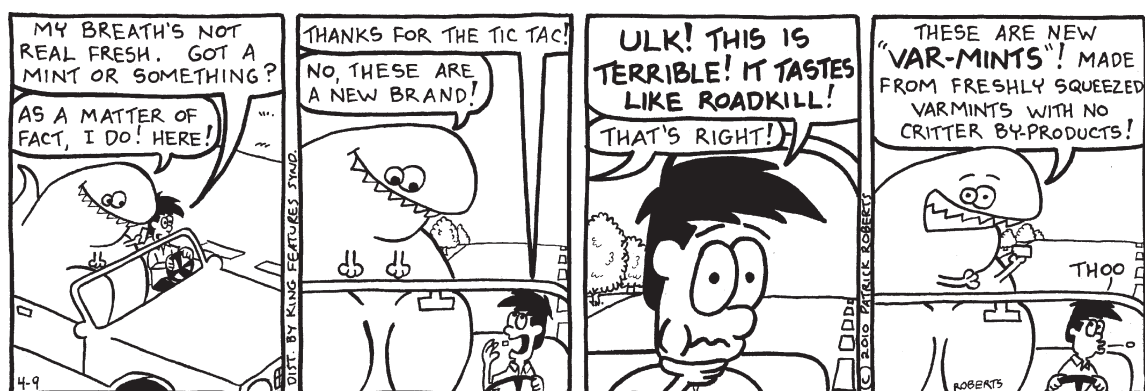
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Fluorescent bulb has mercury in it

Dear Readers: CFLs (COMPACT FLUORESCENT LAMPS OR BULBS) are here to stay! They cost more than a traditional incandescent light bulb, but energy savings should offset that investment over time.

If one accidentally breaks, what do you do? The glass is very delicate and can shatter easily if dropped or even handled roughly when being removed from the socket.

- Follow these cleanup and disposal guidelines:
• Open a window for ventilation for at least 15 minutes before starting cleanup.
• DO NOT handle the pieces with bare hands; wear protective disposable gloves.
• Place pieces in a plastic bag and then another one, and use duct tape to pick up fragments.
• Wipe the area clean with damp paper towels, and place the towels in the bag, too.
• If the area where the bulb broke is carpeted, you can vacuum the carpet, but you must immediately remove the vacuum bag (or empty and wipe the canister) and put the vacuum bag in with this other bulb trash. Do not vacuum hard surfaces.
• Check with your trash company or call your recycling center for specific disposal directions.

Let's continue to help the environment and go green! - Heloise

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: I saw you at the North Star Mall in San Antonio recently. Thank you for coming. (Readers, I did a personal appearance talking about my "new" haircut, shared some personal beauty hints and took questions. It was so much fun! Visit my Web site, www.Heloise.com, to see the video and blog. - Heloise)

I have a tip regarding packing for a trip. I use the plastic zippered bag that sheets come in to pack my nightie, robe, slippers, toothpaste, toothbrush and contact-lens case and solution. This way, I only have to grab one item out of the suitcase and can be ready for bed quickly. It really has been a great timesaver and stress-saver. - Corrine Berkland, Universal City, Texas

Dear Heloise: I have two area rugs I would clean on the patio with a scrub brush and the hose. Well, they never seemed to get too clean.

I decided to go to a carwash and hang them on the clips used for washing car mats. I used the pressure hose to clean the rugs, and I could see the dirt washing away. - J.P., St. Petersburg, Fla. (c)2010 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

Bridge • Steve Becker

NORTH: A K 10, A 10 5, K J, K 7 6 4 2. WEST: Q J 9 8 4 3, K, Q, Q 10 9 8 3. EAST: 7 5 2, Q J 9 6 3, 10 8 4 2, J. SOUTH: 6, 8 7 4 2, A 9 7 6 5 3, A 5. Contract: Five Diamonds by South. Opening lead: queen of spades.

Double-Dummy Problem: Some double-dummy problems are so hard to solve that even the most ardent problem-solvers sometimes give up in despair. Perhaps this problem is not that difficult, but the solution is certainly unique.

South is declarer at five diamonds, sees all four hands and must make 11 tricks after West's opening lead of the queen of spades. The key play occurs at trick two, when declarer, after taking the opening spade lead with dummy's king, next cashes the ace of spades and discards his ace of clubs!

At trick three, declarer ruffs the ten of spades, then leads a club to dummy's king and ruffs a club. A trump is next led to dummy's king, catching West's queen, and another club is ruffed. South now plays a heart toward dummy and, when West produces the king, lets him win it!

West: J 9 8, Q 10. East: Q J, 10 8 4 2. South: 8 7 4 2, A 9. Contract: Five Diamonds by South. Opening lead: queen of spades.

West's return doesn't matter, so let's say he leads a club, on which East discards a heart. South ruffs with the nine, plays a heart to the ace and ruffs dummy's last club with his last trump, the ace. This is declarer's 10th trick, and he still has the jack of trumps in dummy to cinch the contract.

Declarer's 11 tricks consist of the A-K of spades, ace of hearts, king of clubs and seven trump tricks comprised of the king, five ruffs in his hand with the A-9-7-6-5 and, finally, the jack. However, all these plays must be preceded by the discard of the ace of clubs on the ace of spades at trick two.

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"OK, I'm done cleaning my room! Come look quick 'cause I'm ready to start messin' it up again."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers and empty cells.

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

UMGFNC B WSVI SJ BJRIOJIR
UBRI R MSR DOGWGRIU
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ASNN BR S CGR - AGWWS?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A KANGAROO IS TEACHING ITS KIDS HOW TO PROPERLY LEAP, YOU COULD CALL IT SPRING TRAINING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals A

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

11x11 crossword grid with numbers and empty cells.