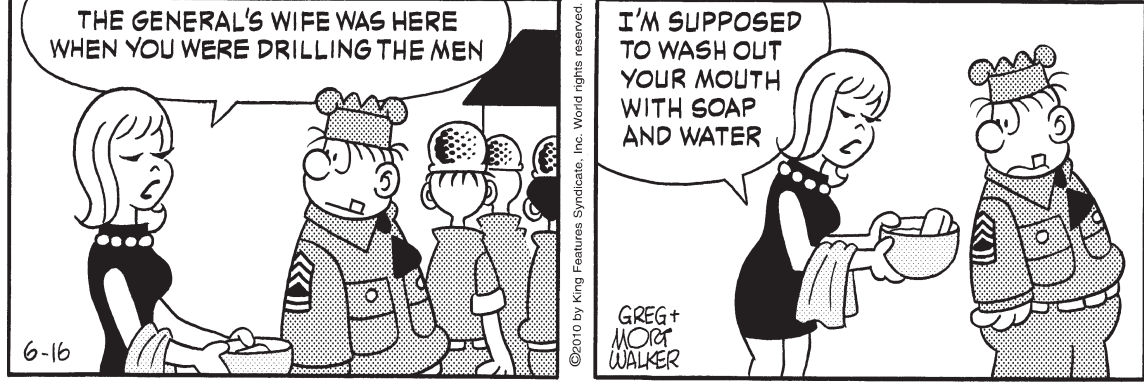


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



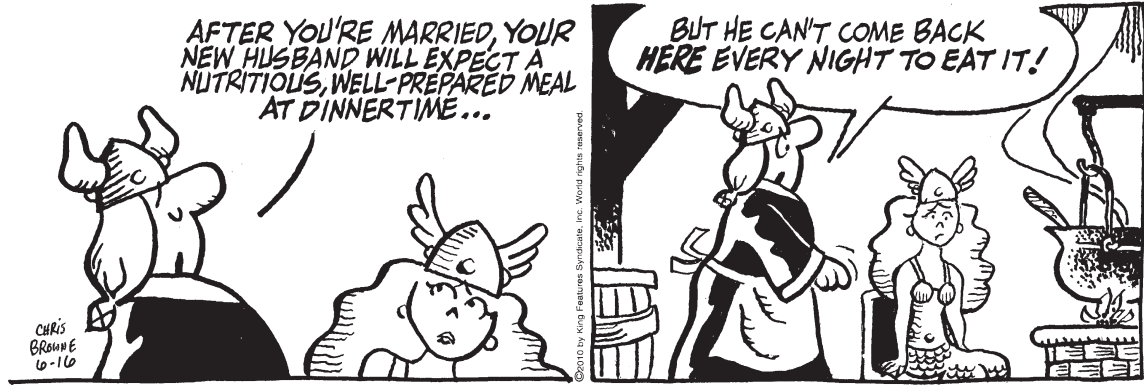
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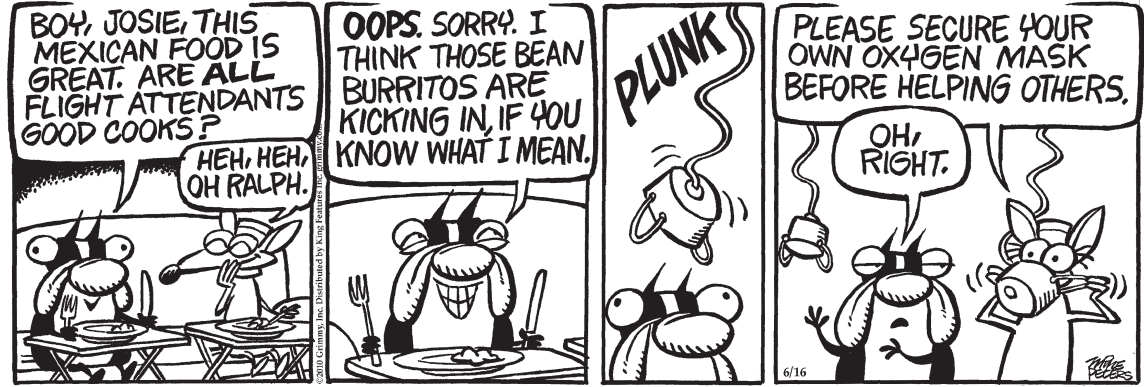
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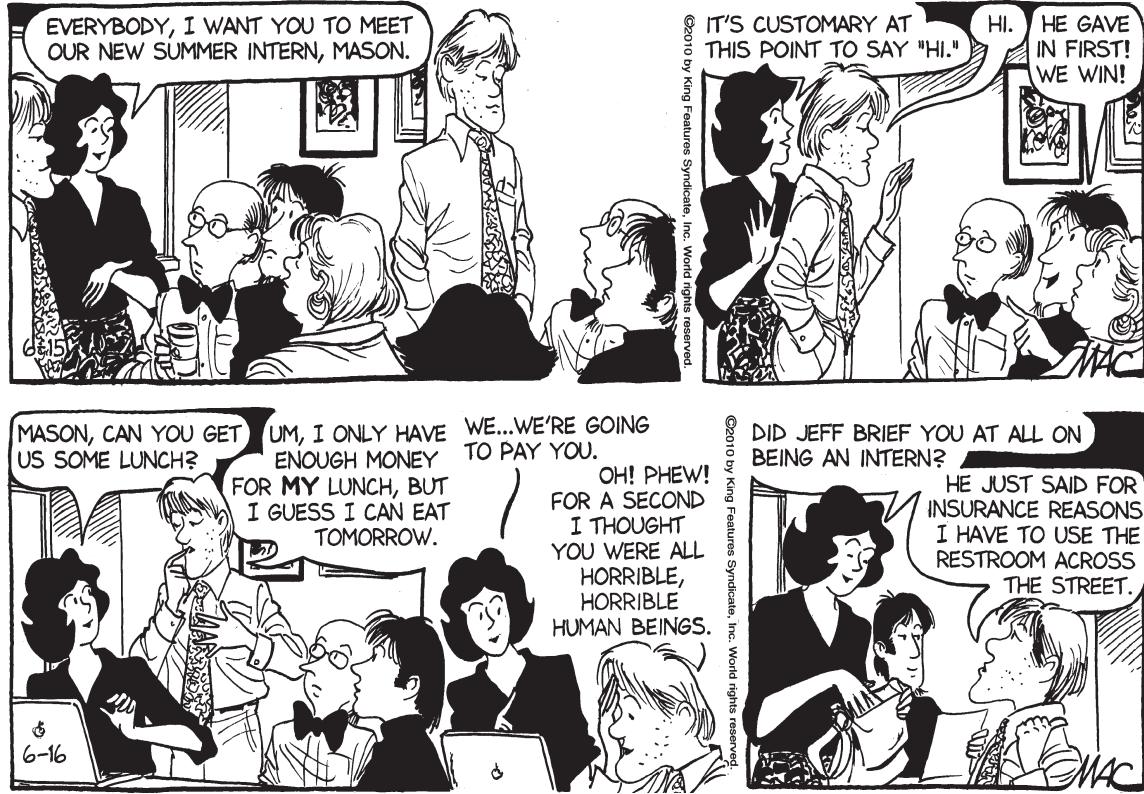
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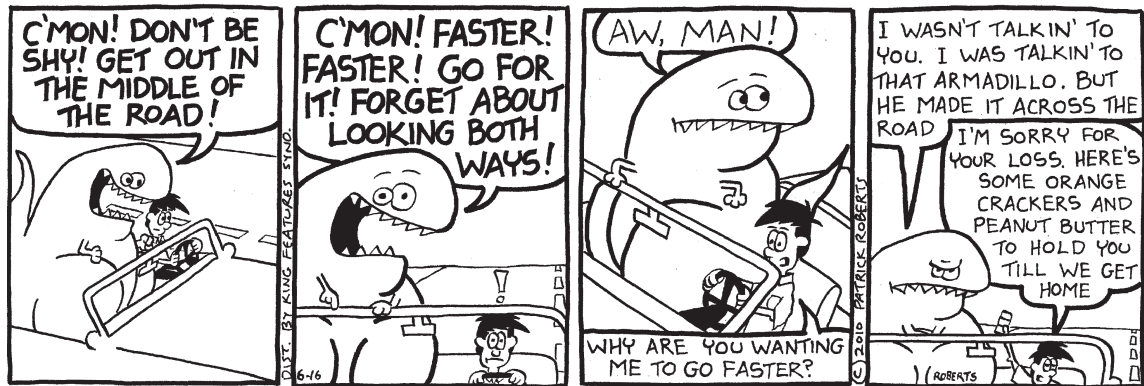
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise • Hints from Heloise

Brown eggs same as white

Dear Heloise: What is the difference between BROWN EGGS AND WHITE? - A Reader, via e-mail

Brown eggs and white eggs are the same. The brown hue of the shell is the only thing that separates them - well, not exactly the only thing.

Our friends at the American Egg Board (www.incredibleegg.org) tell us that the color of the shell has no connection to the egg's flavor or nutritional value.

Dear Heloise: Just thought I would mention your good old, cheap vinegar once again. Put water and a tablespoon of vinegar in your teacup...

I have enjoyed your column in the Houston Chronicle and, when I moved to the Hill Country, the San Antonio Express-News.

Barbara, thanks for the kind words. And you are right, I love vinegar! What's not to love? It cleans and deodorizes for pennies!

Dear Heloise: Here is an experiment that works when purchasing organic peanut butter where the oil has separated to the top.

Heloise Central tested your hint and found that vigorous shaking back and forth was needed to mix the oil, and even then there was still some only on top.

Dear Heloise: We never could get shelf paper to stick to our cabinet shelves. We bought some self-adhesive tiles that matched the wallpaper inside the cabinets.

Bridge • Steve Becker

Bridge hand details including West dealer, East-West vulnerable, North hand (K J 3, A 8 7 4, K 10 5, Q J 6), South hand (A 6 2, 6 3, 8 6 4 2, A K 5 4), East hand (10 8 7 5 4, K, J 9 3, 9 7 3 2), South hand (Q 9, J 10 9 5 2, A Q 7, 10 8), and bidding information.

Abandoning the Percentage Play: Wherever you go in bridge circles, whether the caliber of the game is good, bad or indifferent, the one thing that stands out is that more points are lost on the easy hands than on the difficult ones.

For example, take this case where South was in four hearts and West led the king of clubs, East playing the deuce.

Declarer played the king from dummy to encourage East to win with the ace (if he had it) and return a spade.

Declarer won with the ace and led the queen of trumps, on which West followed low. South was then faced with a crucial guess.

There is no doubt that when a declarer is faced with the trump combination shown here, he will do much better in the long run to finesse than play the ace from dummy.

But in the given circumstances, South had ample justification for abandoning the normal percentage play. He had seen West show up with the A-K of clubs and ace of spades on the first four tricks.

Accordingly, South went up with the ace, hoping East's king was singleton, and was well-rewarded for his effort.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Mommy, which is shorter — a 'CAT nap' or a 'PEOPLE nap'?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

Conceptis Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers 1-9 in various 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.

Small Conceptis Sudoku puzzle grid.

The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

Cryptoquip

COF CXDF XWH RZSF QWZG
EQBDZFCF AQLV XT X CFXB.
COFG HFENHFH COFG BSTC
XZAXGT TCNEV CQRFCOFL.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN ASKED "WHAT DO PEOPLE SEE WITH?" THE SAILOR ON DECK READILY REPLIED "EYE, EYE, CAPTAIN!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and answers. Clues include: 1 Tosses in feature, 5 Trail behind, 8 Lone Ranger's concealment, 12 Dirt, 13 Id counterpart, 14 Stratford's river, 15 Tryout, 17 Motion picture, 18 Tending (to), 19 Car shelter, 21 Recognized, 24 Barracks bed, 25 "Why not?", 28 Money, 30 Altar affirmative, 33 Male turkey, 34 Daphnis' love, 35 "Town", 36 Clothing protector, 37 Oodles, 38 54-Across, 39 Debt notice, 41 Region, 43 State of confusion, 46 Prefix with red, 50 La Scala solo, 51 One way to enlarge a family, 54 Entrance, 55 Intimidate (to), 56 Valhalla VIP, 57 "Karenina", 58 Longing, 59 Contend, 1 Pronto, acronymically, 2 Gloomy queen, 4 Stealthily quiet, 5 Mainlander's memento, 6 Past, 7 Amateur-night prop, 8 Large-scale, 9 Flying, 10 "American Idol" choice, 11 Dangling site, 16 X rating?, 20 Rue the run, 22 Vocal come-back?, 23 Strauss specialty, 25 Gamblers' venue (Abbr.), 26 Japanese pond carp, 27 Ardent desire for a goal, 29 Mediocre, 31 Pair, 32 Sphere, 34 Hint, 38 Band-leader Stan, 40 Butler's love, 42 Pinch, 43 Arp's movement, 44 "Man" (Downey movie), 45 Suggestive, 47 Pet name, 48 Anger, 49 Domini lead-in, 52 Buck's mate, 53 Possess

Grid for yesterday's crossword puzzle answer.