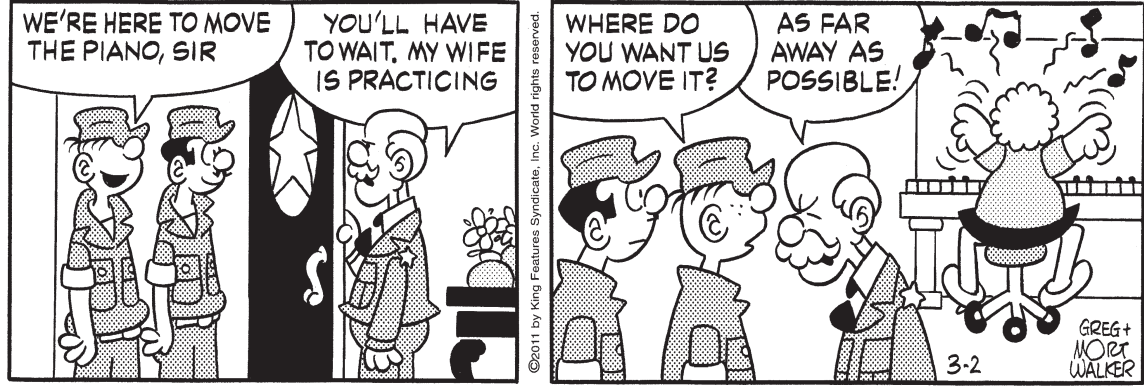


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



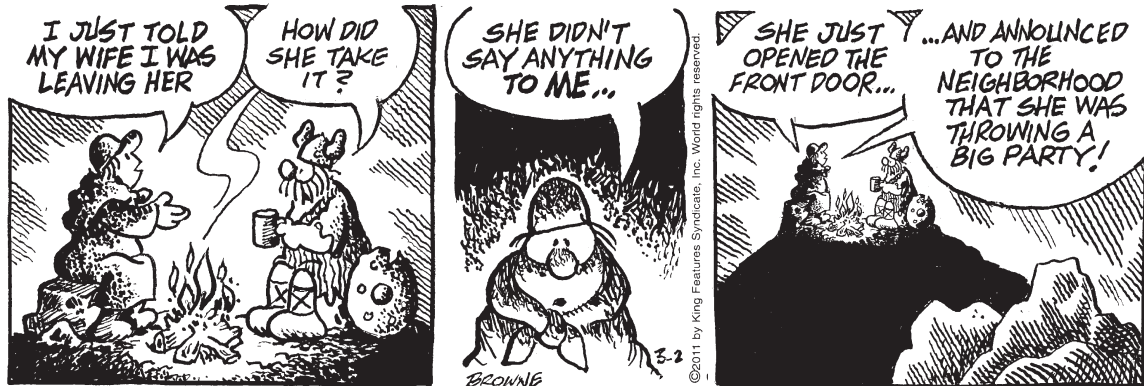
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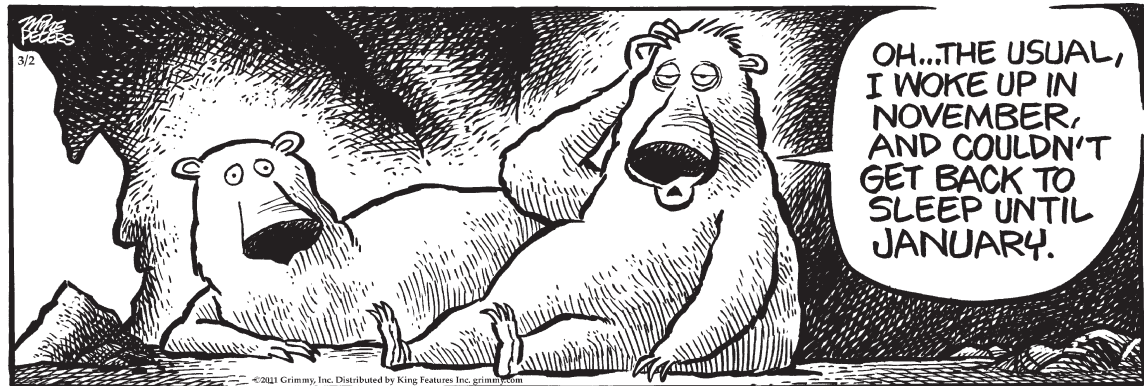
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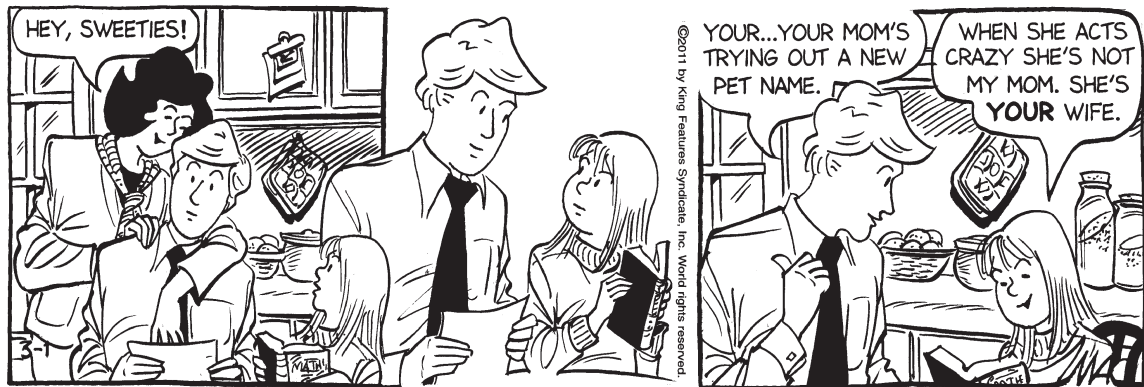
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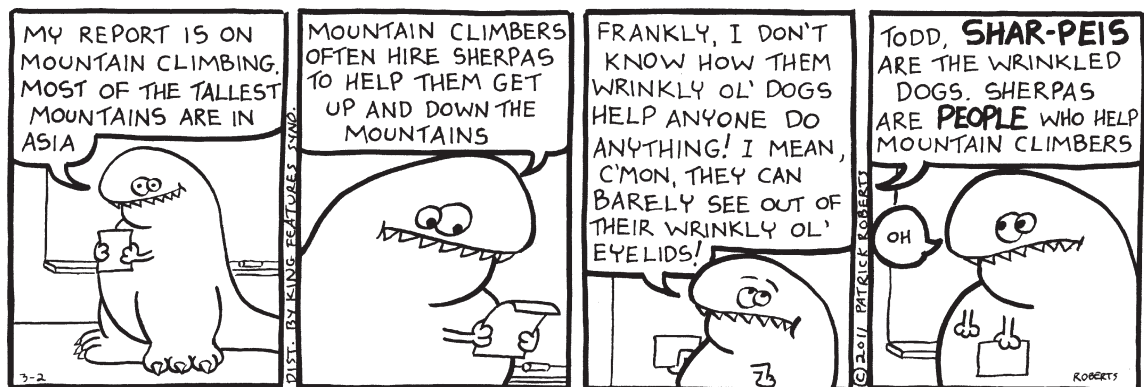
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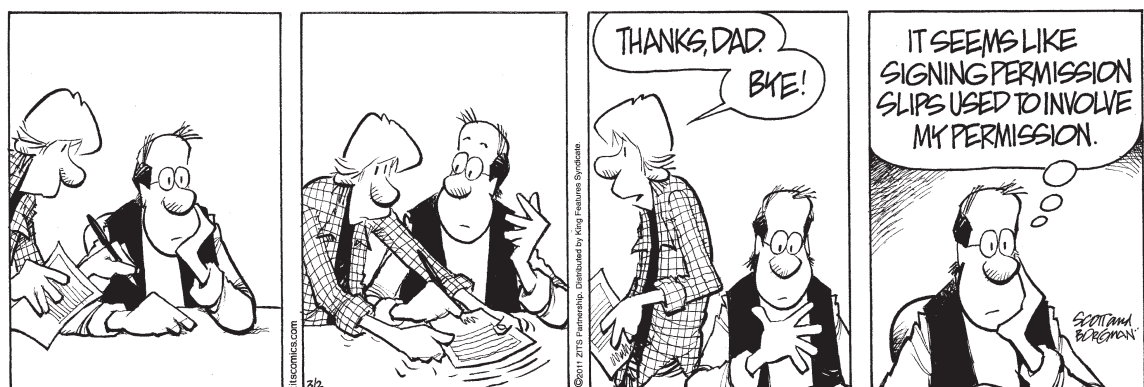
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise

Hints from Heloise

Cupcake letters spell greetings

Dear Heloise: I went to my best friend's 3-year-old's BIRTHDAY PARTY. Instead of the mom baking a cake, she made cupcakes...

Depending on how many people are attending, extra cupcakes can be made and decorated with different designs.

Assign someone with baby towelettes to wipe the children's faces and hands, because the frosting can really make a mess.

Love this idea, and we are posting the picture on my website, www.Heloise.com! Great idea for any party where a cake would be served.

MATCHSTICK VEGGIES

Dear Heloise: I was so happy to discover matchstick carrots and matchstick broccoli. (Readers, these are julienne or sliced very thinly, and are a bit pricey.)

Gloria, you can slice most any veggie into small, thin pieces. Remember, though, just like "baby" carrots, they do not grow that way, so start slicing away at those sweet potatoes!

POTATO SOUP

Dear Heloise: What to do with left-over scalloped potatoes? I make potato soup. Put the potatoes in a big pot, add milk and heat.

PANCAKES

Dear Heloise: My family loves pancakes for Sunday breakfast. To keep the twins from arguing over whose pancake is bigger, I came up with a solution.

FRESH MARSHMALLOWS

Dear Heloise: To keep marshmallows from being wasted, just put the marshmallows in a plastic zippered bag and keep it in the freezer.

HOT PLATE

Dear Heloise: I bet this is not a new idea to many, but it was an "aha" moment for me. I had a casserole dish hot out of the oven.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"But I'm not too sick to watch TV. I'm just too sick to go to school!"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

9x9 Sudoku 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.

The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

8x8 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-8 in various cells.

Cryptoquip

VTZG O SWVYWA PZBL WNB
O AZPP WG O TOVOEEOG
ELPOGQ, E LNMMWLZ EB
SWNPQ YZ OG WOTN VOTWW.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE THAT SCOUNDREL IN SEOUL IS A LIFETIME FELON, I TEND TO THINK OF HIM AS A KOREA CRIMINAL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

11x11 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-50 in starting cells.

Bridge • Steve Becker

Bridge hand diagram showing North-South and East-West cards and bidding information.

A Matter of Faith
This deal, which occurred in a duplicate game many years ago, is most remarkable in that a different result was achieved at nearly every one of the 13 tables where it was played.

When North-South bought the contract, they played in four, five or six hearts, or five or six clubs, doubled in some cases.

When East-West played the hand, they were in five or six spades, doubled in every case.

And defeat it he did. He boldly led the deuce of spades at trick one, won by East with the queen.

He therefore resisted the natural impulse to try to cash the ace of diamonds. Had he played the ace, of course, South would have ruffed and taken the rest of the tricks to make the slam.

Instead, demonstrating supreme faith in his partner, East returned a club, fully expecting his partner to be void in that suit.