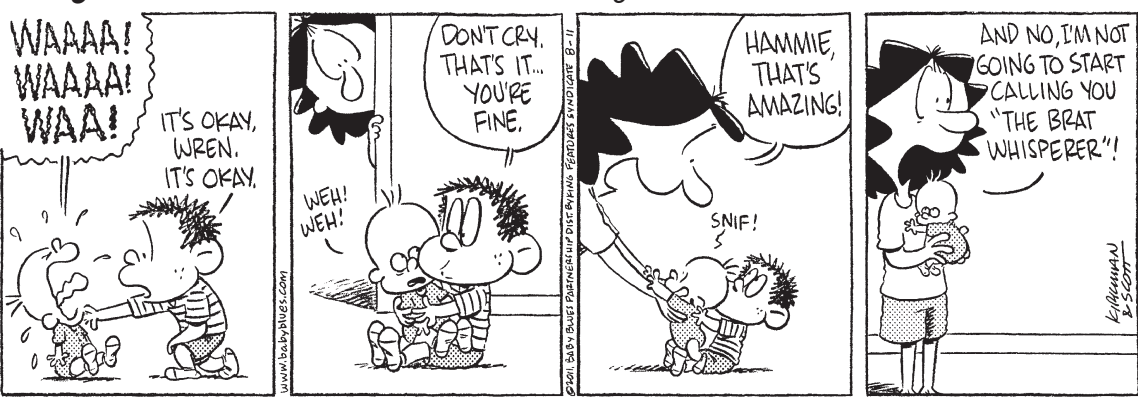


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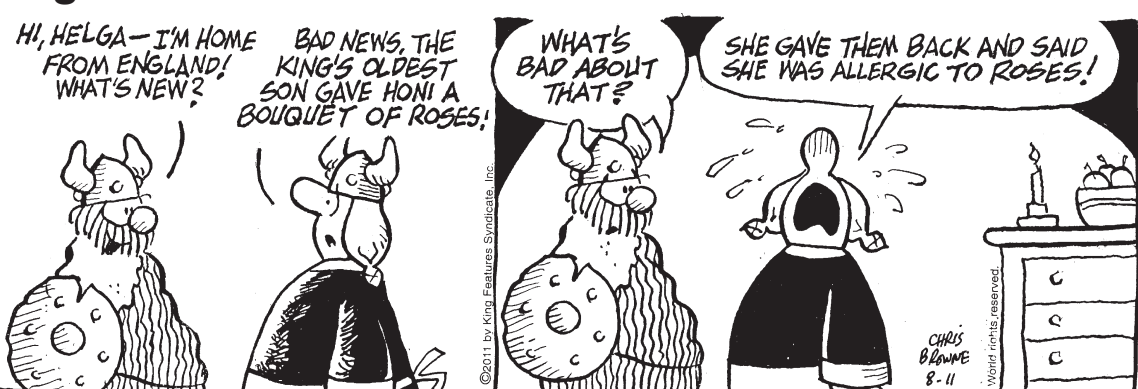
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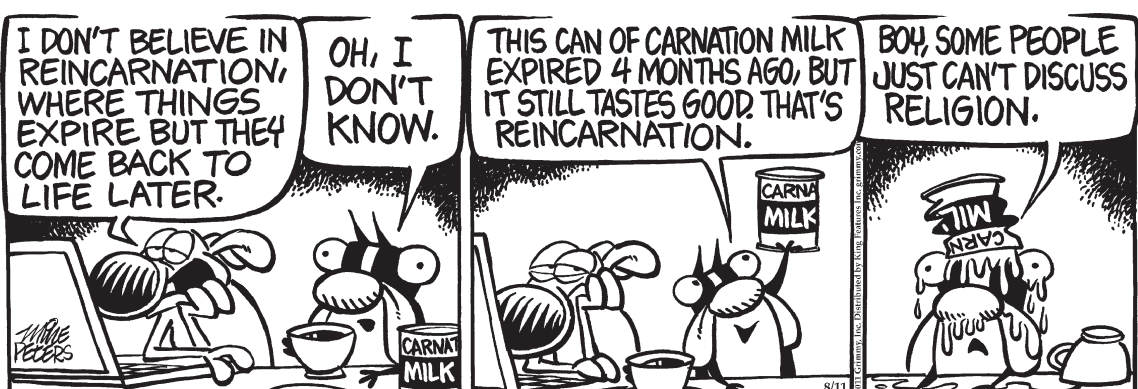
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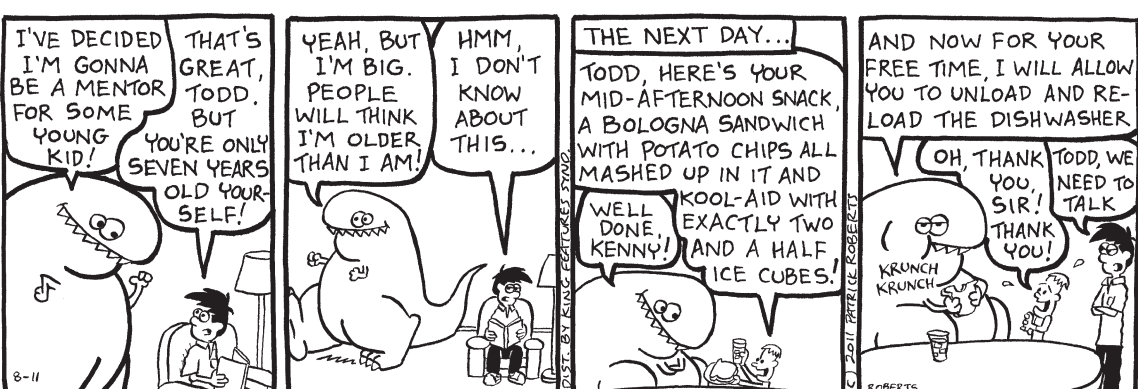
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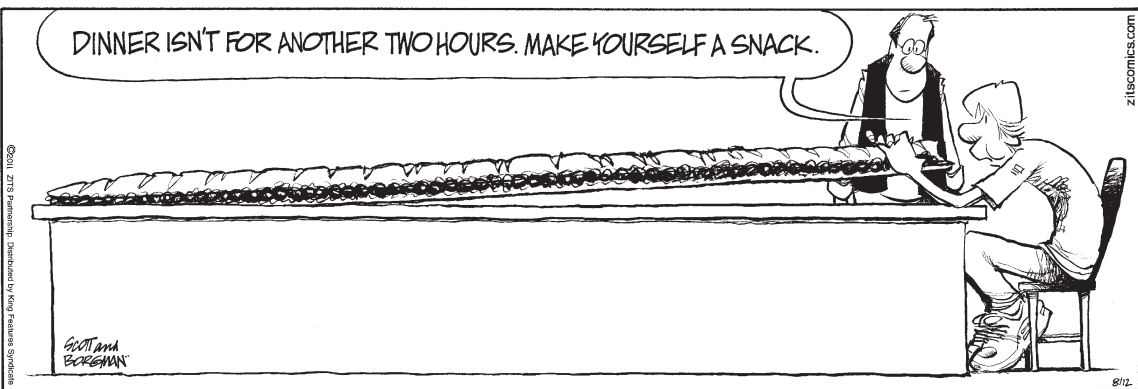
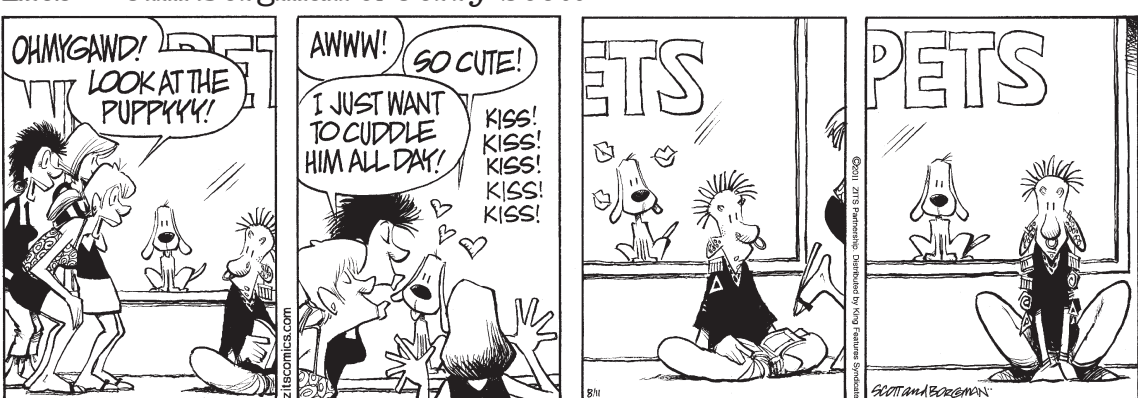
**Sally Forth** • Greg Howard



**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Dr. Joyce Brothers**



• Ask Dr. Brothers

**Jealous sister hits baby brother**

**Dear Dr. Brothers:** I have a problem with my little girl. She is 3 years old and is jealous of her 4-month-old brother. She went through the whole big-sister thing, but it wore off and now she is smacking him in his stroller at least once a day when she thinks I'm not looking. I don't know whether to smack her back or say I'll take him back to the hospital. — N.L.

**Dear N.L.:** I'm sure you know neither of your potential solutions would be appropriate, so let's think of something that will leave you, your daughter and your son better able to cope. It's always part of the family's dream to have siblings who are loving, kind and helpful to one another—and I'm not saying that can't happen as they mature. But for now, you have a little girl frustrated by the attention her brother gets and unhappy he can't play with her—so he doesn't seem to be much of a bargain, at the moment.

I think the best way to turn this around is to make it clear she may not ever hurt her brother in any way, and that there will be consequences—timeout or another nonviolent, immediate, consistent response. Ask her to tell you why she wants to hit the baby, and deal with her answers—she thinks he is bad or stupid or his crying is annoying—whatever they are. Try to enlist her help in caring for him and in understanding that he doesn't have all the abilities she has yet. If you can turn her into a helper, a lot of her frustration will dissolve. But make sure the help is the fun stuff—you do the dirty work.

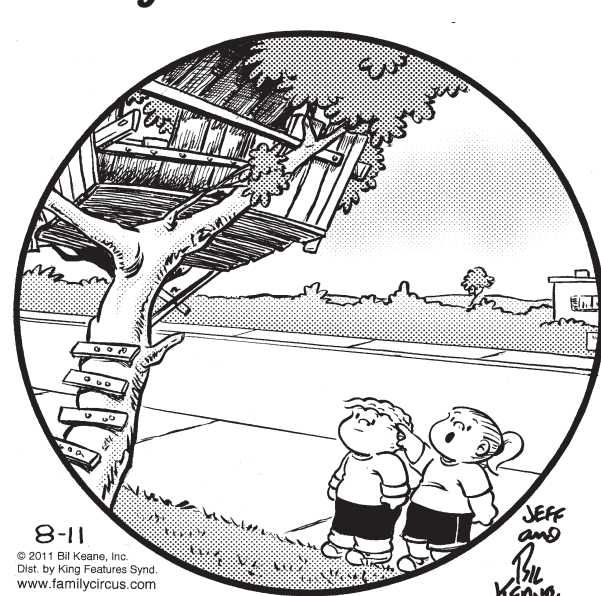
**Dear Dr. Brothers:** My younger sister and I are close and I try to look out for her, as she is a senior living alone. She had a knee injury with a lot of pain, and I had some pain pills left over from some dentistry, and she asked me if she could try a couple. I gave her some and she is asking for more. She doesn't have a doctor, but I don't want to be it! Could she be getting addicted? What do I do? — H.S.

**Dear H.S.:** The first thing to do is realize that sharing prescription pills is illegal—and you are putting both your sister and yourself at risk by letting her have your leftovers. I know you mean well and are trying to help. You should tell her you can't provide her with any more pills, but would take her to a clinic. It is doubtful she would be addicted to your pills if you have given her only a few, but the fact is they were not prescribed for her and perhaps your sister might be psychologically susceptible to drug dependency.

Now, what can you do besides carting her off to the doctor? Spending some time with her and having conversations about whatever is on her mind would be helpful. It is lonely being by yourself, and she might have a lot of things she'd share if you devoted some time to her. See if you can identify several friends of hers or a routine that includes socializing, activities and things she can look forward to once she has healed. This will lead her toward pill-free success in the future.

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"Treehouses would be better if they weren't up in trees."

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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	3						
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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.

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

**Cryptoquip**

B A F Y M P Q W M U R N W C S

B O E J F R U M F C Y W J F W M F Y X

F Y S C U E C O M L P Y P A U M P Q

S F X O A P W : A P L P A P Y R P E C C N W .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU GO OUT, BUT FORGET TO APPLY ANY DEODORANT, COULD YOU BE CAUGHT OFF RIGHT GUARD?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals O

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

- |                                 |                                     |                                |                                      |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                   | <b>38</b> Variety of Indian ox      | <b>57</b> Ram's mate           | <b>11</b> Butter squares             |
| <b>1</b> Nitwit                 | <b>39</b> Swiss canton              | <b>58</b> Masticate            | <b>19</b> Alternatively              |
| <b>5</b> Scatter seed           | <b>40</b> Past of                   | <b>DOWN</b>                    | <b>21</b> "So that's your game, eh?" |
| <b>8</b> At the peak            | <b>42</b> Mourn                     | <b>1</b> Show-room sample      | <b>24</b> Moment                     |
| <b>12</b> Grand tale            | <b>45</b> Doctors                   | <b>2</b> Oil                   | <b>25</b> Earl Grey, e.g.            |
| <b>13</b> Literary collection   | <b>49</b> Eye part                  | <b>3</b> Eat in style          | <b>26</b> Light up                   |
| <b>14</b> Actor LaBeouf         | <b>50</b> Singer DiFranco           | <b>3</b> Eat in style          | <b>28</b> Zero                       |
| <b>15</b> Options list          | <b>52</b> Slanted lettering (Abbr.) | <b>4</b> Eyepiece              | <b>29</b> Poison ivy aid             |
| <b>16</b> Main-lander's memento | <b>53</b> "A—home is..."            | <b>5</b> Place of              | <b>30</b> Gist                       |
| <b>17</b> Sword handle          | <b>54</b> Barbie's companion        | <b>6</b> Inseparable           | <b>31</b> Wildebeest                 |
| <b>18</b> Spotted cat           | <b>55</b> Farm fraction             | <b>7</b> Homeless child        | <b>36</b> Stylish                    |
| <b>20</b> Raids                 | <b>56</b> Act the robot             | <b>8</b> Religious retreat     | <b>37</b> Triumph                    |
| <b>22</b> Branch                |                                     | <b>9</b> Vitamin B1            | <b>38</b> Astrologer's chart         |
| <b>23</b> Easter entree         |                                     | <b>10</b> Unctuous             | <b>41</b> Big name in appliances     |
| <b>24</b> Blend together        |                                     | <b>Solution time: 25 mins.</b> | <b>42</b> Prom-goers' ride           |
| <b>27</b> Arriving              |                                     |                                | <b>43</b> Bedouin                    |
| <b>32</b> Conger, e.g.          |                                     |                                | <b>44</b> Snatch                     |
| <b>33</b> Actress Long          |                                     |                                | <b>46</b> Target for                 |
| <b>34</b> Sister                |                                     |                                | <b>29-Down</b>                       |
| <b>35</b> "Tobacco Road" author |                                     |                                | <b>47</b> Concern                    |
|                                 |                                     |                                | <b>48</b> Passel                     |
|                                 |                                     |                                | <b>51</b> Just out                   |

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LIEU AMI APED  
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SETTO SMARTY

AURA ISO  
CLAN OPEN AMP  
RIP APPLE COO  
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AIM LASH  
HORROR HEAVE  
AREA APPENDIX  
RENT GEO CASE  
MOTER END ERAS

Yesterday's answer 8-11

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