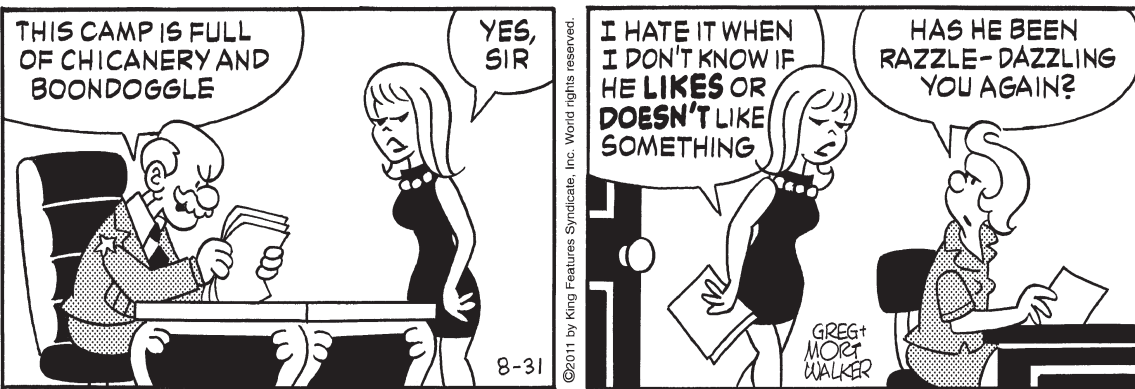


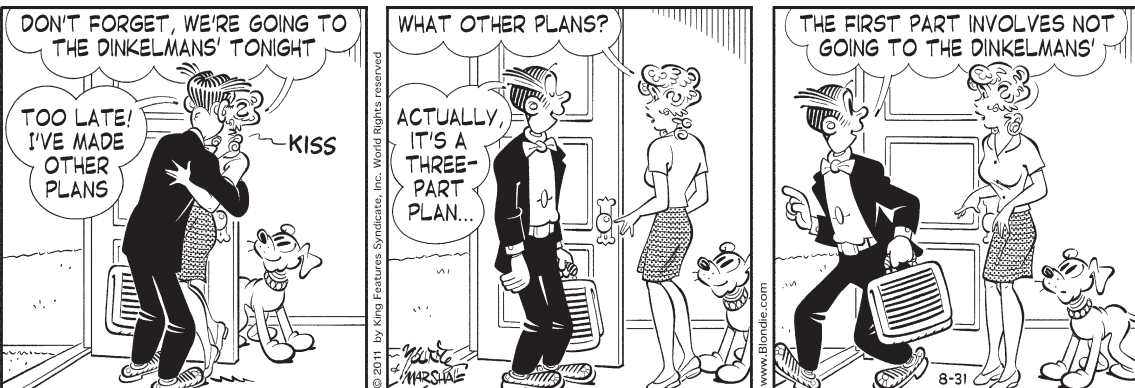
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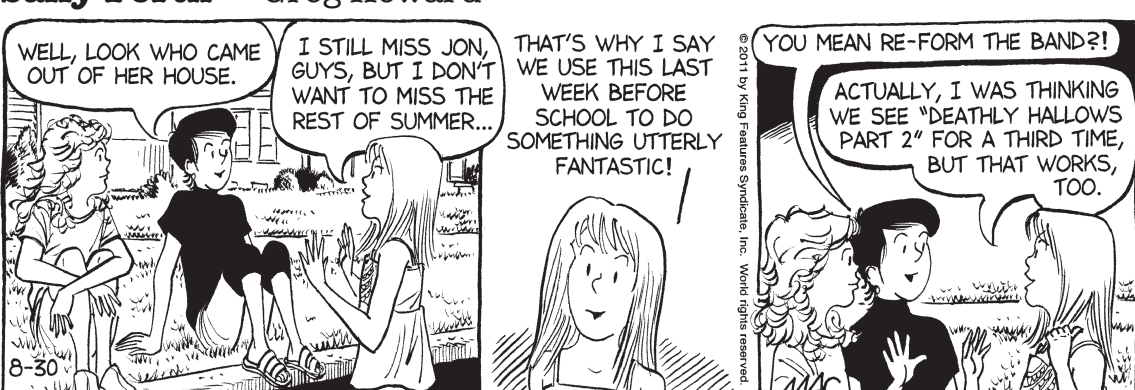
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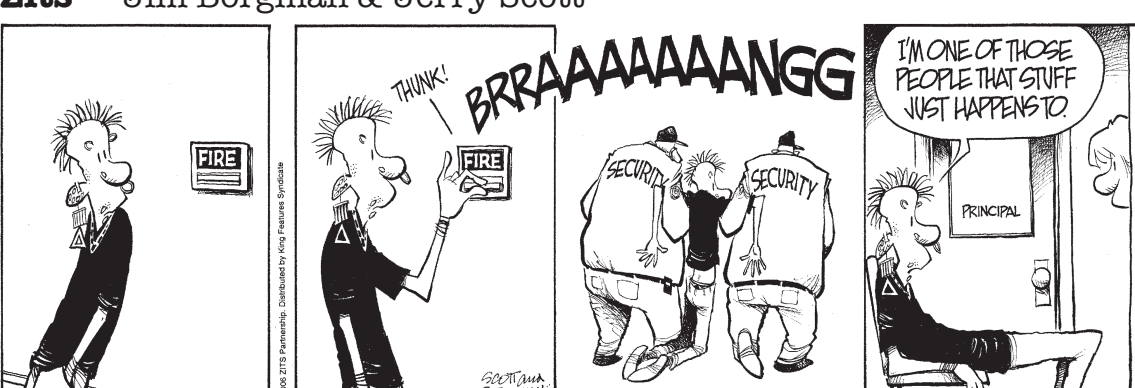
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Heloise



Tackle weevils or be eaten up

Dear Heloise: I am being "eaten alive" by WEEVILS in most of my flour-type foods (cake mixes, etc.). I have sprayed with regular roach, etc., stuff, but they are still here. I put everything in big coffee cans and tight lids, but it's no good. Please help! — B.F. Dickey, Fort Worth, Texas

It sounds like there is an infestation, so first you need to throw away all the foods that are infested. (I know, it hurts!) Next, remove everything from the shelves and either vacuum the shelves or give them a thorough cleaning. Then you need to spray the pantry or shelves with a food-safe insecticide. Make sure it gets into any cracks or crevices.

Weevils can hatch in any grain product, even pet food. So, keep this in mind when bringing items home.

In the future, to keep weevils from hatching in grain products, you can place the products in a zero-degree freezer as soon as you bring them home from the store. Leave them in there for at least four days.

Or, you can place the grain items in the oven at 130 F for 30 minutes. Once you are ready to store your items, place them in glass jars with tight lids to prevent future infestations. — Heloise

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HANDY PLIERS

Dear Heloise: Sometimes I find it difficult to open items, whether cardboard or foil, so I keep a pair of needle-nose pliers in my kitchen utensil drawer to aid in removing whatever it is. It works nicely. — Gerry Clements, Boca Raton, Fla.

REUSABLE BAGS

Dear Heloise: Many stores are offering reusable bags (Heloise here: These bags also are known as green/recyclable bags.) you can buy for \$1 or less. I keep these in my car so they are close when needed. I have found the material is flimsy, so I take an empty cereal box and cut a "bottom" to fit inside the bag. It supports the bag and also keeps it open when adding items. I enjoy reading your column. — Janet Fisher, Cherryville, N.C.

FRIDGE SHELF LINER

Dear Heloise: I use shelf liners with upholstery fabric on glass fridge shelves. The shelves stay clean, the fabric stays in place, and "sweating" items don't leave rings. — Bonnie, Candia, N.H.

BOXED PASTA

Hi, Heloise: May I please share a hint that I use in my kitchen to return the favor of all you do for us? When I open a new box of pasta and don't cook the entire contents, I tape the box top together, with the underside now over the original box top. Easier and safer than using the tab/slot the manufacturer provides, and lets me know it's not a full package. — Andrea C., New Jersey

ONION CHOPPING

Dear Heloise: While chopping onions, I placed a small electric fan where I was chopping. No more tears! — Lois Rollins, Lexington, Ky.

Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠K 10 3
♥K 7 2
♦8 6 2
♣10 9 5 4

WEST
♠Q 9 7 2
♥—
♦AK 10 5
♣Q 3 8 6 2

EAST
♠J 8 6 4
♥10 8 5
♦Q 9 4
♣7 3

SOUTH
♠A 5
♥A Q 9 6 4 3
♦J 7 3
♣AK

The bidding:
South 1♥ West Dble North 2♥ East Pass

4♥ opening lead — king of diamonds.

You Can Win, But You Can't Lose

A particular play will sometimes be only slightly superior to another play, but, even so, a conscientious declarer always tries to select the better of the two.

Consider this deal where West leads the king of diamonds, East signaling with the nine to encourage a continuation of the suit.

West then leads the ace and another diamond, won by East with the queen. East returns a club, taken with the ace, and, whether South knows it or not, he is at the critical point of the hand.

Let's suppose South now plays the ace of trumps, as many declarers would do. After West shows out, South would have to lose a trump trick and go down one.

Now let's suppose that South initiates the trumps by leading low to dummy's king. In that case, he makes the contract by continuing with a trump from dummy. After East plays the ten and South the queen, declarer returns to dummy with a spade and leads another trump. East's J-8 succumb to South's A-9, and declarer has the rest of the tricks.

It may be argued that East will hold all four missing trumps only one deal out of 20, and it is therefore splitting hairs to contend that the ace-of-hearts play at trick five is wrong and playing a low heart to the king is right.

The counter to this is that bridge is a game where you occasionally do have to split hairs to win. Even though how you initiate the trumps will matter only 5 percent of the time, the fact remains that playing the king first will never cause you to lose an extra trick, while playing the ace first sometimes might.

The argument in favor of the king play is absolutely irrefutable.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"How do I know which side my toast is s'posed to be buttered on?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/31

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.

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

Cryptoquip

B K Z R C Z V G A C C J G C V C

K C C J B E R V C Z J J Q Z E X B T H U B Z J

Z E I X C T X Q, B X N B R A X U V Q

"I H E ' X N C T A G B X A N C !"

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THIS ODD TRACK-AND-FIELD ITEM, MADE OF COHESIVE, STICKY STUFF, IS CERTAINLY A VISCOUS DISCUS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 — Zedong
4 Filly's brother
8 Sprint
12 "La Cage"
Folles"
13 Vicinity
14 Reed instrument
15 Anger
16 Fuel
18 Island porch
20 Popular ISP
21 "Wonderful Life"
24 Sultan's wives
28 Iraq War general David
32 Lasso
33 Uncooked
34 Within the law
36 River island
37 Fertility goddess
39 Italian poet
41 Costume
43 Coral structure

DOWN

44 Kanga's kid
46 Book of maps
50 Scared, and then some
55 Lubricate
56 Mayberry moppet
57 4-Across, e.g.
58 Praise in verse
59 Like candles
60 Foolproof
61 Cushion
4 Lincoln or Jackson
5 Tramcar load
6 Allow
7 "Gone With the Wind" plantation
8 Buck
9 Copper head?
10 Old French coin
11 Height of fashion?
17 Fireworks reaction
19 Emanation
22 Leak slowly
23 Boring tool
25 Bellow scale
26 Grand Syst.
27 Overly proper one
29 Facility
30 Nincompoop
31 Location
35 Apt
37 rhyme for "pedal"
38 "Okla-homa!" transport
40 Sternward
42 Luau bowlful
45 Kills "Sopranos"-style
47 Aerobic maneuver
48 Verdi opera
49 Coaster
50 "Bam!"
51 Clean Air Act org.
52 Ducats, for short
53 Debtor's letters
54 Corn spike

Solution time: 21 mins.

Yesterday's answer 8-31

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12			13					14		
15			16				17			
18			19			20				
		21	22	23		24		25	26	27
28	29	30				31		32		
33			34				35		36	
37			38			39		40		
41			42			43				
		44	45			46		47	48	49
50	51	52				53	54		55	
56						57			58	
59						60			61	