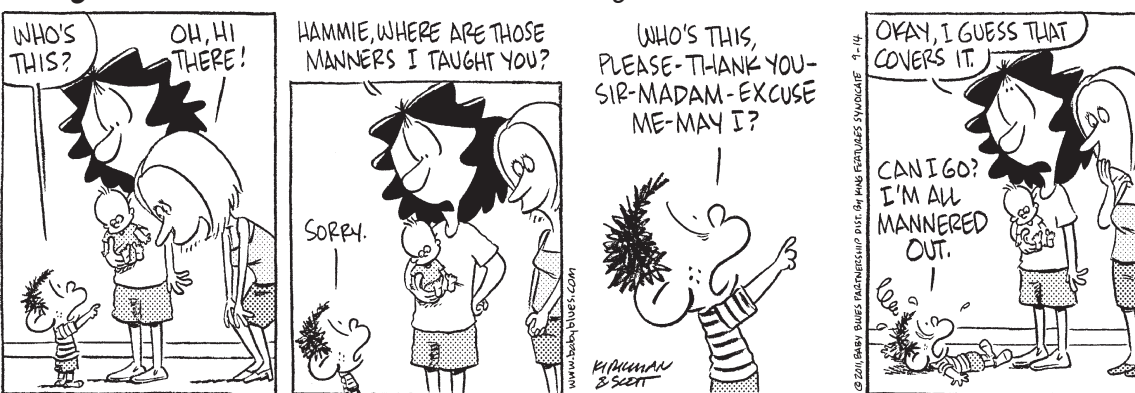
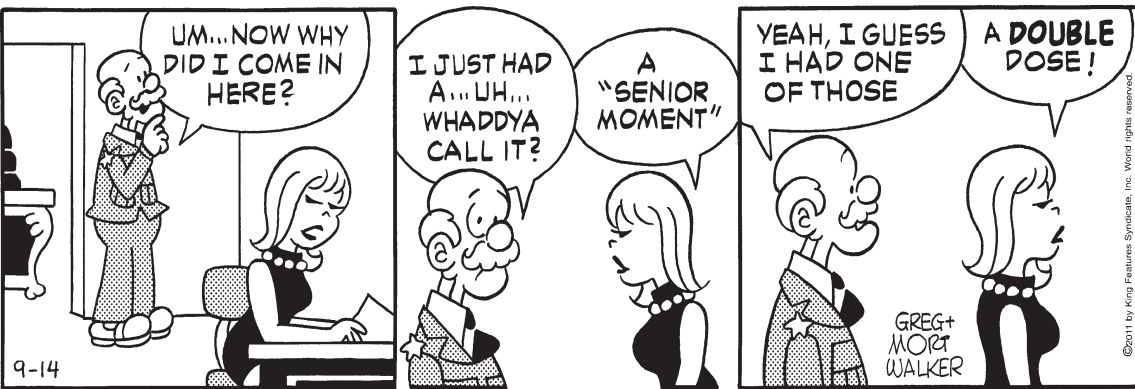


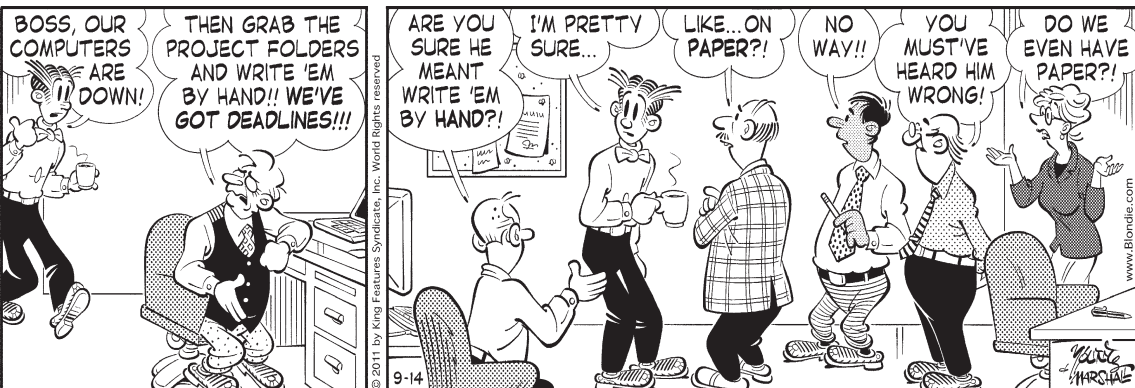
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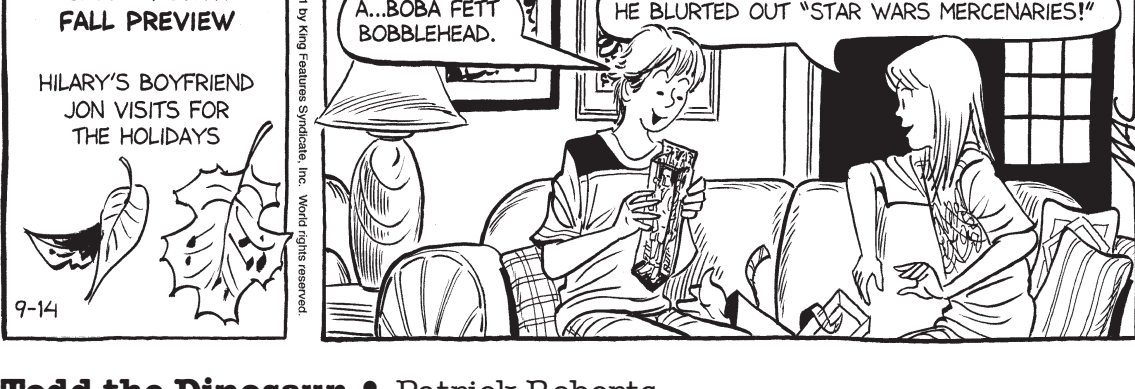
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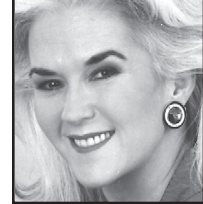
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Heloise



• Hints from Heloise

Take plenty to potluck meal

Dear Heloise: My husband and I disagree on the amount you should take to a POTLUCK DINNER. He says I should take a large amount. For example, if there are going to be 20 people, I have to fix enough for at least 15. I say to take enough for us plus two more. There is always so much food; a person cannot try everything. Please help us resolve this. — Donna Chase, via email

Well, Donna, the answer is somewhere in between. You are not expected to feed everyone, but you at least want to make enough for roughly half the number of people attending. For example, if there are 20 people, you want to have enough to serve eight to 10 people. Yes, there are going to be leftovers, but that's usually the fun of potluck.

And as far as leftovers go, always ask if it's OK to take others' food home. — Heloise

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GARLIC-BUTTER BREADSTICKS
Hi, Heloise: I have a recipe that I'd like to share. I had some leftover hot-dog buns in my freezer. I split the buns open, spread the frozen bread with butter and sprinkled with some garlic powder. I placed the frozen buttered buns on a foil-lined cookie sheet with the buttered side up, then put the cookie sheet under the broiler for about 2 minutes, until the tops were slightly brown and bubbly. These turned out better than the costlier pre-made frozen breadsticks. — Janice Broussard, Katy, Texas

SIMPLE CHEESE SOUFFLE
Dear Heloise: Last night, I took a 2.05-ounce macaroni-and-cheese dinner and cooked the noodles by the directions.

Then I broke two medium eggs into the mixture and mixed the eggs, noodles, cheese and water together. I placed the original cup back into the microwave and heated it for another minute. The result was a macaroni-and-cheese souffle. Try it and see what you think for a quick meal with increased protein. — Richard S., Washington, D.C.

BOTTOM PIE CRUSTS
Dear Heloise: I took a class in baking pies, and this is the secret to a done bottom crust. Put a pizza stone in the oven, then heat the oven, placing your pie on the stone. My pie bottoms are always baked now, even fruit pies, which tend to be juicy. — Dorothy, via email

SLICED EGGS
Dear Heloise: When I cut hard-cooked eggs for deviled eggs, egg salad, etc., they always stuck to my knife. I found that a sturdy, wire cake tester slices the eggs. It chops up the eggs with no mess. — Marilyn Williams, Hedgesville, W.Va.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



“Can I wad up and throw away your next mistake, Daddy?”

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 9/14

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.

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

Cryptoquip

RD BLUVHLM PLSVB BZWSRGK
ZRB ZVWT WGT KLRGK HWPT,
ZV UCBY JVPWM ZWSV
W ZWRJ-DJVV WYRYCTV.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: VERY HARMFUL DIETARY STUFF THAT EVERYBODY LOVES TO CONSUME ON BRITISH STREETCARS: TRAMS-FAT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals A

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
1 Discourteous
5 Party bowlful
8 Satan's minions
12 Getting — years
13 Nipper's co.
14 "The Lion King" lioness
15 Woe
17 British gun
18 Surpass
19 Group of seven
21 Ex-garment
22 Eastern potato (Var.)
23 Dog's "dog"
26 Brooks or Blanc
28 Filch
31 Promptly, on a memo
33 Dopey companion?
35 Catch sight of
36 Argentina's neighbor
- DOWN**
38 Legislation
40 Witness
41 See to
43 Go up and down
45 Rub harshly against
47 Lack of vitality
51 Weeding tools
52 Stronghold
54 Otherwise
55 Raw rock
56 Carry on
57 Rolling stone's lack
58 Obtained
59 Choir voice
- 20** Type measures
23 — Man (vintage video-game)
24 Cigar residue
25 Diner employee
27 "That's funny," to a texter
29 Gorilla
30 Caustic solution
8 Notwithstanding
10 Entreaty
11 Beach stuff
16 Paper quantity
9 Futon, for one
37 Tackle's teammate
39 Refuses to
42 Clear the air?
44 "Déjà vu all over again" speaker
45 Throat clearer
46 String tie
48 Repast
49 "It Romantic?"
50 Regarding
53 Acapulco gold

Solution time: 21 mins.

OR	G	P	I	C	N	A	T	O	
R	O	A	N	A	M	I	O	D	I
T	A	G	O	R	U	G	N	E	M
G	R	A	N	D	S	A	G	A	
		A	I	M	R	E	G	I	N
A	M	A	L	G	A	M	L	E	B
T	A	L	C	D	A	M	N	E	N
O	R	L	O	N	R	E	L	A	X
M	E	S	H	E	D	W	A	R	
		O	W	E	N	P	I	L	O
A	B	E	L	L	O	G	A	I	D
M	I	N	I	A	V	A	N	O	I
A	C	D	C	Y	A	M	N	E	T

Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ 5 3 2
♥ 6
♦ A K 10 9 4
♣ Q 9 5 3
WEST
♦ A 9 4
♥ 7 3
♦ Q 7
♣ A K 10 8 7 2
EAST
♦ J 10 8 6
♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ J 8 5
♣ 6 4
SOUTH
♦ K Q 7
♥ A K Q J 10 4
♦ 6 3 2
♣ J
The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ 2♣ 2♦ 2♠
4♥
Opening lead — king of clubs.
Famous Hand -- Part 2
Monday we described a series of fine defensive plays made by the young French star Jean-Marc Roudinesco, who held the West hand. He led the king of clubs, shifted to a low spade, and when declarer won and played the A-K-Q of trumps, he discarded the queen of diamonds!
Without this extraordinary discard, South would have made the contract easily. He would have led diamonds twice toward dummy and allowed West to hold the trick whenever he played the queen.
But the declarer was another young French star, Jean-Paul Meyer, who realized why Roudinesco had ditched the queen of diamonds. He saw that if he led a diamond and finessed the nine, East would return a spade, and the contract would be kaput.
So, to prevent this, Meyer embarked on a line of play designed to overcome Roudinesco's imaginative defense. He cashed three more trumps and then led a diamond to the king, producing this position:

North
♦ 5
♦ A
♣ Q 9
West
♦ A 9
♣ A 10
East
♦ J 8
♦ J 8
South
♦ Q 7
♦ 3 2

Declarer next cashed the ace of diamonds, and Roudinesco found himself in a helpless position. If he discarded a spade, Meyer would next lead a spade and score his 10th trick with dummy's queen of clubs at the end. And if Roudinesco discarded a club instead — which is what he actually did — declarer would score his 10th trick with the spade queen after leading a club from dummy and discarding a diamond. Either way, South was sure to triumph.

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51				52		53				
54				55				56		
57				58				59		