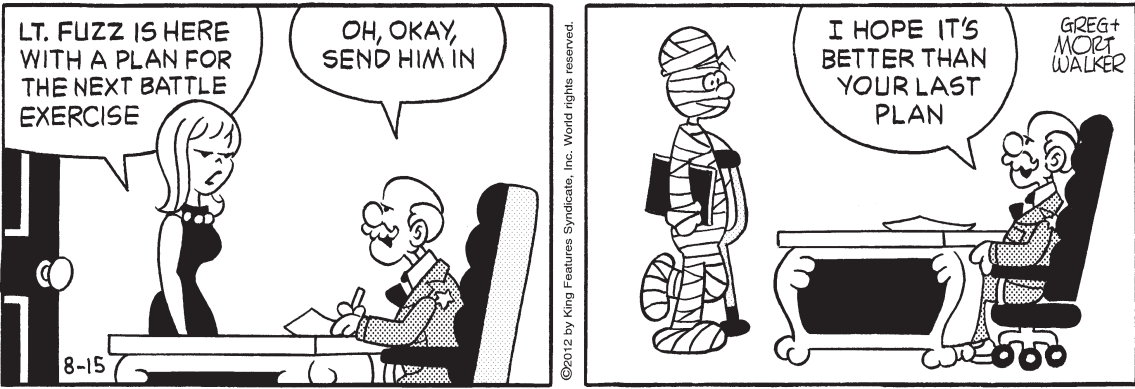


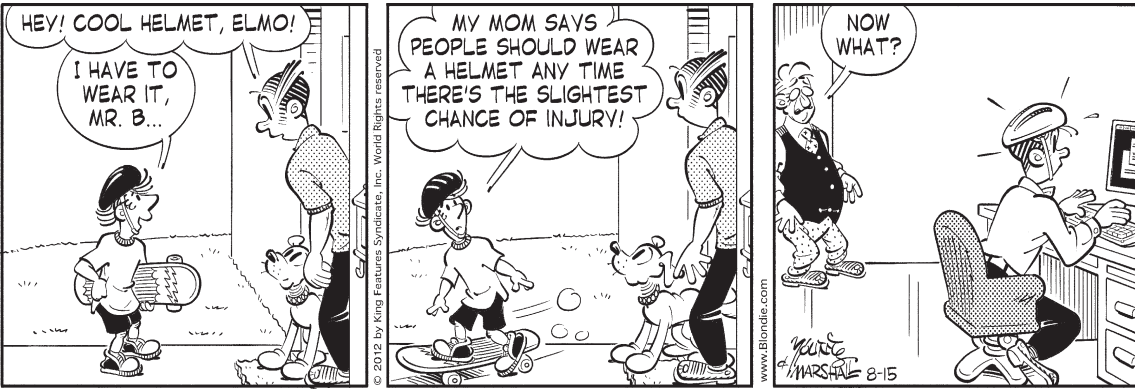
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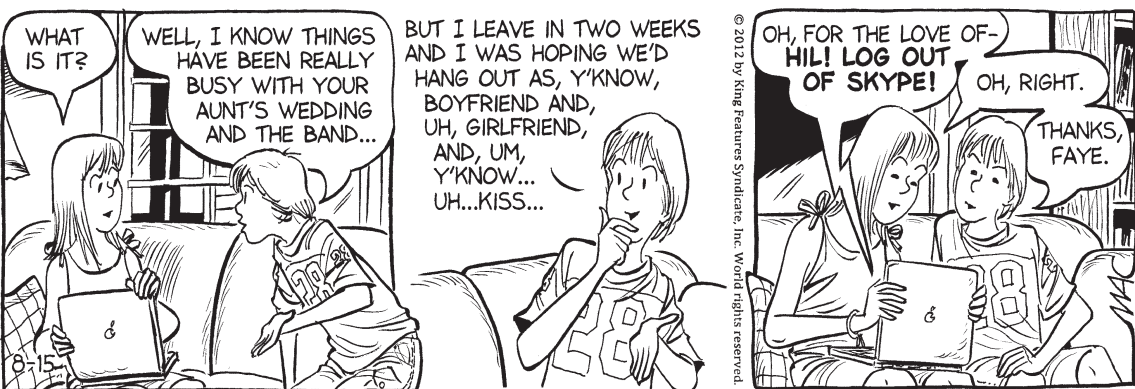
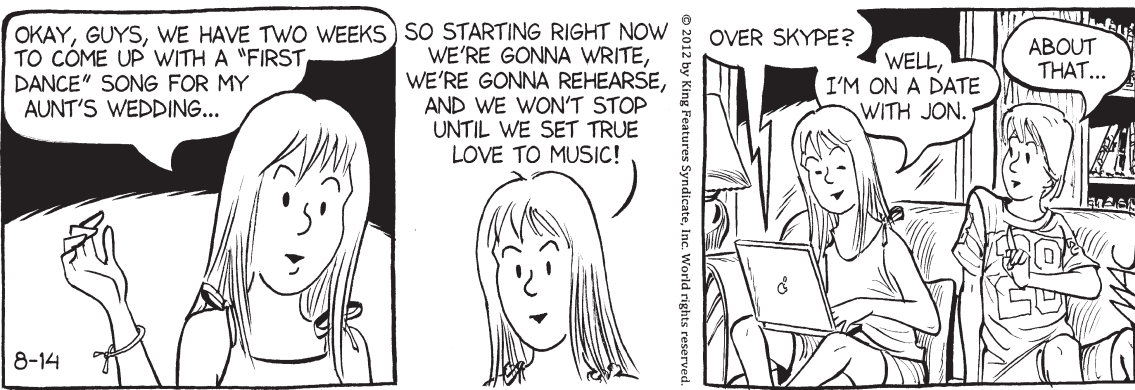
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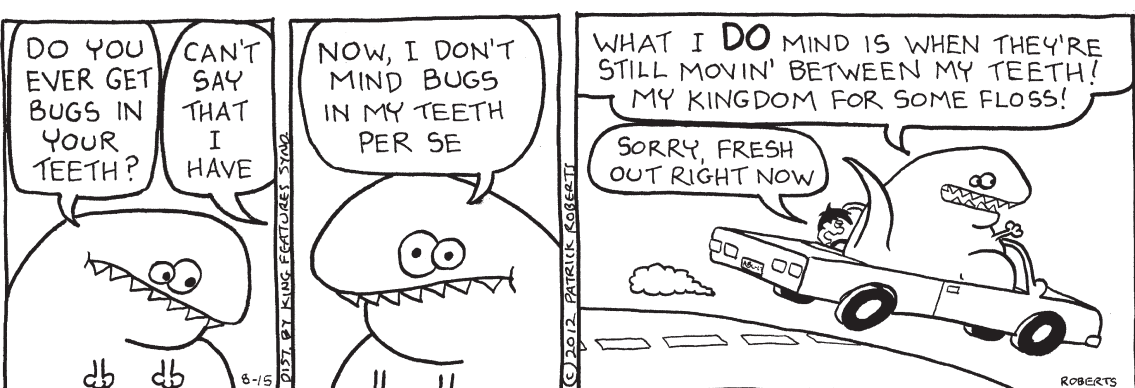
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Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Smooth out honey crystals

Dear Readers: Do you like a little honey on some toast or in your tea? If it sits a while, does it crystallize? Not to worry. This is a natural property of honey and can be taken care of as easily as, well - 1, 2, 3.

To get the honey flowing again, bring some water to boil in a pan and then turn off the heat. Place the open honey container in the water and leave it until both the water and the honey are cool.

Do not microwave honey. Honey is so thick that you can't evenly heat it without hot spots occurring or sudden boils that can cause splattering. Also, the plastic bottle can warp when microwaved.

Do not store honey in the refrigerator. It will crystallize.

Honey is best stored at room temperature in a sealed container. You can, however, freeze honey.

— Heloise

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LEFTHOVER JUCE

Dear Heloise: I read your column in *The Sacramento (Calif.) Bee*. Another way to use juice drained from a can of crushed pineapple is as a substitute for an equal amount of water in a pineapple upside-down cake recipe. Instead of some of the water called for in the yellow cake mix, my wife uses the saved pineapple juice. It really enhances the flavor, as my Friday night poker gang can attest. — D.K., via e-mail

COFFEE LOVER
Dear Heloise: Hello! I have a hint about coffee. I love coffee so much that I just can't waste it. If I don't drink it all in the morning, I keep it and drink it cold. I put milk and sweetener in it later in the day, and it tastes just like the kind people buy in the bottles.

It is delicious — especially in the summer! I also add ice cream and chocolate syrup, or just a little syrup if I am not in the mood for the ice-cream calories! — M. Hyde in Ohio

What great hints for such a popular beverage! I love to drink coffee, and I have many more hints about it and tea in my Heloise's Flavored Coffees and Teas pamphlet. To receive a copy, send \$3 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (65 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Coffee, Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Freeze leftover coffee in ice-cube trays. Use the cubes when making iced coffee in the summer. — Heloise

TIME HINT
Dear Heloise: I am always looking for things to make my life easier. Here is something I do that works for me!

After breakfast each morning, I make my dinner salad and stick it in the fridge. That way I can't, after a busy day, say I'm too tired to make my salad. Got to have salad for its low-calorie nutrition! — Dena in Maryland

CAKE CONTAINER
Dear Heloise: Here's another hint for reusing plastic cake containers: Flip one over, and you have a deep bowl with a locking lid (the base) to carry salad to dinners and potlucks. — J.W., via e-mail

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 8 2
♥ 7 3
♦ A K Q 6 3
♣ K 9 6

WEST
♠ 4
♥ K J 6 5 4 2
♦ 7
♣ J 7 5 4 3

EAST
♠ K J 5 3
♥ A 9
♦ 9 8 5 4 2
♣ 8 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 9 7 6
♥ Q 10 8
♦ J 10
♣ A Q 10

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠
Opening lead — five of hearts.

The Art of Good Salesmanship
On most hands, it is possible to get by with so-called automatic plays. If you really want to excel at the game, though, you have to be continuously on the lookout for situations in which special treatment may be required. In other words, you must not take familiar situations for granted and play mechanically.

Assume you're East in today's deal and that your partner leads a heart against South's four-spade contract. You take the ace and return the nine, South's ten losing to partner's jack. He then continues with the king, ruffed by dummy's ten.

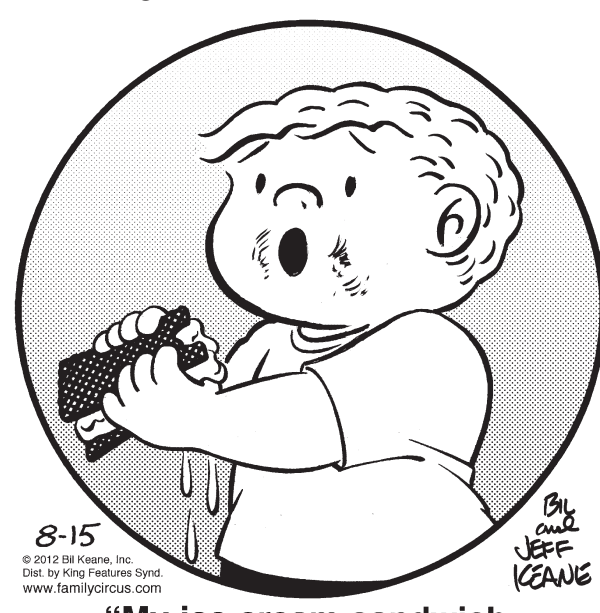
At this point, you have a chance to shine. If you overruff with the jack -- which is the natural thing to do -- declarer will later finesse you out of the king and wind up making four spades. But if you cleverly overruff the ten with the king -- certainly the unnatural thing to do -- you will almost surely defeat the contract.

Let's look at the matter from South's viewpoint after he sees you overruff the ten with the king. He will in all likelihood assume that your partner has the jack of trumps, so after winning whatever you return, he will probably next cash the A-Q in the hope of dropping your partner's jack.

It is unlikely declarer will even think of the possibility that you could have the jack after you overruff with the king, and that is precisely the bill of goods you should be trying to sell him. If he buys it, he will live to regret it.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/15

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.

Cryptoquip

TIXJ EIX ETR MRLGJSJE
CSLV MR QSEKX QF
QJSJUGJU IRCJV, EIXF SKTSFV
DVX EIX QDEEGJU UCXXJ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HOLY AMERICAN STATE IN WHICH ONLY SUPREME ISLAMIC RULERS ARE ALLOWED TO RESIDE: CALIPH-ORNIA.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals U

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Too
5 Legisla-
8 Use
12 Picnic hamper
13 Raw rock
14 Mexican entree
15 Water
17 Micro-wave
18 Classify
19 Mock
21 Med. research org.
22 Un-escorted
23 \$ dispenser
26 Calendar abbr.
28 Once more
31 Child of the streets
33 Name
35 Sicilian spouter
36 Praise highly
38 Conger or moray
40 Early bird?

DOWN
41 Eye part
43 Deteriorate
45 Official emissary
47 Puts on a pedestal
51 Vacationing
52 Go to court
54 Apportion (out)
55 One of the Parker series
56 Chills and fever
57 Raised
58 Moreover
59 Put into words
2 Rock drummer Ulrich
3 Letter H
4 Whopper top
5 Couldn't stand
6 Illustrations
7 Mary-Louise Parker series on Show-time
8 Warehouse's purpose
9 Steer
10 On the rocks
11 Corn recipe
16 Puzzle diagram
20 Greek H
23 Shock and —
24 Tariff
25 Ease
27 Prompt stand
29 Gerund suffix
30 Complain constantly
32 Made an incursion
34 Scolded
37 Eng. class
39 California city
42 Alabama city
44 Frat party garb
45 Mary's follower
46 Basin accessory
48 Indian style of music
49 Needle case
50 Origin
53 Electrical particle

Yesterday's answer 8-15

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15			16					17		
18							19	20		
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