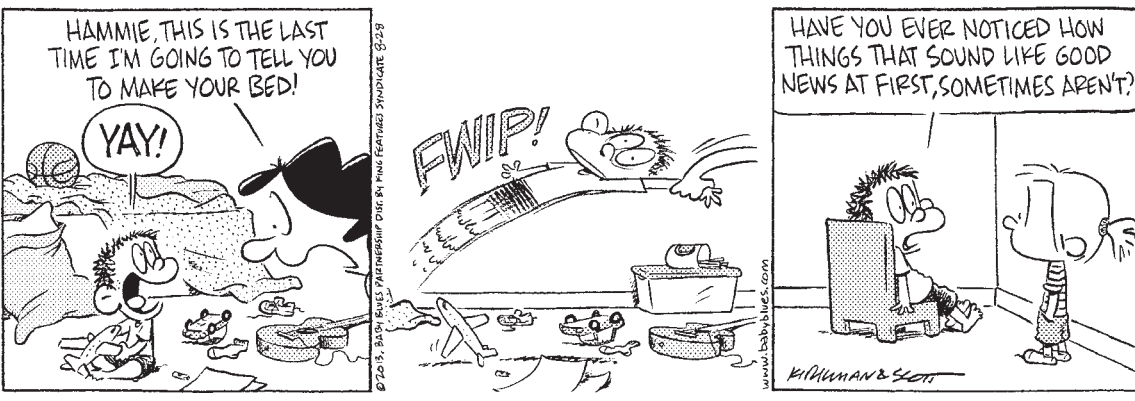
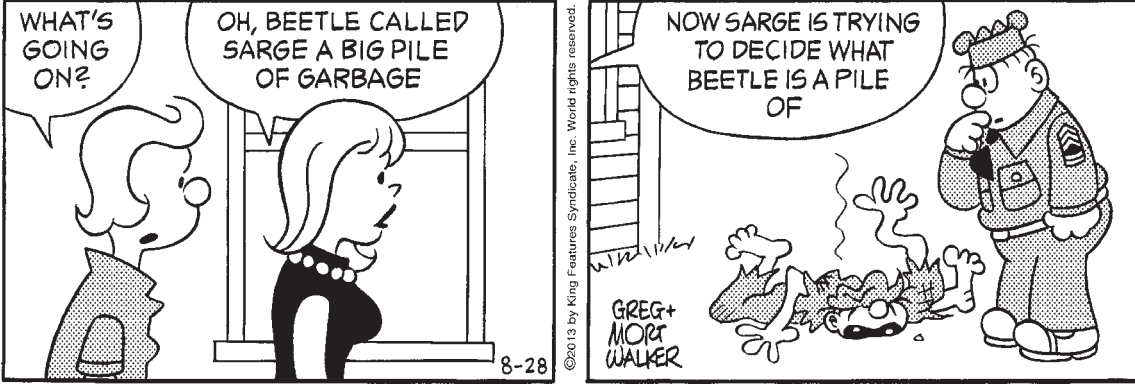


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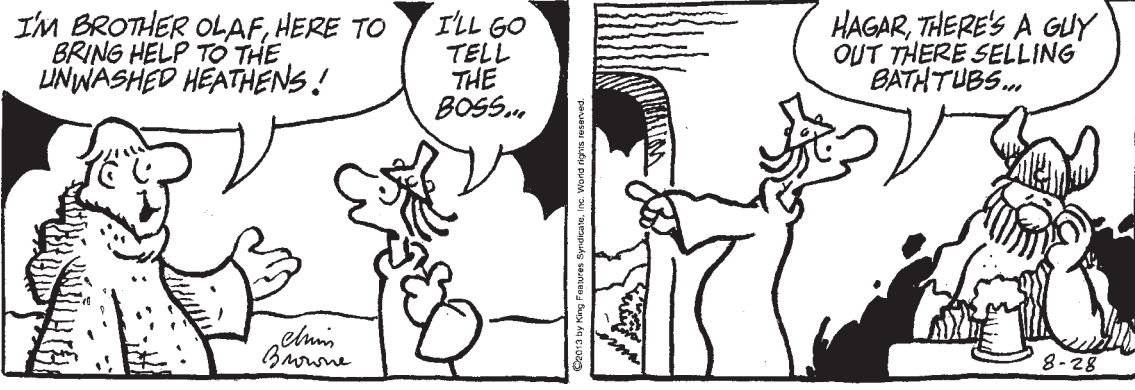
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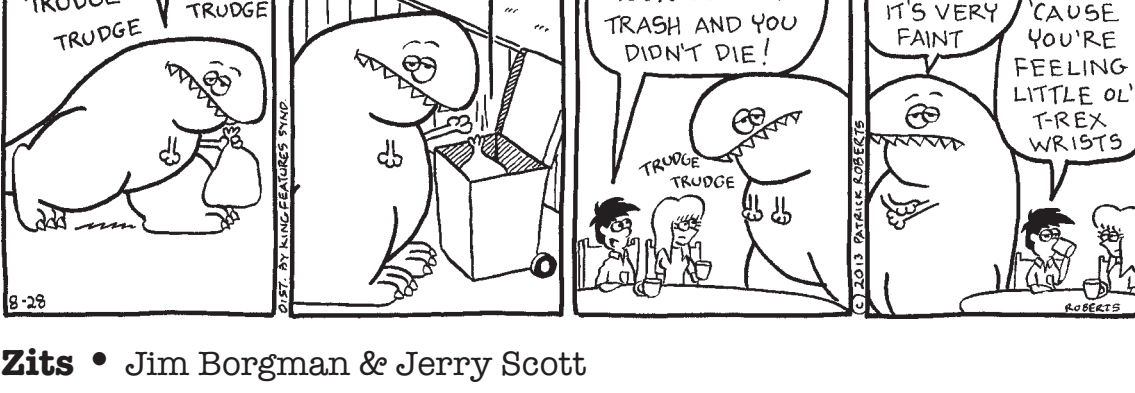
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Fight stains on enamel pans

Dear Heloise: I have an expensive Dutch oven (enamel over cast iron, I think), and I have been unable to clean the food stains inside. Please help. — Marilyn W., via e-mail

If you have already tried soaking it with dish detergent and warm water without good results, then try this recommended (from a leading manufacturer) method next: Place warm water and a powdered laundry detergent (about 2 teaspoons in 2 pints of water) in the pan and mix to dissolve. Clean with a nylon or soft abrasive pad (no abrasive cleaners or metallic pads). If stains still remain, set the pan on the stovetop, heat to boiling, then simmer for just a few minutes. Scrub, rinse and dry.

In the future, try not to let the food dry before adding water and detergent to it. This will make cleanup easier. — Heloise

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CUTTING SPAGHETTI

Dear Heloise: Our local paper, the (Geneva, N.Y.) *Finger Lakes Times*, recently published your hint about cutting spaghetti prior to serving it to children.

In my experience, three out of four children refused to eat spaghetti after it was cut even if they did not see me cutting it. Thus, I switched from spaghetti to pasta shaped like elbows, shells, wheels, etc., with the spaghetti sauce.

The kids always enjoyed having different shapes of pasta. Strictly speaking, it wasn't spaghetti, but it was less messy! Thanks for all your hints! They are very helpful! — Sue W., Geneva, N.Y.

BOUQUET GARNI

Dear Readers: Here is a hint for making bouquet garni (a French term that literally means "garnished bouquet"). A "garni" (different herbs tied together) is added to a dish while cooking but removed before the dish is served.

To make a garni, gather thyme, bay leaves, parsley or other herbs. Wrap them in cheesecloth and tie at the top so the leaves and stems stay wrapped in the bag. Drop the bag of herbs in soup, stew or stock for added flavor, removing the bag when the dish is done cooking.

You can buy bags to put your herbs in or purchase premade garnis that can simply be added to your dishes. — Heloise

NO CELERY

Dear Heloise: I was getting out the makings for egg-salad sandwiches and discovered I had no celery. With no time to go to the store, I cut the long center ribs out from the lettuce leaves (Heloise here: Romaine lettuce is what I use) and diced them as I would celery. Nobody even noticed the difference. — A Reader, via e-mail

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 5
♥ K 7 2
♦ K 8 7 6 3
♣ Q 10 5 4

WEST
♠ Q 10 7 4 3
♥ J 9 4
♦ J
♣ K 9 6 3

EAST
♠ J 9 8 6
♥ 5
♦ 10 9 5 2
♣ A J 8 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 2
♥ A Q 10 8 6 3
♦ A Q 4
♣ 7

The bidding:
1♥ West 2♥ North East
3♦ Pass 4♦ Pass
Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

First Things First
There are very few deals so cut-and-dried that there is literally nothing to the play. The trouble is that many hands seem to be of this type, but are really diabolical traps waiting to ensnare an overconfident declarer.

Take this case where South reached six hearts as shown and West led the jack of diamonds. At first blush, the hand seemed ice-cold; indeed, if the opposing diamonds were divided 3-2, declarer would make an overtrick, eventually discarding his club loser on a good diamond. At the very least, declarer would lose only a club after ruffing a spade in dummy.

So without giving the matter further thought, South won the diamond jack with the ace and cashed the A-K of trumps. Upon finding the trumps divided 3-1, he stopped playing the suit and instead played the ace of spades and ruffed a spade with dummy's last trump. When declarer next tried to enter his hand by leading a diamond to the queen, West ruffed and led a club to East's ace for down one.

After a crestfallen South had regained his ability to speak, he tried to explain that even if he had drawn West's last trump, he would still have had to lose a club and a spade and go down one. His argument did not, of course, hold any water, since he could easily have made 12 tricks with a bit more care.

All South had to do to make the slam was to ruff a spade in dummy before playing two rounds of trumps. Thus, after taking the opening trick, South should cash the ace of spades and ruff a spade. Declarer then plays the king of hearts, leads dummy's remaining heart to his hand and draws the missing trump.

If the diamonds divide evenly, South makes seven; more importantly, though, if the diamonds don't break, at least he makes six.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/28

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.

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

Cryptoquip

TXZB FXZU ZBPWPZE QB RCHE
MZOZRMU CB FXZ KZMMU-PC
-MCHBE, QF TWA OZMU KHIX
W IWMCHAZR IWMCHAWR.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BETWEEN TRULY FUNNY SATIRE AND DOWNRIGHT AWFUL LAMPOONS, THERE SEEMS TO BE A GREAT DIS-PARODY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals N

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Smidgen	43 Twosome	3 Swiss capital	25 Volcano outflow
4 Grate	46 Kind of personality	4 Sows anew	26 Satanic
8 Computer brand	50 Just miss	5 Interlaken	27 Trans-action
12 Rage	55 Wall climber	6 HBO rival	28 Learn of
13 Reverberate	56 Shaving cream	7 Harbor city	29 Taj Mahal
14 "Scat!"	57 Grimace	8 Early	30 Yuletide refrain
15 Knight's address	58 Appomattox sur-renderer	20th-century art movement	31 "Word from our sponsor"
16 Secretarial skill	59 Credit card	9 Tea type	35 Made booties
18 Hia-watha's transport	60 Molt result	10 A billion years	38 Mini-program
20 Twitch	61 Halves of ems	11 Fishing need	40 Sauté
21 Society newbies		17 Gratitude	42 Store-front sign
24 Went wan		19 Peculiar	45 Resistance measures
28 Issue, as a verdict		22 007	47 Heap
32 Church section		23 What melody	48 Tied
33 Id counterpart			49 Nays' foes
34 Nose-thumbing gesture			50 Craze
36 — Veneto			51 Hearty quaff
37 Neighborhood			52 High-arc shot
39 Collapse			53 Fire-works reaction
41 "The Honey-mooners' role			54 Regret

DOWN

1 Platter	22 007	23 What	47 Heap
2 Met	23 What	hawks do	48 Tied

Yesterdays answer 8-28

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
28	29	30					31		32	
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