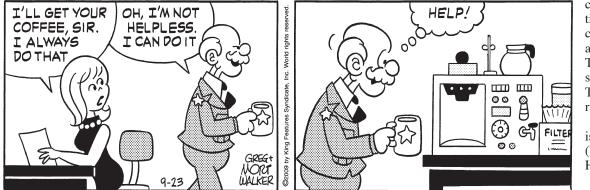


Colby Free Press Wednesday, September 23, 2009 Page 7



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young

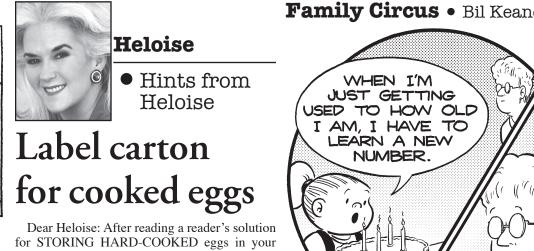


Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters





column in The Palm Beach (Fla.) Post, I was motivated to send you my system. I keep two egg cartons in my refrigerator. One contains raw eggs, and the second carton contains hard-cooked eggs. The second carton is marked on the narrow blank side of the carton, in bold letters, "hard cooked." This is a no-fail system. - Lila Ann Numair, Delray Beach, Fla.

This is an EGGcellent hint! The quick Heloise Hint? Simply spin the egg - a hard-cooked (boiled) egg spins, while a raw egg wobbles. -Heloise

SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

Heloise P.O. Box 795000 San Antonio, TX 78279-5000 E-mail: Heloise(at)Heloise.com

NUT CHOPPER

Dear Heloise: When I need to chop nuts, I just use my cutting board and my biscuit cutter. My cutter has a handle on it and is open so I can see the nuts as I'm chopping them. - Jewell, via email

WHOLE ROASTED CHICKEN

Dear Heloise: Sometimes we skip down to the local supermarket and buy one of those whole roasted chickens, which we dismantle into chicken strips for lunch with pickles and chips and such. Leftover chicken bits go with our Texas pecan pieces into a chicken salad to graze on for several days. Good stuff, those roasted chickens, for a number of meals. Try it, you'll like it. -Bobbi and Joe Schott, Castroville, Texas

SAFETY HINT

Dear Heloise: When I have to deal with raw meat, I put on rubber gloves like you find at a doctor's office. It makes handling the meat much easier and safer. After I'm done, I wash my hands with the gloves still on. This takes care of the mess. - Vicki from Idaho

"LET-US" HELPER

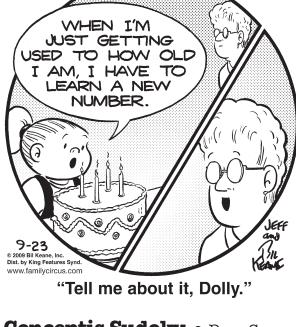
Dear Heloise: Lettuce goes bad before I can use all of it. So I came up with an idea that really works for me. I make my own vacuum bags. I take the lettuce from the original wrapper and put it in one of the thin, plastic bags that you put vegetables and fruit in at the grocery store. I insert a bag around the straw. By sucking on the straw, a vacuum is created, and by twisting the bag as you extract the straw, your vacuum is maintained. This will keep lettuce fresh for several days. This really works well and is very economical. - R. Schneider, Fairfield Bay, Ark.

Well, we tested this in the office, and it helps for a short while, but it does not "hold" the vacuum seal long. The key is to keep the lettuce dry, so don't rinse before storing. - Heloise

EXTRA ONIONS AND PEPPERS

Dear Heloise: When only a small amount of

Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

	-							
	5	4	9					
			1	3	4	5	7	
		7				1		
		3					2 3	
		1				9	3	5
	9	8	6		3	7		1
8	1		2 8		9			7
8 9			8			4	1	
	7	5						
Difficu	ltv Lev	el ★ 🖈	*					9/23

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.

2	8	9	7	4	6	5	1	3	
5	4	1	3	9	2	6	8	7	, hc.
6	3	7	1	8	5	9	4	2	yndicate
9	7	6	4	2	3	1	5	8	atures S
4	1	8	9	5	7	2	3	6	r King F
3	5	2	8	6	1	7	9	4	. Dist. b)
1	9	3	6	7	4	8	2	5	Puzzles
7	2	4	5	1	8	3	6	9	\$2009 Conceptis Puzzles, Dist. by King Features Syndicate, Inc.
8	6	5	2	3	9	4	7	1	©2009 C

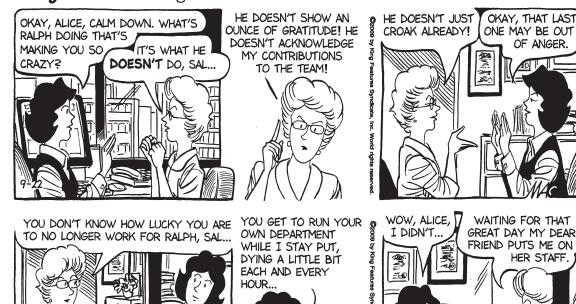
Cryptoquip

BTZ PRGM LB UEGT NTD soda straw into the bag and wind the top of the NRR WSBTVEH NR USMD XDA VPLDXJB. LV RXHZ LN AREHJ 🕀 HLNNHD WREHJDP! WD S

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A BUNCH OF SMALL MILK CARTONS, THE POLICE PUT OUT AN ALL-PINTS BULLETIN.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals T

Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



bell pepper or onion is needed for a recipe, chop the remainder, and freeze it on a cookie sheet. It's ready for next time. – Bette Yope, via e-mail

(c)2009 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

Bridge • Steve Becker

OF ANGER.

HER STAFF

West deal Neither si		КТН 63	
WES		E	AST
🕈 A K	1073		94
♥KQ ♦874	2	♥7	10 5 3
◆ 8 / 4 ◆K 5	2		9742
	SOU	ТН	
	▲ J 5	5.4.0	
	♥AJ9 ♦6	542	
	♣AQ	10 6	
The biddi			
	North	East	South
$1 \bigstar$ $3 \bigstar$	Pass 4 ♥	2 🕈	3 🎔
Opening :		ing of sp	ades.

Wriggling Out of the Trap

It is one thing for declarer to master the art of executing an endplay, but quite another matter to learn how to avoid one as a defender. Today's deal provides an example of the type of collaboration sometimes needed between defenders to thwart an impending endplay.

South reaches four hearts as shown, and West leads the king of spades. Let's first say that West continues with the ace and another spade, ruffed by declarer. The ace of hearts is cashed, after which South plays the A-K-Q of diamonds, discarding two clubs. He then ruffs the nine of diamonds in his hand.

By this time, the defense may just as well fold its tents. Declarer next leads a heart, forcing West into the lead. West must then either return a club into South's A-Q or lead a spade, presenting declarer with a ruff-and-discard. Either way, the contract is made.

This unfortunate outcome can be avoided if the defenders cooperate with one another to get West off the hook. To begin with, East must signal with the nine of spades at trick one to show possession of the queen. West must then see the wisdom of having his partner rather than himself on lead at trick three.

Accordingly, he underleads his ace at trick two, East winning with the queen. East then asks himself why West has gone out of his way to put him on lead.

East should reason that the purpose of West's low spade lead is to have East shift to another suit, one that West cannot safely lead himself. That suit is obviously not diamonds, so East returns a club. Against this defense South is helpless, and he eventually loses the king of clubs as well as a heart to go down one.

(c)2009 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

						шu	.gei	10 1		,,,,,			
AC	ROSS		28	Fee	d.	D	ow	N		15	Pass	book	
						_	1 Do				abbr		
	Remuner-			one's						abbr. 19 Cover			
А	ation		20	way 30 Sprite			raid prize				Store		
4	4 —								J	20		9-	
_	Aviv		33	Hor				ettleo	2		front		
7	7 Java			blower			down					abbr.	
	neight		of				3 Ga	ave			Use		
	Subje	ct		rhyme			Wa				Hallu		
10	Bert's		36 Thelma's			S	4 Poison			23	Slim	ming	
	roomie	Э	pal				5 Grand				surg	ery,	
11	Left		37 O.				tales				for		
13	"Good		Henry's				6 Stone				shor	t	
	Golly		specialty			v	(S	uff.)		24	Follo	wing	
	Miss		38 Over			-			d-		orde	rs	
	Molly"			and			7 Spread- able			25	Piero		
	singer			done			ch	ees	э		tool		
16	Crucia			with			8 Co			26		cially	
	De-		30	39 Califor-				act		26 Judicially clad			
.,	nounc	<u>م</u> د	00					ause	c	28	Move	2	
10	Seek	62		nia						20			
IÖ				wine				oppe	eu	20	grace Put	efully	
4.0	dama	jes		vall			0 W			29			
19	Not			40 Acquire		1		arr's			back		
	SO		41				0	ear			to		
	much			COM	/!"	1	4 Fa	acility	/		zero		
20	Rope									30	Run		
	materi	al	S	oluti	ion t	ime	21	min	s.		off		
21	Tolera	te				R F C					to		
23	Parlia	-		A K I N E A R S A L E L A M B E X A C T I O N							wed		
	menta		EYELIDTORQUE							31 Moth			
	ans		ΟΟΡΟΥΟυ								variety		
25	Eager		E J E C T I O N S I G H							32	Palir	ı Î	
	plus	,	M O I A P L U S R O E S Y N C E V I C T I O N							portr	aver		
26	Cage			S I P E S A U							Tina		
	compo)-							34	Mao			
	nents			_	C T					04	Tse-		
27	7 Witty			G A I L T I C R I E L A R N E A L E S N A P						25	High		
21	Volter device energy and							30	hillsi				
	one					ay o					misi	ue	
	1		2	3			4	5	6				
	7	_				8				9			
	·					Ĺ				Ľ			
10						11					12		
13	+				14				-	-		15	
' ³					14								
16				17						18			
			19						20	<u> </u>		\vdash	
			19						20				
	21 2	22					23	24					
05						00							
25						26							
27	+			28	29					30	31	32	
										Ľ	· ·		
33			34						35				
	36						l	37		-	+	+	
	00							57					
	3	38						39					
			40					41		-			
			40					41					

۲