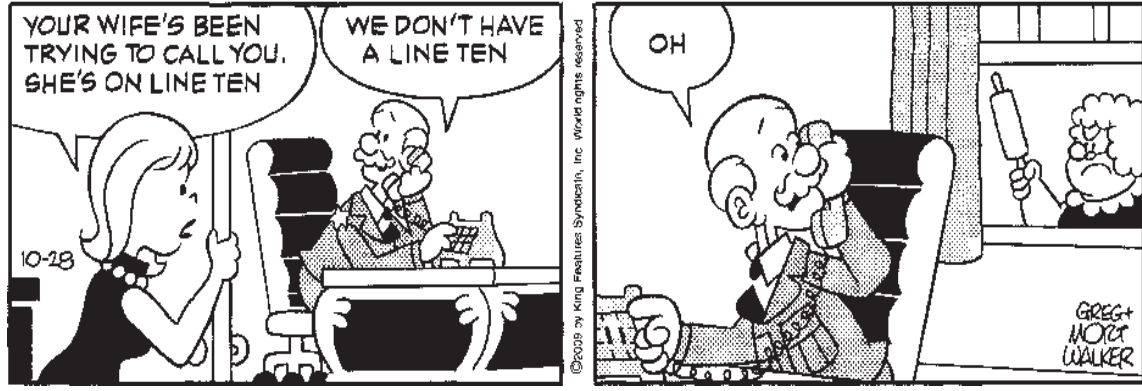


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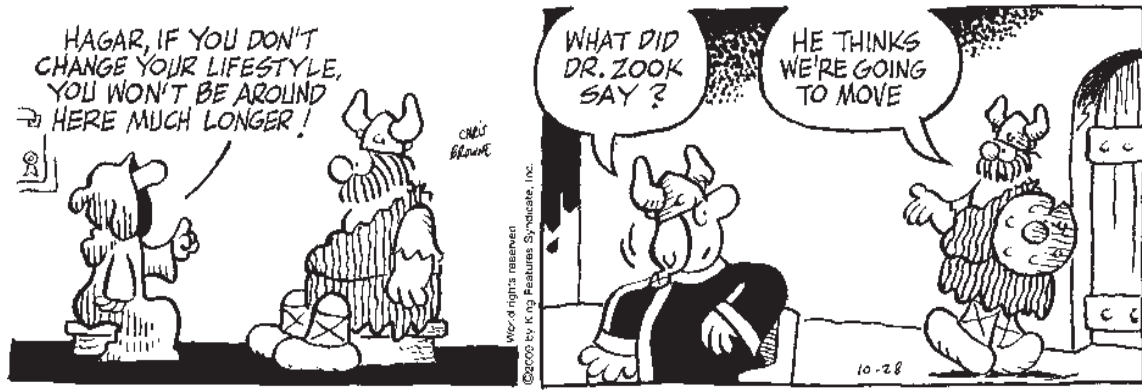
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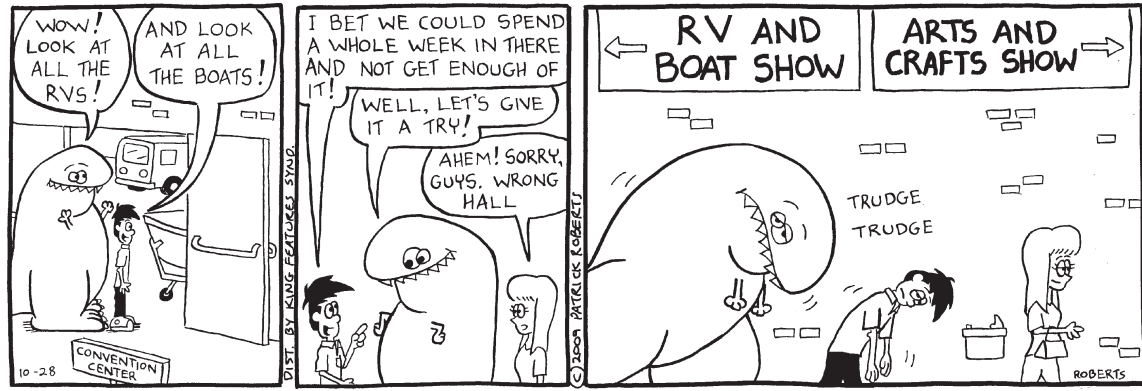
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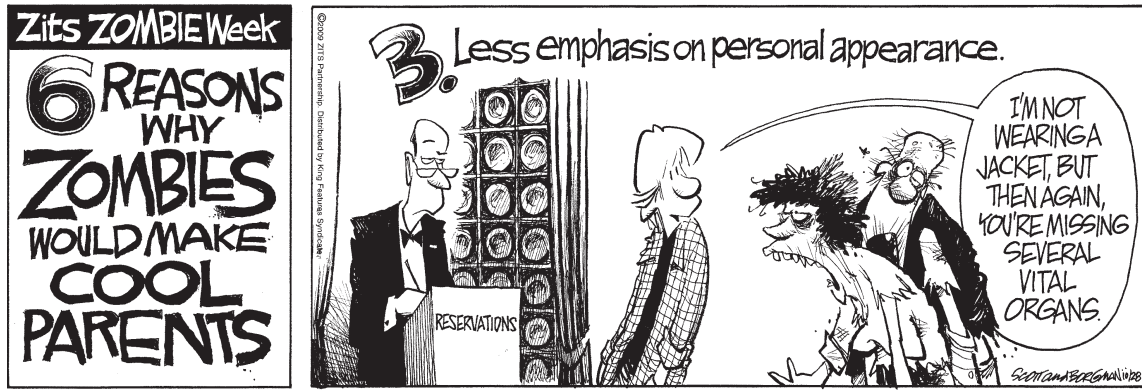
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Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Store yeast outside freezer

Dear Heloise: Can you FREEZE YEAST? Thanks so much. — Pat K., via e-mail

According to a leading manufacturer, freezing yeast is not recommended. Since yeast loses its effectiveness over time (which results in longer rising times), you should use it by the expiration date.

Unopened yeast can be stored in a cupboard, pantry or even the fridge in an airtight container. Oxygen, heat and humidity all affect yeast, so a cool, dry place is the rule of thumb.

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, we all may be using more yeast for baking biscuits, pies and other goodies. — Heloise

P.S.: It's probably best to buy only enough yeast for your baking needs and not stock up.

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PEANUT-BUTTER MEASURE

Dear Heloise: I read a method of measuring peanut butter, and I wanted to share how I do this. This works for peanut butter or shortening. I use a large, glass liquid measuring cup, and fill it with cold water to the 1-cup mark, then drop spoonfuls of shortening or peanut butter until the proper volume of water is displaced. For example, if I need 1 cup of shortening, I add enough shortening so that the water in the measuring cup reaches 2 cups. — Larry, Linden, N.J.

Here's another hint for measuring sticky ingredients from Jeff in Alabama. He says: "When I measured molasses with a measuring cup, I always had to run my finger or a spatula inside the cup to get all the molasses out, since it's so thick and sticky. One day, I measured some oil into a cup and poured it into a mixing bowl. Since I wanted some molasses in the same bowl, I measured the molasses after the oil without washing the cup. I found out that all the molasses easily slid out of the cup, thanks to the oil that coated it. Since then, I found that coating the inside of the measuring cup or spoon with cooking spray accomplishes the same thing. It makes things easier, less messy and more accurate." — Heloise

GREEN HINT

Dear Heloise: For a household with only two people, here's what I do to save a penny and go green with pieces of meat. I wrap each piece in a wax bag that cereal comes in. The bags are large enough to store a lot. I tape it closed, mark on the tape the contents, and put it in a freezer bag. The wax paper is easy to separate when frozen. Use more, waste less. — Pat Thomas, Blytheville, Ark.

"EGG"-CELLENT IDEA

Dear Heloise: For meatloaf and other recipes using eggs, I first break the eggs in a 2-cup glass measuring cup and pre-beat them. When I add the eggs to the other ingredients, I spoon up a portion of the meat mixture and use it to swipe out the cup and get all the egg out. This also works for other things you first have in a cup, so you don't waste money. — Shirley Hill, Bogalusa, La.

Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ J 7 2
♥ 1 9 3
♣ K 10 7
♦ A Q 10 5

WEST
♦ K Q 5
♥ 10 8 6 5 2
♦ 4
♠ 9 8 4 2

EAST
♦ A 10 9 8 4 3
♥ K Q 7
♦ A 5
♠ 7 6

SOUTH
♦ A 4
♥ Q 1 9 8 6 3 2
♦ K J 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ 2 ♣
3 ♦ 3 ♣ 4 ♣ 4 ♣
5 ♦ Pass Pass Dblc
Opening lead — king of spades.

Asleep at the Switch

Bridge is a game that demands continuous concentration. Mechanical play is certain to produce many poor results that could have been averted. Take this case where South arrived at five diamonds doubled on the bidding shown. West led the king of spades and continued with a second spade, ruffed by declarer. The ace of diamonds was then driven out, after which declarer took the rest of the tricks, discarding his losing heart on dummy's fourth club.

As can be seen, the contract could have been defeated. All West had to do was shift to a heart at trick two. Then East could not have been stopped from scoring a heart trick, and South would have gone down one.

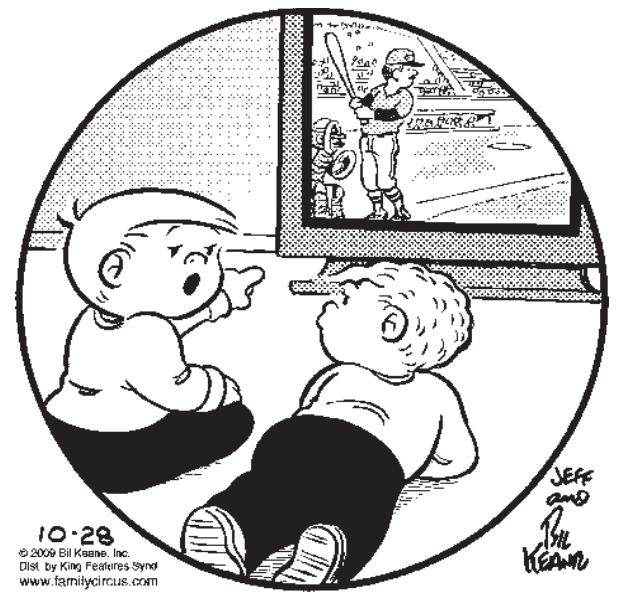
Perhaps West should have found the heart shift at trick two, but our contention is that the outcome was primarily East's fault. He was in a far better position than his partner to visualize just how the defense might take three tricks. For this reason, East should have overtaken the king of spades with the ace at trick one and shifted to the king of hearts to establish the setting trick.

The winning play is not difficult to find. Given the bidding, overtaking the first spade cannot cost a trick. West's raise must be based on three or four spades. If West has four spades, declarer will ruff the opening lead; if West has three spades, the defense cannot score more than one spade trick.

Thus, East can lose nothing by overtaking the first spade in order to make the killing heart shift. All that's required is that he be totally focused at trick one.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/28

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.

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

Cryptoquip

WCVVXWUQE PML KXXXXQLT
UQWLKPW WCTTLQYF EOLN
NUTLO, U ECLWW FXC'T WGF
PMLF NLOL TUYGFLT VCVGW.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WELL-KNOWN KIDS' BOOK SERIES ABOUT A DEEP CANYON THAT'S HIGHLY PECULIAR: "CURIOUS GORGE."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals Y

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Resistance unit
 - 4 Low range
 - 8 Terrible guy?
 - 12 Pair with an air melody
 - 13 Met
 - 14 Mature street
 - 15 Freddy's street
 - 16 Sample of signage
 - 18 Impudent
 - 20 Heavy weight
 - 21 Greek peak
 - 24 London newspaper
 - 28 Montana city
 - 32 Bear lair
 - 33 Yoko —
 - 34 Frat party garb
 - 36 Feminine principle
 - 37 Garbage barge
 - 39 Wallet
 - 41 Red River capital
- DOWN**
- 43 — out (supplemented)
 - 44 Eggs
 - 46 Leaves at the library?
 - 50 Kid's pop
 - 55 "The 7 Faces of Dr. —"
 - 56 Garfield's pal
 - 57 Hindu princess
 - 58 Doctrine of related
 - 59 Enter
 - 60 Related
 - 61 Spell-down
 - 3 Mid-May honoree
 - 4 Watch Junior
 - 5 "Entourage" character
 - 6 Part of RSVP
 - 7 Sodium chloride
 - 8 Kinda funny
 - 9 By way of
 - 10 Spring mo.
 - 11 Homer's neighbor
 - 17 Automaton
 - 19 Scale member
 - 22 Uppity one
 - 23 One majoring in farming
 - 25 BLT enhancer
 - 26 Satan's specialty
 - 27 Transmit
 - 28 "Poppy-cock!"
 - 29 Bygone Peruvian
 - 30 Crazy sort
 - 31 Polio vaccine discoverer
 - 35 Ignored the alarm
 - 38 Fleecy
 - 40 HHS division
 - 42 Wall climber
 - 45 Taj Mahal city
 - 47 Smooth-talking
 - 48 Facility
 - 49 A few
 - 50 Cranberry territory
 - 51 Altar affirmative
 - 52 Roman
 - 53 Acorn creator
 - 54 Blackbird

Solution time: 21 mins.

L	A	R	K	W	E	E	M	E	G
S	P	O	N	S	O	R	S	U	P
D	E	M	O	C	R	A	T	F	E
T	O	E	E	F	F	E	T	E	
B	R	A	T	T	D	E	L	I	
R	E	L	I	D	E	M	A	N	D
O	N	O	C	O	V	E	T	O	H
D	E	M	I	G	O	D	Q	U	I
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H	A	C	K	D	E	M	O	L	I
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M	O	O	D	R	A	N	S	N	A

Yesterday's answer 10-28

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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