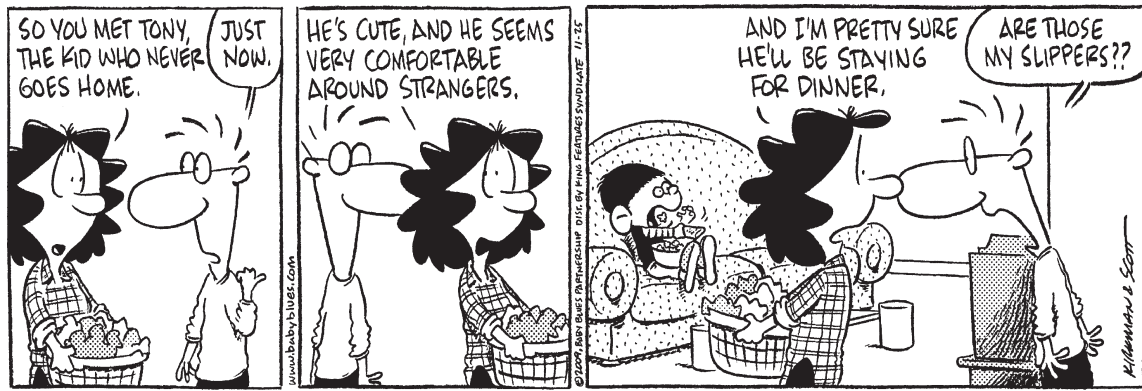
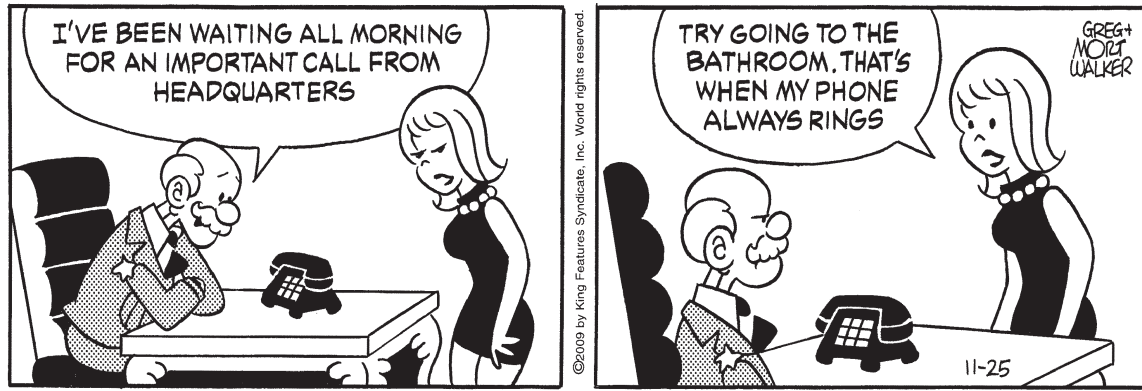


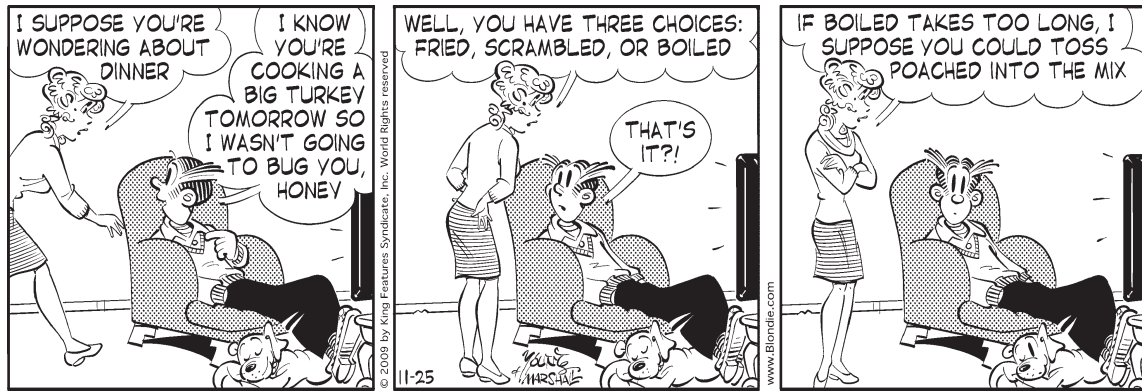
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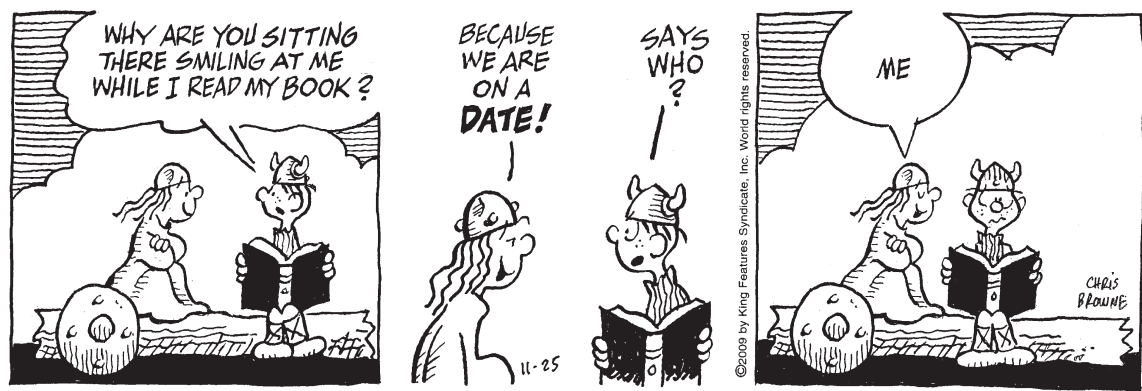
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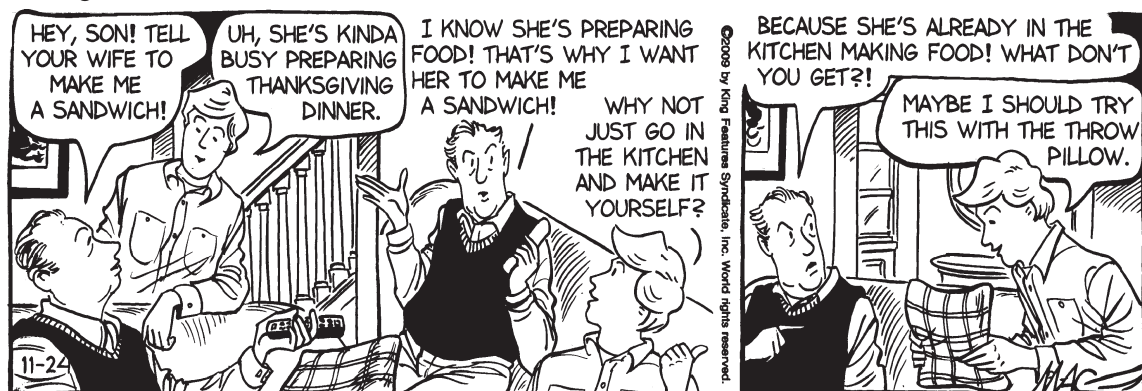
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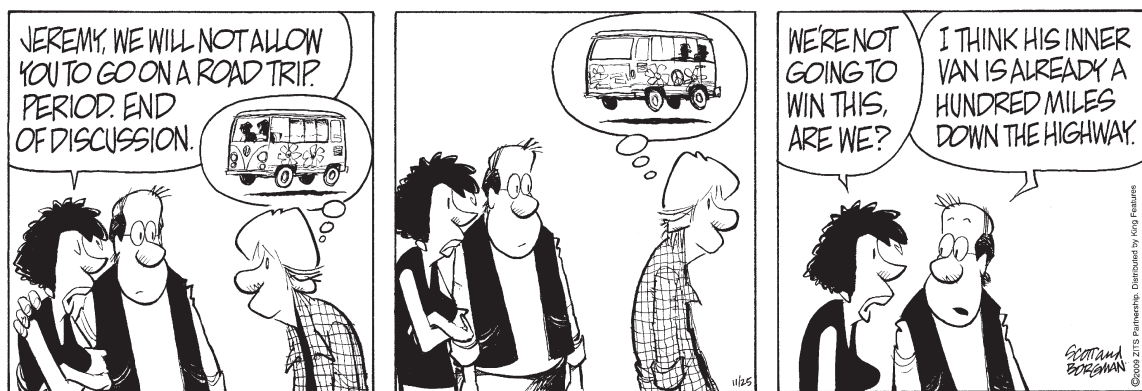
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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Spaghetti sauce a keepsake recipe

Dear Heloise: I'm writing to request a copy of the RECIPE that was called "Heloise's Mother's Spaghetti Sauce." This appeared in our local newspaper, and I can't find my copy now when I need it. This is one of the best recipes you have ever published! - Julie, Holmdel, N.J.

Thanks, Julie - I love this one, too. Here is a reprint for you and other readers who might want to give it a try:

HELOISE'S ORIGINAL ITALIAN SPAGHETTI SAUCE

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup finely chopped onions
- 1 pound ground beef
- 4 strips finely chopped bacon
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped fine
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley
- 1 bay leaf, chopped fine
- 1 tablespoon salt
- Black pepper, freshly ground to taste
- 1 teaspoon crushed dry red pepper
- 2 ounces red wine
- 2 15-ounce cans whole tomatoes or tomato sauce
- 1 small can tomato paste
- 1 cup water
- 1 finely chopped carrot

Heat olive oil over low heat in a pot large enough to hold all ingredients. Add butter and simmer until melted. Add onions and saute until lightly browned. Add ground beef and bacon; saute until browned, stirring occasionally.

Add garlic, parsley, bay leaf, salt, black pepper and red pepper. Cook over low heat for 10 minutes. Add wine, cover and "steam" for a few minutes more.

Add tomatoes or tomato sauce, tomato paste and water. Bring mixture to boiling point and add chopped carrot. Cover and cook over very low heat for an hour, stirring occasionally. Serve over your favorite cooked pasta. To receive a copy of Heloise's All-Time Favorite Recipes, send \$5, along with a long, self-addressed, stamped (61 cents) envelope, to: Heloise/Recipes, Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. This recipe is delicious and gets better the next day, so make a double batch, for two dinners! - Heloise

CUTTING BOARD

Dear Heloise: To remove odors from a wooden cutting board, sprinkle it with salt and rub with a cut lemon or lime. Next, wash with warm, soapy water, rinse and dry well. - Christine, via e-mail

SAVING GROCERY DOLLARS

Dear Heloise: Premium lean hamburger is often more than \$4 per pound. A choice top round roast on sale is less than \$2 per pound. I pick a roast and have it ground by the butcher. This gives me lean hamburger at less than half the price.

For those who want a juicier burger than the lean meat provides, add a little olive oil high in "good fats." - Russ B., Broad Run, Va.

ICE-CREAM SCOOP

Dear Heloise: An ice-cream scoop makes a great tool for making meatballs. The scoops come in small and large sizes, so you can make whatever-size meatball you need quickly and without the mess. - Mary M., Laredo, Texas

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A 8 5
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ J 9 7 6 5 3
 ♣ K 2

WEST
 ♠ Q 9 7 4 2
 ♥ 9 6 5
 ♦ A
 ♣ 8 7 4 3

EAST
 ♠ 10 6
 ♥ J 8 7 3 2
 ♦ 10 2
 ♣ A Q J 5

SOUTH
 ♠ K J 3
 ♥ A 10 4
 ♦ K Q 8 4
 ♣ 10 9 6

The bidding:
 1♦ South West 3♦ North East
 3 NT Pass Pass Pass
 Opening lead — four of spades.

Misdirection Play

Assume you, South, are declarer at three notrump, and West leads a low spade. How would you proceed?

When the deal occurred in a team-of-four match, the declarer at the first table took East's ten of spades with the jack and played the king of diamonds. West won with the ace and, fully aware from the play to the first trick that there was no future in continuing spades, shifted to a club. This struck gold in his partner's hand, and the defenders quickly rattled off four club tricks to score a one-trick set.

The declarer at the second table, more aware of the danger of a club switch by West, decided to disguise his spade holding. After playing a low spade from dummy at trick one, he won East's ten with the king!

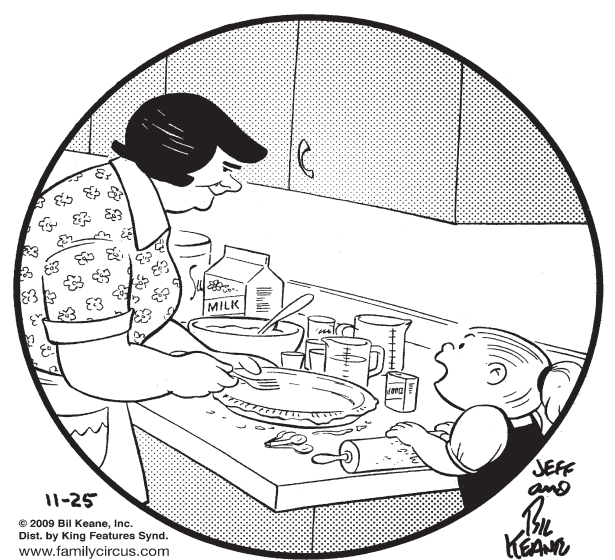
This inspired bit of subterfuge had the desired effect. When West next won the ace of diamonds, he led another spade, convinced that his partner had the jack. Declarer then added insult to injury by allowing the spade return to run to his jack and finished with 11 tricks.

We will not belabor the point of whether the second West should have fallen into this trap. Instead, we would rather bestow praise on declarer, whose clever deception greatly enhanced his chances of making the contract. The spade trick he was willing to sacrifice at trick one was not vital insofar as making three notrump was concerned, since he had 10 sure tricks without it.

But if West had the diamond ace and East the club ace, throwing a little dust in West's eyes could do no harm, and might do a lot of good.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"This is a HARD way to make pumpkin pie, Grandma. Don't you know how to make the frozen kind?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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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.

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

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TRADITIONAL SONG WRITTEN ABOUT A NEW YORK BASEBALL PLAYER'S CURLY-COATED DOG: "YANKEE POODLE."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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| ACROSS | DOWN | 25 A handful |
| 1 Pal in the 'hood | 1 United biologically | 26 Do surveillance on |
| 4 Actress Jessica | 2 Carry on | 27 Exam format |
| 8 Dog owner's ordeal | 3 October birthstone | 28 Back talk |
| 12 Once around the track | 4 Soaks up | 29 Cleo's water |
| 13 Italy's silhouette | 5 Letter from the Vatican | 30 Leave out |
| 14 Pelvic bones | 6 Greet the villain | 31 Crazy references? |
| 15 In vitro items | 7 Fermi's tidbit | 32 MacArthur "The Greatest" |
| 16 Cousin of the ibis | 8 Cross | 33 Ailment |
| 18 Yo-Yo Ma's strings | 9 "The Affair" | 34 Underwear with underwire |
| 20 — de mer | 10 Up to, in reverse | 35 Slithery fish |
| 21 Killer whale | 11 Actor in the morn | 36 Slightly able |
| 24 Linguini sauce | 12 Links supply | 37 Presidential power |
| 28 Keep growing rapidly | 13 Mork's home planet | 38 Basin accessory |
| 32 Go with the eagles | | 39 Security problem |
| 33 Intention | | 40 Spacecraft compartment |
| 34 Hairnet | | 41 Mimic |
| 36 "Mamma —!" | | 42 Church seat |
| 37 Slender | | 43 Guitar's kin |
| 39 Where to "think outside the bun" | | 44 Shelter |

Solution time: 21 mins.

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