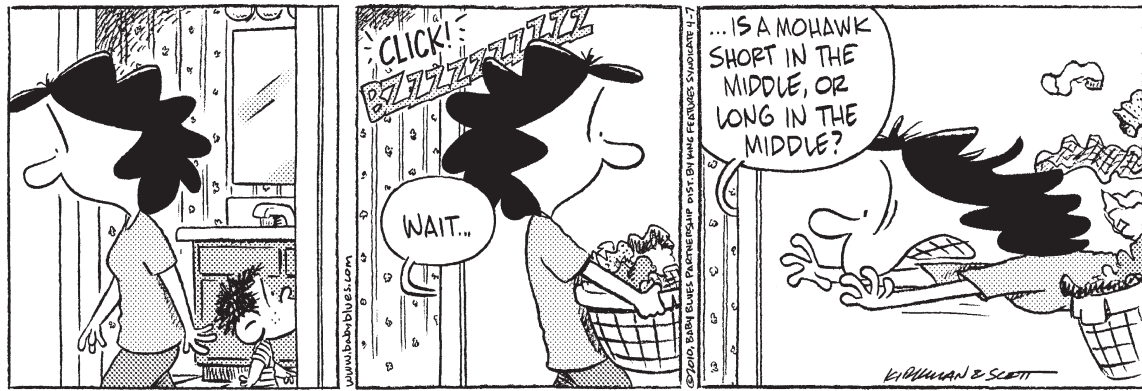




Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



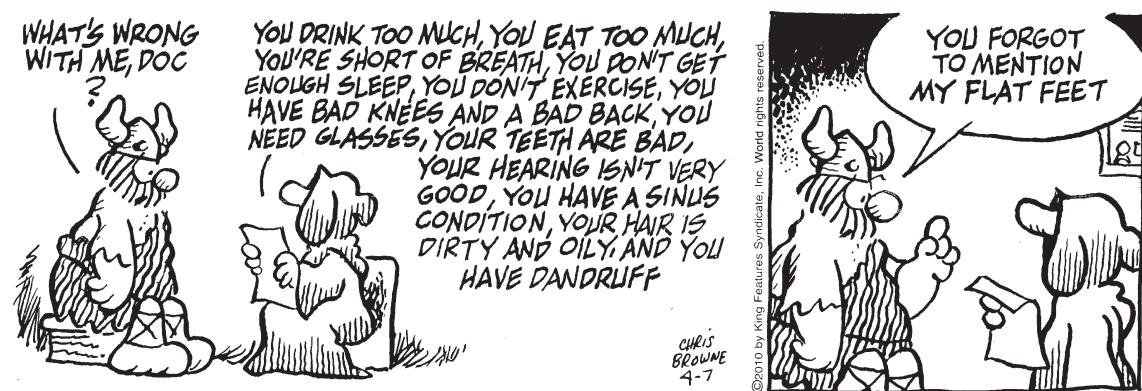
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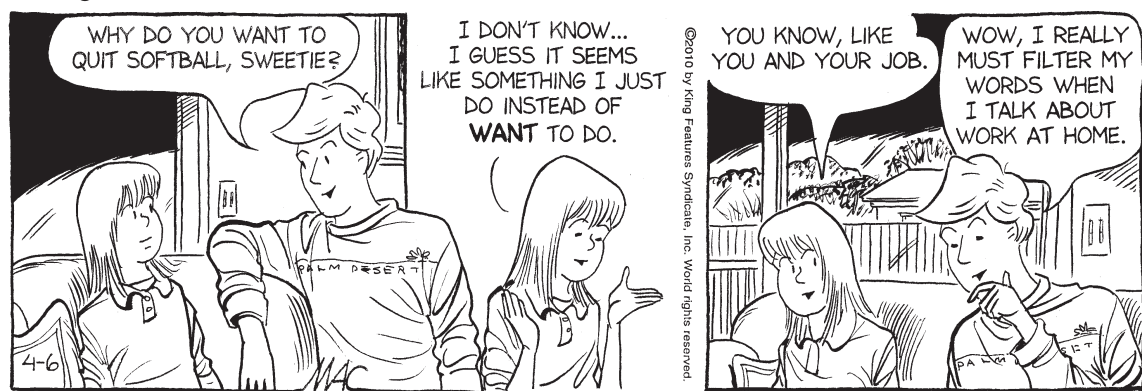
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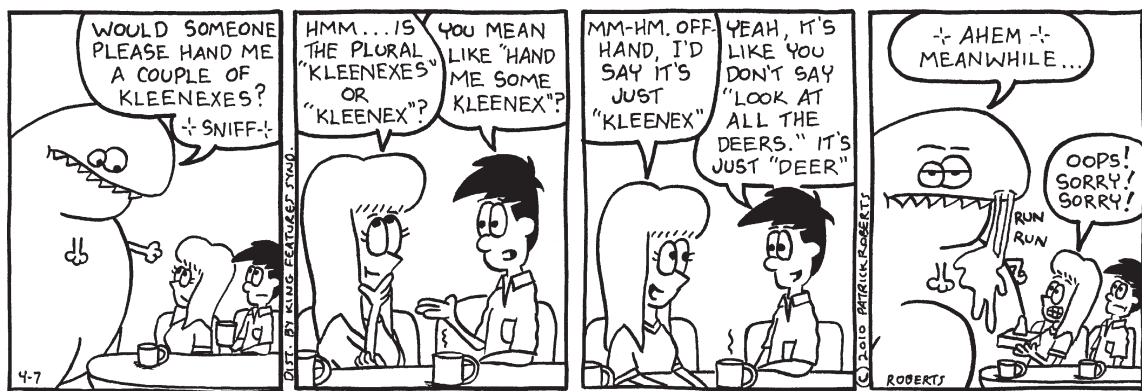
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Heloise

Angel biscuits a heavenly recipe

Dear Heloise: Can you please reprint your HELOISE'S ANGEL BISCUIT recipe? The biscuits are delicious, and I want to make them. Thanks! — A Reader, via e-mail

The Heloise Angel Biscuits are a longtime reader favorite and came from my mother's newspaper column in the early 1960s. The dough can be kept for up to three days in a covered bowl or container in the fridge. This is what you will need:

- 1 package dry yeast
- 1/4 cup warm water
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 cup buttermilk

Dissolve the yeast in the warm water and set aside. Mix the dry ingredients together in the order given, cutting in the shortening as you normally do for biscuits and pie dough. Stir in the buttermilk and the yeast mixture, and blend thoroughly. The dough is ready to refrigerate. When you want to bake the biscuits, turn the dough out onto a floured board and knead lightly. Roll out, cut with a biscuit cutter and place the biscuits on a greased pan an inch or so apart.

Let the dough rise slightly before baking in a 400-degree oven for about 12-15 minutes. — Heloise

PORK CHOPS

Dear Heloise: I have a hint for saving money in your grocer's meat department. Don't pay the high prices for boneless butterfly pork chops. Instead, buy a boneless pork half loin for about half the price of the chops.

Cut off the one solid layer of fat on the bottom. You have a perfect piece of pork, ready to be sliced into desired thicknesses. You can butterfly the slices or leave as boneless chops. — Rebecca, Jackson, Miss.

STACKED STORAGE

Dear Heloise: To be organized, save space and be neater, the following is a good hint for the refrigerator and freezer: Use square glass and plastic containers instead of round ones. They stack perfectly. — Cynthia T. in Florida

NO MORE TEARS

Dear Heloise: Here is a way that you can cut an onion with no tears! At the top of the onion (the little hairs on top), slice around the top, through the first layers. Do not cut top off. Next, slice from top to bottom, just the first layer or two, and skin it. Slice the bottom of the onion off, but don't cut the top off. — Bob, via e-mail

This is an interesting hint that in theory should help, but when I tested it, I couldn't tell much difference. It's worth a try, though. — Heloise

TOASTER CRUMBS

Dear Heloise: I have an easy solution to all those toaster bread crumbs that fall on the counter and floor. I have a small tray that the toaster sits on — no more mess. — Deb S., Omaha, Neb. (c)2010 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
K 10 9 2
A 8
A 1 7 5
J 10 6
WEST
Q 6 3
K J 7 5 3 2
6 2
K 7
EAST
J 8 7 4
10 4
K 8 3
8 5 4 3
SOUTH
A 5
Q 9 6
Q 10 9 4
A Q 9 2
The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1♦ 1♥ 1♠
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — five of hearts.

First Things First

South is in three no trump, and West leads a heart. Declarer wins East's ten with the queen and must immediately make a crucial decision.

The natural tendency is to play the queen of diamonds at this point and finesse. After it loses to East's king and a heart is returned, South must sooner or later try a club finesse. When this finesse also loses, West runs his hearts to defeat the contract.

Declarer may think he is downright unlucky to lose a contract where if either finesse had succeeded, he would have gotten home safely, and in that sense he would be right. More to the point, though, is the question of whether South played the hand correctly.

The fact of the matter is that declarer has only himself to blame for the outcome if he plays the hand in the manner described. After winning the opening trick with the heart queen, he should next lead a spade to the king and take a club finesse. The reason for trying the club finesse first is that it will — if it loses — dislodge West's potential club entry before his hearts are established.

If declarer attempts the club finesse first, he makes the contract — even though both finesses fail. West can still establish his hearts, but with his entry card gone and his partner out of hearts, they will wither on the vine.

Declarer's view from the start should be that if either minor-suit king is favorably placed, nine tricks are assured. All his efforts should therefore be directed toward the possibility that both kings are unfavorably located.

When this is the actual case, taking the diamond finesse first cannot possibly gain, while finessing the club first will succeed whenever West started with a six-card heart suit.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

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

Cryptoquip

SRD UAM KEUV LHZV'S
ODSSKVO SRD LEKVJADZ UTS
UP RKZ NHVSZ, ZU RD
ZRUTSDM "PUE NADHS'Z ZHJD!"

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SOME FISH WERE MOLDED TO LOOK LIKE THIN PANCAKES, I GUESS ONE MIGHT END UP WITH CREPE COD.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals H

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 — Mahal
- 4 Mail sorting
- 7 Calming exercise
- 8 Jim Morrison's band, with "The"
- 10 Shaped like a dunce cap
- 11 Mistakes in print
- 13 Tumbler
- 16 Moment
- 17 Actress Parker
- 18 Pi follower
- 19 Sound quality
- 20 Squared
- 21 Suggestions
- 23 Compare
- 25 Treaty
- 26 City of Seven Hills

DOWN

- 15 Trinity member
- 19 Stick with a kick
- 20 —
- 21 Wide-spread destruction
- 22 Greenland sight
- 23 Aerobic maneuver
- 24 Sinful
- 25 Chum
- 26 Singer LeAnn
- 28 With unfriendliness
- 29 Recipient
- 30 Sire
- 31 Responsibility
- 32 Corroded
- 34 Door handle
- 35 Scrubbed, NASA-style

Solution time: 21 mins.

FACT	PDA	PALL			
ISLE	OAF	OLIO			
ZEEB	PHANTOMS				
ZAFF	TIG	RIPENS			
	ERRS	XIV			
PHARA	OHS	EEELS			
ABS	QUANT	RAP			
MOSS	PHARMACY				
	OHM	SPAY			
SONORA	PYRITE				
PHARISEE	TROD				
AINT	TOR	LING			
TOTS	ASS	ESSE			

Yesterday's answer 4-7

	1	2	3		4	5	6	
7					8			9
10					11			12
13					14			15
16					17			18
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21	22				23	24		
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