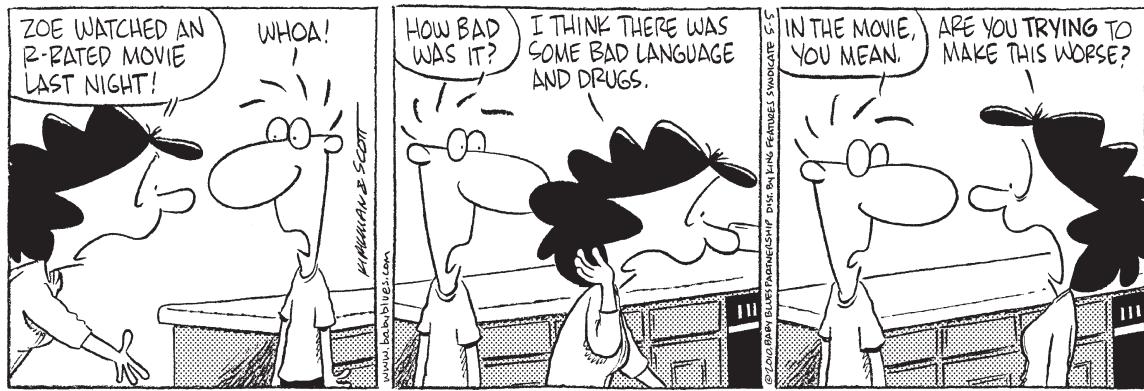
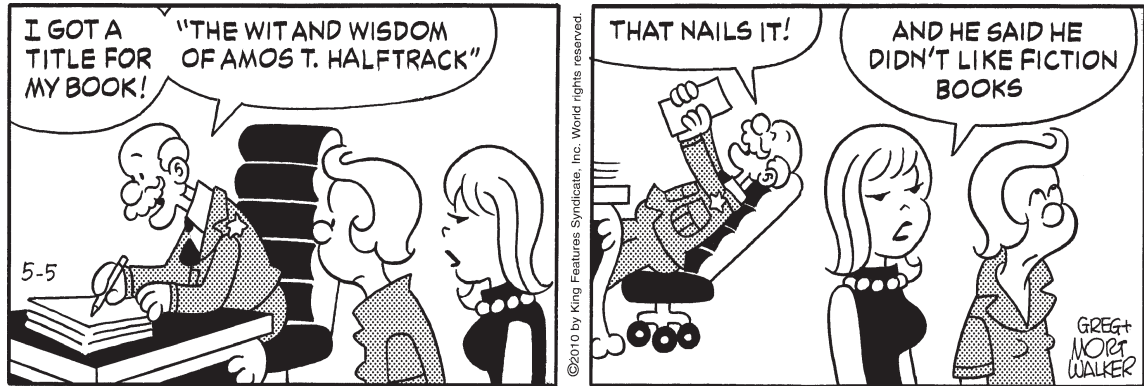


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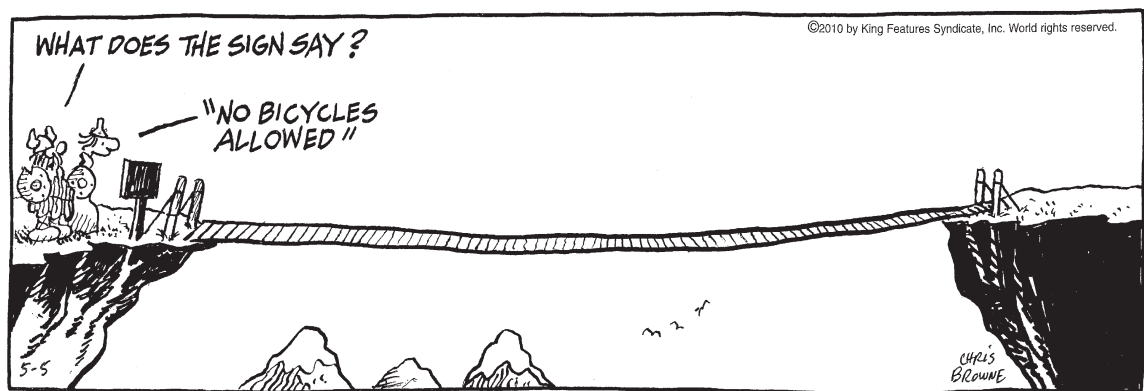
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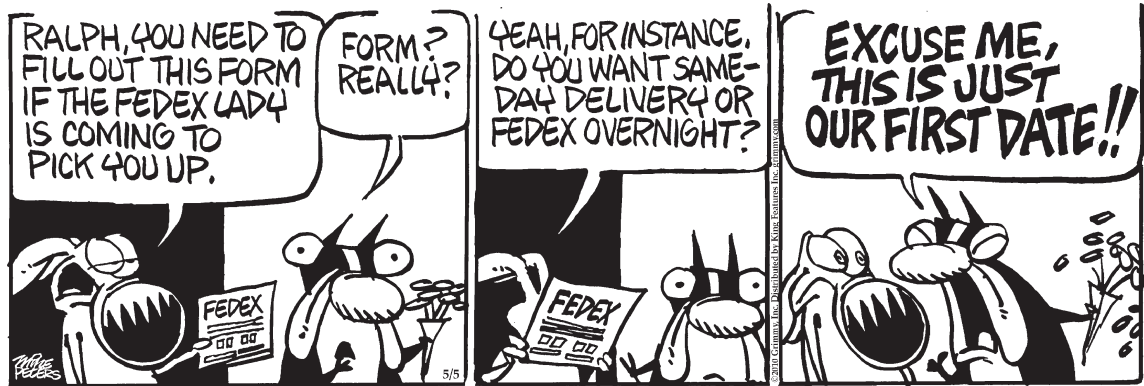
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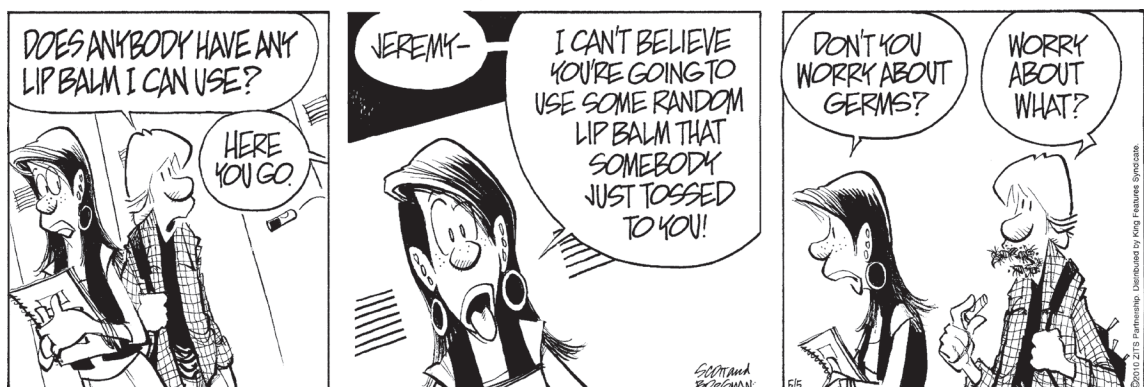
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**Heloise**

• Hints from Heloise

**Grape salad a classic recipe**

Dear Readers: While doing some research in the Heloise Central files, we came across my mother's (the original Heloise, 1919-1977) GRAPE SALAD RECIPE. It was first printed Nov. 12, 1961! This is a family recipe that I remember my mother making.

To make Heloise's Grape Salad, you will need:

- 1 small package black-cherry gelatin
- 1 cup hot water
- 1 cup grape juice
- 1 cup grated cabbage, grated carrots and diced celery, mixed - a total of 1 cup, not 1 cup each.

Take any pint fruit jar and fill it half-full with hot water. Pour one package of gelatin in the jar and stir until dissolved. Then fill the jar nearly full with grape juice, stir and let partly set. Mix in 1 cup of vegetables.

The salad may be topped with sliced olives and pecans, or mayonnaise and a cherry. Serve on a lettuce leaf.

All you need for dessert is a dab of whipped cream on top, and it's ready. Quick as a whistle!

—Heloise  
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**THREE KITCHEN HINTS**

Dear Heloise: Three kitchen hints that I send are these:

- Alphabetize herbs and spices, and store them on revolving, double-shelved storage units.
- Put a rubber band around the claw of spring-loaded tongs so that they do not tangle with other items in the kitchen drawer.
- Store your plastic cutting board in the dishwasher so that it will always be sanitized, and mark one side to be used only for meat. —Barbara in California

**SLOPPY-JOE NIGHT**

Dear Heloise: Years ago, when my siblings and I were young, our mother made sloppy Joes by browning hamburger and chopped onion. Once done, she'd pour off the excess grease and then add a can of vegetable soup. This was her sneaky way of getting us to eat our veggies, and it worked.

To this day, I still make mine this way, and I'm in my 60s! Maybe other parents can sneak veggies to their kids the same way. Some sloppy Joes can be kind of spicy, and this isn't. —Linda from Mesquite, Texas

**HANDY HAMBURGER**

Dear Heloise: This is one of my favorite hints. I buy hamburger meat in 5-pound rolls, and I cook it all, chop it up, divide it into smaller portions and freeze it. Do you know how many dinners you can make out of loose hamburger meat? Lots.

I make bigger bags for sloppy Joes and smaller ones for taco dinners or "helper"-type suppers. As a working mom, this has saved me many a night, and best of all, I only get my stove messy one time. —A Reader, via e-mail  
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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 10 9  
♥ A Q J  
♦ K 10 5 4 2  
♣ K 3

**WEST**  
♠ A Q 6 5 3  
♥ 8 6  
♦ Q 7  
♣ 10 9 6 2

**EAST**  
♠ 4 2  
♥ 7 5 4 3 2  
♦ J 9 8  
♣ Q J 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 8 7  
♥ K 10 9  
♦ A 6 3  
♣ A 8 7 5

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass 1♦ Pass 2NT  
Pass 3NT  
Opening lead — five of spades.

**Threading the Needle**  
Some deals have built-in traps that may catch the unwary. Here is one such hand, taken from a par contest.

West leads a spade, won by dummy's nine, and the question is what to do at trick two.

If declarer plays a low diamond to the ace, which would seem the normal thing to do, he goes down against best defense. West drops his queen under the ace — to fail to do so would be fatal, since he could be forced to win the next round — and there is then no way declarer can establish dummy's diamonds without allowing East to gain the lead for the fatal spade return.

Of course, West must be on his toes to jettison the queen under the ace, but he should reason that if South has the jack of diamonds, the queen is worthless.

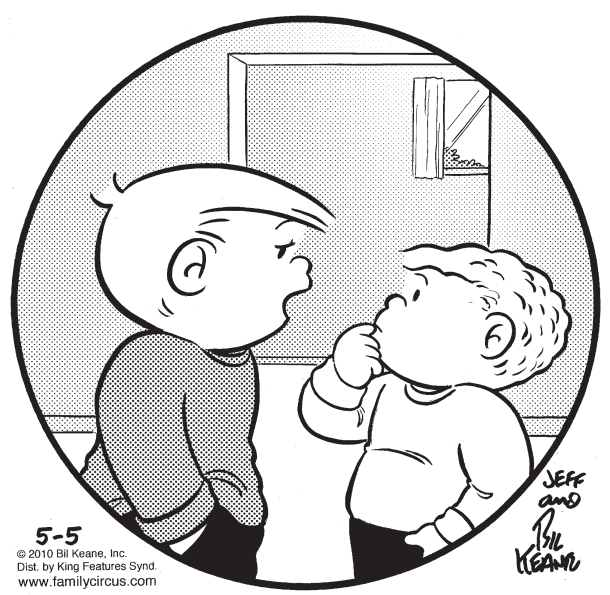
However, declarer's proper play at trick two is a heart to his king, followed by the three of diamonds toward dummy. If West produces the queen, South allows him to hold the trick, after which declarer can't be stopped from making at least four notrump.

So let's assume West plays the seven of diamonds on South's three. In that case, declarer goes up with the king and returns a low diamond from dummy, ducking East's nine. West is forced to win the trick with the queen, and again South is certain of at least 10 tricks.

The deal is an excellent illustration of the great lengths a careful declarer must go to in order to keep the dangerous opponent — in this case, East — out of the lead.

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**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/05

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.

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

**Cryptoquip**

G H F J P E D O E W D Q E Q R T O W D P T  
H G T P O K K M H F E P K K H R P F E,  
Z O F M W P Q W K P O T P J O K K H F R  
D H Z O G D O T W G D Q Q E P T.

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** BOOK ABOUT A PERSON RECLINING ON A SUNNY POOL DECK AFTER GOING FOR A DIP: "AS I LAY DRYING."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals P

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
1 — Mahal who played Katter  
7 Former attorney general  
8 Retract a comment  
10 Billing cycle, often  
11 Godly beverage  
13 Shiny shoe material  
16 Abbr. for Elizabeth II  
17 Bake eggs  
18 Unclose, in verse  
19 Sulk  
20 Snatched  
21 Genghis and Kublai  
23 "Loves me (not)" flower  
25 Encounter

**DOWN**  
12 Answer  
14 So  
15 Scarlet  
19 Sajak or Summer-all  
20 Dead heat  
21 Skewered  
22 Actor  
23 Copenhagen resident  
24 Strand  
25 Chart  
26 Tiny fish  
28 Short fishing line  
29 First-stringers  
30 Gave as an example  
31 Grooving on  
32 Past  
34 Duel tool  
35 Catastrophic

26 Kaplan who played Katter  
27 Regis and Kelly's  
28 Finnish hot spot  
29 Spy-novel  
30 Shepherd of rhyme  
31 Likewise  
32 Pass along  
33 Phrase that prevents idea theft  
34 Villainous look for Sandra Bullock  
35 1/746 horse-power  
36 Sandwich cookie  
37 Bellow  
38 Dark

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

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

Yesterday's answer 5-5

