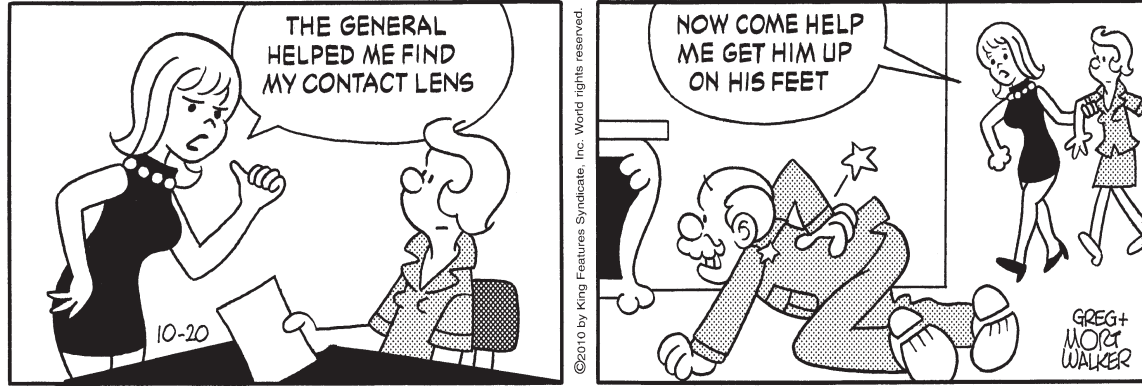


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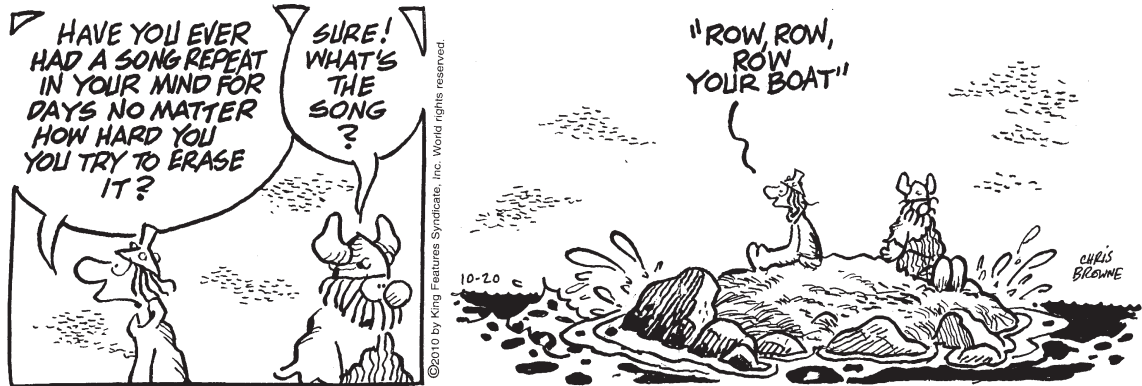
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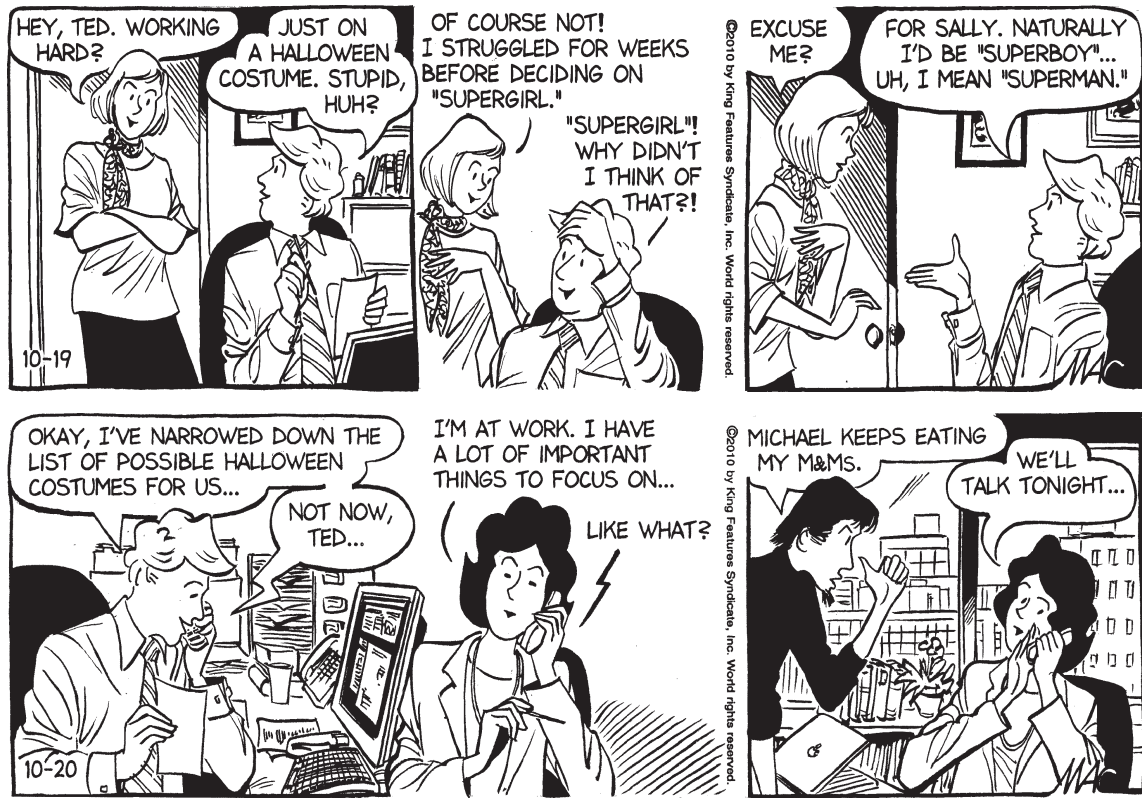
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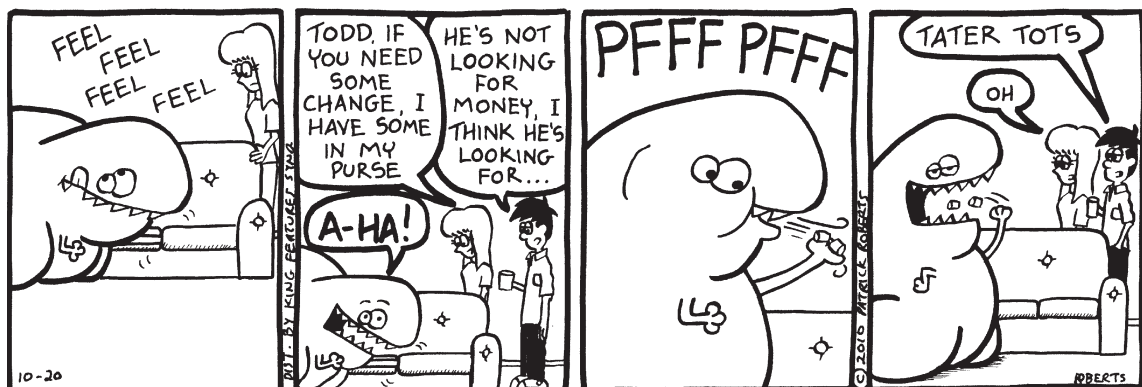
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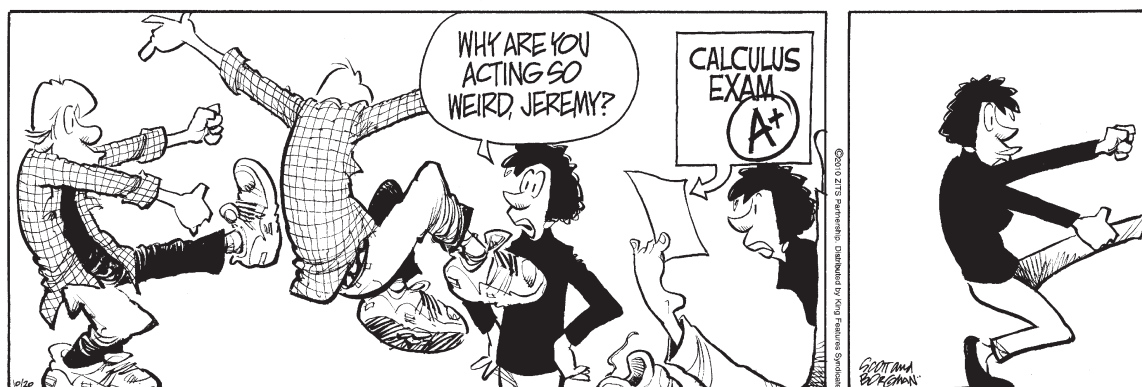
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Heloise
• Hints from Heloise

Sort by colors for a neat pantry

Dear Readers: Is everything a jumble in your PANTRY? You may not even realize what you have! A great way to organize is by color. Green is probably one of the most prominent colors in the pantry. Peas, green beans and jars of pickles go together. Red is for ketchup, salsa, tomato sauce and cranberry sauce. Orange? Canned carrots, yams and peaches. Yellow is for corn, pineapple and applesauce. White can be mayonnaise, macaroni, sauerkraut and potatoes. Dry and boxed goods, like spaghetti, flour and sugar, also should be stored together.

Think about which items you reach for the most, and keep those at eye level. That way you can tell when you are running low on items and need to stock up. A new over-the-door shoe organizer can hold spices, trash-can liners, paper towels and other dry goods. A motion-detector light from a lighting store can really help you see in the pantry, which is especially useful if you have your hands full and are trying to offload groceries.

The floor of the pantry can be used to store larger or seldom-used items. I keep several cases of canned dog food there along with surplus canned goods and large baskets that I use for entertaining, decorating, etc. With just a little effort and time, your pantry can be clean and organized. Try to keep it in order as you go in and out, a little at a time, and it's not such a big job later on. — Heloise

PUMPKIN PANCAKES

Dear Heloise: To make "pumpkin" pancakes for Halloween, drop some red and yellow food coloring into the batter and mix. Pour the pancakes, and when they are done, they will look like sweet pumpkins. — A Reader, via fax

SQUARE DEAL

Dear Heloise: When thinking about storing leftovers in the refrigerator, I thought, Why not purchase all square and rectangular storage bins? They stack more neatly and use the space in the fridge more efficiently. — N.W. in Texas

KITCHEN SAFETY

Dear Heloise: Curious toddlers can grab at pot handles on the stove; pulling over a pot of hot liquid on yourself or a child can be devastating. Prevent this by turning the pot handles inward. This also is helpful if you are having a party and congregating in the kitchen. One hip bump can upset a pot. — C.S. in Colorado

How right you are. This is a good habit I learned from my mother, the original Heloise, that I still practice today. It's also important in a household with big dogs. — Heloise

CUSHY COOKIE CONVERSION

Dear Heloise: The fancy foil packaging that those upscale cookies come in make great storage for regular cookies. They stay fresh for days longer stored in there.

Also, the trays that sandwich cookies come in are perfect for storing pens and pencils in my kids' desks. — Kay in Louisiana

Send a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, Box 795000, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000, or e-mail it to Heloise(at)Heloise.com. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column. (c)2010 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 5
♥ 7 3 2
♦ Q 3
♣ Q J 9 8 4

WEST
♠ A
♥ Q J 9 6 4
♦ J 10 7 5
♣ K 3 2

EAST
♠ 4 3 2
♥ K 10 5
♦ 8 6
♣ A 10 7 6 5

SOUTH
♠ K Q 10 9 8 7 6
♥ A
♦ A K 9 4 2
♣ —

The bidding:
East Pass 1♦
Pass 3♦
Pass 6♦

South Pass 1NT
Pass 3♦
Pass 6♦

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

Keep Your Eye on the Ball
Assume you're in six spades and West leads a heart. How should you play the hand?

When you first see dummy, you probably feel pleased with having reached the slam, even though it's not certain you'll make it. The outcome seems to depend on whether the missing diamonds are divided normally — that is, 3-3 or 4-2.

You win the queen of hearts with the ace and cash the Q-A of diamonds. When both defenders follow suit, you've passed hurdle No. 1. Now you play a low diamond, ruffing with the jack and hoping to find the diamonds 3-3, which would greatly simplify your task. But East discards a club on the third round of diamonds, and you now have a second hurdle to surmount.

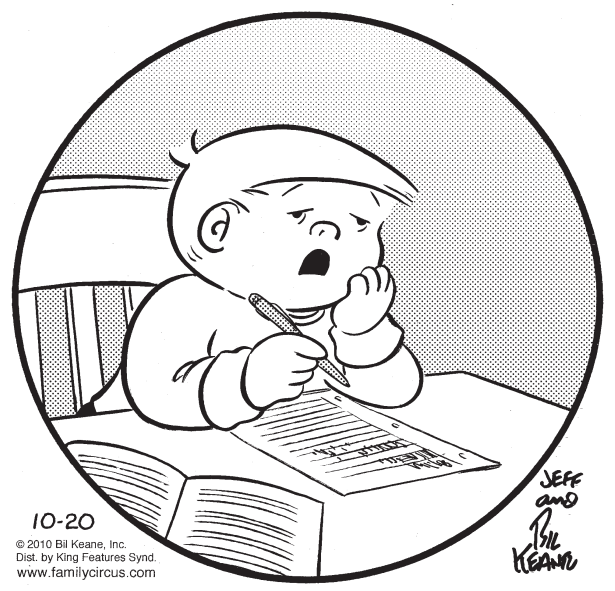
It would be easy to make a mistake at this point, as it might seem that all you have to do now is to lead a trump and force out the ace. But if you did that, you would discover to your horror that this was not the best route to take. West would win the spade with the ace and return a diamond for East to ruff, and down the drain the slam would go.

In order to short-circuit this development, you should ruff a heart after trumping the third diamond with the jack, then play the four of diamonds and trump it with dummy's all-important five.

The five wins the trick, and you are finally safely home. You return to your hand by ruffing a heart or a club, force out the ace of spades, win any return, draw trumps and chalk up 1,430 points for making the slam.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I don't think my brain has any more room left to learn stuff."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/20

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

Cryptoquip

PZMD OUGVWFP MD TGDP
VKQMIMPKE IGP Y AGGV
HYJWK. Y OKUDGI TMAZP KHKI
DYE MP'D FGDP-VKQKFPMHK.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE A YOUNG GIRL UPDATED THOSE PEOPLE ON THEIR FACTS, I WOULD SAY THEY WERE MISS-INFORMED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals S

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS** 26 Tea time, perhaps
1 Mid-June honoree
4 Mid-May honoree
7 Took the trolley
8 Was con-
cerned
10 Hawk-eye
11 Sports venues
13 1- and usually
16 Snoop
17 All but one in a million?
18 Favorite
19 Take out of context?
20 Entreaty
21 Prudent
23 Armada
25 PBS science show
- DOWN** 15 Greek vowel
19 Modern-day evidence
20 Apiece
21 Deadly snake
22 Makes use (of)
23 Loving
24 Suit-cases
25 Apprehend
26 The end
28 Leg bone
29 "Blue Sky" Oscar winner Jessica
30 "Cabaret" director Bob
31 Swag
32 Ref
34 "Psych" actor Hill
35 Check

Solution time: 21 mins.

G	R	A	M	S	A	C	O	M	E	N
L	I	R	A	U	R	I	C	O	V	E
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E	R	R	S	M	E	D	T	R	E	E

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