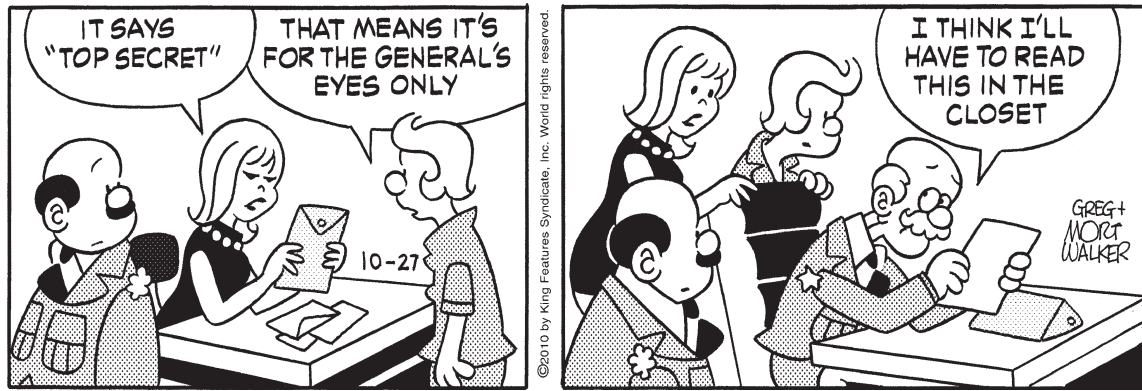


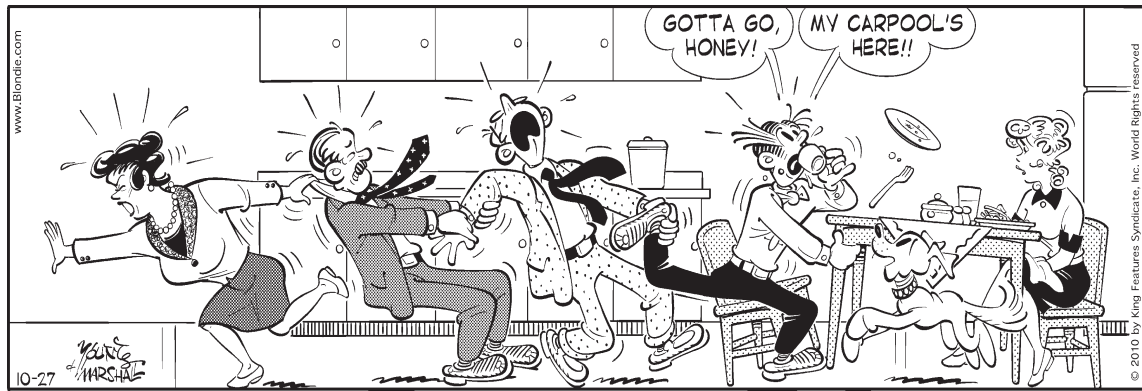
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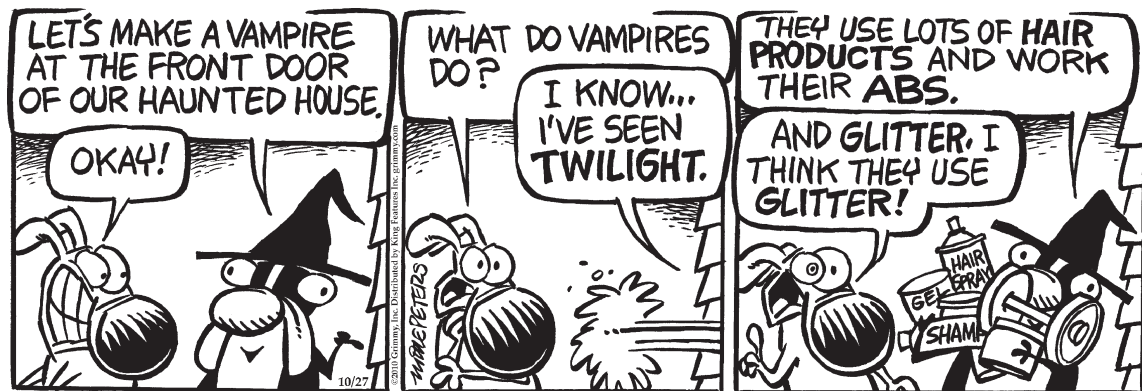
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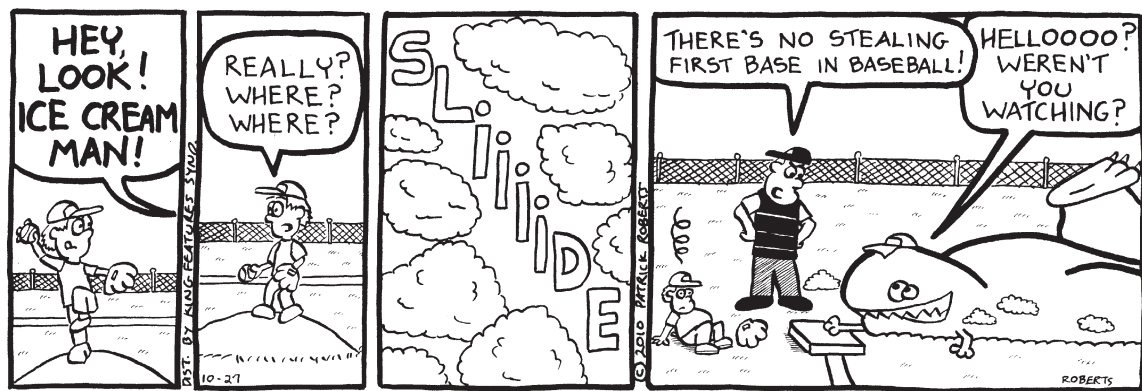
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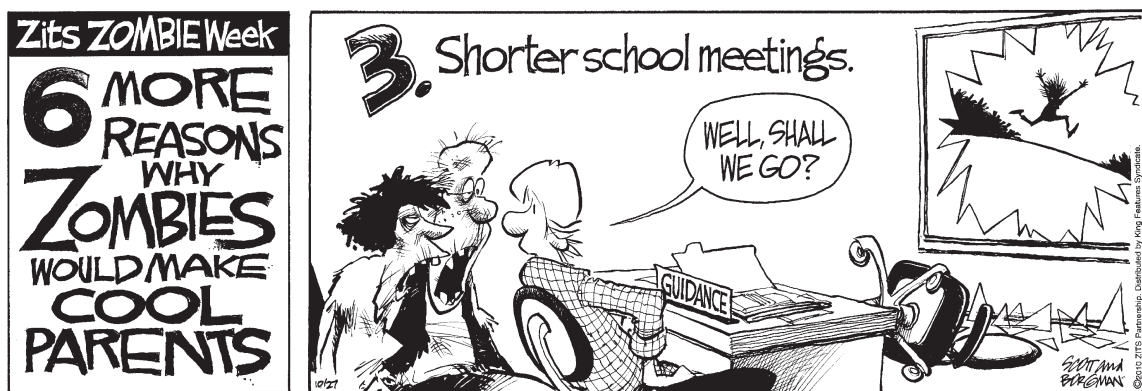
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Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Cooking ahead helps family save

Dear Heloise: When my wife and I were still working, we came up with an idea to SAVE TIME COOKING evening meals during the week. We took about two to three hours on Sunday and cooked enough meals for the entire workweek. We put them in plastic containers in the fridge, making sure to label them. When we got home, all we had to do was set the table and put the meal in the microwave to reheat. It's also cheaper, as we did not have to order takeout when we were tired. Our children helped prepare and choose the meals, so there were no arguments or refusing to eat what was cooked. — Timothy of Texas

A great hint for busy families. A few hours invested cooking meals for the week on Sunday pays off big-time! — Heloise

NO WASTE

Dear Heloise: When making soup, I wash the whole bunch of celery and then cut the tops, stems and leaves off and add them to the soup. It makes the soup very delicious. — Carol Scott, Little Rock, Ark.

And fall is the best time for a bowl of delicious, hot soup! Want to know some great easy-to-make recipes? Just send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (61 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Soup, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Have you ever wondered what the most popular soup is? Well, here's the scoop — chicken noodle is No. 1! Top your chicken noodle soup with Parmesan cheese. It's wonderful! — Heloise

DISHWASHER HINT

Dear Heloise: When I rinse the dishes and pots to load in the dishwasher, I rinse them over a colander. This keeps all the food particles together and makes it easy to dispose of them. No clogged-up sinks! — Valerie Hardy, Arp, Texas

ROLL OUT WITHOUT STICKING

Dear Heloise: My granddaughter had a great idea. Whenever you roll out anything on your countertop, spray the area with nonstick spray, then put the flour on that. Things won't stick, and it's easy to clean up. — Shirley Ridenour in Michigan

PARCHMENT PAPER

Dear Heloise: I use parchment paper for baking cookies, using the same paper many times over. After the first batch, you can put more cookie batter on just the paper while the cookie sheet cools. Slip the cooled sheet under the paper with the cookies on it ready to bake. When you're finished baking, just wipe the paper off with a clean, damp cloth, dry thoroughly and roll up. — Susie Klingler in Indiana

STORING BANANAS

Dear Heloise: I have a tip for keeping bananas longer. Our bananas used to turn black outside and mushy on the inside. We now store them in the storage bin in the refrigerator door. The outside may turn a little black, but the inside remains firm. — Lydia in Connecticut

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ Q 10 5
♥ A 9 8 7
♦ Q 9 8 3
♣ A 3
WEST
♠ 9 7 2
♥ K Q 6 4
♦ 5 2
♣ J 8 6 4
EAST
♠ 8 6 4 3
♥ 10 5 3 2
♦ A K J 10
♣ Q
SOUTH
♠ A K J
♥ J
♦ 7 6 4
♣ K 10 9 7 5 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 ♣
Opening lead — five of diamonds.

The Art of Defense

The natural tendency in bridge is to win a trick when the opportunity presents itself. However, there are occasions when it is better to refuse a trick than win it. This is especially true in defending against suit contracts, when declarer ruffs with a card that a defender can overruff. Quite often, the best defense in such a situation is to discard and hope to gain an extra trump trick by doing so.

Here is a typical case. South is declarer at three clubs, and West finds the best lead of a diamond. East wins with the ten and continues with the K-A-J, West discarding a spade on the third diamond.

Declarer follows suit to the first three diamonds but is awkwardly placed on the fourth round. In the actual deal, South goes down regardless of which card he ruffs with — assuming West defends correctly — but let's say that declarer ruffs with the ten.

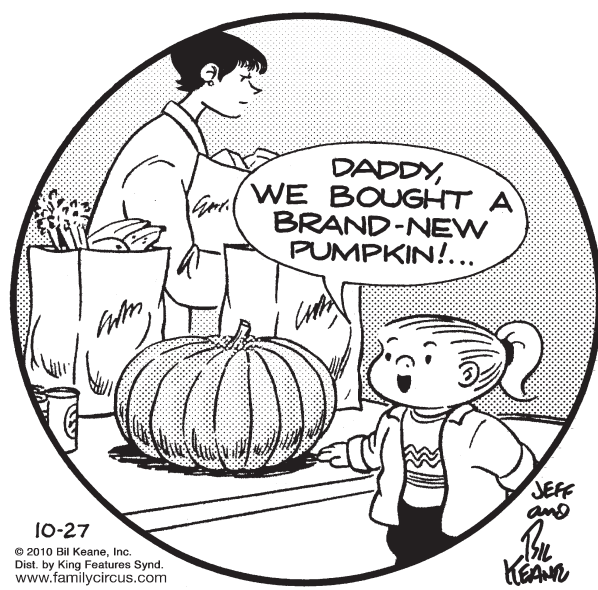
If West overruffs — as he might do if he comes from the school that believes in taking tricks whenever possible — South makes the contract. East's queen of clubs later falls on dummy's ace, and declarer's K-9 then take care of West's 8-6.

But if West is well-schooled in the art of defense, he discards a second spade when South ruffs the fourth diamond with the ten. Declarer eventually loses two trump tricks and goes down one.

West discards at trick four because he sees that there is nothing to be gained by overruffing the ten. He is sure to make at least one trump trick later on with his J-8-6-4, regardless of how the unseen clubs are distributed. At the same time, West reasons that he may gain an extra trick, depending on his partner's trump holding, by simply discarding after South ruffs with the ten.

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"...but we need you to help us find out what kinda face he has!"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/27

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.

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

Cryptoquip

Z X T C L Y C P Y Z L L Y S T Y T
N Z L T Y R X Z P T K R H C S F S Z P Y,
I Y S N K I T N Y F Y R Z Y E Y T
Z P T Y R X - I S Y T Y S E K H Z C P.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE A VERY BEAUTIFUL LADY RESCUED THE FELLOW, I WOULD SAY HE'S BEEN SAVED BY THE BELLE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals I

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Craze
4 Touch
8 Exposed
12 Call — day
13 Legal worker,
14 Grad
15 Doughnut shop qly.
16 Steak-house entrees
18 Last letter
20 Wapiti
21 Historic times
24 Doc
28 Workplace for TV's Det. Mac Taylor
32 Puerto — Old nuke org.
34 "Mean Girls" actress
36 Put on
37 Bridge coup
39 Central or Mountain, e.g.

DOWN
1 Loyal pooch
2 Teensy bit
3 Stun picture
4 Garb
5 Tavern holder
6 Swiss canton
7 Domesticated
8 Popular game show
9 Foreman foe
10 Massage
11 Type squares
17 Freddy Krueger's street
19 Jewel
22 Oodles
23 Master, in old India
25 Queen of Carthage
26 PC picture
27 Scoop holder
28 Mama — Elliot
29 Depend (on)
30 "— see clearly now, ..."
31 Crimson Tide
35 Got snug and cozy
38 Harass
40 Last letter
42 Hideaway street
45 Corn Belt state
47 MRI forerunner
48 Car
49 Rose feature
50 Accomplished
51 Altar affirmative
52 Chaps
53 Carpet cleaner, for short
54 Cain's mom

Solution time: 21 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 10-27

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12			13					14		
15			16				17			
18		19				20				
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