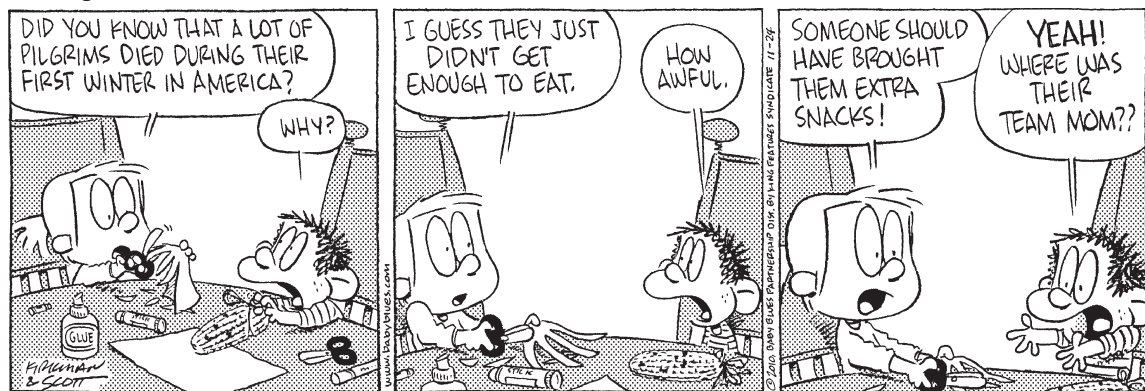
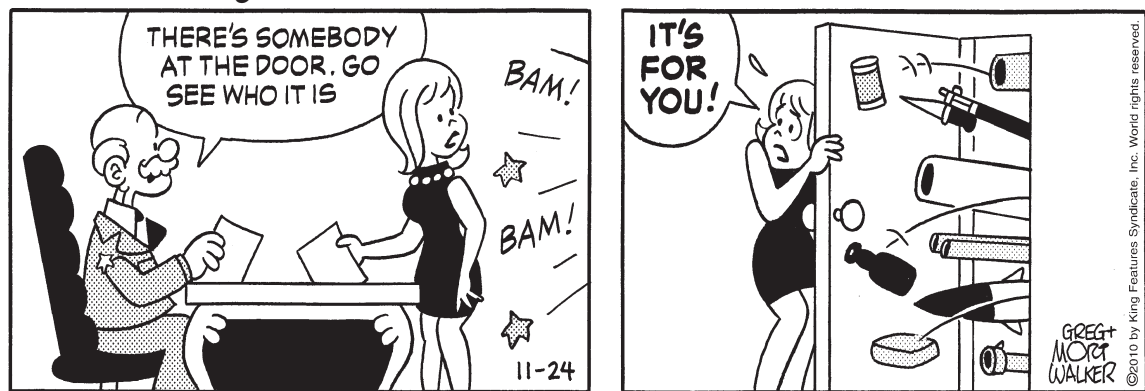


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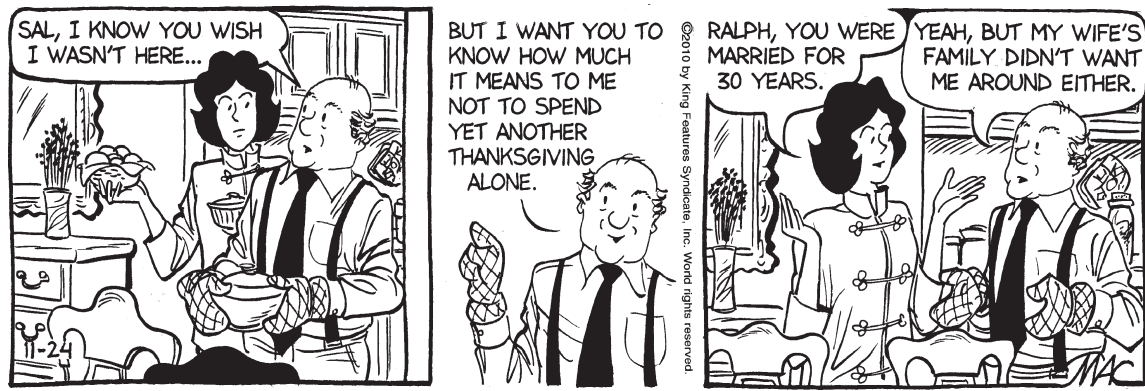
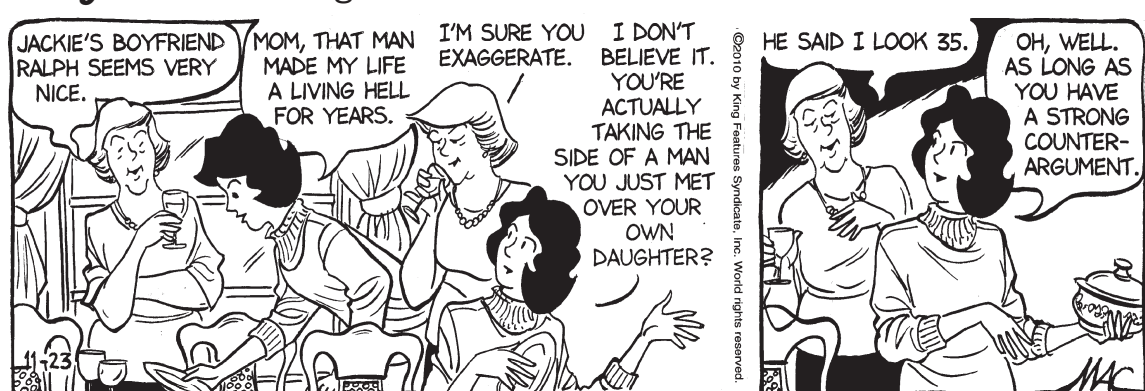
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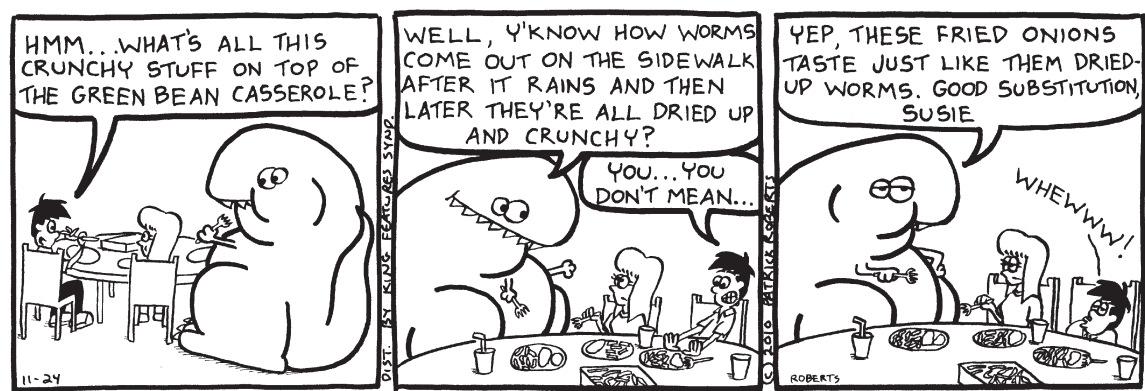
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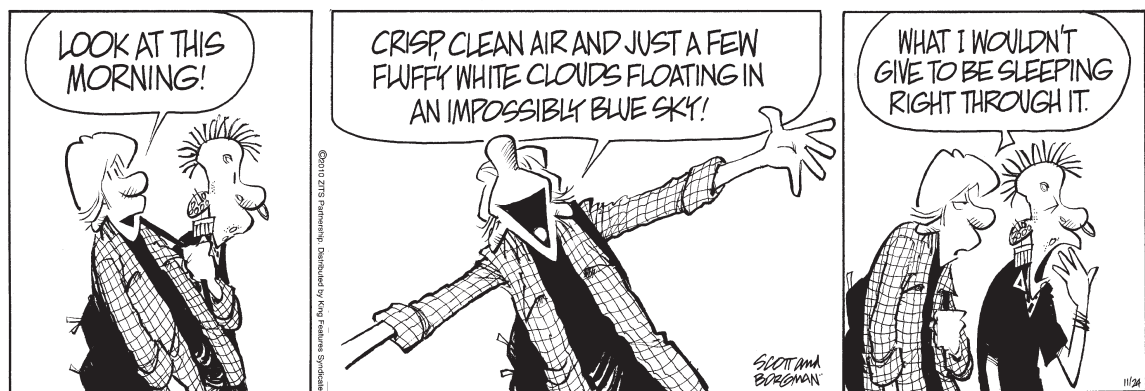
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Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Vinegar washes dishwasher clean

Dear Heloise: Is there some way to clean the inside of the DISHWASHER without using the pricey cleaners available at the grocery store? Thank you. — Kathy Logsdon, via e-mail

Kathy, yes, there is, and it includes my favorite must-have in every household: vinegar! Here are the steps:

Turn on the dishwasher when it is empty; don't use any dishwasher detergent. Let the bottom of the washer fill with water, stop the cycle, then pour in 2 to 3 cups of plain white or apple-cider vinegar. Let the dishwasher finish the cycle. You might need to repeat if you have extremely stubborn hard-water stains inside.

Do this periodically to keep the dishwasher clean and fresh. Did you know that vinegar is a workhorse around your home? It can remove hard-water deposits from bathroom fixtures, drinking glasses and even the washing machine (same procedure as the dishwasher, but use more vinegar, 1/2 to 1 gallon, and the hottest water possible). I have compiled a list of my favorite uses for vinegar. To receive it, send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (61 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Vinegar, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001.

Keep a labeled spray bottle of vinegar under the kitchen sink, and you'll be ready to keep your home sparkling and clean! — Heloise

LOVE THOSE GLOVES

Dear Heloise: I have used rubber gloves to wash dishes, and I put a sticky clip inside the cabinet door to keep them at hand. But the drippy mess irritated me.

I finally learned to dry my gloves while on my hands! No more mess. — Karon, via e-mail

CANNING TOMATOES

Dear Heloise: I was just canning tomatoes. When I went to take water out of canner after it cooled, I used my turkey baster until I could take the jars out. — Wanda Waid, Interlaken, N.Y.

What a fantastic idea! You also can use the baster to remove any excess juice that is in the jars before sealing them. — Heloise

ONION OPTION

Dear Heloise: When I bought onions recently at the farmers market, I asked the best way to store them. The onion grower told me a paper sack is the best way to keep onions — it works for several weeks. — Tommie in Tyler, Texas

Our favorite way of storing onions? In a pantyhose leg! Wash and dry a pair of nylons, and drop one onion in, then tie a knot and continue. Store in a cool, dry place! — Heloise

BROTH TALK

Dear Heloise: When I boil chicken, I save the broth. I let it cool and skim off the fat. I have good broth with NO salt. I put it in the freezer (in freezer bags or containers), and it is good for a fairly long time. It is also good to use as a liquid in mashed potatoes. — Bill in Louisiana

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"... 'cause my stomach's gonna have a big day tomorrow."

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.

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

AJW YC Q NQXJKM BJCF-
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SEVERAL REALLY MEAN MUTTS HAVE TO BE HOME BY A CERTAIN TIME, ARE THOSE A FEW CURS' CURFEWS?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals N

Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 7 6 3
♥ K J 3
♦ A J
♣ A 7 6 5 3

WEST

♠ J 9 4 2
♥ 9 8 2
♦ K Q 7 5
♣ K J

EAST

♠ K Q 8
♥ 5
♦ 10 9 8 4 2
♣ Q 10 9 4

SOUTH

♠ A 10 5
♥ A Q 10 7 6 4
♦ 6 3
♣ 8 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 4 ♥
Opening lead — king of diamonds.

The Manufacture of Tricks

One of the first things a beginner discovers is that a surprising number of tricks are won by low cards. This happens most often when the small cards are trumps, but it also is very common for tricks to be taken by low cards because no one else has any more cards in that suit.

In the latter case, careful handling is often required when attempting to establish low cards as tricks. Take this case where declarer starts out at four hearts with four losers — two spades, a diamond and a club. Stated conversely, he has only nine winners — six hearts and three aces.

The only hope of making the contract lies in developing an extra club trick. But there is a right way and a wrong way to go about the task. Thus, if South simply wins the opening diamond lead and plays the ace and another club, he will find himself fighting a losing battle.

West takes the club, cashes a diamond and shifts to a spade. Declarer wins, crosses to the heart jack and ruffs a club. When the missing clubs fail to divide 3-3, he has no chance. He can lead a heart to the king and ruff another club, but he has no entry to cash dummy's fifth club.

South should instead adopt a method of play that caters to a 4-2 split as well as a 3-3 break in clubs. This can be accomplished by leading a low club from dummy at trick two.

As before, West wins, cashes a diamond and shifts to a spade. This time, though, South wins, leads a club to the ace and ruffs a club with the ten. The A-K of hearts are next played, followed by a club ruffed with the queen. The jack of hearts then provides the entry to cash the fifth club, and the contract is home.

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ACROSS | 43 Met melody | 3 Suitor | 23 Island greeting |
| 1 Bill | 44 Winter ailment | 4 Shoe-maker's dessert? | 25 Bedouin |
| 4 Singer Vikki | 46 Travelocity mascot | 5 Foreman foe | 26 Easily edited website |
| 8 Prayer ending | 50 Boss | 6 Tractor-trailer | 27 Catch suddenly |
| 12 "Hail!" | 55 Edge | 7 "That's how I —" | 28 Tournament situations |
| 13 Hedge-podge | 56 Sad | 8 — | 29 Tittle |
| 14 Cougar | 57 Appointment | 9 Junction, Ariz. | 30 Agana's island |
| 15 Meadow | 58 Tackle the slopes | 10 Make faces for the camera | 31 Use a teaspoon |
| 16 High-ranking | 59 Related (to) | 11 Scot's denial | 35 Suppressed laugh |
| 18 Bread tidbit | 60 Cold War initials | 12 "— the cousin we go" | 38 Mitigate |
| 20 Fond du —, Wisc. | 61 — the fields we go" | 13 Ostrich's | 40 Neb. neighbor |
| 21 Actress Jessica | 62 — the fields we go" | 14 Dine | 42 Pub order |
| 24 Dissolves | 63 — the fields we go" | 15 Crazy powder | 45 Pakistani language |
| 28 They're nothing trivial | 64 — the fields we go" | 16 Enticement | 47 Approximately |
| 32 Ms. Brockovich | 65 — the fields we go" | 17 Dine | 48 Karaoke need |
| 33 Second person | 66 — the fields we go" | 18 Crazy powder | 49 Eastern potentate |
| 34 Urban disturbances | 67 — the fields we go" | 19 Enticement | 50 Biz deg. |
| 36 Alias abbr. | 68 — the fields we go" | 20 Enticement | 51 Sort |
| 37 Greek vowels | 69 — the fields we go" | 21 Enticement | 52 — |
| 39 Inspirational motto | 70 — the fields we go" | 22 Enticement | 53 — relief |
| 41 Apia's country | 71 — the fields we go" | 23 Enticement | 54 "Monty Python" opener |

Solution time: 21 mins.

ANTE	JAW	TROT
REINSURE	OATH	
COMMUNAL	UNTO	
EDO	CAPTOR	
FLOSS	BORE	
RASH	COMMENT	
OIL	ALOES	OOH
COMMAND	DIME	
EA	DERBY	
ALUMNI	EEL	
MESO	COMMUTER	
AVER	LEMONADE	
TIDY	ERA	EXEC

Yesterday's answer 11-24

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