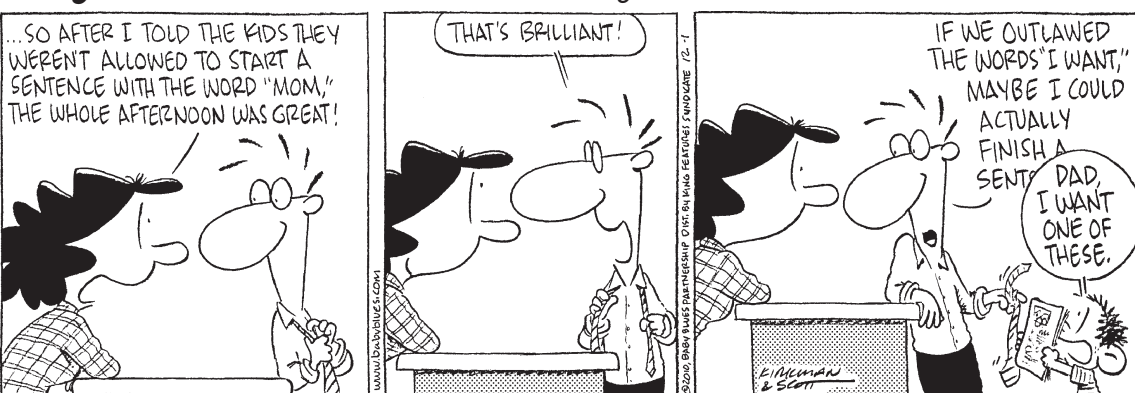
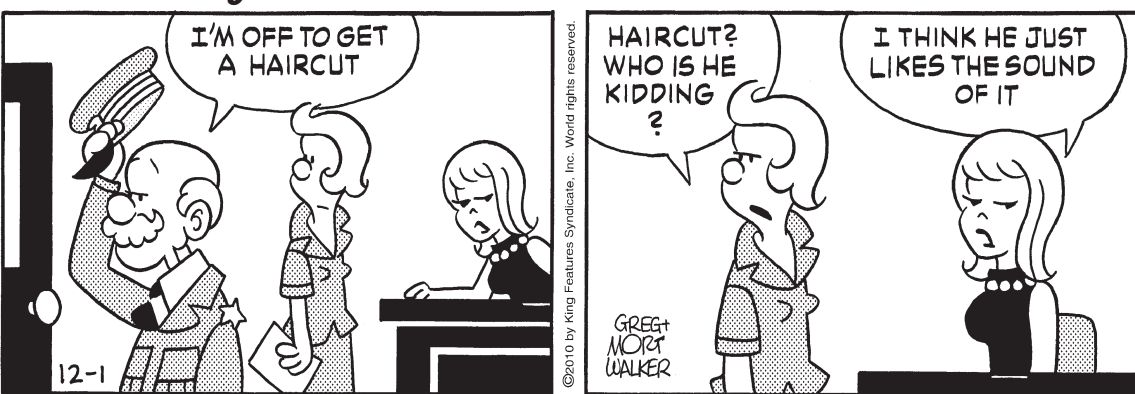


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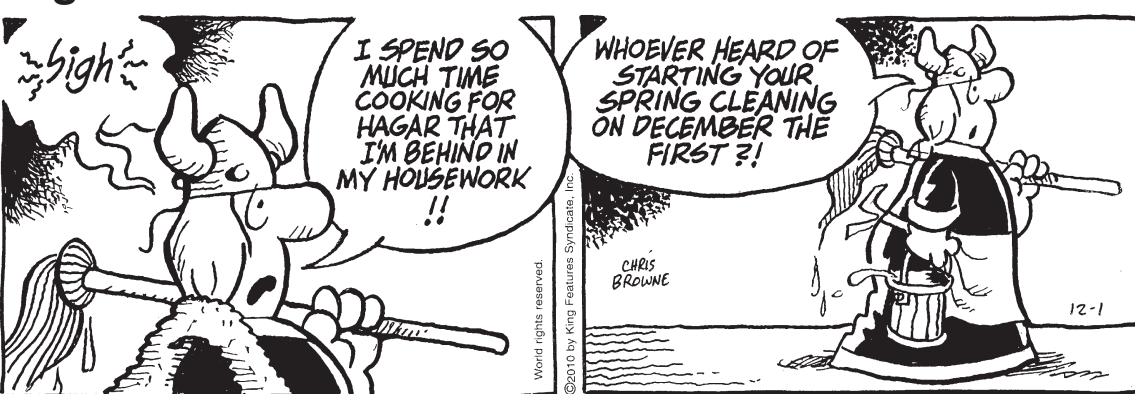
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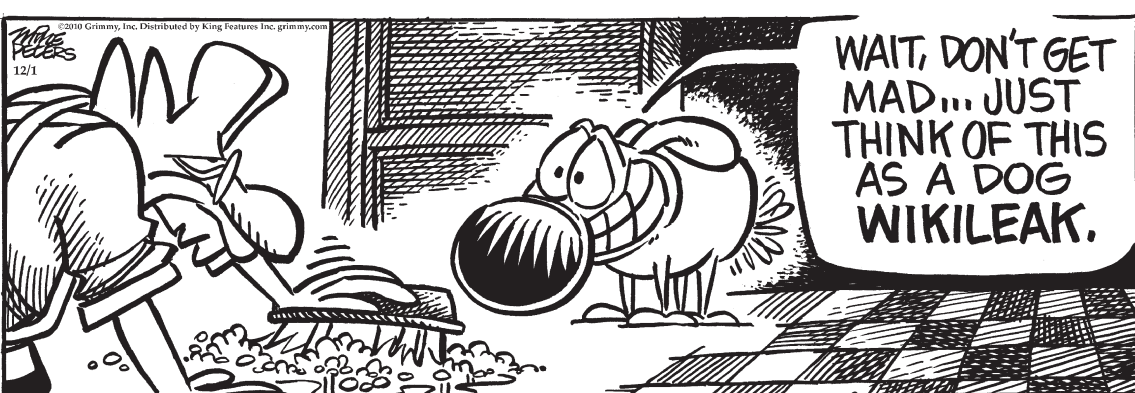
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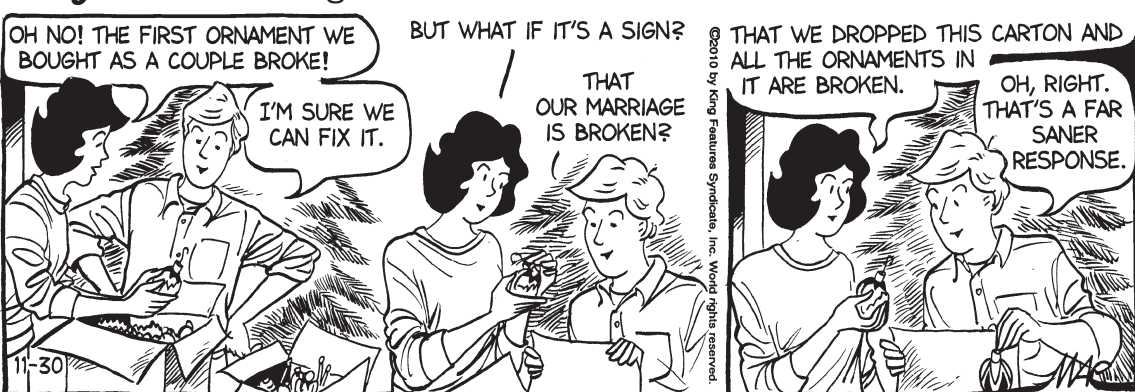
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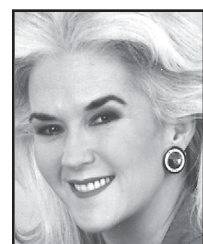
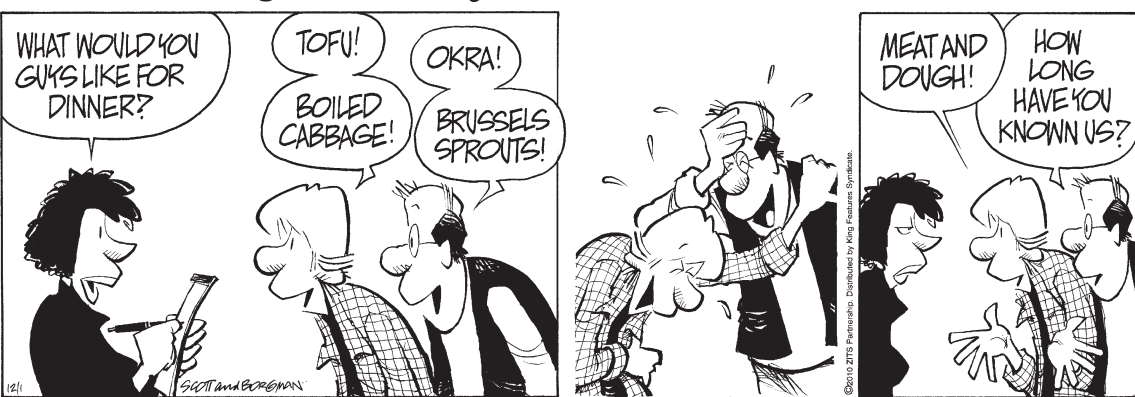
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**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Heloise**

- Hints from Heloise

**Ways to quell kitchen odors**

Dear Heloise: I love to cook with FRESH ONION AND GARLIC on Sundays. That way, I will have good food already prepared when I get home after working during the week.

I have a hard time getting rid of food smells in the house. I've tried room sprays, burning incense and candles, and opening windows. The smells hang on for several days. While home-cooked food smells delicious when it's being cooked, it's not too great the next day. What can I do with lingering cooking smells? – Mary Ann in Brenham, Texas

Mary Ann, here are a couple of odor-eliminating hints:

- Put some orange, lemon or grapefruit slices in a pan filled with water, add a sprinkle of allspice, bring it to a boil, then simmer while cooking.

- Put a small bowl of apple-cider or white vinegar next to the stove when frying food. And be sure to turn on the vent fan during cooking.

In fact, vinegar is wonderful for all sorts of household hitches. I've put together my favorite vinegar hints in a convenient pamphlet. To receive one, send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (61 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Vinegar, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Warm vinegar will help remove limescale from a glass decanter. Pour enough in to cover, and let soak overnight. Scrub, and it should be sparkling once again. – Heloise

SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

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**PARSLEY HINT**

Dear Heloise: Much of the parsley we purchase gets wasted. Here's a hint to cut down on waste: Wash the parsley and drain it in a colander several hours or overnight with a paper towel covering it. (Or, wrap in paper towels and pat dry.) Divide and put half in the refrigerator in the vegetable bin and the other half in a freezer bag and freeze. For cooking, just cut off what you need. This also works well for cilantro; just make sure you label the bags! – Patricia in Harrison, Ark.

**LETTER OF LAUGHTER**

Dear Readers: Here is a letter of laughter from the Heloise Files. A reader wrote in:

"Years ago, when my daughter-in-law wanted to know how I made the icing on my son's favorite cake, I was glad to give her the recipe. I told her powdered sugar, butter and cocoa, mixed to spreading consistency with cold coffee.

"You guessed it! She used coffee grounds! Later, my son said, 'Mom, how long does it take for those grounds to dissolve?' Bless his heart. He was trying to eat it without hurting her feelings." – Heloise

**LOOSE RECIPE CARDS**

Dear Heloise: I have a recipe book that I write recipes in. However, I had numerous recipes already written on cards. So, I taped half an envelope on the back inside cover of the book and placed the cards there. I wrote the recipes on the envelope for easy reference. – Sandra Harris in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♦ A Q 5 4  
♥ J 7  
♦ K J 8 6  
♠ 10 9 5

**WEST**  
♦ 6  
♥ K Q 10 9 4  
♦ 9 7 5 4 2  
♠ 6 3

**EAST**  
♥ J 10 2  
♦ A 6 2  
♣ 3  
♠ A Q J 8 7 4

**SOUTH**  
♦ K 9 8 7 3  
♥ 8 5 3  
♦ A Q 10  
♠ K 2

The bidding:  
East 1♦ South 1♣ West Pass North 3♠

Opening lead — king of hearts.

**The Art of Good Salesmanship**

A defender who makes it a practice to falsecard regularly – in an effort to fool the declarer – will sometimes wind up fooling his partner instead and so defeat the very purpose of the falsecard.

However, there are hands where a defender can afford to deliberately deceive his partner – at the same time as he is trying to deceive declarer – because he knows that no harm, and perhaps some good, can come from his deceptive measures. Such situations are relatively rare, but they should be explored when the occasion arises.

Consider this deal where, if you look at all four hands, it seems that the outcome is preordained. Declarer's only losers are two hearts and a club, and he should therefore make four spades. But when the hand was played, South fell victim to a clever ruse by East and ended up down one.

West led the king of hearts. East overtook the king with the ace and returned the deuce of hearts to West's queen. West naturally assumed that his partner had started with the doubleton A-2 of hearts – which was exactly what East wanted him to think – so West continued with the ten of hearts at trick three.

Declarer could now have made the contract by ruffing low in dummy, but he elected to ruff high because he was afraid East would overruff a low spade and defeat the contract.

When East followed suit to the third round of hearts, declarer realized he'd been had, but it was too late to do anything about it. The damage had already been done, and East eventually scored a trump trick as well as the ace of clubs to sink the supposedly unbeatable game.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



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**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 12/01

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

**Cryptoquip**

BKHFQR CTM CFLMZ CTSC LA  
CSFXXMZZ UMC HNBMQCZ  
RMC MKUTNHFPSXXA MXSCMB,  
F PSXX CTML RFBBA UFRZ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A FELLOW LAUNCHES SOME CORPORATIONS AT HIS RANCH, I SUPPOSE HE FORMS FARM FIRMS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals T

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

- |                             |                               |                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>               | <b>DOWN</b>                   | <b>DOWN</b>                 | <b>DOWN</b>                 |
| 1 Radar signal              | 38 Tosses in                  | 1 "— Ha!"                   | 11 Jerry's longtime partner |
| 5 Type measures             | 39 Seesaw quorum              | 2 Give for a time           | 16 Intimidate               |
| 8 Trudge along              | 41 4-Down, e.g.               | 3 Research facility (Abbr.) | 20 Wife of Osiris           |
| 12 Top-notch                | 43 Storefront feature         | 4 Rolls-Royce requirement   | 22 Cheese choice            |
| 13 Square root of XLIX      | 46 George Eliot's Mr. Marnier | 5 Actress —                 | 23 Starbucks request        |
| 14 Michigan                 | 50 Line of fashion?           | 51 Desperate final effort   | 25 Mandible                 |
| 15 Bartender's announcement | 51 Part-timer                 | 54 Office part-timer        | 26 George's brother         |
| 17 Largest of the seven     | 55 Type                       | 56 Walk in the woods        | 27 Smith or Jones           |
| 18 Preamble                 | 56 Verses                     | 57 Praiseful                | 29 Carte measure            |
| 19 Young cat                | 58 Chesa-peake, e.g.          | 59 Folk-music byline abbr.  | 31 Started                  |
| 21 Payable                  | 9 Most fashionable example    | 10 Tom Joad, e.g.           | 32 Dentist's deg.           |
| 24 Piglet's mama            | 10 Tom Joad, e.g.             |                             | 34 Symbol of craziness      |
| 25 Jack's companion         |                               |                             | 38 Dismount                 |
| 28 Actress Moore            |                               |                             | 40 Cowardly sorts           |
| 30 In need of repair        |                               |                             | 42 "Guinness Book" suffix   |
| 33 Coach Par-seghian        |                               |                             | 43 Regarding                |
| 34 Shoe fasteners           |                               |                             | 44 Garden intruder          |
| 35 Roulette bet             |                               |                             | 45 Smooth-talking           |
| 36 Existed                  |                               |                             | 47 Den                      |
| 37 Muscat's country         |                               |                             | 48 "— silly question, ..."  |
|                             |                               |                             | 49 Raced                    |
|                             |                               |                             | 52 Chicken-king link        |
|                             |                               |                             | 53 Firmament                |

Yesterday's answer 12-1

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
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