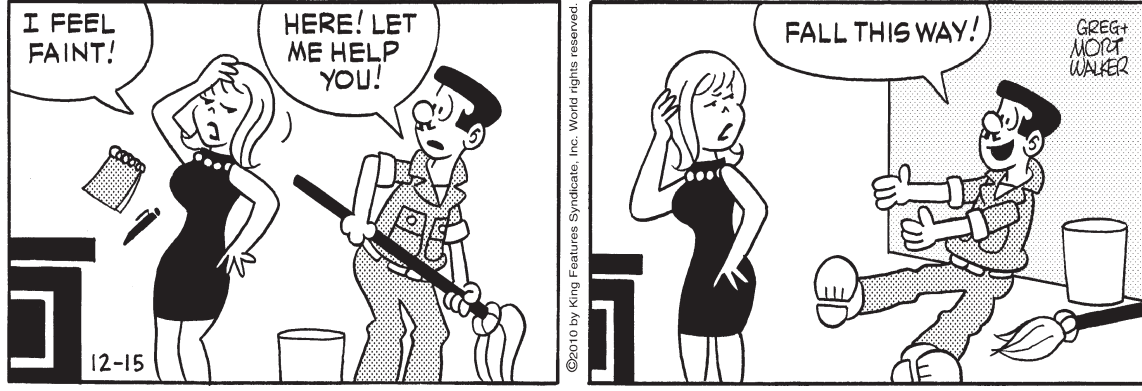


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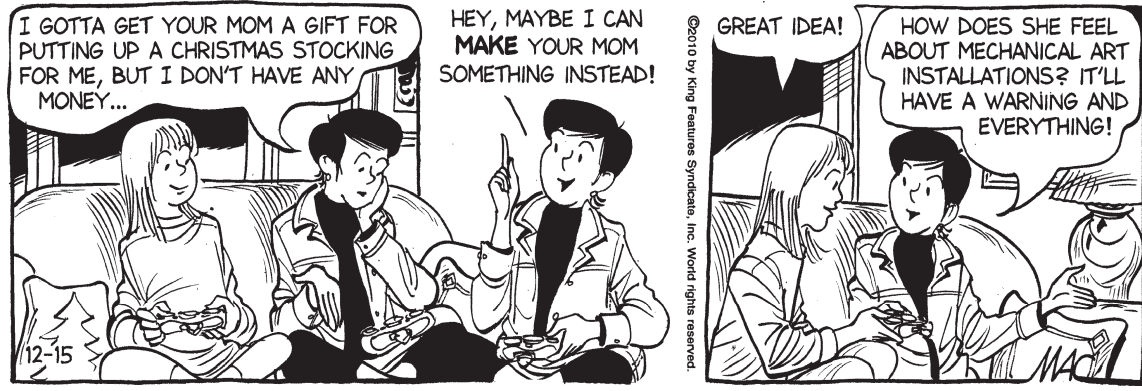
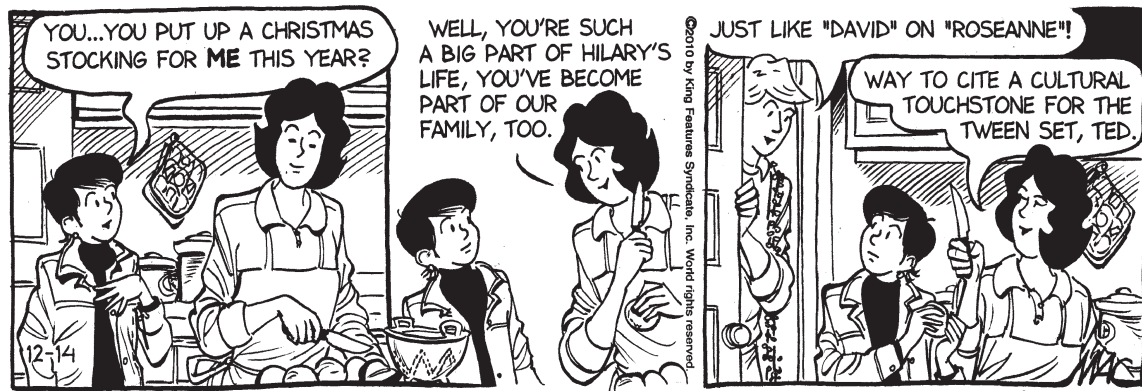
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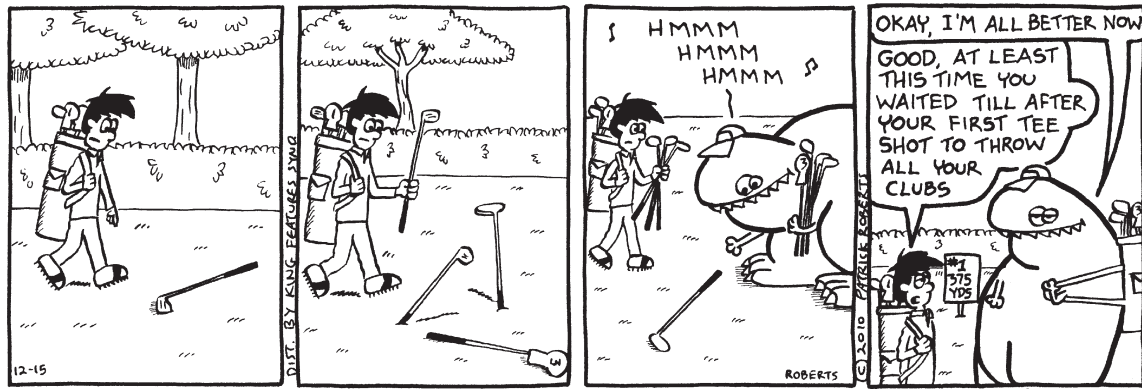
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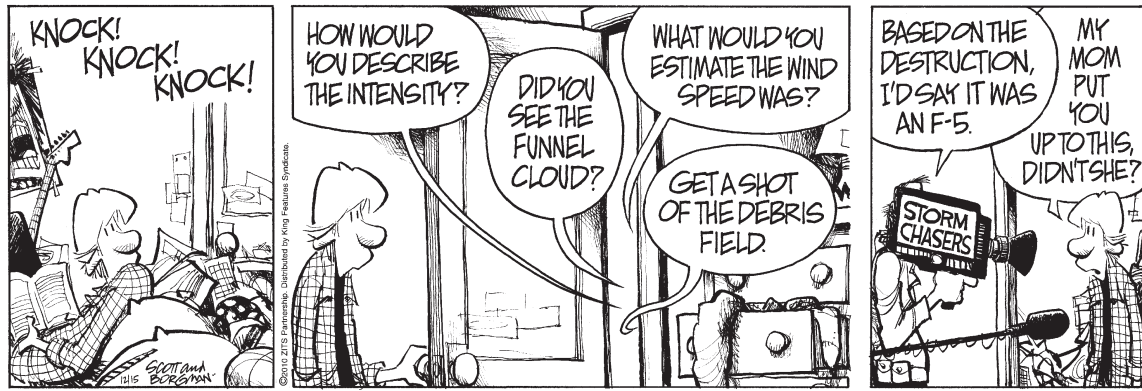
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Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Hints help bake great bread

Dear Readers: Do you love to MAKE YOUR OWN BREAD? Here are a couple of hints to help your baking come out of the oven the best it can be!

- Always use fresh yeast. If it isn't fresh, the bread probably won't rise.
- Store opened items, such as baking powder, baking soda and flour, in self-zipping plastic bags or airtight containers to keep fresh.
- If you use metal baking pans, don't use metal utensils to remove the bread. This can result in scratched pans, and future bread may stick to the pan when trying to remove it.
- When bread is rising, use a clean cotton kitchen towel over the bread pan. This will keep the warmth in the pan and help bread rise faster and more evenly.
- And for that nice, soft brown look, add a pat of margarine or butter on top after you take it out of the oven. — Heloise

EASY-POUR GELATIN

Dear Heloise: It isn't always easy pouring gelatin into individual containers. I have found that if I mix the gelatin, water, etc., in a pitcher, stir well and then pour into the individual containers, there are no spills! — Hillary, via e-mail

CHOCOLATE DIPPING

Dear Heloise: Have you ever made chocolate-covered cookies, crackers or pretzels? Dipping items is not an easy chore every time.

I have found that if I melt the chocolate in a double boiler, then place a few pretzels (etc.) on a potato masher and carefully dip it into the chocolate until covered (and remove to wax paper), my project is done in no time and with little mess. — Sheryl in Montana

COLORED FROSTING

Dear Heloise: I was making some cookies and found that I only had white frosting, and I wanted to put color on them.

I called my mother to ask what I could do, and here is the hint she shared: She said to simply mix in a package of strawberry, raspberry or any other berry-flavored, dry (powdered), unsweetened drink mix into the white frosting. Problem solved — so thanks, Mom! — L.L., via e-mail

EXOTIC DESSERT

Dear Heloise: Here is a unique dessert that will be perfect when you are in a rush with company arriving soon. Just spoon some canned crushed pineapple on vanilla ice cream and sprinkle a few marshmallows on top. — Kerry Ann, via e-mail

LEMON JUICE

Dear Heloise: Sometimes sprinkling lemon juice on food can leave either too much or too little dispensed. I found that if I pour some of the juice into a clean, glass saltshaker, I can shake as much as need, and it sure makes cooking just that much easier! — Frankie in Karnes City, Texas

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A Q 10
 ♥ A 6 3
 ♦ A K J 7
 ♣ Q 8 5

WEST
 ♠ 7
 ♥ 10 8 7
 ♦ 10 9 8 6 3
 ♣ A J 9 4

EAST
 ♠ J 9 8 4 3 2
 ♥ J
 ♦ 5 4 2
 ♣ K 6 2

SOUTH
 ♠ K 6 5
 ♥ K Q 9 5 4 2
 ♦ Q
 ♣ 10 7 3

The bidding:
 South 2♥ West Pass North 4♥ East All Pass
 Opening lead — ?

Sylvia Plays Duplicate Bridge

The night Sylvia played in her first duplicate tournament was a night to remember. She had been a member of the club for three weeks (and had scarcely been playing bridge for more than that) when she was first exposed to the intricacies of duplicate.

Sylvia's exploits at rubber bridge had already become a conversation piece among the club members, and no one had dared predict what might happen when she played duplicate.

Sylvia's approach to the game, even granting her lack of experience, was decidedly different from that of most beginners. Her thoughts ran in strange channels, and her bids and plays, which to most people appeared bizarre, were to her the essence of natural play.

Of course, because of these unintended eccentricities, she got mostly poor results. But her penchant for the unusual occasionally brought home a fat dividend, and it was these hands that kept the members buzzing.

For example, take this deal from the duplicate. It was played at 13 tables, and at every one the final contract was four hearts.

At nine tables the West player led a singleton spade. At two tables West led the ten of diamonds, and at another table West led a trump. All these leads produced the same inevitable result. South made 13 tricks in every case.

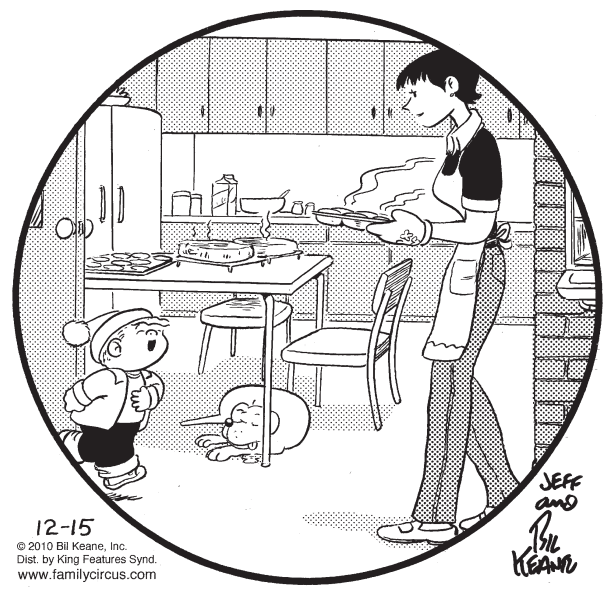
It remained for Sylvia to dream up a different lead. It was not that she was trying to be brilliant — she always made the play that seemed to her the proper one — but she didn't know any better at the time. So Sylvia led the jack of clubs!

This play had an electric effect. East won dummy's queen with the king and returned a club through South's ten. Sylvia took the ten with the ace, cashed the nine and, not realizing there were no more clubs left, returned the four.

Dummy discarded a diamond, and East of course trumped with the jack. Declarer overruffed with the queen, but later had to lose a trump trick to Sylvia and so went down one!

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 12/15

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.

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

Cryptoquip

UI OEVMUMD LMNLENSUMLE
 MLPNVM ZBIILELA S
 ALORUML UM CVCBRSEUNJ, U
 DBLZZ PSJML PVBRA PSML.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE MAN FAILED TO REMIT HIS CHARGE CARD PAYMENT FOR SO LONG THAT THE COMPANY DIS-CREDITED HIM.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals I

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Part of a Halloween costume
 4 You say it to the doctor
 7 Femur or fibula
 8 Related to birds
 10 Soft chapeau
 11 "Dueling" instruments
 13 Burroughs duo
 16 Distorted
 17 Witticisms
 18 Fish eggs
 19 Inlet
 20 Out of control
 21 Investigate
 23 Brittle
 25 Three-sloth
 26 Objective

DOWN

27 Mimic
 28 Chef's garb
 30 "Wham!"
 33 Steven-son duo
 36 Closed up
 37 Broadcast
 38 Small amounts
 39 Caustic solutions
 40 Sandra or Ruby
 41 Remiss

DOWN

1 Fret
 2 Noted 1966 hurricane
 12 Pry
 14 Actress Campbell
 15 Hair-raising shriek
 19 Massachusetts cape
 20 Have a bug
 21 Vatican VIPs
 22 Stunk
 23 Maine (breed of cat)
 24 TV's Felix Unger
 25 — Mahal
 26 Alumni
 28 Sitcom oldie, "Kate & —"
 29 Academy freshman
 30 Heat-resistant glass
 31 Tributes in verse
 32 Marry
 34 Three feet
 35 Informal greeting

Solution time: 21 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 12-15