

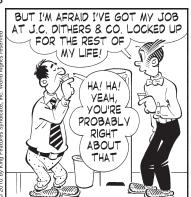
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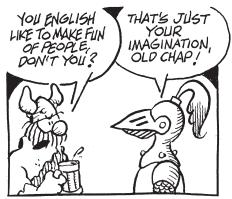
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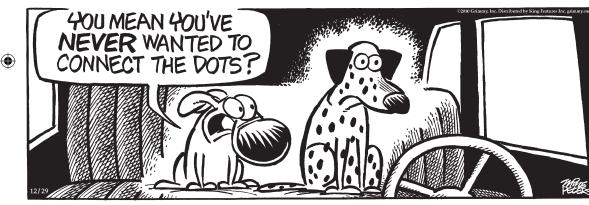
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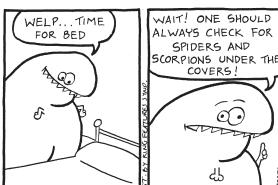








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Heloise

Hints from Heloise

Leftover eggnog boosts breakfast

Dear Heloise: I always have too much LEFT-OVER EGGNOG, and I don't want to throw it away. Do you have any suggestion for how eggnog can be used in recipes? I hate to be wasteful!

– A Reader, via e-mail You can use it to make yummy and rich eggnog waffles or pancakes. Just substitute the eggnog for milk in the recipe that you use. - Heloise

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MASHED POTATOES

Dear Heloise: My family loves mashed potatoes, and it was always a last-minute dish for me to prepare, until I came up with this idea. I cook and mash the potatoes before my guests arrive. I put the potatoes in a lightly greased casserole and put in the oven at 225 degrees for 20 minutes.

When I'm ready to serve, I put the casserole in an attractive casserole carrier. The potatoes are hot, and the dish is easy for my guests to pass. Cleanup is easy, and I no longer have the lastminute stress of making mashed potatoes. – R.H. in Minnesota

CLEANING PANS

Dear Heloise: I was trying to clean a glass cake pan I had used to roast potatoes when I realized I didn't have any abrasive cleanser. All I had was dishwashing powder. It worked great; my pan looks better than ever! - Janine in New York

Janine, dishwasher powder is super to use on bakeware. But abrasive cleanser is not. Manufacturers caution against this, because it may cause the glass to break. Also, don't use a metal scouring pad or brush, because these will scratch the surface. Use a plastic brush or pad. - Heloise

NO STICK

Dear Heloise: Due to limited space, I stacked three plastic cake containers together. Bad idea -I could not get them apart. I finally thought about putting them in the freezer for a couple of hours. Worked like a charm – they came apart with no effort. - Glenda in Gastonia, N.C.

NO SEEDS

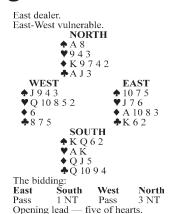
Dear Heloise: After squeezing one and a half of the four lemons I had to squeeze, I was getting very annoyed at the tedium of removing the seeds. I took a thin-bladed, sharp-pointed paring knife and dug the seeds out of the small end of each segment before I squeezed the lemon. --Richard A. in Missouri

EASY CLEAN

Dear Heloise: I had a pan boil dry and burn the contents. I poured vinegar in the pan, let it sit just a few minutes and scrubbed the burn out of the pan. I also had a stainless pan that had burn marks on the inside; I poured vinegar in it and scrubbed for just a few minuets. Hooray - out came the marks, and it was like a brand-new pan. Wilma in Texas

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Bridge • Steve Becker



Choosing the Right Line of Play

Declarer is often confronted with a choice of several lines of play. Obviously, he should try to select the most promising one, but it is not always easy to find the approach that offers the best chance.

Consider this deal where West leads a heart against three notrump and declarer wins East's jack with the ace. What should South do next?

It would clearly be wrong to try a club finesse at this point – first, because the contract would be in great jeopardy if it lost, and second, because the club finesse can just as easily be taken later on, if necessary.

The proper suit to attack initially is diamonds. If the suit divides 3-2 (the normal expectancy), South is sure to score at least 10 tricks without risking the dangerous club finesse. Furthermore, he has a much better chance of finding the diamonds favorably divided than of finding West with the king of clubs.

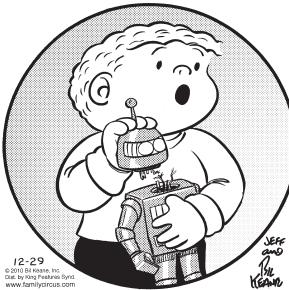
However, despite the decided advantage of attacking diamonds rather than clubs, it would be wrong to lead a diamond from the closed hand at trick two. The correct play by declarer is to lead a low spade to the ace followed by a low diamond from dummy. After East follows low, as he should, South

wins the trick with the queen. Declarer must now be careful of his next step. Sheer momentum might cause him to lead another diamond. But this would be a serious mistake (and would be fatal in the actual case because of the 4-1 diamond division) Instead, South should now take the club finesse

because, by doing so, he is sure to make nine tricks even if the finesse loses. But if, at trick two, he leads a diamond from his hand or attempts a club finesse, or, on the recommended line of play, continues diamonds after the queen wins at trick three, it eventually costs him the contract.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"This broke and I wasn't tired of it yet."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★★

This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a num-

ber, 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.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NOT ABOUT TO LISTEN TO BARKING OR MEOWING, THE MARKET OWNER POSTED THE SIGN "NO PETS ALOUD."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals I

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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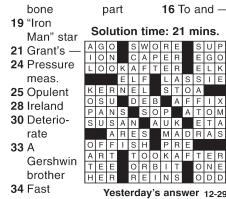
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