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Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker





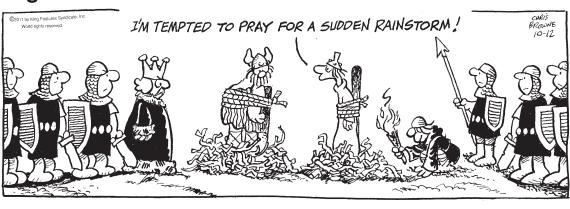
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Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Heloise

Hints from Heloise

Condensed milk substitute is easy

Dear Heloise: I was in the middle of making a KEY LIME PIE and realized that the sweetened condensed milk I thought I had was actually evaporated milk. I had used the condensed milk in another recipe weeks earlier. Is it possible to make sweetened condensed milk? - Judy Steward in Omaha, Neb.

Yes, Judy, it is possible, and it's pretty easy to make sweetened condensed milk. You will need: 1 cup powdered milk

- 1/3 cup boiling water
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar 3 tablespoons butter

Mix all the ingredients in a blender. Start mixing on LOW speed for a minute or two. Increase the speed and continue to blend until smooth, with no obvious sugar granules. You can take a drop or two and rub it between your fingers to feel if there are sugar granules. This will make enough milk to equal a can, but be aware that the consistency will not be what you are used to with the store-bought version.

This is just one of the recipes you can have with my Seasonings, Sauces and Substitutes pamphlet by sending \$5 and a long, stamped (64 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Heloise/SSS, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. No bacon on hand? Here's a substitution you can use in a pinch: imitation bacon bits. I've even made a "mock" BLT (bacon, lettuce, tomato) using them. It's not too bad, plus, it's fewer calories! - He-

HANDY PAPER TOWELING

Dear Heloise: When I was young, my mother taught me to always put a small piece of paper toweling in jars, mugs, etc., or any containers before they are closed. This way, any moisture and musty smells will be absorbed by the toweling. I use this all the time, and it works just fine. - Frances, Chino Valley, Ariz.

GREEN HINT

Dear Heloise: I read your column every day in the Rapid City (S.D.) Journal and appreciate the hints. I have a hint. I bake a lot of bread for my own use and for friends/neighbors, so I seldom purchase bread.

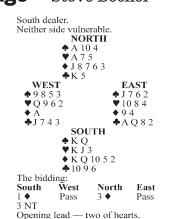
I ran out of bread bags long ago, even though I washed and rinsed them for my homemade bread. After reuse, including washing, rinsing and drying, small pinholes appear in the store-bought PNOAUGPVVB bread bags.

I reuse plastic freezer bags, washing and drykitchen whisks propped up on the counter. This works well for one or two food bags. - Connie in South Dakota

It's nice to recycle and reuse to save money and help the environment. But please note: Experts stress to NOT wash and reuse plastic bags that have held raw meat, fish or poultry. No matter how well you wash them, if you're using them for another food item, there's a possibility of transferring bacteria. – Heloise

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Bridge • Steve Becker



A Psychological Ploy

This deal occurred in a team match. At both tables the final contract was three notrump, and at both tables West led a heart. But at one table the contract was made, while at the other it was defeated.

At the first table, declarer played low from dummy on the heart lead and won East's ten with the jack. South returned the king of diamonds, and after taking the ace, West shifted to a low club. The defenders then cashed four club tricks, and South went down one. At the second table, declarer also played low

from dummy on the heart lead, but when East produced the ten, South won with the king!

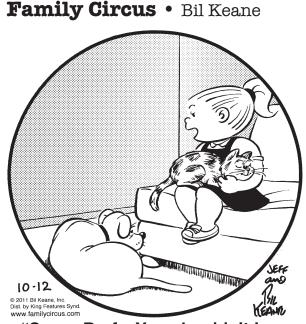
The second declarer realized that if West had the ace of diamonds and East the ace of clubs, the contract was in serious jeopardy. He reasoned that if he won the opening trick with the jack, West would almost surely shift to a club upon taking the ace of diamonds, since West would recognize that there was no future in continuing hearts. When declarer now played a diamond at trick

two, West won with the ace and led another heart. He naturally thought that East had the jack, since it was difficult for him to imagine that South would win the first trick with the king if he had the jack. The ruse having succeeded, and with the con-

tract now firmly under control, declarer let West's heart return run to his jack and thereby recouped the trick he had given away on the opening lead to finish with 10 tricks. Whether West should have fallen into declarer's trap is not at issue. What does matter is that the second declarer found a way to give himself

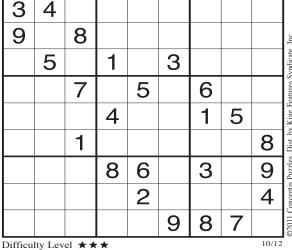
an extra chance if the two missing aces were unfavorably located. He was perfectly willing to sacrifice a trick in order to increase the possibility of making the contract.

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"Sorry, Barfy. You shouldn't have grown too big for my lap.'

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



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.

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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