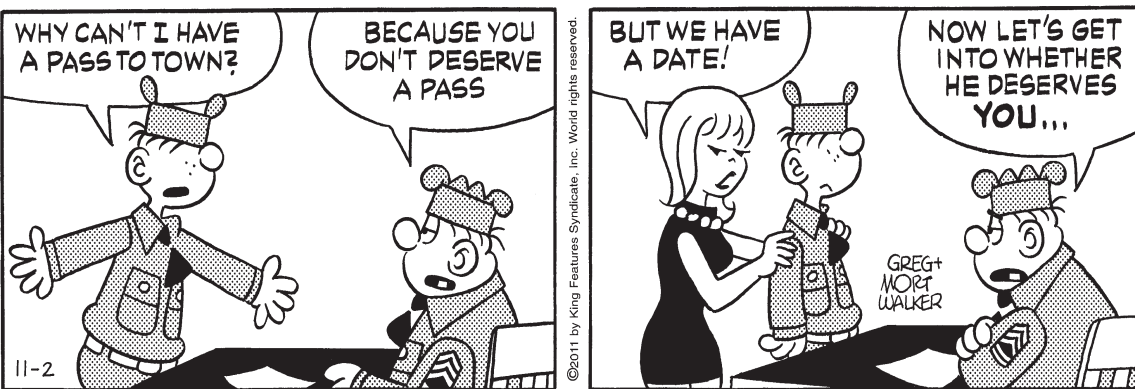


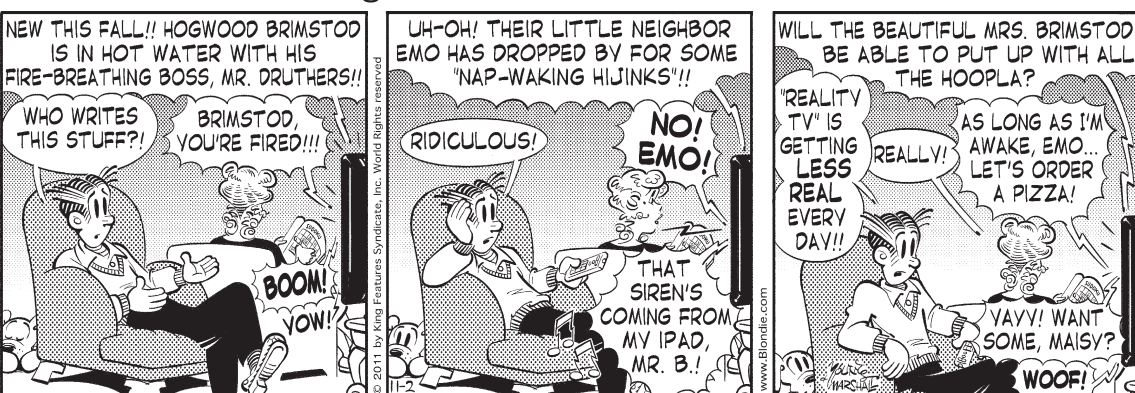
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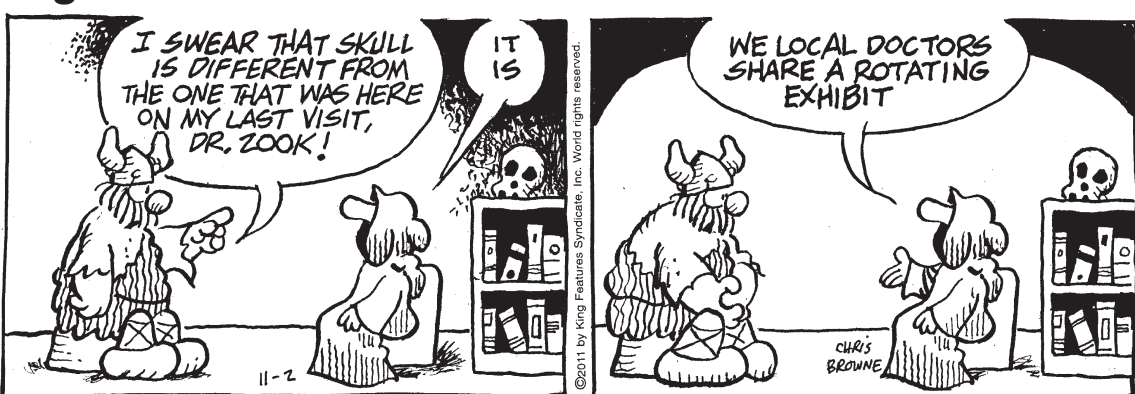
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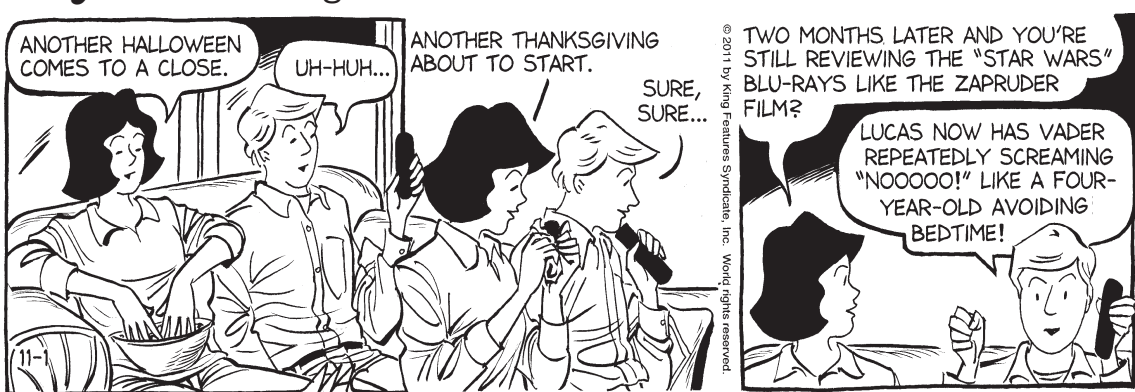
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Original sauce: spaghetti legacy

Dear Heloise: I had the recipe for your mother's (the original Heloise) SPAGHETTI SAUCE and lost it in a move. Please print it again, and I will guard it with my life! — Barbara Walls, Bald Knob, Ark.

This is a delicious recipe and an all-time favorite. I remember my mother making it and the fabulous aroma that drifted through the house. I'm happy to print it again and again — it's that good!

HELOISE'S ORIGINAL ITALIAN SPAGHETTI SAUCE

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup finely chopped onions
- 1 pound ground beef
- 4 strips finely chopped bacon
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped fine
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped, fresh parsley
- 1 bay leaf, chopped fine
- 1 tablespoon salt
- Black pepper, freshly ground to taste
- 1 teaspoon crushed dry red pepper
- 2 ounces red wine
- 2 15-ounce cans of whole tomatoes or tomato sauce
- 1 small can tomato paste
- 1 cup water
- 1 finely chopped carrot (or grated — Heloise, 2011)

Heat olive oil over low heat in a large pot. (Note: You will be adding all ingredients to this one pot.) Add the butter and simmer until it melts. Add onion and sauté until light brown. Add the ground beef and bacon, and continue sautéing until browned. Be sure to stir occasionally.

Add garlic, parsley, bay leaf, salt, black pepper and red pepper. For 10 minutes, continue to cook over low heat. Add wine, cover and let sit for a few minutes.

Add tomatoes or sauce, paste and water. Bring to boil. Add chopped carrot. Cover and cook for an hour, stirring occasionally over low heat. Now, cook up your favorite pasta, top and serve with this sauce. Enjoy! — Heloise

DISHWASHER HINT

Dear Heloise: I thought everyone knew this hint until my daughter had a recent visit from her mother-in-law. My daughter was putting dishes in the dishwasher, which included measuring cups. Her mother-in-law said she never had seen putting the hole in the handle on the spokes on the top rack. Doing this, you will never have to worry about them turning over and filling with water. — Mamie W., Frankston, Texas

When talking about this in Heloise Central, three out of five of my assistants did not know that you were referring to the dry measuring cups and not the liquid type that is typically a clear glass cup. Now we all know! — Heloise

FANCY BAKED POTATO

Dear Heloise: While at a friend's, she served the most delicious baked potatoes. She stuffed them with browned, chopped-up hamburger meat and cheese. They were fabulous! — Laura from Texas

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Bridge • Steve Becker

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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

EAST
 ♠ 6 4
 ♥ 10 8 5 3 2
 ♦ K 10 7
 ♣ 10 3 2

WEST
 ♠ 7 3
 ♥ Q J 9
 ♦ 9 5 4 2
 ♣ A K J 9

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q J 8 5 2
 ♥ A 6
 ♦ 8 3
 ♣ Q 5 4

The bidding:
 West North East South
 Pass 1♦ Pass 1♠
 Pass 1NT Pass 4♣
 Opening lead — king of clubs.

Solution to a Predicament

There are all kinds of inferences a declarer can draw from the bidding or early play of a hand. For example, consider this deal where South got to four spades on the bidding shown.

West led the king of clubs, everyone following low, and shifted to the queen of hearts. On this trick, declarer made the highly unusual move of playing low from both hands!

As a result, South made the contract. West continued with a heart to the ace, and declarer drew two rounds of trumps, ending in dummy. He then discarded a diamond on the king of hearts and played the ace of diamonds followed by the queen.

When East covered with the king, declarer ruffed, returned to dummy with a trump, discarded a club on the jack of diamonds and in that way scored his 10th trick. The only tricks he lost were a heart and two clubs.

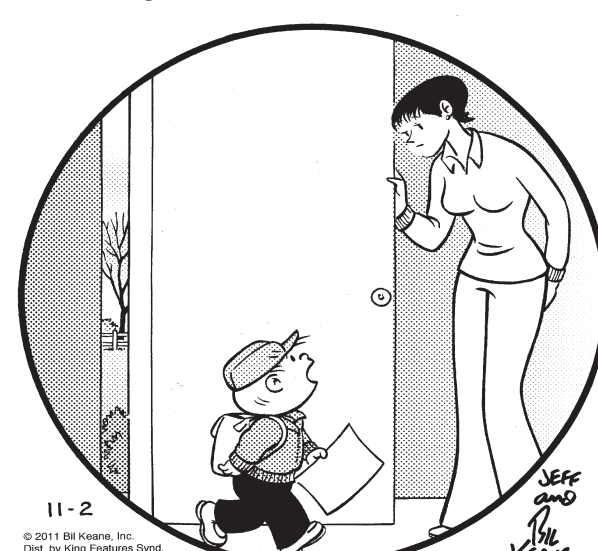
Certainly South's method of play seems odd, since it appears more natural to win the heart shift at trick two with the ace, draw trumps and take a diamond finesse. Had declarer adopted this course of play, though, he would have lost a diamond and three clubs and gone down one.

Declarer's method of play was very well-founded. He assumed from the first two plays that West had the K-A of clubs and Q-J of hearts and was therefore not likely to have the king of diamonds also, given his original pass as dealer.

So, rather than pin his hopes on West's holding a card he couldn't have, declarer played East for that card and scored a well-deserved victory.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/02

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.

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

Cryptoquip

IYZI AHDGI QZH VAQGKJ
 BZHHTI NLAKR ZHJ VQZKK
 BTIIZXDV VTKARKJ. YD
 ZKCZJV NLHXKDV NLHXZKTCV.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I WASN'T SURE I COULD CONVERSE WITH MY NEW BOYFRIEND'S FAMILY, BUT I DID IT WITH RELATIVE-ESE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 — and crafts
 - 5 Life story, for short
 - 8 Rim
 - 12 Jump
 - 13 Toss in
 - 14 Ca-booze's position
 - 15 Excited commotion
 - 17 Muhammad and Laila
 - 18 TV oldie, "Kate & —"
 - 19 Used-car deal, e.g.
 - 21 Small barrel
 - 24 Kitten's call
 - 25 Snatch
 - 28 Places
 - 30 Carte lead-in
 - 33 Tackle mogs
 - 34 Gold measure
 - 35 In medias —
 - 36 Crony
 - 37 Basin accessory
- DOWN**
- 1 Actress Jessica
 - 2 Actual
 - 3 Lofty
 - 4 Repair, as film unit
 - 5 Scrooge's cry
 - 6 Altar
 - 7 "Sad to say, ..."
 - 8 Obliterate
 - 9 First State
 - 10 Author Sheehy
 - 11 Gaelic residential area
 - 16 Verily
 - 20 Send out
 - 22 Cabbage salad
 - 23 "M*A*S*H" setting
 - 25 Recipe meas.
 - 26 Alias (Abbr.)
 - 27 Electric power unit
 - 29 Complain repeatedly
 - 31 Meadow
 - 32 Request
 - 34 Acute
 - 38 Shop aimlessly
 - 40 Birds' homes
 - 42 Schedule abbr.
 - 43 Freeway access
 - 44 Hodge-podge
 - 45 Venomous vipers
 - 47 Streamlet
 - 48 Icky pond surface
 - 49 Resistance units
 - 52 Exist
 - 53 Big Apple letters

Yesterday's answer 11-2

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
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		21		22	23		24			
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