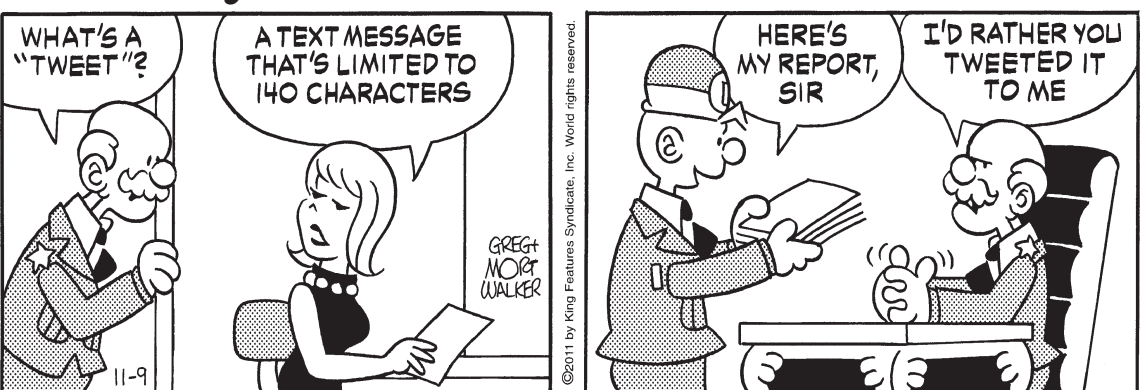


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



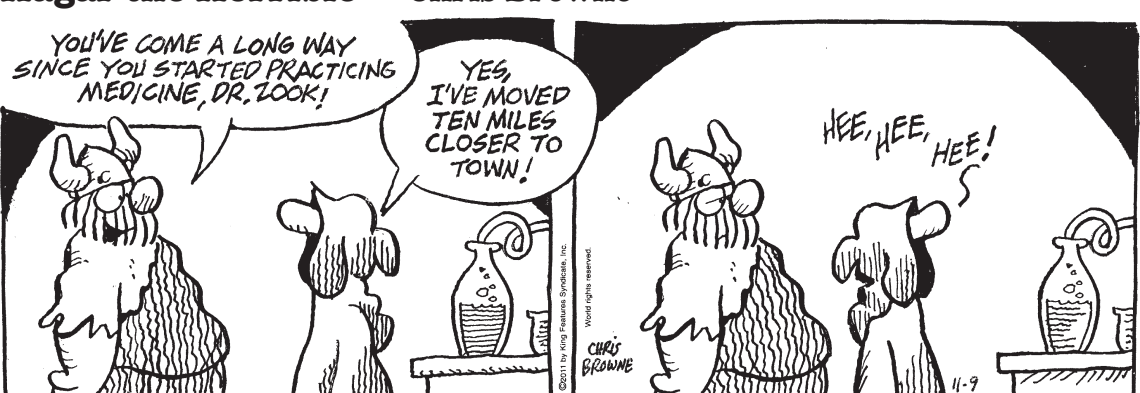
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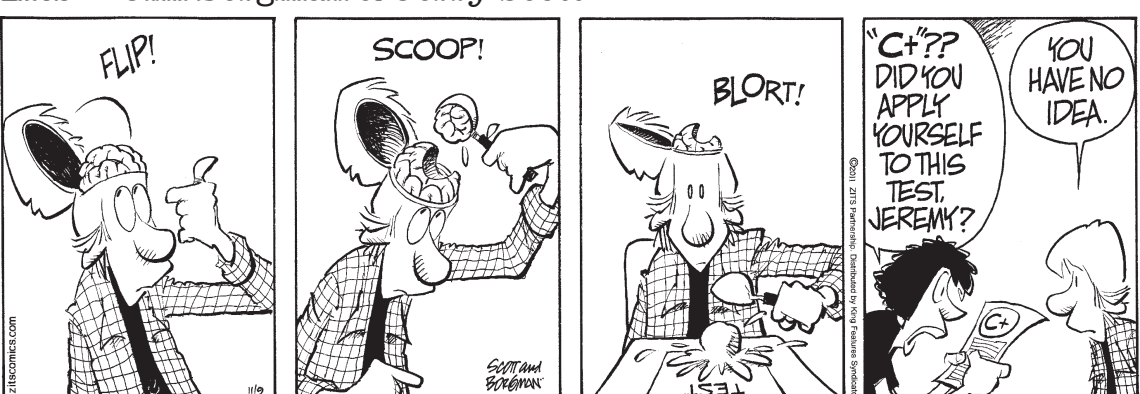
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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Heloise



• Hints from Heloise

Keeping carrots takes fresh idea

Dear Heloise: After purchasing a new bag of BABY CARROTS, I remove the carrots from the plastic bag and place them in a glass jar. I rinse and cover them with cool water, then put a tight lid on the jar and refrigerate. Each time I remove a few, I rinse the remaining ones with cool water. This keeps them fresh, and they will not get slimy for several weeks. — Dorothy, Malvern, Ohio

Dorothy, thanks for writing. However, checking with a carrot grower, this might not be the best way to keep the carrots fresh. Here's the information that was shared: Keep the carrots in the original packaging and check the expiration date. If bought early enough, they could last up to 30 days. Putting the carrots in water can cause them to become soggy or mushy. If the carrots get dry, you can soak the carrots in water for a short while to "revive" them. — Heloise

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PICKLE SLICER

Dear Heloise: I cut hard-boiled eggs with a pickle slicer! Its blade is a wavy, "corrugated" design, and the result is what you see in bread-and-butter pickle jars. Depending on the angle at which you cut, you can make eggs look especially classy. Try cutting the egg the long way, not all the way through but stopping in the middle. Then slide the slicer in from the side at a 90-degree angle, meeting the first cut in the middle. It makes for an attractive way to do deviled eggs.

You are only limited by your imagination! In fact, I use that slicer for all sorts of things: cutting up fruit for salads, potatoes for au gratin dishes, carrots and squash for side dishes — the veggies look so attractive, everyone comments on them.

You can find a pickle slicer at hardware stores in the home-canning section, and they are fairly inexpensive. (Heloise here: Checking several big-box hardware stores, no luck finding the slicer, but they are available on the Internet.) You might even find them in specialty kitchen stores. — Donna E., Torrington, Conn.

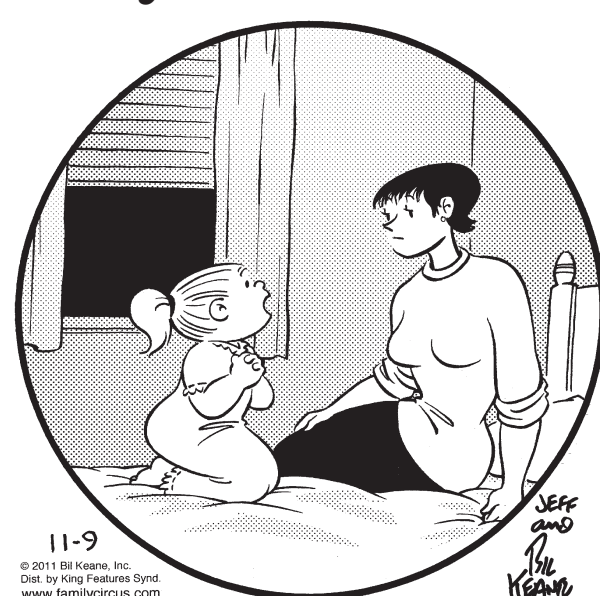
Donna, how creative! I brought hard-cooked eggs and a hand-held pickle slicer into Heloise Central, and we had fun testing your hint! Because each of us interpreted your directions a little differently, here is the Heloise Update: What you call a pickle slicer is now called a crinkle cutter knife. Please visit www.Heloise.com to see photos of the different interpretations. — Heloise

HANDY PIZZA CUTTER

Dear Heloise: Last weekend, I was preparing an egg casserole for Sunday brunch that called for 1 cup of diced ham. I hate dicing meat, so I got out my pizza cutter and cut strips, then cut crosswise and had the chore done in a couple of minutes. This also could be used to cut strips of pepperoni for salads, etc. — Nina C., San Antonio

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"After I do my 'please blesses' can throw in a few 'don't blesses'?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/09

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.

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

Cryptoquip

YI APC GHN PCN NP JHGNZPA
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: PHYSICIST FAMOUS FOR HER DISCOVERY OF A SUPPLY OF RARE DECORATIVE ARTICLES: MARIE CURIO.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
1 Anti-aircraft fire
5 Total
8 "That's a relief!"
12 Volcanic outflow
13 CAT scan alternative
14 Exceptional
15 Type of tennis stroke
17 Paquin or Faris
18 Allow
19 Brooklyn center fielder Duke
21 Pismire
22 Novice
23 Blond shade
26 Earl Grey, e.g.
28 Honda model
31 Bartlett or Bosc
33 Carpet
35 Congers, e.g.
36 Discussion group
- DOWN**
38 Decked in the ring
40 Mar-seilles
41 Turns to the right
43 Lawn glistener
45 Loss' opposite
47 About three miles
51 Addict
54 Existed
56 Hodge-podge
57 Red Planet
58 Type measures
59 Feedbag contents
- 1 Showbiz failure
2 Wash after
3 State woe
4 with certainty
5 Slight amount
6 Grecian vessel
7 Interior crime series
8 Grass-land
9 Relinquish
10 Sea eagle
11 Have on
16 Clue
20 Big Apple letters
23 iPhone download
24 Vast expanse
25 Morning-after
27 Diving bird
29 UN workers' grp.
30 Vegas-based
32 Close-fitting jackets
34 Atheistic
37 Island souvenir
39 Antelope's playmate
42 "Uncle Tom's Cabin" author
44 "Yippee!"
45 Potential prune
46 Santa —, Calif.
48 Festive
49 One
50 lds' counterparts
53 Moving truck

Solution time: 21 mins.

GUM	ASP	ROAD							
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	KID	DET	CEC						
JAN	IT	OR	ANODE						
AM	EN	GIN	GAGA						
VIR	GO	BUM	BLER						
AD	SUP	TAO							
	TROT	PATTY							
MALI	SIR	RHEA							
EPIC	IRE	DRAW							
GEEK	YESTER	TED	URN						

Yesterday's answer 11-9

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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