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Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



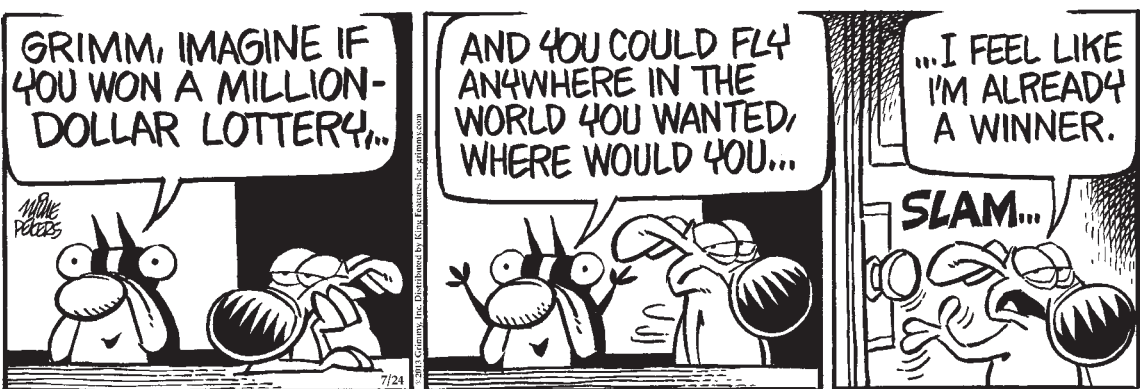
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Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



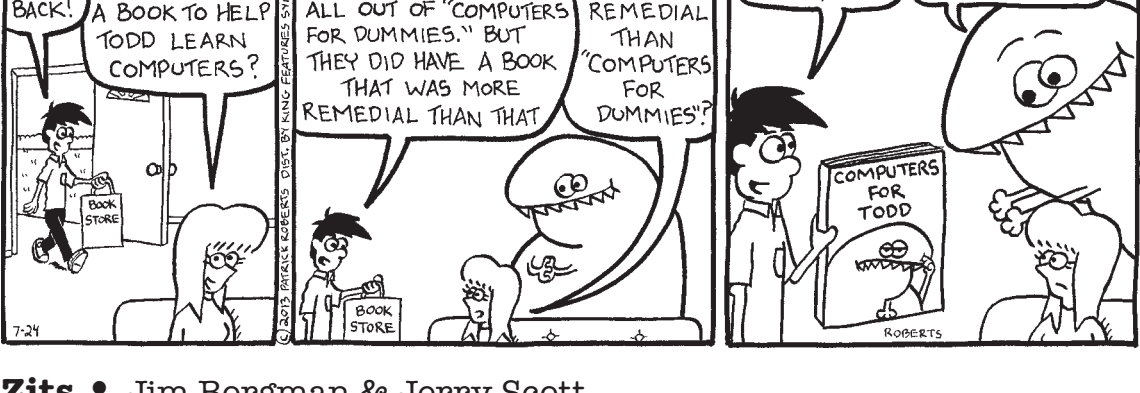
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Roast garlic in muffin cups

Dear Heloise: Is there an easy way to roast garlic without using (or buying) an actual garlic roaster? – Jennifer C. in Florida

There sure is, Jennifer. Roasted garlic is so delicious! Peel each bulb's skin layers. Leave the individual cloves "wrapped." Cut about 1/2 inch off the top of the bulb, or until you see each little garlic clove.

Next, line either a muffin pan or a baking dish with aluminum foil, and place the garlic bulbs in it. Coat each with a drizzle of olive oil. Cover the pan with aluminum foil and bake at 400 F for about 35 minutes. The cloves will get soft, and you will smell it! Watch out – they may be hot! Remove each clove by squeezing it or using a small fork. Eat the garlic straight out of the skin, or add it to your favorite recipe! – Heloise
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REFREEZING FOOD

Dear Heloise: If I thaw food (for example, ground meat for dinner) and then I don't make it that night, can I refreeze it? – Wanda D., via e-mail

Good question, and the answer is yes, in most cases. The United States Department of Agriculture tells us it is safe to refreeze foods if they were properly defrosted in the refrigerator. If not properly defrosted, then be sure to cook it before refreezing.

Because there may be some water loss from the defrosting, the meat may not TASTE the same after refreezing, then thawing and cooking. However, it is still safe to eat. – Heloise

NOTICEABLE CUTS

Dear Heloise: I make a lot of pasta salads, with many different foods added to the pasta so it's not always the same. Some people like bell peppers, olives, carrots, artichokes, tomatoes, etc.

My hint is that no matter what food you put in with the pasta, make sure to cut it in large-enough pieces that anyone can easily remove it. You also can do this when you make regular salads. I have many people thank me for making it easy for them to pick out the added foods they don't like or want. – Linda G. in Ohio

CARVING MEAT

Dear Heloise: I have a cutting board that I use for carving meats that has an indentation all around it to catch the juices. I find that the juices still run over and cause a mess on the counter. So, I place a baking sheet with an edge under the cutting board, and I no longer need to worry if the juices run! – Wendy T. in Delaware

FROZEN CHIPS

Dear Heloise: I was given a bag of potato chips from a friend who was leaving the island. After I opened the bag and ate only a few, I sealed it and put it into the freezer. Now, every time I want chips, I open the bag, and they are as fresh as the first time I opened them. – Susan in Marco Island, Fla.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 7
♥ A K J 10 3
♦ A K 8 3 2
♣ K

WEST
♠ J 10 9 8 2
♥ 5 4
♦ J 9 6
♣ 6 4 2

EAST
♠ Q 3
♥ Q 9 8 6
♦ 10 5 4
♣ J 10 9 5

SOUTH
♠ K 6 5 4
♥ 7 2
♦ Q 7
♣ A Q 8 7 3

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♥ Pass 2♣
Pass 3♦ Pass 4♥
Pass 6NT
Opening lead — jack of spades.

A Duplicate Disaster

The strong emphasis duplicate bridge places on overtricks can sometimes produce a result that would cause a nonduplicate player to shake his head in disbelief. A spectacular example is provided by today's deal, which occurred in a pairs event at the 1990 Summer North American Championships.

South reached six notrump as shown, and West led the jack of spades. In rubber bridge, declarer would have no problem assuring the slam. He would simply establish dummy's hearts, losing a trick to the queen along the way, and wind up with 12 tricks consisting of two spades, four hearts, three diamonds and three clubs.

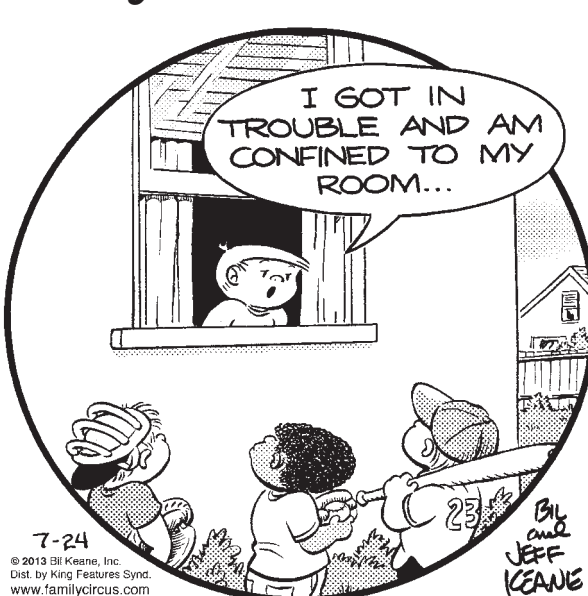
But at duplicate, where making six might be a poor result if seven can be made, South cannot afford to settle for a mere 12 tricks. So when dummy came down, declarer immediately noted that if West held two, three or four hearts including the queen, 13 tricks could be made by taking one or two heart finesses.

Accordingly, South won the first trick in his hand with the king of spades and led a heart to the ten, whereupon East, smoothly and in tempo, followed low! This had the desired effect on South, who, quite understandably, was convinced that the precious overtrick was just around the corner.

So he cashed dummy's king of clubs to unblock the suit, crossed to the queen of diamonds and played the A-Q of clubs before leading a heart to the jack. One can only imagine South's chagrin when East won the trick with the queen and cashed the jack of clubs for down one!

Duplicate bridge is not for the faint of heart.
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"... but I can ask my mom when visiting hours are."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/24

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.

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

Cryptoquip

L X K B Q X K R E G Q E K R L J Z
M K Q K Z J B Z K M K J D R J D D E B
X E R O K O Y E Z, E K G S K U Q X K
U Y T D I T R K J ' B J O I K S D T O K.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE THE CITY THAT EVIL HYPNOTIST LIVES IN IS CALCUTTA, I SUPPOSE HE'S A BENGALI SVENGALI.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals L

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
1 Brit. fliers
4 Recipe mea.
7 Tea time
8 Twin crystal
10 Rules writer
11 Edmond goddess
13 Tinsel-trophies
16 Astronaut Grissom
17 Striped horse
18 Commotion
19 Hereditary bit
20 Hollywood clashers
21 Basin accessories
23 Occupied
25 Unwanted email
- DOWN**
26 Donated
27 Manhattan, for ex.
28 Circular windows
30 Fun and games
33 1984 comedy
36 Up-to-date
37 Street-cars
of a sort
38 Socrates' student
39 Unctuous
40 Type measures
- 14** Clothing store section
15 "Help!"
19 Jewel
20 — out a living
21 English derby town
22 Belt
23 Body powder
24 Lind-bergh, for one
25 Taste the tea
26 Bat cave deposit
28 Pacific or Arctic
29 Breath mint brand
30 Kingdom
31 Actress Rossum
32 Young and Coleman
34 Doing nothing
35 Plumbing problem

Yesterday's answer 7-24

