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Blondie • Chic Young



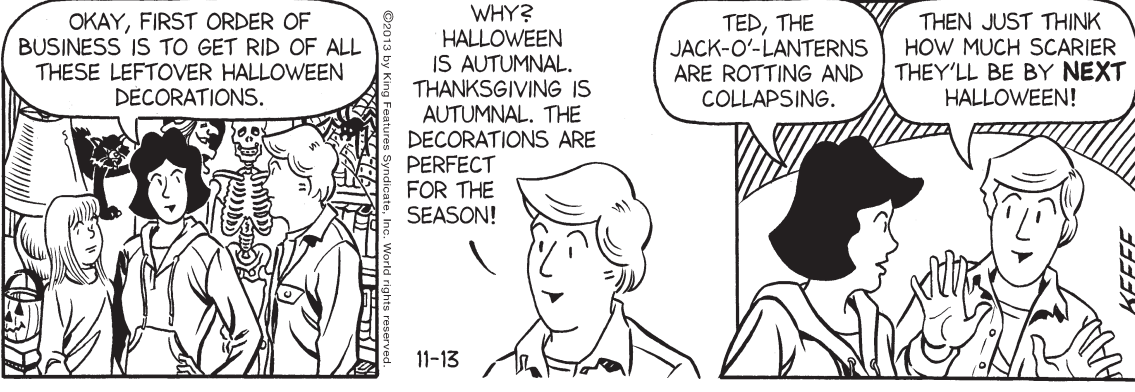
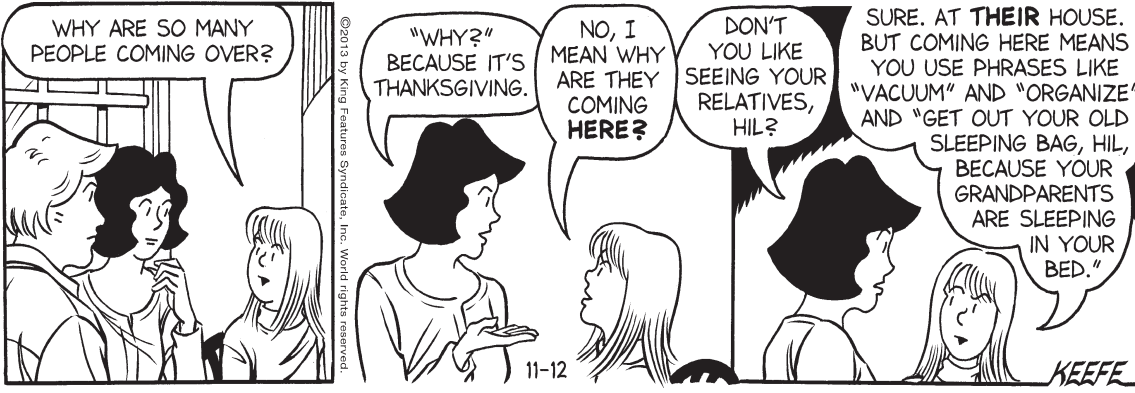
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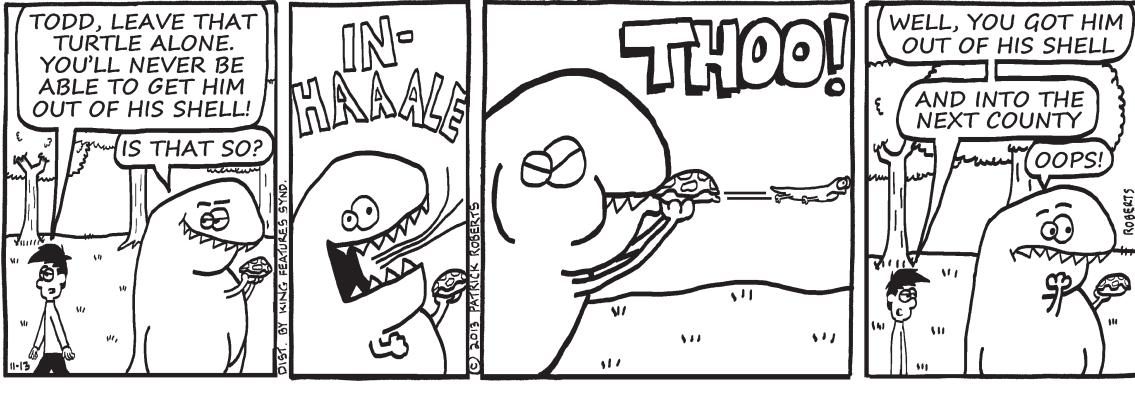
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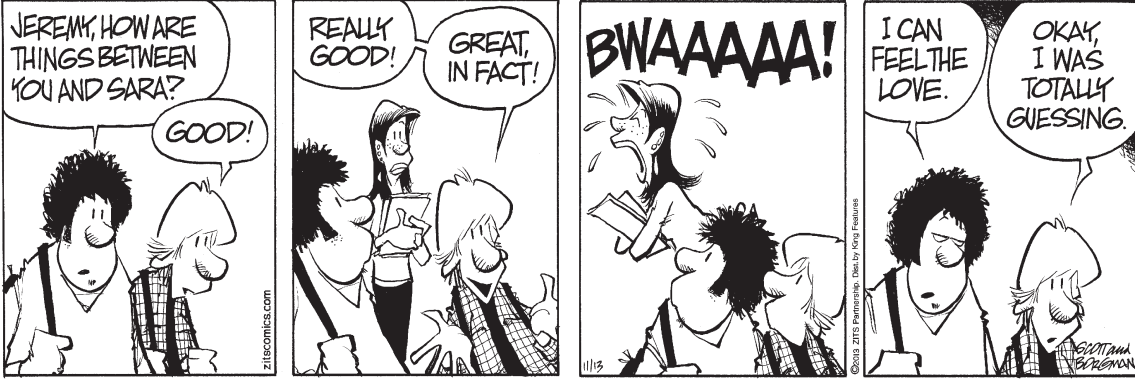
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Holiday foods bought early

Dear Heloise: Starting in early fall, I begin buying a few extra items each time I grocery shop. I buy an extra bag of sugar or flour. I catch canned pie filling on sale, sweetened condensed milk, evaporated milk, boxed gelatin and spices such as sage or pumpkin-pie spice.

I buy anything that will keep until Thanksgiving or Christmas that I normally use to prepare holiday meals. By doing this gradually, my holiday grocery bill doesn't hit me all at one time.

— Evelyn T., Abilene, Texas
You are one smart cookie! Or should I say "cook." This is the good way to not bust the budget! — Heloise

TACO SEASONING

Dear Heloise: You once shared a recipe for taco seasoning. I loved that recipe, but somehow lost it. Could you please reprint it? — K.S. in Nebraska

Sure I can! One nice bonus is this is cheap to make, so why not mix up a big batch and save a bundle of money?

All you need is:
2 teaspoons chili powder
Salt, pepper and onion powder to taste (starting with just a sprinkle)
A dash of crushed, dried oregano
Mix together all the ingredients and start using this seasoning on all your favorite foods. I like it best with my Heloise Taco Casserole made with taco shells or corn chips, salsa and ground turkey or shredded chicken cooked in the seasoning for flavor.

Use nonstick spray or grease a casserole dish (you pick the size depending on ingredients you have). Put some salsa on the bottom, then a layer of broken-up taco shells or chips, followed by the cooked, flavored meat. Next, layer with your favorite toppings: beans, cheese, onions, etc.

Bake until heated through and cover with sour cream, olives, lettuce, tomatoes, etc., before serving. For this recipe and more, order my pamphlet Heloise's All-Time Favorite Recipes by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (66 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Recipes, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. When mixing your own seasonings, make sure to store in an airtight, sealed container (away from heat and light) to maintain freshness. Save your old spice jars, wash and dry well, and use them. Just add a label. — Heloise

SERVING DISHES

Dear Heloise: We love our dishes for individual ears of corn on the cob, but I've found them useful in other ways. They are perfect to use as a serving dish for asparagus, hot dogs, brats or even broccoli spears. At parties, they can be used to serve pretzel rods, licorice strips or candy sticks. — Tina C., via email

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 8
♥ K J 7
♦ 9 8 7 6 5
♣ J 3 2

WEST
♠ Q 10 7 5 3
♥ 6 5 4
♦ K J 10 4
♣ Q

EAST
♠ 6 4 2
♥ Q 10 9 8 3 2
♦ Q
♣ A 10 9

SOUTH
♠ K J 9
♥ A
♦ A 3 2
♣ K 8 7 6 5 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ 1 ♥
2 ♣ 2 ♥ 3 ♣ Pass
5 ♣

Opening lead — six of hearts.

Sylvia Strikes Again

Personally, I never accepted the notion held by most members of the club that Sylvia's triumphs were all a matter of luck.

While it is true that some people seem to be born under a lucky star, so that everything they touch turns to gold even when they don't know what they're doing, I always felt that Sylvia did not fall into this category.

However, the majority of the membership contended that Sylvia didn't even know what time of day it was when it came to bridge, and they couldn't conceive that Sylvia ever consciously performed the amazing feats occasionally reported here.

In support of that contention, they might cite this example where Sylvia was declarer at five clubs. West led a heart, and Sylvia took East's eight with the ace. She then played a spade to the ace and returned a low club to her king, catching West's queen.

The situation at this point looked grim. East had two sure trump tricks, and then there was the matter of her two irritating diamond losers. True, she could discard one of them on the king of hearts, but the other one would inevitably constitute the setting trick.

But Sylvia, with indomitable spirit, carried on. She cashed the spade king and ruffed the jack in dummy. Then she led a diamond to her ace, forgetting in the excitement of the moment to discard a diamond on the king of hearts. She was heard to gasp at this juncture, but it was too late to retract the play.

When Sylvia next led a trump, East scored the A-10, but he then had to return a heart to dummy's K-J, allowing Sylvia to shed the 3-2 of diamonds and so make the contract. Now would you call this just dumb luck?

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"He feels even sicker because he had done ALL his homework and actually STUDIED for a test today."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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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.

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

Cryptoquip

TWUY RXN FJQYA JY
QYAUKOUYQYC HFJLU
NHQYC JY QOXKR HWZU
Q TXNBZ LJBB AWJA
TWQAUYQYC AWU CJF.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: RECIPE BOOK BY A JUMPING BABY KANGAROO WHO WAS TO BECOME A SUPER CHEF: "THE JOEY OF COOKING!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 28 Chicken, on a Mexican menu | DOWN | 9 Honor |
| 1 Wit-nessed | | 1 Coffee en-hancer | 10 Faraway craft? |
| 4 Upper limit | 30 Public health agcy. | 2 Help a hood speaker | 12 "Give me liberty" |
| 7 Big brass boomer | 33 Marx Brothers classic | 3 Laundry-day task | Patrick |
| 8 Ancient Greek council | 36 Eats hurriedly | 4 Urban unit | 14 Taro root |
| 10 Incites | 37 Tittles to a | 5 Gold, chemist | 15 Sleep phenom |
| 11 Spate | 38 Dickens' Mr. Heep | 6 Calculator | 20 Grand —, N.S. |
| 13 Cleaning tool | 39 Not procrasti-nating | 7 Gene-alogy chart | 21 Designer Chanel et al. |
| 16 "— the ramparts ..." | 40 Under the weather | 8 Bull-winkle's foe | 22 Insight ball |
| 17 Figure of speech | 41 Actor Beatty | | 24 Feeling |
| 18 Compass dir. | | | 25 "Zip-a-Dee-Doo—" |
| 19 Conclu-sions | | | 26 Meat |
| 20 Salon request | | | 28 Danger |
| 21 Freight | | | 29 Rubbish |
| 23 Rife with bacteria | | | 30 Stinky |
| 25 Nitwit | | | 31 "Phooey!" |
| 26 Notoriety | | | 32 Donkey |
| 27 Expert | | | 34 Rani's wrap |
| | | | 35 Sharpen |

Yesterday's answer 11-13

