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Blondie • Chic Young



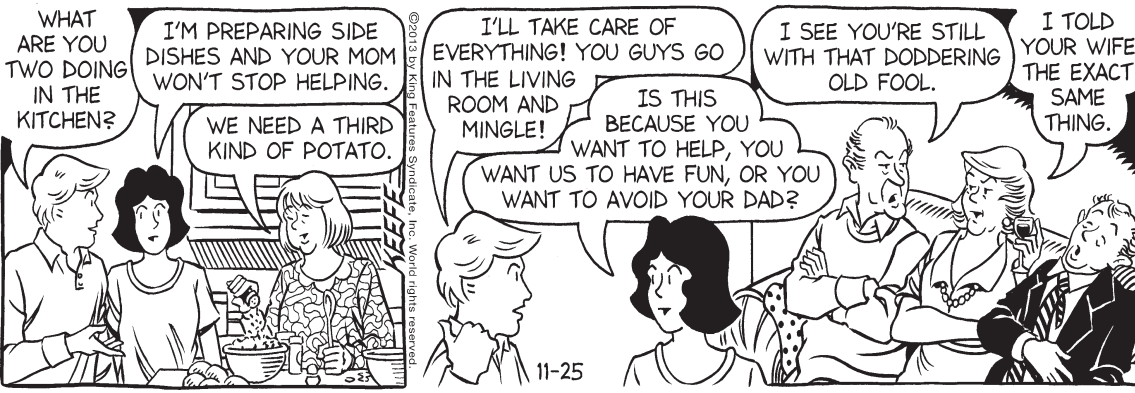
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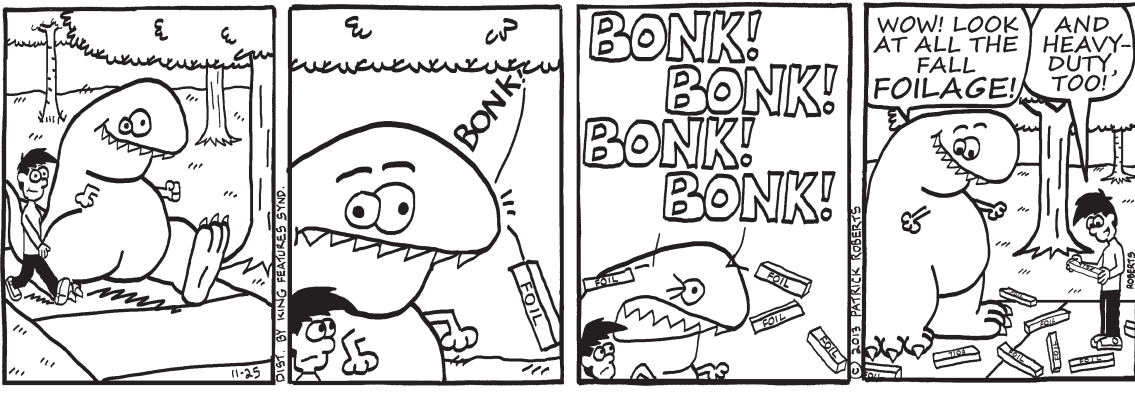
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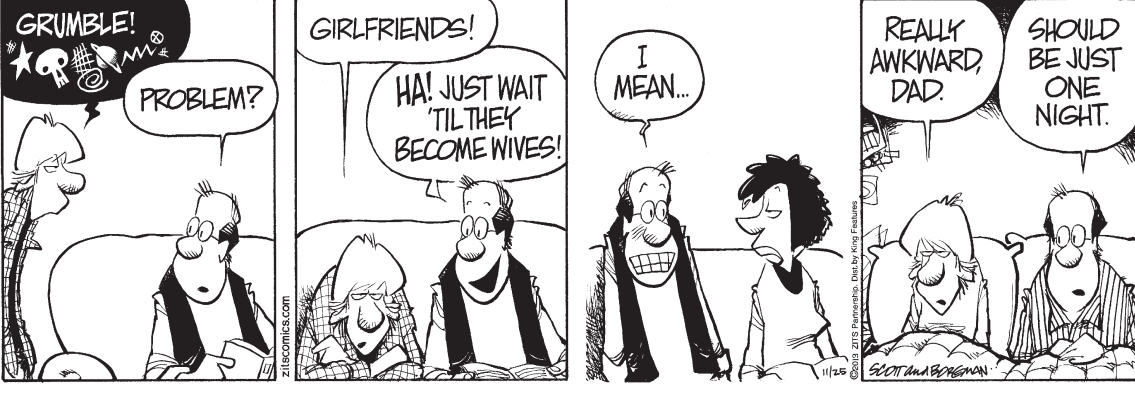
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Holiday pies take safe storage

It's time to think about Thanksgiving and the abundant dinner expected for the holiday. Tradition today suggests a menu of turkey with stuffing, cranberry sauce, creamed onions, sweet potatoes and apple or pumpkin pie. A green-bean casserole and deep-fried turkey are newer ideas. But the first Thanksgiving probably featured very different food: deer, turkey, wild birds, perhaps even passenger pigeons, fish, clams, mussels, some nuts and maize – corn – used to make bread.



This yellow pine pie safe was made in Virginia in the 19th century. It is 65 inches high. An eager buyer paid \$3,159 for it at a Pook & Pook auction in Downingtown, Pa., in April 2013.

By later Colonial times, pies were popular for a main course when filled with meat and for dessert when made with fruit. There were no refrigerators, not even ice boxes, but a cooked pie could be safely stored for about a week if kept away from bugs and mice.

A "pie safe" was used for food storage by the 19th century, especially in the Midwest. A wooden cupboard on four tall thin legs was made with shelves and drawers. But the sides and the cupboard doors had panels made of pierced tin.

The sharp edges of the holes kept out most creatures and the holes let in air so the cooked fruit did not create mold. The cabinet was kept on a porch on the cool, shaded side of the house.

Collectors today like handmade informal kitchen furniture. The best pie safes had tin panels with the holes placed in attractive patterns. Sometimes the tin or the wood was painted.

Some experts today say a pie can stay on a shelf for two or three days and still be OK to eat. Refrigerating a fruit pie lowers the quality the pie.

Q: My mother has some Royal Doulton figurines of women dressed in elaborate ruffled hoop skirts, bonnets and shawls. But one figurine seems a bit risqué for Royal Doulton. She is wearing a tight, revealing dress while sprawled on a couch. Could it be a fake?

A: The Royal Doulton figurines made by Doulton and Co. after 1902 were made to sell in gift shops. Most of the figurines were sentimental, beautiful ladies. But one of Doulton's designers, Leslie Harradine, made small anthropomorphic animals and other figures that were unusual. He designed several figurines of women lounging on couches in provocative poses. One called "Dreamland," made in the 1930s, was in the Art Deco style. Another, "Siesta," made between 1928 and 1938, featured a shapely blond in a flimsy dress leaning on a sofa covered with a pink shawl. Both of these figurines are rare and expensive today. Siesta sold in 2013 for \$1,560. Dreamland was listed a few years ago for \$7,000, but is worth a little less today. The fame of the artist is the reason the figurines sell for high prices.

Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A
 ♥ A 8 6 5 4
 ♦ 9 3 2
 ♣ 10 6 5 3

WEST
 ♠ J 10 9 8 7 6 2
 ♥ 10 7 3
 ♦ 10
 ♣ K J

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

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q
 ♥ K 9
 ♦ J 8 5 4
 ♣ A Q 9 4 2

The bidding:
 East 1♦ South 2♣ West 4♣ North 5♣
 Pass Pass Dble
 Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

Famous Hand
 You might think that hands played in the annual world championship would be models of perfection. But the fact is that every once in a while, a deal comes along where the bridge played is the antithesis of how it should be played, and the outcome is distressingly imperfect.

Consider this deal from the 1974 world championship match between Italy and North America. When the Italians were North-South at the first table, they wound up in five clubs doubled after the auction shown.

West's four-spade bid on five high-card points was audacious indeed, but it is hard to argue with it since the bid led to an 800-point penalty against the Italians.

The perpetrator of this daring deed was Eric Murray of Canada, who believed in bidding hands to the hilt -- and then some. His four-spade bid was a far cry from the values most players would have for that bid, but it proved very effective when North, quite reasonably, went on to five clubs.

Then, adding insult to injury, when the five-club bid rolled around to Murray, he doubled! He led his diamond, and East, Sami Kiehmel, cashed the A-K-Q and continued with a diamond, ruffed by West with the jack. Declarer later took a trump finesse, losing to the king, and so went down three, -800.

Murray was well-aware that he lacked the usual values for his four-spade bid, but he took a calculated risk hoping to provoke the enemy into a costly misstep. His ploy worked to perfection, as evidenced by the outcome.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"He's grumpy 'cause his seat got taken over by our Thanksgiving dinner."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 11/25

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

Cryptoquip

JTOU BTO LDFLAI LXVDL
 JXFO BTO TDZTOIB IBDHBI
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 LHXJUDUZ CLTDOKOVOUB.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WOULD THE WORLD'S LARGEST OUTDOOR BARBECUING APPLIANCE BE AN EIGHT-HUNDRED-POUND GRILLER?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
 1 Move with vigor
 4 Old saying
 9 Nonstick spray brand
 12 Exist
 13 Morocco's capital
 14 Past
 15 Group of sentences
 17 Scarlet
 18 Work-week start (Abbr.)
 19 Put in a box
 21 Establish by force
 24 Thailand, once
 25 Black or Baltic
 26 Century parts (Abbr.)
 28 Stops up
 31 Rock drummer Ulrich
 33 Madam's counterpart
 35 Stuffed
- DOWN**
 11 Fashion
 16 I love (Lat.)
 20 Young cow
 21 Capri, acronym e.g.
 22 Intend
 23 Pet shop
 27 Half dozen
 29 Merri-ment
 30 Coaster
 32 Pond-surface matter
 34 Mold anew
 37 Figures of speech
 39 Frost remover
 42 Refrain syllables
 44 Fire residue
 45 Helen of —
 46 Lariat
 50 Stial from
 51 Actress Thurman
 52 Levy
 53 CBS logo

Saturday's answer 11-25

