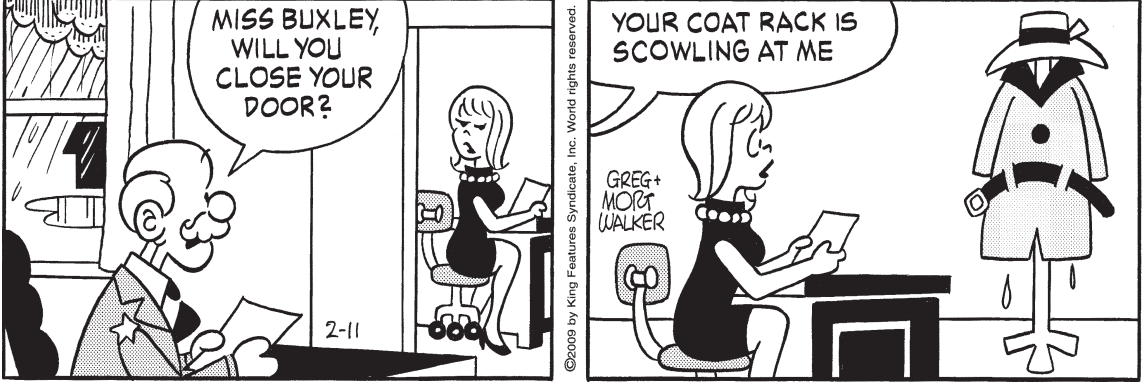


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



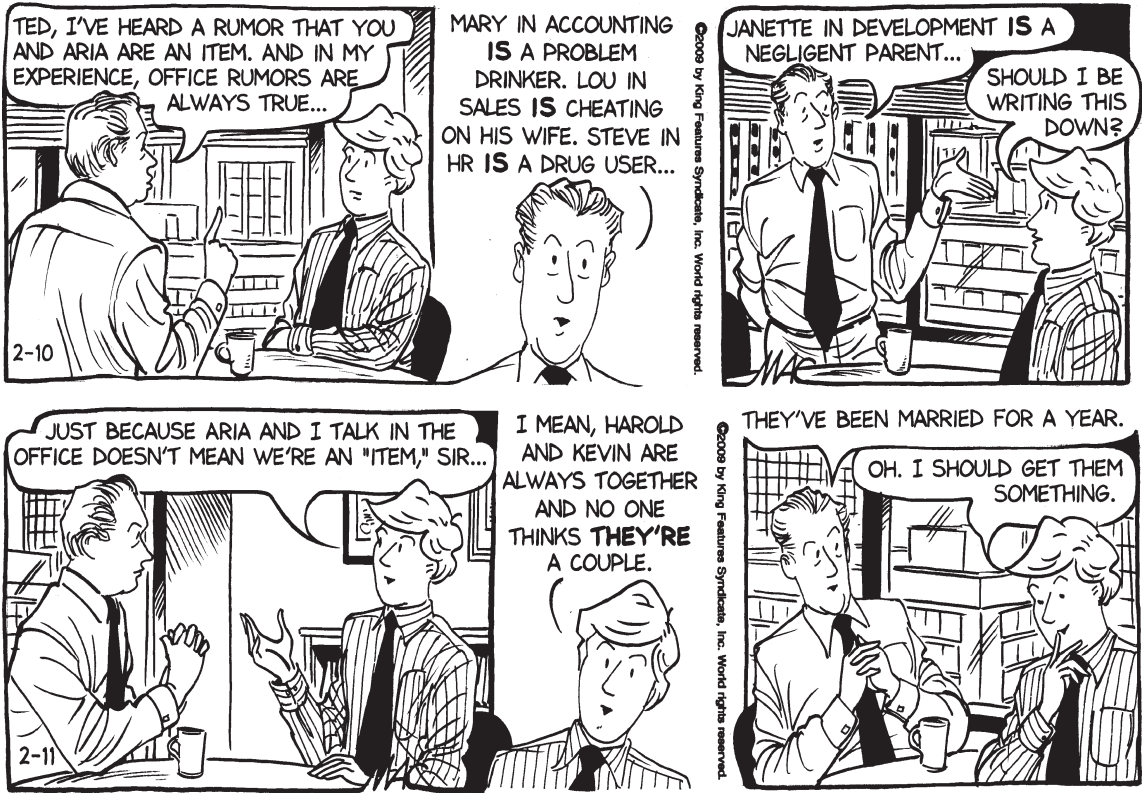
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Make jam with low calories

Dear Heloise: I think I remember reading in your column a recipe for a LOW-CALORIE JAM. Can you check your files and reprint this for me? Thanks so much. – Linda from Nevada

Linda, I sure can, and it's an easy jam to make. One of the good points of this recipe is that you can use practically any fruit you choose. So, fruit that is on sale is a good choice! It makes the jam more economical, too.

You will need:
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
1/2 to 1 teaspoon fructose or sugar substitute
1 to 2 teaspoons unflavored gelatin
1/8 to 1/4 cup apple juice (the amount depends on how tart or sweet the fruit is)
3/4 to 1 cup of fresh fruit, rinsed, dried and cubed (I like to keep the skin on, but you can peel it if you want to)

Mix all the ingredients (NOT the gelatin) and cook for only three or four minutes on high heat, stirring constantly. I taste the jam at this point and add a little fructose or sugar substitute if needed. Next, add the gelatin, stirring until dissolved. Put the jam in clean jars with lids or in a sealable container. Keep in the fridge and use within two weeks. There are no preservatives, so it does not keep long. This is why I make small batches with fruit that is ripe or on sale.

This jam is delicious on waffles, pancakes and even as a topping for ice cream! – Heloise

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DRAWER ORGANIZATION

Dear Heloise: It's taken me 56 years of marriage to finally come up with this handy hint. In the kitchen utility drawer that has long-handled utensils, usually you open the drawer and you're looking at handles! I turn the items so the handles are at the back of the drawer, and you easily can see at a glance what you have without having to pull the drawer all the way out.

Every day I look forward to reading your column in the Kennebec Journal. – Dorothy A. Turner, Augusta, Maine

CHICKEN MEALS

Dear Heloise: When I roast a chicken, we eat off of it for a few days, then I put it into a pan with water and boil it to make chicken soup. The meat falls off the bones, which adds flavor to the stock. After removing the bones, I add my veggies and have a wonderful chicken soup as another meal. Nothing is wasted. – Ambrosia, via e-mail

ANCHORING PANS

Dear Heloise: I got tired of my large cake and muffin pans "jumping" around in the dishwasher. I got some short stretch cords with hooks and anchor the pans down. Works like a charm! – Arlyce Manney, Lubbock, Texas

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A 10
♥ J 10 3
♦ 8 5 4 2
♣ A J 8 6
WEST
♠ J 9 5 2
♥ A 8 4
♦ Q J 7 3
♣ 7 4
EAST
♠ 8 6 3
♥ K 7 5 2
♦ 10 9 6
♣ K 5 3
SOUTH
♠ K Q 7 4
♥ Q 9 6
♦ A K
♣ Q 10 9 2

The bidding:
South 1 NT West Pass North 3 NT East Pass
Opening lead — three of Diamonds.

With a little bit of luck.

There are times when declarer cannot afford to develop all his potential tricks, the usual reason being that by the time the winners are established, the defenders will already have collected enough tricks to defeat him. In these cases, declarer may have to search for a quicker way to gain the additional trick (or tricks) he needs.

For example, take this deal where declarer starts with six top tricks -- three spades, two diamonds and a club -- and so needs three more to make three notrump. He wins the opening diamond lead with the king and tries the club finesse, hoping West has the king.

But East takes the club ten with the king and returns a diamond to the ace. South wins and, with only eight tricks in view, must try to find another trick.

If South had all the time he needed, he could drive out the A-K of hearts and score his ninth trick in that suit. But that obviously won't work on this occasion, since the opponents will collect two diamond tricks to go with the A-K of hearts and club king for down one.

There is only one genuine chance for nine tricks, and that lies in the hope that West was dealt the jack of spades. If so, dummy's ten can be converted into a trick by taking a finesse against the jack.

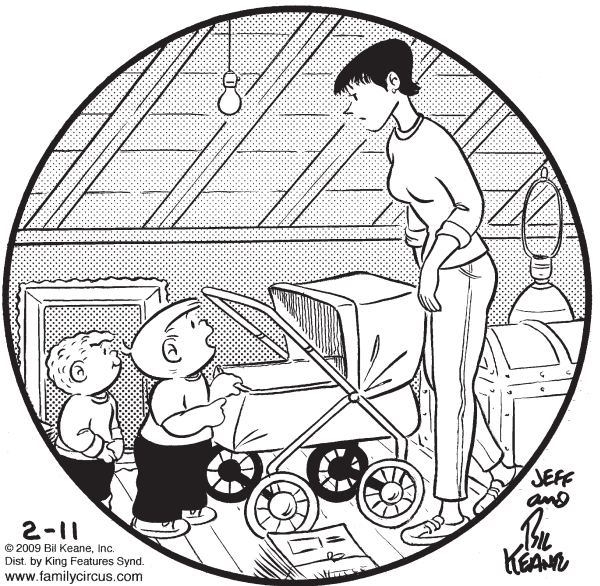
So at trick four, declarer leads the spade four and, when West follows low, plays dummy's ten. After it wins, South cashes three more spades and three clubs and so gets home with the contract.

It is true that the unusual first-round spade finesse might lose to East, in which case South would go down an extra trick.

But considering that declarer is investing only 50 points while trying to gain 400 (roughly the value of a nonvulnerable game at rubber bridge), this minuscule loss is clearly worth the risk.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★

Cryptoquip

ZX GXQ HKYAE HKS ZSLXRTJHYR

ZXAESG JAZ TSVQIBYRJA

SBSVKJAH RXQBZ IS

RXACYZSTSZ VJTHG JAYLJBC?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE THE APARTMENT MANAGER DOES OUTSTANDING WORK, WE ALL LIKE TO CALL HIM A SUPER SUPER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals D

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Vacation-ing
 - 4 Bribe
 - 7 Duel
 - 8 Stimulant
 - 10 Gave
 - 11 Light
 - 13 Department
 - 16 "A Chorus Line" song
 - 17 Circular
 - 18 Anger
 - 19 Exceptional
 - 20 Oklahoma city
 - 21 Invigorating
 - 23 Spree
 - 25 Appear
 - 26 Color quality
 - 27 Branch
 - 28 Street-cars' kin
- DOWN**
- 30 High-arc shot
 - 33 Storm-predicting
 - 36 In layers
 - 37 Shabby
 - 38 Indigent
 - 39 Holly-wood
 - 40 Susan of "L.A. Law"
 - 41 Lair
 - 1 Put
 - 10 Even
 - 12 Eagle's home
 - 14 Drudgery
 - 15 Roulette bet
 - 4 Reject with disdain
 - 5 Made up
 - 6 Pron. one's mind
 - 7 "— go brag!"
 - 8 Excessive
 - 9 On the way
 - 10 Even number
 - 12 Eagle's home
 - 14 Drudgery
 - 15 Roulette bet
 - 19 Edge
 - 20 Com-pass dir.
 - 21 Jaunty chapeau
 - 22 Go
 - 23 Zero-star movie
 - 24 Protected, in a way
 - 25 Witnessed
 - 26 Late
 - 28 "... — Men in a Tub"
 - 29 High-pitched
 - 30 Spill the beans
 - 31 Dinner for Dobbin
 - 32 Purchase
 - 34 Prepared to drive (with "up")
 - 35 Anger

Solution time: 21 mins.

CHID	CUB	RINK							
HOME	USE	ADEN							
ARAB	CASHMERE								
DAMASK	TIRADE								
	ROOM	POT							
JACK	BOOT	DIGS							
OAR	SERRA	ONE							
THOU	DOUGHNUT								
	UGH	NERO							
IMPAIR	NAPER	ERY							
COINCIDE	ILIA								
BLEED	TIS	NULL							
MYRA	EMS	GLEE							

Yesterday's answer 2-11

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