Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott





Free time is anything but that.

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Blondie • Chic Young







Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne

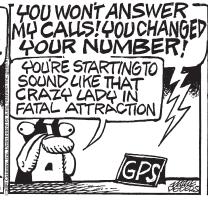






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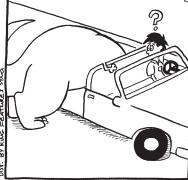






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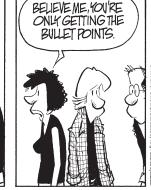


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Heloise

Hints from Heloise

Bootleg beans back for summer

Dear Heloise: Can you please print your BAKED-BEAN RECIPE? I used to have it, but I have lost it. Thanks! - Anna V., via e-mail

You will love this tasty Heloise's Bootleg Beans recipe. This is a great recipe, especially with the cookout and barbecue season right around the

- corner. So here it is. Enjoy! You will need: 3 strips bacon, fried and diced
 - 1 small chopped onion
 - 1 can pork and beans in tomato sauce
 - 1 tablespoon brown sugar
 - 2 to 3 tablespoons ketchup

Fry the bacon until crisp, then cook the chopped onion in the bacon grease until it is brown. Pour off most of the grease and add the beans, brown sugar and ketchup. Stir well, cover and simmer slowly for a few minutes. You also can bake this dish in a 300-degree oven for about an hour.

This dish goes well with any kind of barbecue, as well as hamburgers and hot dogs. - Heloise

WASHING DISHES

Dear Heloise: I am a single person and have so few dishes that I don't want to use the amount of soap and water needed to run the dishwasher. I find it convenient to keep dish soap in a small dispenser bottle at the sink to use for just a few dishes. I keep a small drainer for clean dishes. This saves the use of a huge amount of water. -Virginia Pannkoke, Prescott, Ariz.

PICKLED GREEN BEANS

Dear Heloise: A great way to make pickled green beans is to put them in the juice that is left in a sweet-pickle jar. Just put in a can's worth of green beans, leave them for a couple of days and you will have delicious pickled beans. It's great, and you can use the juice again if you want. -A.K., Vienna, Ohio

This does make a tasty treat. You also can add canned beets, sliced carrots and celery. Be sure to drain the canned vegetables before putting them in the pickle juice.

I also sometimes add fresh sliced carrots to a jar of marinated garden veggies, and in a few days they are ready to eat. - Heloise

COLORED SUGAR

Dear Readers: Did you know that you can make colored sugar by putting 1 cup of granulated sugar into a glass bowl or measuring cup and adding a few drops of food coloring? Stir and stir to mix the color in. If you want a darker color, add another drop of food coloring. After the sugdecorating cookies or cakes. - Heloise

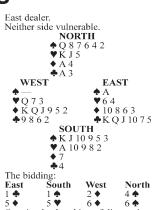
SPILLED JUICE

Dear Heloise: I was having trouble getting some sticky spilled juice cleaned up in my rethe microwave for a couple of seconds, and they removed the spill easily. - Candace Rutherford, Montgomery, Ala.

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Bridge • Steve Becker



There's Nothing at All to It

Some of the so-called advanced plays in bridge are not really very difficult to execute. For example, take the elimination play, illustrated by this deal.

Without the aid of the elimination play – also often referred to as an endplay -- South might easily go down at six spades. He would lose a trump trick for sure, and if he failed to take the heart finesse in the right direction, he would also lose a heart trick.

But South can assure the slam if he goes about the play in the proper manner. There is no need for him to have to guess where the queen of hearts is located. If he plays his cards correctly, he can force the opponents to solve the problem in the heart suit for him.

He wins the diamond lead with the ace and takes his first step in the right direction by ruffing a diamond. He then leads a club to the ace and trumps a club.

The effect of these plays is that all the diamonds and clubs are eliminated from the North-South hands. Declarer now leads a trump.

Regardless of which opponent wins with the ace, South has the rest of the tricks. In the actual case, East wins and is forced to make a losing return. If he leads a heart, he eliminates the guess for the queen, while if he leads a minor suit, declarer can ruff in his hand and discard a heart from dummy. Note that the outcome would be exactly the same if West had the ace of spades.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Here comes a customer, Mommy! Are we open for business?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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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.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals S

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