





Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker





Blondie • Chic Young



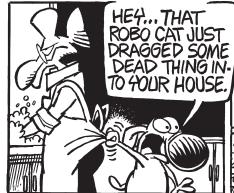




Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



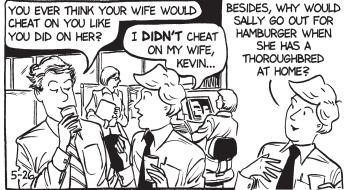
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters







Sally Forth • Greg Howard









Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts







Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



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Heloise

Hints from Heloise

Pistachios make a great ambrosia

Dear Heloise: Would you please print the recipe for HELOISE'S PISTACHIO AMBROSIA? I cut it out, but lost it. Thank you. - Helen, via fax This is one of our most popular recipes. It's

easy, quick and yummy!

- 1 (16 ounces) can chunky pineapple
- 1 (8 ounces) can crushed pineapple 1 small box instant pistachio pudding mix
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- 12 to 16 ounces nondairy whipped topping (thawed)

1 cup miniature marshmallows

Combine the cans of pineapple (including the juice) in a medium bowl, sprinkle the pudding mix over the pineapple and let sit for a couple of minutes.

Gently fold in the coconut and nuts, and then blend in the whipped topping and marshmallows. Place in the refrigerator for at least two hours before serving. Enjoy! - Heloise

COFFEE RECIPE

Dear Heloise: For your coffee recipes, I put the recipe on a 3-by-5-inch label and put the label on the outside of the container the coffee mix is in. I got tired of hunting for the recipe when it was time for a refill. I use empty, well-washed spice containers. - Rita Gagnon, Dover, N.H.

This is a great idea. For those of you who don't have these low-cost ways to make delicious, great coffee recipes such as Mocha or Vienna, you can obtain them by ordering my pamphlet Heloise's Flavored Coffees and Teas. Just sent \$4 and a self-addressed, stamped (61 cents), long envelope to: Hints from Heloise Pamphlets, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. A quick sprinkle of nutmeg will also perk up regular coffee. - Heloise

CORNSTARCH QUESTION

Dear Heloise: What is the shelf life of cornstarch? What is the best way to store it? - Janie Horton, San Antonio

Guess what? As long as cornstarch is kept dry, it has an indefinite shelf life. The best way to store it is in a sealable container, or a sturdy plastic bag. Isn't that nice to know? - Heloise

HANDY FROZEN BACON SLICES

Dear Heloise: When I make bacon, I save two or three strips, roll each in plastic wrap and freeze. When I make green beans or anything that needs just a piece, I just take one out of the freezer and toss it in! - Alyssa Shaw, Columbus, Ohio

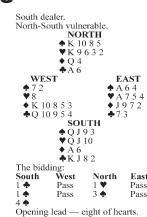
HARD-TO-OPEN SEALS

Dear Heloise: I once observed an adult as she opened a quart jar of mayonnaise, sniffed into it, closed the lid and replaced the jar back on the shelf! I, for one, would rather struggle to remove seals from containers than purchase a onceopened one that was touched by a stranger's nose! - Shirley Bauer, Black Hawk, S.D.

Oh my gosh! I guess this does give you another perspective on hard-to-remove seals -- you do know for sure that the item has not been opened! I hope you made a store worker aware of the situation. -- Heloise

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Bridge • Steve Becker



The Resistible Impulse

If you tend to play impulsively, you often will fail to get the best possible result. There are simply too many built-in traps in bridge for anyone to be able to play first, think later and still come out all right.

Consider this deal where East won the heart lead with the ace and, recognizing that the lead was a singleton, immediately returned a heart. This didn't work out well because, although West 28 got his heart ruff, declarer made the contract. The only trick he lost after the ruff was the ace of trumps. Declarer's diamond loser was eventually discarded on one of dummy's hearts.

East's heart return was not very well thought out. He should have realized that declarer would almost surely make the contract after a heart return, and that the only real chance was to lead a diamond at trick two, hoping to find West with the king (or ace). South inevitably would have gone down one

against a diamond return. If he rose with the ace and returned a trump, East would take the ace and return a heart for West to ruff, whereupon West would cash the king of diamonds for down one. And if South played low on the diamond, West would score the diamond king that much sooner and eventually ruff a heart to set the contract.

In the given situation, it is not enough for East to recognize that his partner's opening lead is a singleton, and so spontaneously return a heart. East must look beyond that one thought and ask himself: "If I give partner a heart ruff now, which will be the third trick for our side, where is the fourth trick going to come from?" It takes real discipline to stop and ask

oneself questions like this before acting automatically at trick two. You can't play impulsively and expect to get the best results.

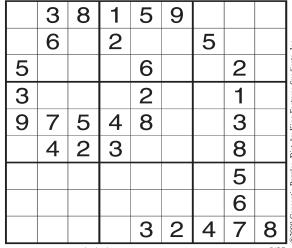
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Oh boy! We have enough good stuff left to have another garage sale next week!"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



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.

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9	4	5	6	3	1	7	8	2
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Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF AN ARTISAN CREATES HIS HANDIWORKS IN A WILY WAY, DO YOU THINK FOLKS COULD SAY HE IS CRAFTY?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals W

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's answer 5-27