





Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker





#### **Blondie** • Chic Young







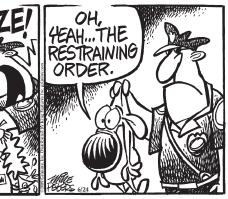
**Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne



**Mother Goose and Grimm** • Mike Peters





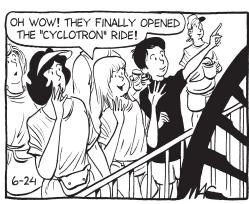


Sally Forth • Greg Howard

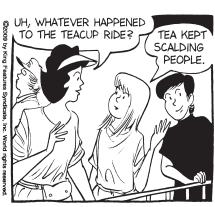








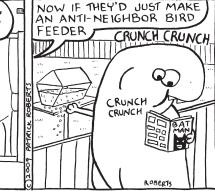




#### **Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts







**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



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## Heloise

Hints from Heloise

# Why are there different flours?

Dear Heloise: What is the difference between PLAIN AND ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR? Both can be purchased at the grocery store, and usually recipes call for one or the other. Is there any difference? - G.B., Russellville, Ala.

This is a good question, and one that many new cooks ask! There are many different types of flours, so it can be confusing! However, plain and all-purpose flours are the same, and may also be referred to as "regular" flour in recipes. This flour is used in most types of baking. It is a blend of hard and soft wheats, and it has a higher gluten content than cake flour or pastry flour. Recipes will usually specify if a different type of flour should be used. - Heloise

#### **CUTTING CELERY**

Dear Heloise: Here is a great way to save time when cutting celery. Do not separate celery from the stalk. Rinse under cool water, shake off and put a rubber band around the top. Lay it on a cutting board and cut through all the stalks. Cut as much and as thick as you need, and leave the rubber band on afterward. - Glenda Biddix, Kings Mountain, N.C.

Glenda, a timesaving hint indeed. However, please be sure all of the celery is rinsed well, including the inner stalks. - Heloise

#### VINEGAR TO THE RESCUE

Dear Heloise: I bought a small, double-sided tabletop grill and love using it to "grill" foods. The cleaning process is a little time-consuming, so I wanted to make it easier. After the meal, I reheat the grill and then turn it off (and unplug it). I take a double layer of paper toweling and lay it on the grill. I pour vinegar on and saturate the towel, then close the lid. I let it cool, and cleaning is just a breeze. I simply wipe it clean – this takes very little effort, and the grill stays sparklingclean. – S. Solomon, via e-mail

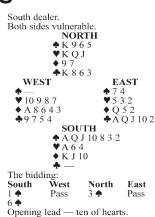
Thanks for sharing your hint with my readers. Vinegar has so many safe uses around the house, you just might be surprised! If you would like to learn easy, money-saving, simple cleaning and cooking hints using vinegar, order my Heloise's Fantabulous Vinegar Hints and More. To receive this six-page pamphlet crammed full of helpful hints, just send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (61 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Vinegar, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Vinegar also does a great job on discolored aluminum pots. Just add 1 cup of water and 1 cup of vinegar to the pot and boil the stains away. Heloise

#### **GREEN HINT**

Dear Heloise: To save money these days, reuse plastic zipper-top bags (except those that are greasy or were used for raw meat, fish or poultry). Just wash them thoroughly, rinse and dry with a dish towel. They come out clean and fresh-smelling without any odors of what had been previously stored inside them. – Dorothy, San Antonio

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### **Bridge** • Steve Becker



#### Sylvia Strikes Again

The first time I played against Sylvia was an experience I'll never forget. Her conception of the game was totally unlike that of anyone I had ever met. It was not so much that she played badly as it was that she played differently. She certainly got the best of me on this deal.

I was South, declarer at six spades. West led a heart, and I could see at once that everything hinged on losing only one diamond trick.

It was clear that if East (Sylvia) had the A-Q, I could not fail to make the slam. It was also obvious that if West had the A-Q, nothing could help

The only cases that mattered were those where West had the ace and East the queen, or West the queen and East the ace. Here I would have to guess how to play the diamonds to make the contract.

Such guesses are, of course, not just a matter of luck. In order to help me find the right play, I won the heart, drew trumps and led the king of clubs from dummy. I was sure this would locate the ace of clubs, and this in turn would give me a better idea of who had the ace of diamonds.

But when I led the king of clubs, Sylvia played the deuce! Sylvia, as you may know, had a stubborn streak in her makeup, and she held firmly to the conviction that if I wanted her to play an ace on a king, she was not going to oblige me by doing so.

I ruffed the club, making a mental note that West had the ace. This naturally convinced me that West could not have the ace of diamonds, since with two aces, he would surely have led one of them initially.

So I crossed to dummy with a heart, led a diamond and, after Sylvia followed low, confidently played the king. West took the ace and returned a diamond, and down I went, another addition to Sylvia's long string of victims.

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#### Family Circus • Bil Keane



"When does PJ stop bein' a toddler and turn into a little boy?"

### Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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This is a logic-based num- 7 2 4 1 6 5 8 9 3 ber placement puzzle.

The goal is to enter a num ber, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x. region must contain only on instance of each numeral. The solution to the las

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# Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WILL THIS BROKEN AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE HANDLE YOUR CASH PROPERLY? I WOULDN'T BANK ON IT!

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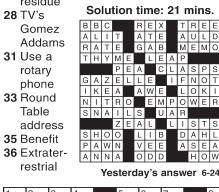
#### **Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

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chip	place,	3 Celebrity	25 Principal
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