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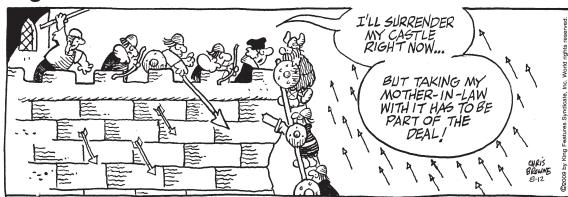
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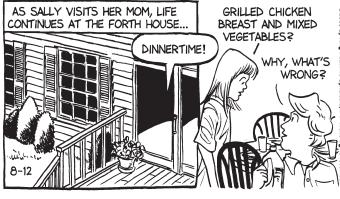
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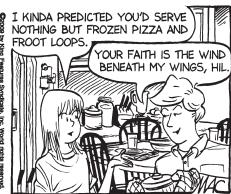


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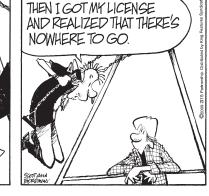


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Heloise



Hints from Heloise

Soda crackers have new name

Dear Heloise: I had cut out your recipe for "MOCK APPLE PIE," but my problem is that I can't seem to find "soda crackers" anywhere. Do they still make them, and if so, where can I buy them? Thanks for all your great hints. - Emily N., via e-mail

Emily, yes, they do "still" make them – they are just plain old saltine crackers. Since this is an old Heloise recipe, the term "soda crackers" is what we used. For my readers who want to try Heloise's Mock Apple Pie (which you would swear is made with real apples), here's the recipe:

- Pastry for a double-crusted 9-inch pie
- 2 cups water • 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 20 single-stack square saltine crackers (regular, salted)
- Butter (for dotting)
- Ground cinnamon (for sprinkling)

Preheat the oven to 375 F. Line the bottom of a 9-inch pie pan with pastry. In a medium saucepan, boil the water, sugar and cream of tartar. Add the saltine crackers and boil for ONLY 1 minute. Spoon mixture gently into the pie shell. Dot top with butter and sprinkle on the cinnamon to taste. Cover pie with the top crust and cut vents into the pastry. Bake about 35 minutes. Let the pie cool completely before cutting, so it has time to firm up. For more tasty and low-cost Heloise recipes, visit my Web site, www.Heloise.com. – Heloise

EASY FIND

Dear Heloise: Whenever I have an exotic or unusual ingredient for a recipe, I attach that recipe to the ingredient so I don't have to figure out how it's used. - Rosie in Fort Wayne, Ind.

SALTED NUTS

Dear Heloise: Our family enjoys canned mixed nuts, yet they have a saltier taste than we prefer. I empty the nuts into a sieve, then shake and stir over the sink so that excess salt falls off. This leaves the nuts more likable to our taste and healthier. - M.J. Tomlinson, Richardson, Texas

SMALLER PORTIONS

Dear Heloise: When I purchase hamburger, I repackage it in smaller portions. After dividing it, I seal and flatten the package. It only takes a little SRM GHEUSSP HPKBHR UVHU'N while to thaw out. - Becky Maley, Canton, Ohio

CRANBERRY SAUCE

sauce. They do not market it in small packages. I use the small individual applesauce containers and fill them up, cover, then freeze. They thaw quickly. – Shirley in Indianapolis

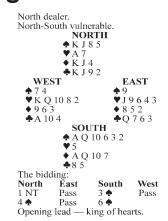
Sounds good, but a manufacturer told us that it doesn't recommend freezing because the sauce can be quite watery when thawed. - Heloise

CAUTION

Dear Heloise: It is a bad idea to store heavy objects in the cupboard above your glass cooktop. A small spice jar falling 36 inches will likely crack the glass. – C.L. Messler, Houston

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Bridge • Steve Becker



A Neat Swindle

This deal occurred many years ago in a national pair championship. The South player who bid the hand as shown certainly vindicated his optimistic leap to slam by a rather ingenious succession of plays.

When dummy came down, South saw that the slam was in the bag if he could avoid losing two club tricks. Looking at all four hands, it's easy to see that the winning play is to lead a club toward dummy at some point and, if West follows low, play the king.

But with the East-West hands concealed, how to play the clubs is essentially a tossup. If West has the queen and East the ace, the winning play is to lead to dummy's jack.

With this crucial guess looming on the horizon, South decided he could add greatly to his chances by laying a trap for West. After winning the heart lead, he cashed the A-K of trumps and continued with four rounds of diamonds, carefully discarding dummy's last heart on his last diamond.

The heart discard did not in itself increase the number of tricks declarer could take, but it planted the seed firmly in West's mind that South had started with two hearts and that the heart discard from dummy was vital.

Since declarer was known at this point to have started with six spades, four diamonds and presumably two hearts, he could have only one club. Consequently, when South next led the club eight, West rushed up with the ace, thereby relieving declarer of the guess. The specter of losing his ace and allowing South to make seven - an important consideration at matchpoint scoring – had done West in. When the hand was over and West saw how

neatly he had been swindled, he could not help but feel a sneaking admiration for the way South had duped him, and congratulated him on his imaginative line of play.

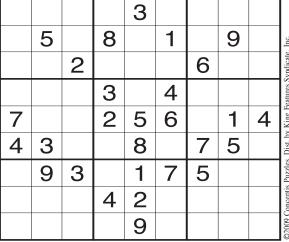
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"My mattress has a flat!"

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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Cryptoquip

Dear Heloise: I live alone and like cranberry A X G S B K P Z H P X Q W X E U H U

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A PERSON OR A PLACE IS TOTALLY SACRED, I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY IT'S WHOLLY HOLY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals T

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	racer	51	Admittedly		"Ugly	29	Bridal
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