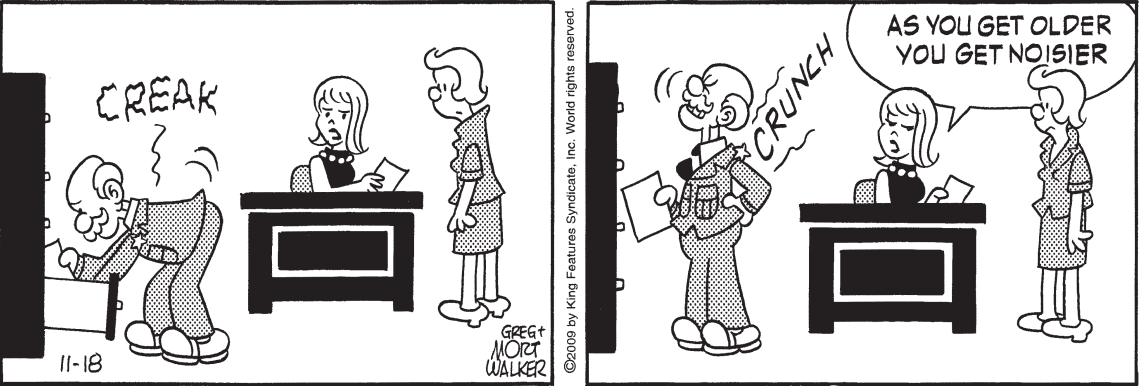


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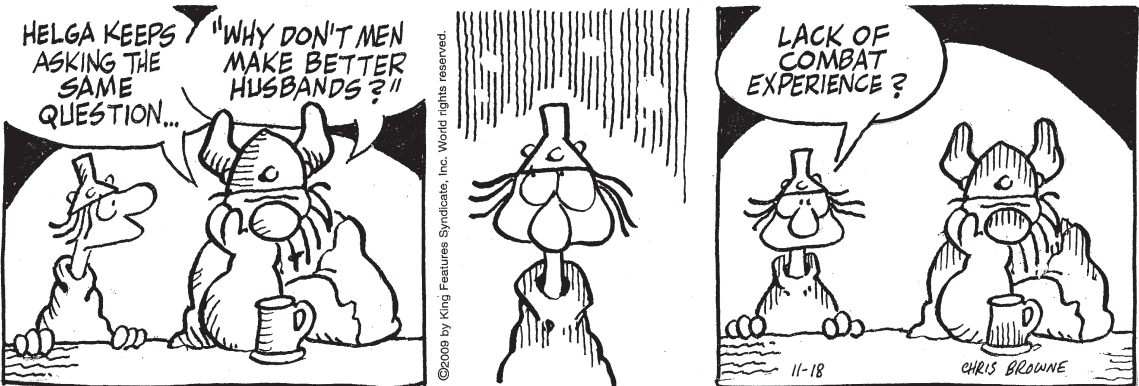
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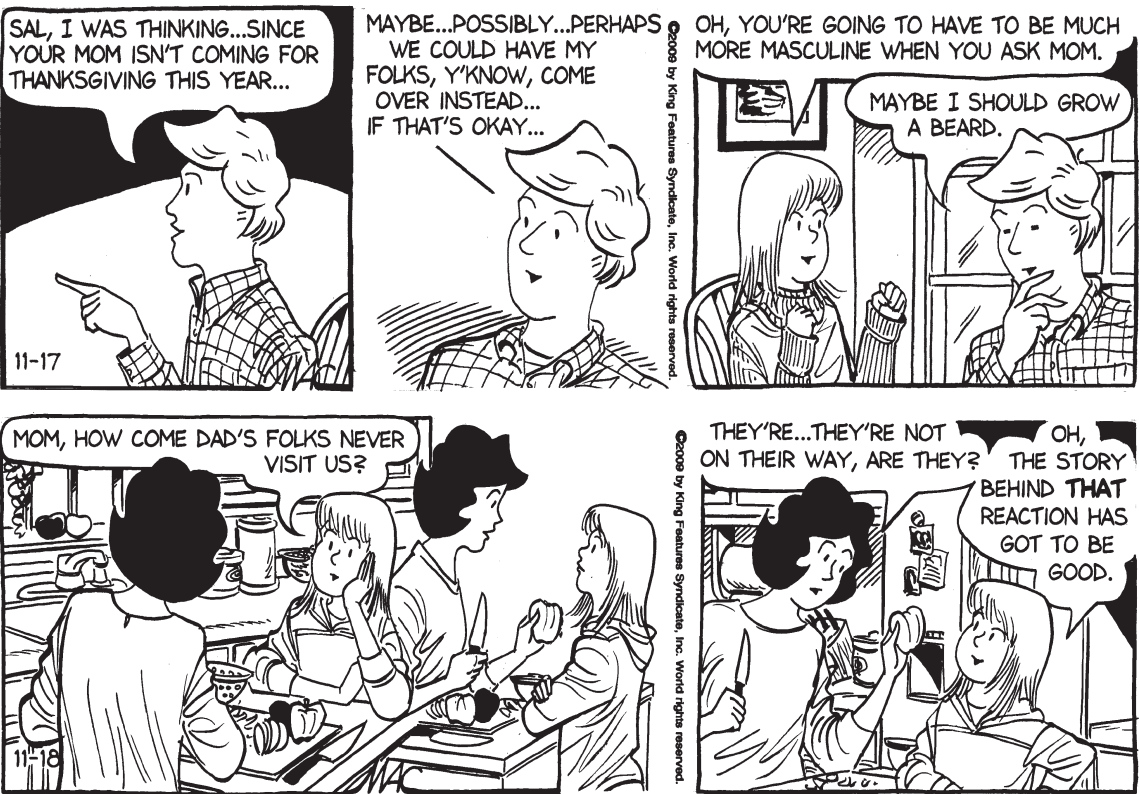
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Onions offer flavor options

Dear Heloise: YELLOW OR WHITE ONIONS? I have never been clear on which onions are best for which recipe. Is one kind better for baking or on fresh salads? What's the difference? – Samantha H., Schertz, Texas

Yes, Samantha, there are big differences between types of onions. Onions are divided into two groups – green and dry. The green-onion group includes chives, scallions, leeks and shallots. The dry-onion group includes many types of round onions with brittle outer skins.

Both groups are used in cooking. Here's a quick list to help in the kitchen and the produce aisle:

1. Yellow "globe" onions have a strong, tangy flavor and usually are more than 2 inches around. They are the "old standby" for cooking and turn dark brown when cooked. This is the onion you will find in French onion soup recipes.
2. Jumbo Spanish onions are yellow-skinned, round, slightly sweet and mild in flavor. They are often sauteed in Mexican cuisine.
3. Bermuda onions can be round or semi-flat, and are mild and sweet. They can be white or yellow and are great on sandwiches or for salads.
4. Red onions are used mostly for grilling and charbroiling, and for other fresh-to-the-table preparations.

Another interesting onion is the Vidalia, which is a small, white, sweet onion that is best for salads and sandwiches (where a stronger onion might be overpowering). Another of my favorites is the Sweet Texas 1015, which is a supersweet onion that's delicious in casseroles, pizza and pasta dishes, or even eaten raw! – Heloise

SALT SUBSTITUTE

Dear Readers: Here's an easy salt-substitute recipe that keeps well in a clean spice jar, if stored in a cool, dry place. Combine 5 teaspoons onion powder, 1 tablespoon garlic powder, 1 tablespoon paprika, 1 tablespoon dry mustard, 1 teaspoon thyme, 1/2 teaspoon white pepper and 1/2 teaspoon celery seed. Enjoy. – Heloise

TOMATO STAIN

Dear Heloise: I had tomato stains on wooden and plastic utensils. I scrubbed the utensils with baking soda on a wet sponge, let them sit awhile and then washed. Stubborn stains may require more than one try to remove them. – Jody, Texas

COOKING WITH BANANAS

Dear Heloise: When cooking with bananas, peel them before mixing the other ingredients. Very often the outside looks good, but the inside is far from it. What a disappointment! – J.M., North Palm Beach, Fla.

MARSHMALLOW STORAGE

Dear Heloise: After opening, marshmallows will stay fresh and soft longer if you store them in a resealable plastic bag. Just put them in the bag and squeeze out all of the air before closing. – Deidre P., Spokane, Wash.

GROCERY LIST

Dear Heloise: I made a grocery list for the store, but couldn't find it, so I had to practically remove everything from my purse before I could find it. So, now I use a piece of colored paper for the list, and it's easier to find. – Lisa, Texas

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♦ 9 8 5 3		♠ A 10 7 4	
♥ 9 5 4		♥ J 8 7 3	
♦ 6 3		♦ 8 4	
♣ Q 9 8 3		♣ K J 10	

SOUTH

♠ 6	
♥ A K Q J 10	
♦ A K Q J 9 7 5 2	
♣ —	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass

Opening lead —king of spades.

Good Management

Here is a well-played hand of ancient vintage where South, in effect, bid six diamonds all by himself. He reasoned that he had an excellent chance of avoiding a heart loser, and that the only trick he was likely to lose was a spade.

West led the king of spades, East signaling for a continuation by playing the seven. But West very wisely shifted to the ace of clubs, not because he expected the ace to win, but because he wanted East to know that declarer was void of clubs, and that East should guard hearts, not clubs, if declarer elected to cash all of his trumps.

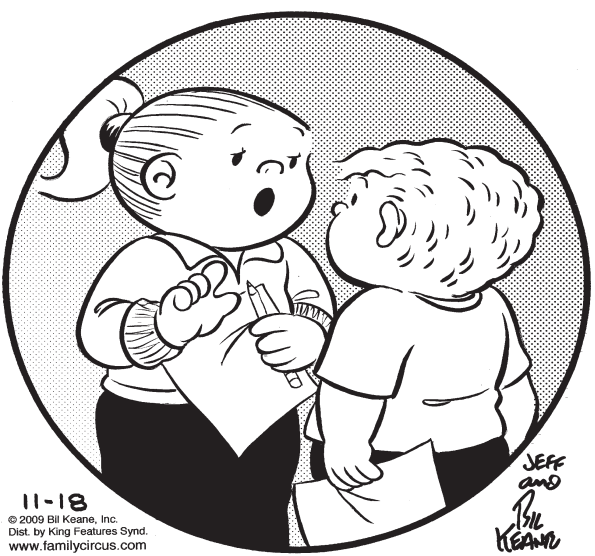
This was excellent thinking on West's part, since East might otherwise have discarded a heart at some point later on if declarer ran trumps. However, South managed to counter West's revelatory play by adopting an altogether different approach. Declarer realized that if either defender held four hearts to the jack, that player would hang on to every one of them since South's hand was by now virtually an open book.

Accordingly, after ruffing the ace of clubs, declarer drew only one round of trumps and then played the A-K-Q of hearts. When West showed out on the third heart but was unable to ruff, South next trumped the ten of hearts in dummy to make the slam.

Declarer's method of play was clearly correct. True, it would have failed had West held two trumps instead of one, but in that case the slam would have failed however South played. In effect, declarer had to hope that, if the heart jack did not fall as the top hearts were cashed, the defender who was short in hearts was also short in diamonds. When this proved to be the case, the slam came rolling home.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



“Parents like to pick short names for their kids 'cause it makes it easier to call them.”

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★

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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.

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

Cryptoquip

WD OTNOMT GWUQNCTF SJ

TDDTQYWCT PTYZNG DNF

FTGAQWJX UPNX, W'G QSMM

YZSY S ONMMAYWNJ UNMAYWNJ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: GOOD MOVIE ABOUT A PERSON WHO COULD NEVER MOVE TO THE WOLVERINE STATE: "MICHIGAN: IMPOSSIBLE."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals P

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	25 Hodge-podge	DOWN	14 Dealer's foe (Var.)
1 Space in between	26 Picks up the check	1 Enthusiastic enjoyment	15 Collection of partners
4 Recipe measure	27 Bleachers	2 "Planet of the —"	20 Skin-damaging rays, for short
7 Former larva	28 Tale-tellers	3 One who champions a cause	21 Braid
8 Esteem	30 —	4 Freebies	22 Door-frame
10 Artist's support	31 Irregular	5 Loosen	23 "Star —"
11 Greyhound alternative	32 Impulsive moves	6 Hole in the head?	24 Seafood appetizers
13 Miscellany	33 Sawbuck	7 Twosome	25 Vacationing
16 Street address?	34 Gear up	8 Lacked	26 Chaplain
17 Saint-Saëns' "Macabre"	35 Money scores	9 Wisconsin city	27 Jousting need
18 "Got a Secret?"	36 Obtain	10 Recede	28 Not moving
19 Gossip	37 Perched	11 Kline or Spacey	29 Principal force
20 Platoon, for example	38 Baseboard	12 Spacey	30 Elevator name
21 Set (down) suddenly	39 Baseboard	13 Kline or Spacey	31 Cleo's slayer
23 Made on a loom	40 Obtain	14 Kline or Spacey	32 Like a bug in a rug
	41 Perched	15 Kline or Spacey	33 Blue hue

Yesterday's answer 11-18

	1	2	3		4	5	6	
7				8			9	
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