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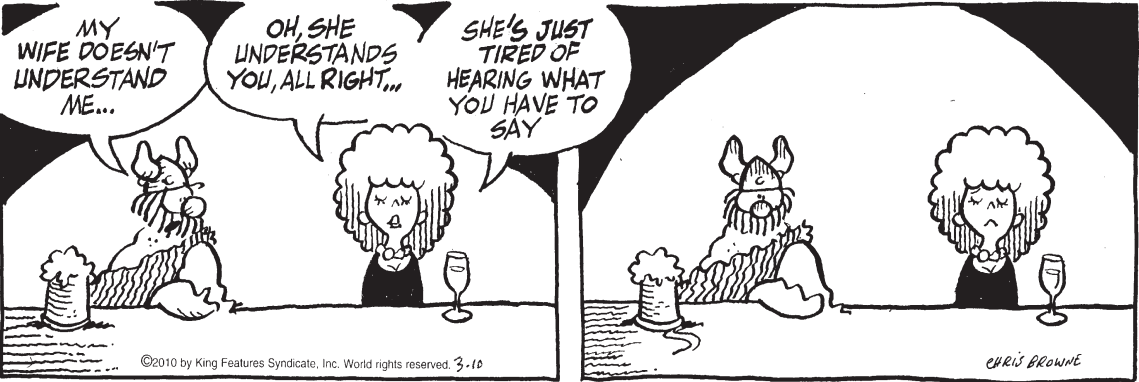
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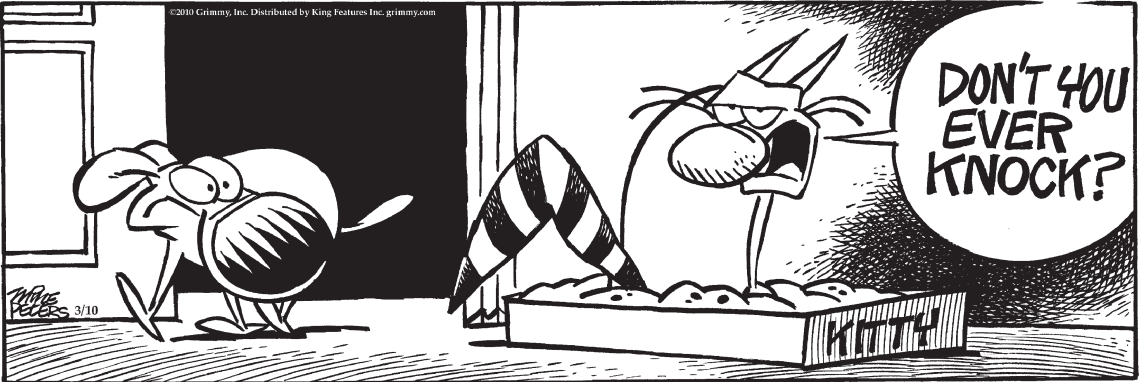
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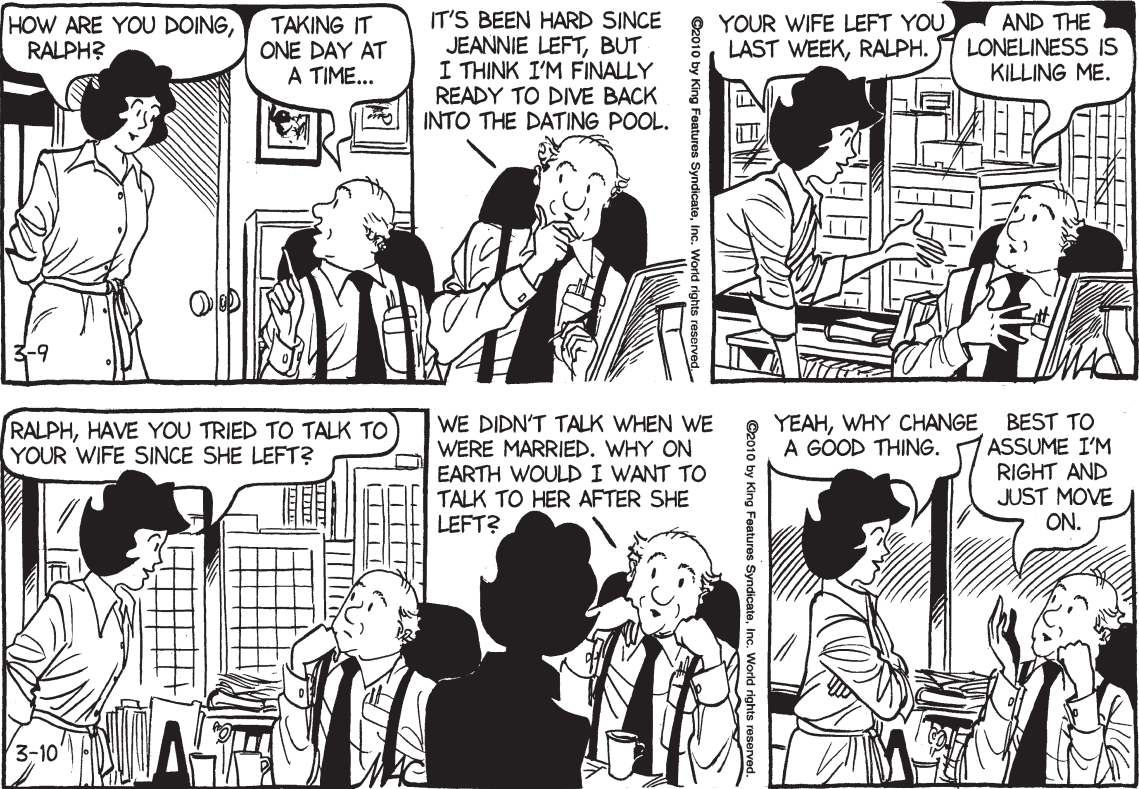
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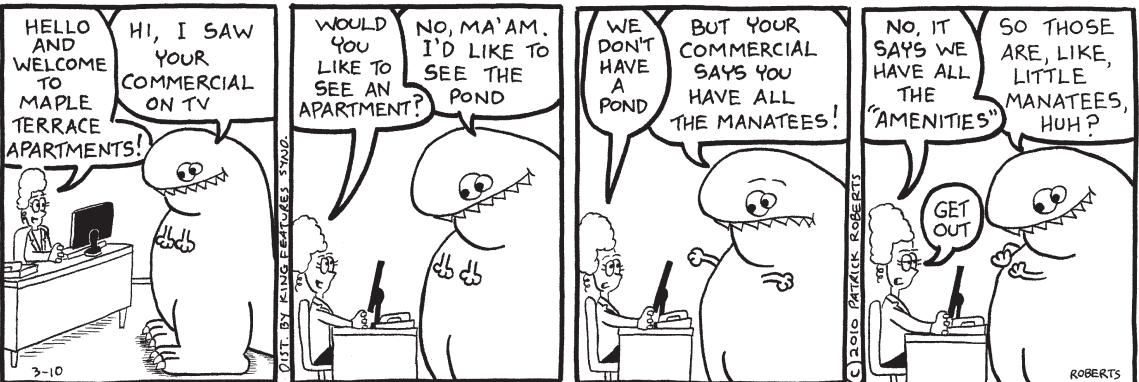
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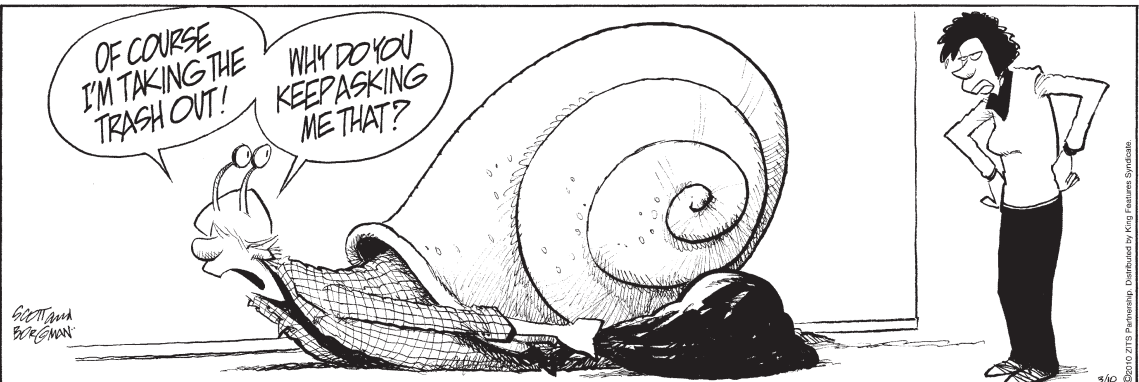
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Here's recipe for olive spread

Dear Heloise: I am looking for a recipe for GREEN OLIVE DIP OR SPREAD. I saw it in your column a few years ago and have misplaced it. Every time I have taken it to a covered-dish dinner, it has gone over very well. It can be served with a variety of crackers or with raw veggies. Thank you so much for helping me find this delicious dip. – Anne Hooper, Ventura, Calif.

Dear Anne: This longtime family recipe for Heloise's Olive Nut Dip or Sandwich Spread is a winner for sure! It is always a big hit, and it was a favorite of my mother's. You will need:

- 6 ounces cream cheese (regular or low-fat), softened
 - 1/2 cup mayonnaise or light mayonnaise
 - 1 cup chopped green salad olives
 - Dash of ground pepper
 - 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- Combine the cream cheese and mayonnaise in a medium bowl and mix well.
- Add the liquid from the salad olives and the pepper, then mix. Now, fold in the pecans and salad olives. That's it! Super easy and tasty! This recipe is in my pamphlet Heloise's All-Time Favorite Recipes, along with other family recipes. You can order it for only \$5 and a stamped (61 cents), self-addressed, long envelope. Send to: Heloise/Recipes, Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. – Heloise

ROLLING OUT THE DOUGH

Dear Heloise: When I am baking, I use my nonstick baking mat under the plastic board with the dough on it. The board never moves while I am rolling out the dough. This is great, because it always slid all over the counter before. – Suzanne M. Lutz, via e-mail

STAY PUT

Dear Heloise: To keep my cutting board in place while using, I set it on a wet paper towel. Works great! – Deborah, via e-mail

EASY SERVE

Dear Heloise: I lacked room for another bowl on my Thanksgiving table. I baked my dressing in muffin tins, mixed an egg white in to help it hold together and sprayed the tin with cooking spray. I filled each section to the brim and then dumped them out on a platter when done. Each muffin was a portion, and I served them around my turkey. My guests thought this was a great idea and that I should share it with you. – Joyce A., Vienna, W.Va.

We loved this idea in Heloise Central! Here is another hint, from Florence Arsenault of Waterville, Maine, about using a cupcake tin for leftovers: "This hint saves dishes when warming up a lot of leftovers. When I have leftover mashed potatoes, sweet potato casserole, string-bean casserole or stuffing, I use a cupcake pan to store individual portions. I fill the cups and put it in the oven, and I have only one pan to wash. Thought you might want to pass this on." – Heloise

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♦ 7 5
♥ A K 10 8 3
♠ A K 8 5 2
♣ A

WEST

♦ K J 3
♥ J 9 7 6
♠ Q 9 3
♣ 9 7 2

EAST

♦ A 9 8 4 2
♥ Q 5 4
♠ J 10 6
♣ J 10

SOUTH

♦ Q 10 6
♥ 2
♠ 7 4
♣ K Q 8 6 5 4 3

The bidding:

South: 3 ♠
West: 4 ♠
North: Pass
East: Pass

Opening lead — three of spades.

A Necessary Assumption

There are many instances where a defender has to hope that a certain lie of the cards exists without any assurance that it actually does. In these cases, the defender simply adopts the stoic philosophy that if the situation he's hoping for does not exist, nothing else could be done to alter the outcome.

Consider West's predicament early in the play of today's deal, where South reached five clubs on the bidding shown. The opening spade lead was taken by East's ace, and his four-of-spades return was covered by the ten and jack, putting West on lead at trick three.

It was obvious to West that if South's presumed seven-card club suit was headed by the K-Q-J or K-Q-10, the contract could not be defeated, since declarer would inevitably score seven club tricks plus the A-K of hearts and A-K of diamonds. He therefore had to hope South's clubs were not solid.

West reasoned further that if his partner had the K-x of clubs, the contract would fail no matter what he did next. But if East held either the Q-x or J-10 of clubs, it was necessary to force dummy to ruff a spade.

Accordingly, West returned the king of spades at trick three. Declarer ruffed with dummy's ace, but later had to lose a club to West's nine for down one.

Although West had no choice but to lead a third round of spades under the circumstances, it is important to note that after winning the jack of spades at trick two, West knew for sure that South had at least one more spade. Declarer's spade holding was revealed by East's return of the four – his original fourth-best spade – on the second trick.

With only one lower spade -- the deuce -- unaccounted for at that point, East could not have started with more than five spades, marking declarer with at least three cards in the suit.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

Difficulty Level ★

Cryptoquip

Z I R V R G I R R V R - Z W O O R T

O W Z J Z W R V I J L R V Z J U Z R T

S W D B S V W E U . A J X Y R Z I R X ' L R

Y R G W A R U W Z Z R B J E S U J Z D B .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE I'M A BIG FAN OF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD, I LIKE TO THINK OF MYSELF AS A TAKE-CHARGE TYPE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals V

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Dog's ID
4 Atlas component
7 Toothpaste container
8 Mosaicist
10 Young hooter
11 Pre-ambles, briefly
13 Family tree member
16 "CSI" find
17 Cardiff's country
18 Writer Levin
19 Senate employee
20 Retain
21 Strong wagons
23 Dens
25 Night light?
26 Bankruptcy cause
27 Lennon's lady

DOWN

2 Alpha's opposite
30 Eggs
33 Couch
36 Night-club
37 Southerner's speech trait
39 On the — (at variance)
40 Raw rock
41 Born
1 Oklahoma city review
2 Help in wrong-doing
3 Flee
4 Chop finely
5 Some choristers
6 Lima's land
7 Doppel-ganger
8 Champi-onship
9 More optimistic
10 Peculiar
12 Begets
14 Run-down horses
15 Siesta
19 Zero-star
20 DIY purchase
21 Bright star
22 Rent contributor
23 Building-block name
24 Leave in the lurch
25 Postal Creed word
26 Fake duck
28 Playful water critter
29 Combine, traffic-wise
30 Give a speech
31 Wedding exchange
32 Every iota
34 Norway's capital
35 Authentic

Solution time: 21 mins.

Yesterdays answer 3-10

