

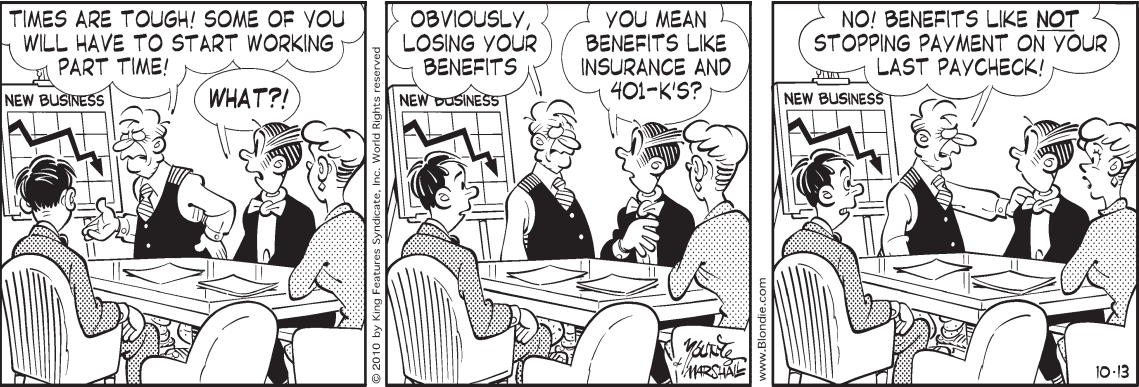
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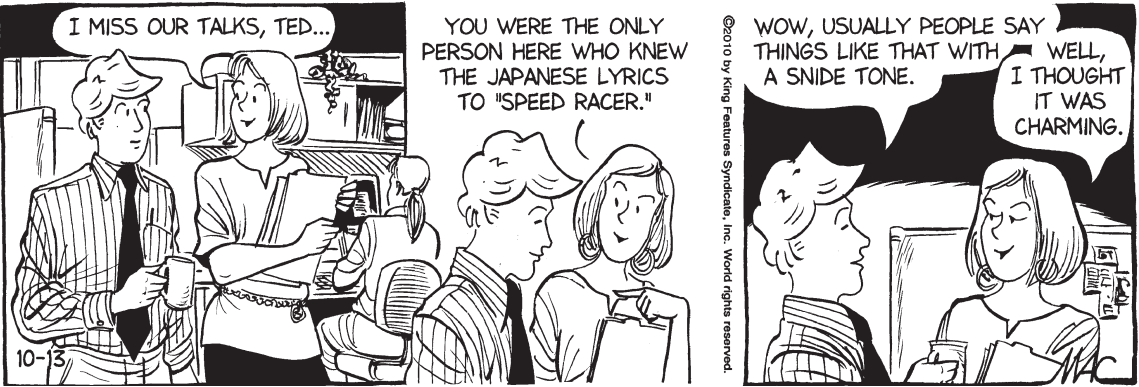
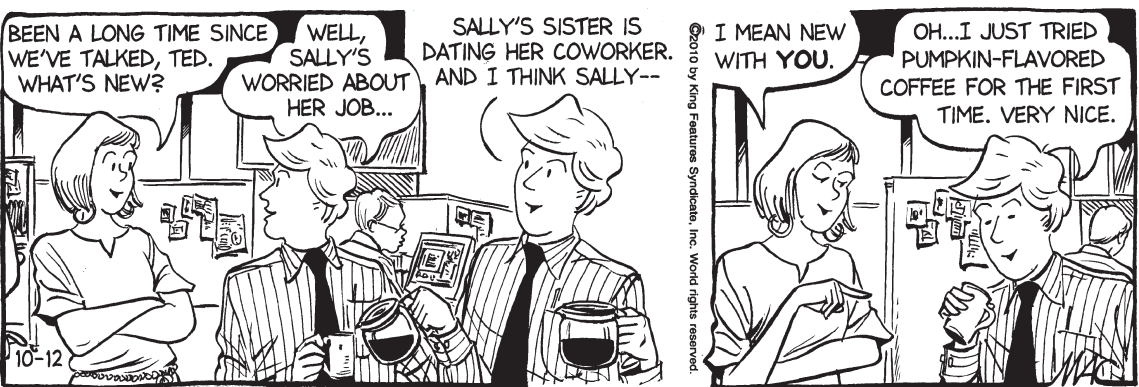
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Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



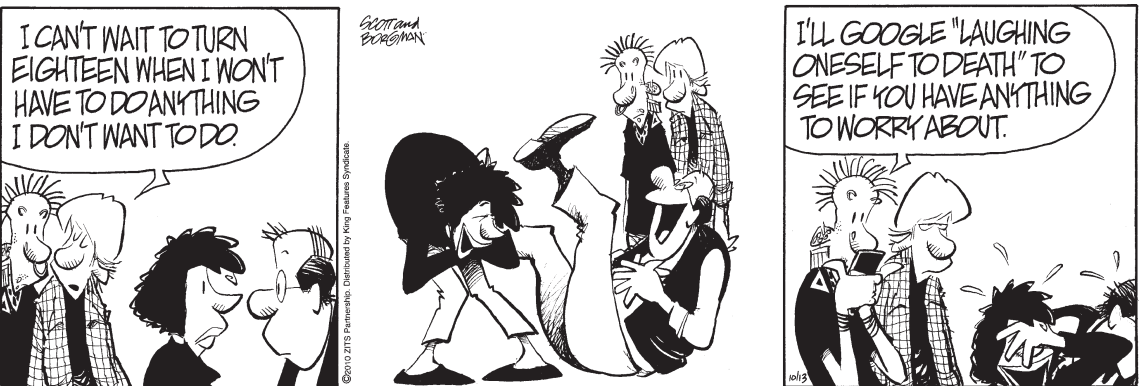
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Soup cake recipe was lacking parts

Dear Readers: A while back, we printed a long-time family recipe for TOMATO SOUP CAKE, or Conversation Cake. This is a recipe from my mother, the original Heloise, that was printed in the early 1960s and many times since. Some of you have written that it did not turn out well; others have said they liked it!

In this last printing, however, something got left out: the spices, which are optional. We have two versions, one “from scratch” and a quick one using a boxed cake mix. The cooking and editing gremlins must have gotten into the mix (yes, bad pun intended), and the spices that CAN be added did not get printed. Mea culpa, mea culpa, and, oh yes, how many ways can I say sorry? It turns out, two!

I have personally been retesting this recipe for weeks and have baked dozens of cakes: different brands of mix, different brands of tomato soup (the house brand was thinner than the national brand) and different “flavors” of cake mix. I used regular chocolate, German chocolate, dark chocolate, plain white and a yellow cake mix. The white and yellow looked a little orange, so I added a few drops of red food coloring to punch it up. This and the spices, plus a handful of raisins and 1/4 cup chopped nuts, made it taste like a carrot or spice cake.

A few observations from me: Spend a little extra money and use a national brand, both cake mix and soup. The batter will be very thick – yes, that is how it is supposed to be. If you like spice, add any or all, or vary the spices. Nuts and raisins do add texture and make it more like a spice or carrot cake. Any frosting or icing will work. Sometimes I used chocolate, other times white. To the white, I added some food coloring to half and did a Picasso design.

Once, I even put a few drops of red food coloring right on top of the batter in the pan, and then swirled with a knife for a colored, marbled look!

So, here it is again, with the “extras.” You probably know how it goes with recipes, especially family or hand-me-downs. Sometimes it seems the recipe gets lost in translation!

- 1 box cake mix
- 1 can tomato soup (undiluted)
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- AND (These are optional; any or all, depending on your taste):
- 1 1/2 teaspoons nutmeg
- 2 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon cloves
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 cup raisins

Put the dry cake mix in a large mixing bowl. Add the UNDILUTED tomato soup, eggs and baking soda, and spices, nuts and raisins, if you prefer. Mix and bake according to cake-mix directions. – Heloise

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Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♦ 9 7 6
♥ Q 10 8
♣ K 2
♦ A K 8 7 3

WEST

♦ K J 4
♥ K 9 4 2
♣ 7 5
♦ Q J 10 9

EAST

♦ Q 8 5 3
♥ A J 7 5 3
♣ 8 4
♦ 6 2

SOUTH

♦ A 10 2
♥ 6
♦ A Q J 10 9 6 3
♣ 5 4

The bidding:

North 1 ♣ East 5 ♦ South 5 ♣ West All Pass

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

This Is Sylvia

The most remarkable part of Sylvia’s game was her uncanny ability to distort the most elementary principles of play and twist them to her own advantage, much to the discomfiture of her opponents.

Take the defenders’ rule of second-hand low, for example. In the actual deal, if a low spade were led from dummy, the normal thing for East to do would be to play low. This type of play is so commonplace that it would not be mentioned here except that Sylvia one day carried the principle a step further.

She was declarer in five diamonds, and when West led the queen of clubs, Sylvia played the three from dummy! This play might astound some readers, but to Sylvia it was automatic. Hadn’t she been taught to play second-hand low? No one had bothered to tell Sylvia that the rule applied to defenders’ play and not to declarer’s.

West was so delighted with the success of his opening lead that he continued with the jack. Sylvia, by this time seeing no sense in following a rule that she didn’t understand in the first place, took the jack with the king.

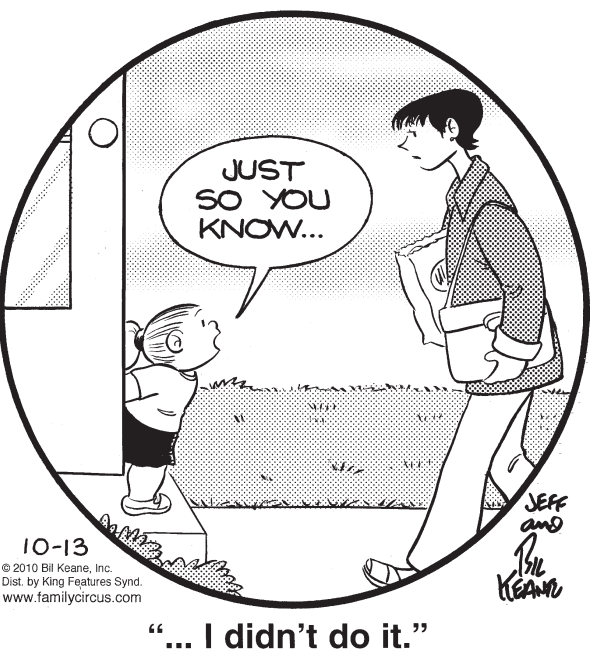
With a losing heart and two losing spades still in her hand, and facing an apparently hopeless assignment, she decided to grab whatever tricks she could. So she ruffed one of dummy’s low clubs, then played the ace of diamonds and another diamond to the king.

In dummy for the last time, she cashed the ace of clubs, discarding a heart, and next led dummy’s last club, discarding a spade. Much to Sylvia’s amazement, this last club somehow or other held the trick. She thereupon conceded a spade and so made five diamonds.

Subsequent analysis showed that the only way to make the contract was to duck the opening lead! A little knowledge – albeit misapplied – can, it seems, do wondrous things.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★

Cryptoquip

EL U “HYUB KUBH” UOYBJHH

DTVH UBNTGX UGVDBBH,

KNTDX CNT HUC OUBBEJ

LEHZJB OUBBEJH LEHZJBH?

Yesterday’s Cryptoquip: WHEN A PERSON EATS TOO MANY WHEAT PRODUCTS AT ONE TIME, COULD YOU CALL HIM A GLUTEN GLUTTON?

Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: C equals Y

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Use a teaspoon
 - 5 That woman
 - 8 Wound cover
 - 12 One of LBJ’s daughters
 - 13 Candle material
 - 14 Jason’s ship
 - 15 Cute story
 - 17 Bound
 - 18 Package
 - 19 Helicopter blades
 - 21 Under the weather
 - 22 Anything but that
 - 23 Scenery chewer
 - 26 Journey segment
 - 28 Sleep soundly?
 - 31 Final notice
 - 33 — de plume
 - 35 List-ending abbr.
 - 36 Mexican money
- DOWN**
- 1 Hit open-handedly
 - 2 Albacore, e.g.
 - 3 Bakery employee
 - 4 Actress Christina
 - 5 Distended
 - 6 Chapeau
 - 7 Put forth, as
 - 8 Cracker type
 - 9 Wood preservative
 - 10 Culture medium
 - 11 Conks on the noggin
 - 16 Computer brand
 - 20 Surprise cries
 - 23 Go like a bunny
 - 24 Copper head?
 - 25 Inter-vie- wee’s
 - 27 Moo — gai pan
 - 29 Scooted
 - 30 Days of yore, once
 - 32 U.S. Open, e.g.
 - 34 Unwill- ingness to boast
 - 37 One of the kin
 - 39 Loft
 - 42 Entice
 - 44 Video- game hedge- hog
 - 45 “Li’l Abner” creator
 - 46 Finished
 - 48 Tittle
 - 49 Staircase part
 - 50 “Note to self” note
 - 53 Atmo- sphere

Solution time: 21 mins.

ASK	BAH	SODA									
VAIL	AGA	ELIN									
OSLO	NOV	EDGY									
WHOOP	GABI										
	KEG	CANCEL									
JUPITER	AGAVE										
OPEN	TAB	EVEN									
GORGE	PRAYERS										
SNUGLY	ALE										
	LYON	ADIEU									
PICA	KID	ONUS									
IRIS	EKE	GORE									
PEAS	SEW	NOD									

Yesterday’s answer 10-13

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
12					13				14			
15					16				17			
18								19	20			
			21					22				
23	24	25		26		27		28			29	30
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