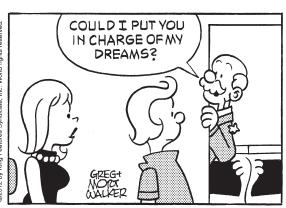
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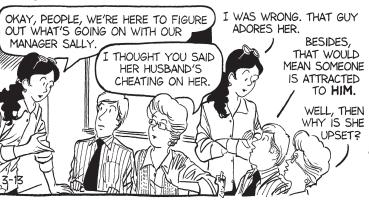




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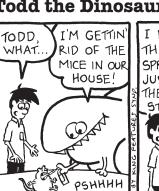








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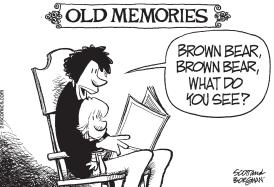








**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott







### Heloise

Hints from Heloise

# Good recipes found by spatters

Dear Heloise: In a recent column, a reader gave suggestions for how to keep cookbook pages clean. Though I understand her reasoning, I wonder how younger generations will know how to find "Mom's" favorite recipes. When my cousin passed away, she had many

cookbooks. Her children weren't sure which recipes she used on a regular basis. I told them to look through the cookbooks for dirty pages, then to look at the recipes on those pages. I'm sure that many are ones she made more than once. As I have gone through my own mother's cookbooks, I treasure the splatters and fingerprints that were left there by her hands. - Kathy F., Canton, Ohio

You are right "in my book"! I just went through one of my mother's cookbooks looking for an old recipe, and it was a wonderful experience to see those old, old recipe pages and notes in the margin. - Heloise

#### **ALTERNATING EGGS**

Dear Heloise: When I buy eggs and put them in the refrigerator, it is difficult to tell the difference between the old ones and the new ones. I have solved that problem by alternating the purchase of brown eggs and white eggs - easy to spot the difference! - Barry M., via email

This is a good hint, Barry. Another hint from The American Egg Board is to store eggs in the egg carton (which will have the expiration date on it) on a shelf in the refrigerator, not in the door.

An informal poll in Heloise Central showed three out of four stored eggs in the carton (two on the shelf and one in the door). Another keeps two dozen eggs: one dozen out of the carton in a clear, plastic egg container (tearing the date off the carton to save with the eggs), and the other carton on the shelf to be used later.

Where in the fridge do you keep the eggs? Send to Heloise@Heloise.com, or mail to Heloise/Eggs, Box 795000, San Antonio, Texas, 78279. - Heloise

#### **SEASONING HINT**

Dear Heloise: Growing up in rural Tennessee gave me a love for such foods as turnip greens and seasoned cured ham. Now, however, I have to watch my calorie and fat intake. So, I now use fat-free beef-flavored bouillon for the seasoning, and it is delicious, with almost no added calories. – Doug J., Watson, La.

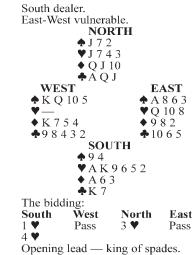
#### **CRINKLED FOIL**

Dear Heloise: Whenever I use aluminum foil for cooking, be it chicken or especially pizza, I with the item being cooked, making it less apt to stick to the foil. The more crinkles, the better. I find it especially handy when reheating pizza, because the foil hardly sticks to the pizza at all. -Gerry V., via email

# FROZEN HASH BROWNS

Dear Heloise: I recently discovered a use for frozen hash browns (uncooked). The hash browns are perfect for potato soup, vegetable soup or other recipes requiring whole potatoes. - Norma J., Springfield, Ohio

# **Bridge** • Steve Becker



# The Psychological Factor

From a team-of-four match comes this deal where the contract at both tables was four hearts. At the first table, three rounds of spades were led, declarer ruffing the third. South then played the ace of hearts, learning that he had to lose a trump trick. When he later attempted a diamond finesse, it failed, and he went down one.

This was certainly an unlucky result. Not only were the trumps divided 3-0, but the diamond finesse also lost. However, the declarer at the second table made the contract. He also ruffed the third spade, but he then introduced a variation that clearly improved his chances.

He realized that if the trumps were 3-0 - a 22 percent probability - he could lose a trump trick and also a diamond and go down one. So, to cater to this possibility, South crossed to the queen of clubs at trick four and led the jack of hearts. East, holding the Q-10-8, covered with the queen as South won with the ace and West showed out.

It was now a simple matter to return to dummy with a club, lead a heart and finesse the nine. Declarer later lost a diamond trick but made his It may be argued that East should not have

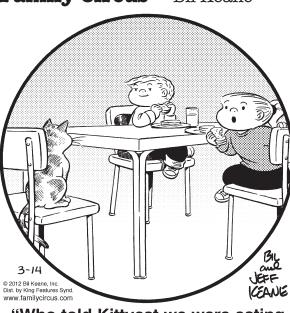
covered the jack of hearts, and much can be said in favor of this contention. Had East played the eight on the jack, South undoubtedly would have played the ace or king and gone down one. However, it cannot be denied that the second declarer created the opportunity for a defensive error, and to this extent his play was better than his counterpart's at the other table.

It was a play that had everything to gain and nothing to lose. Who could ask for anything

more?

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# Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Who told Kittycat we were eating tuna sandwiches?"

### Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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				4			6	
				9			2	5
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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.

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# Cryptoquip

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NQMJKD TFPA AHKCHJ KCMK

crinkle up the foil, which makes for less contact ZSSN TPFTS, KCSL JMVSZ

HK KCS TFMHJSZ XMJLPJ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I SIMPLY DON'T KNOW HOW TO REPAIR THIS DOORPOST THAT JUST BROKE. I MUST REALLY BE IN A JAMB.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals T

25 Imogene

old TV

sheet

28 Hostels

29 Harvest

30 Stir up

35 Paint

grp.

(Abbr.)

Ruby

17 Deity

19 Floral

**22** Cab

23 Con

11 Sandra or 40 JFK

10 Last

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26 Oodles

**27** Ice

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# (c)2012 by King Features Syndicate Inc. **Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	44 Flop	2 Trans-
1 Omega	46 Where-	gressions
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4 Ever-	50 Settle in	<b>4</b> Ape, e.g.
green	a new	5 Charged
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missile	upon	or
<b>12</b> Disen-	thee!"	almond
cumber	<b>56</b> Pugilist's	<b>7</b> Corp.
13 Sauce	garment	higher-up
thickener	<b>57</b> MPs'	8 More
<b>14</b> Heap	quarry	agile
15 Individual	58 Expert	9 U.S. spy

16 Form into 59 Greek a whole vowels 18 Song of **60** Clothing David store

20 Demure depart-21 Dines on ment 24 Coffee 61 Scarlet option **28** Vex DOWN

dice 33 Ultramodernist 34 Banish

32 Toss the

36 Dove's call 37 Hammer's target

**39** Flood 41 Pie-insound

the-face 43 Pleased

Solution time: 21 mins. Yesterday's answer 3-14

1 Item on

stage

53 Shock 54 Won — 16

soup 36