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Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



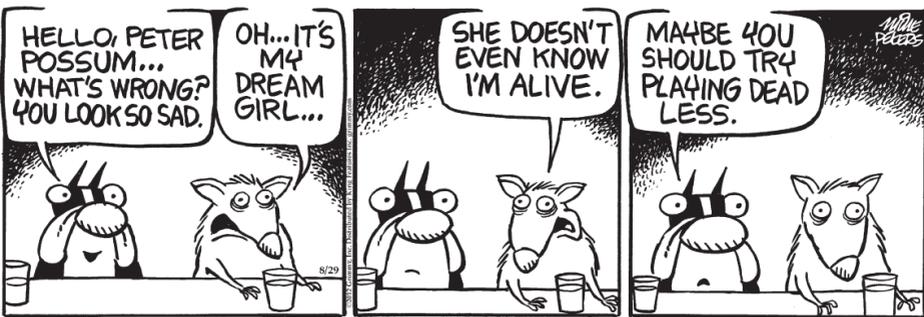
Blondie • Chic Young



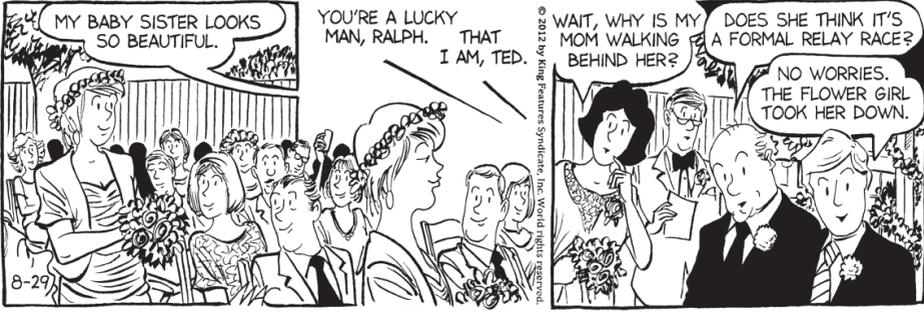
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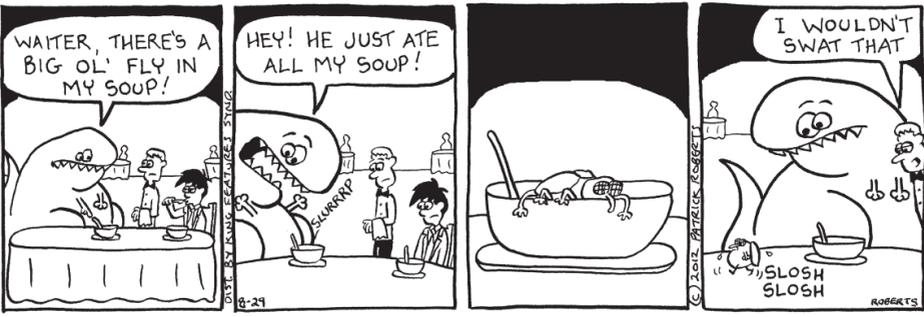
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Heloise

• Hints from Heloise
Pistachio flavor sets ambrosia off

Dear Heloise: Help! I cannot find your recipe for pistachio ambrosia, and my family would like me to make it! – Marilyn D. in Massachusetts

Oh no, Marilyn! Here is my Heloise's Pistachio Ambrosia recipe, which takes just minutes to make! It is delicious and probably won't last long! Gather the following ingredients:

- 1 can (16 ounces) chunky pineapple
- 1 can (8 ounces) crushed pineapple
- 1 small box instant pistachio pudding mix
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- 12-16 ounces nondairy whipped topping, thawed
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows

Dump the cans of pineapple, with juice, into a medium mixing bowl. Sprinkle the instant pistachio pudding mix over the pineapple and let it sit for a couple of minutes to be absorbed.

Gently fold in coconut and nuts. Add whipped topping and marshmallows. Don't overmix. Place in the refrigerator for at least an hour before eating. So easy, yet so delicious! – Heloise

P.S.: Clip this out right now and tape it inside a kitchen cupboard door.

CAKE DECORATING

Dear Heloise: I love to bake, but I am not talented when decorating cakes and cookies. One day, I took a cookie cutter, placed it on top of the cake and used it as a guide to make patterns with powdered sugar. Now I am constantly experimenting with decorating possibilities after using sprinkles, frosting, powdered sugar and even melted chocolate! – Nancy D. in Tennessee

How creative! Presentation is important with desserts. A colorful, tasty icing can make all the difference, too. I have cake decorating ideas using unique icings in my Heloise's Cake Recipes pamphlet, which you can have by sending \$3 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (65 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Cake, Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. An easy homemade icing can be made by mixing powdered sugar, cherry juice and a drop of vanilla and food coloring, if needed. Spread on your favorite white or golden cake. Enjoy! – Heloise

GOODBYE, GREASE

Dear Heloise: After cooking ground meat and draining, I never feel like I get enough of the grease off. To solve this, I lay paper towels on a plate, place the cooked ground meat on top of the towels, place more paper towels on top and press down with my hands. Even when there appears to be hardly any grease, I always get some transferred to the paper towels. – Kay D. in Indiana

WARM PASTA

Dear Heloise: Here is a hint I have used for years: While boiling pasta, I take the bowl that I plan to serve the finished pasta dish in and fill it with hot water straight from the kitchen faucet.

Once the pasta is cooked, I pour it into a strainer to drain. Meanwhile, I dump the water out of the serving bowl and wipe before adding the pasta and sauce. The warm bowl keeps the pasta from cooling as we eat dinner. – L.W., via e-mail

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 J 10
♥ K 8 6 2
♦ Q 9 7 4

WEST
♠ K Q 10 5 3
♥ Q 4
♦ J 10 9 4
♣ A 5

EAST
♠ 4 2
♥ 8 7 5 3 2
♦ Q 7
♣ 8 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A J 7
♥ A 9 6
♦ A 5 3
♣ K J 10 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT
Opening lead — king of spades.

The Two-Way Guess

Players inclined toward masochism can indulge their whim whenever they are confronted by a two-way finesse for a missing queen. This form of entertainment -- if you can call it that -- might appeal to some declarers, but most players would much rather not be faced with such a challenge. Indeed, whenever possible, the expert circumvents the two-way guess by avoiding it altogether.

Consider the present case, where South can easily make three notrump by taking a heart finesse in the right direction. Instead of subjecting himself to a straight-out guess, however, declarer might be able to get the opponents to do his work for him.

West leads the king of spades, which South routinely ducks. Another spade lead would hand declarer the contract, so let's say West shifts to the jack of diamonds. Again declarer ducks, hoping the diamonds are divided 3-3, in which case guessing the heart finesse would no longer be crucial. West then continues with a low diamond, East's queen forcing the ace.

South now leads the king of clubs. West wins and returns the diamond ten to dummy's king. When East shows out, South is still faced with the problem of acquiring his ninth trick. The good news, though, is that he no longer needs to stake the outcome on a heart guess. Instead, he cashes the J-Q of clubs, then leads dummy's eight of diamonds and discards his last club.

This puts West on lead, and he must return either a spade or a heart. Whichever he chooses gives South his ninth trick.

Declarer thus makes his contract without attempting to guess the crucial heart finesse. He solves the problem by evasion.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/29

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.

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

Cryptoquip

OMFO JKVQKE VQOOH DQUWXH
GQXX KSO FXXSG FKHSKR
OS DOTSVR MQU. Q'E DFH
MR'D TRFXXH QU-WRO-JSJD.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: OLD ENGLISH KING WHO LIKED HIS CARS ONLY WHEN THEY WERE PRODUCED AS COUPES: HENRY TWO-DOOR.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals H

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- Relative sound
- Crazy theater name
- Reed instrument
- Snapshot
- Jacob's twin
- Thwart
- Brewery product
- Cascade
- Wander off
- Witness
- Corn eaters' castoffs
- Unforeseen problems
- Napoleon's downfall
- Plummet
- Historic period
- "Smallville" family
- Khan
- Rose-anne of comedy
- 1998 Sandler movie, with "The"

DOWN

- Resorts and puffed
- Bag-piper's attire
- Big name in PCs
- The Big Apple
- Mex. neighbor
- Skin art, for short
- Seeks restitution
- Ocho —, Jamaica
- Treasure seeker's aid
- Fender bender result
- Heidi's range
- Crafty
- Huffed
- Echolocation method
- Bedouin
- Energetic
- Fix, in a sense
- "Dragnet" star
- Uzbekistan sea
- Container weight
- Director
- Feathery neck-piece
- Lubricate
- Right angle
- In medias —
- Expert
- 48 Test tube
- 49 Catch sight of
- 50 Bankroll
- 51 Exist
- 52 Can material
- 53 Have a bug
- 54 Upper surface

Yesterday's answer 8-29

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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28	29	30				31		32		
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