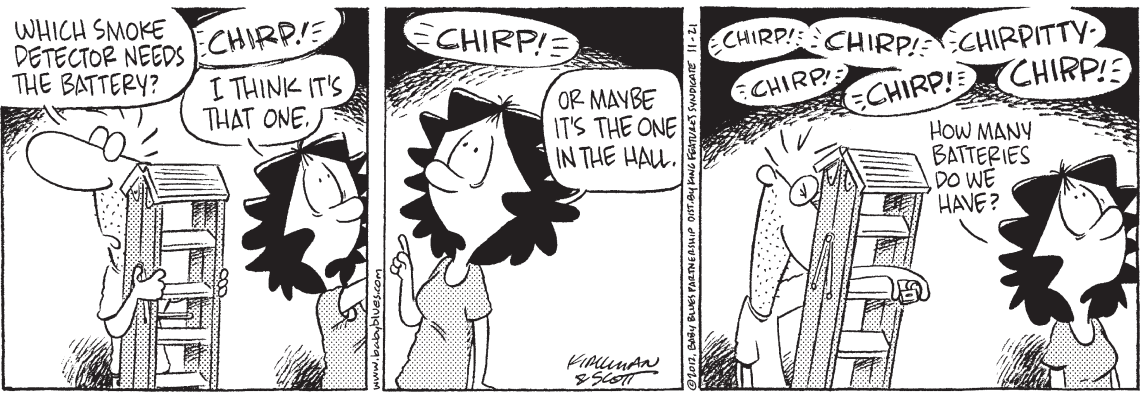
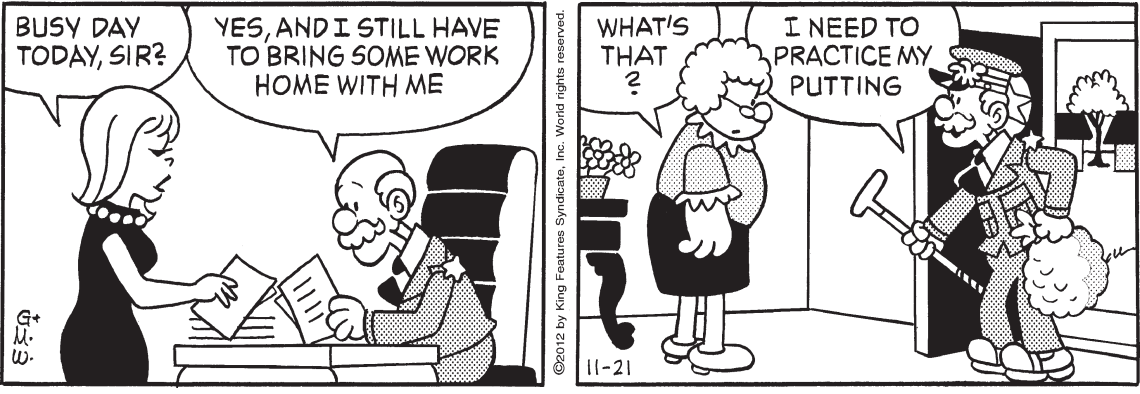


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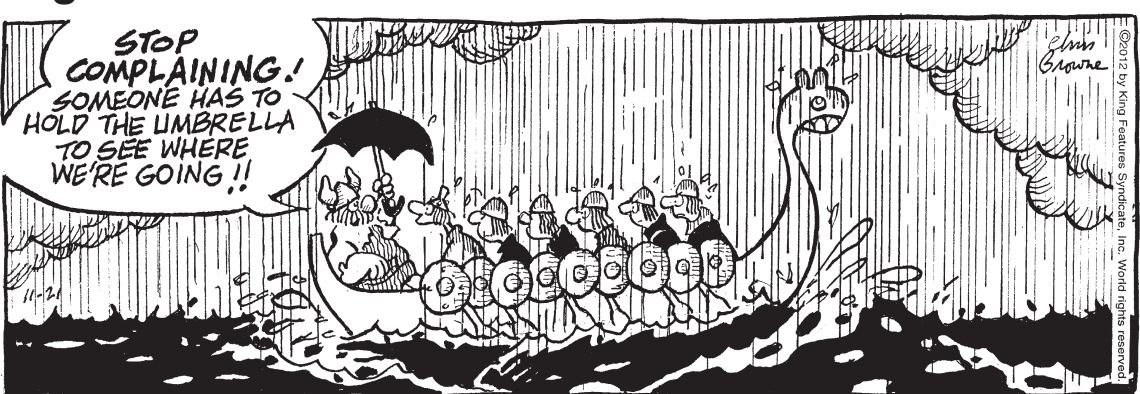
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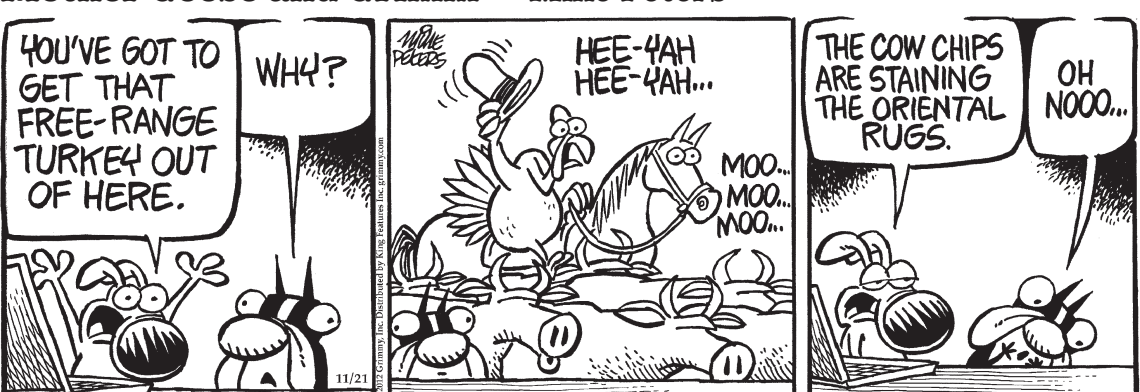
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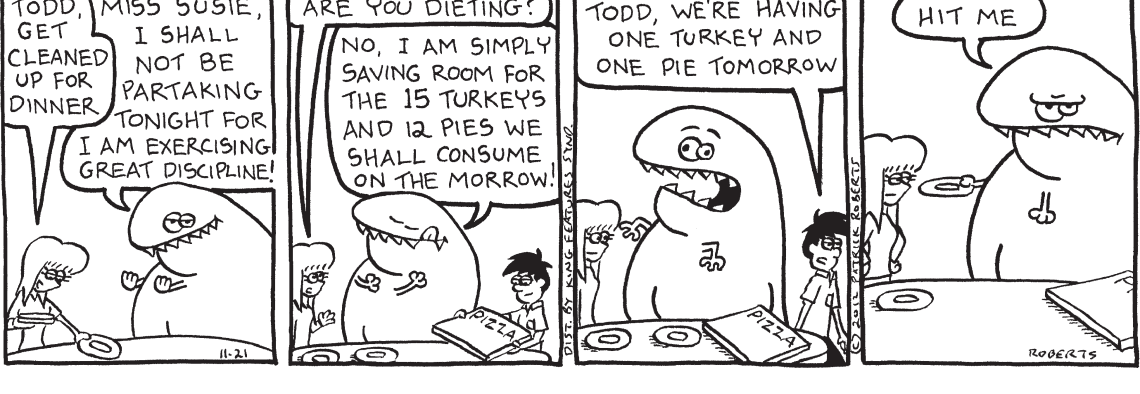
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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise



• Hints from Heloise

Law of leftovers says 'be careful'

Dear Readers: Tomorrow is Thanksgiving, and that means there likely will be leftovers for your family for a few days. Here are some hints to help you safely consume and store leftovers:

- Make sure to freeze or refrigerate all leftover items within two hours of finishing the meal. The Food and Drug Administration recommends "discarding any perishables (foods that can spoil or become contaminated by bacteria if unrefrigerated) left out at room temperature for longer than two hours."
- Take turkey off the bone before storing, and you can keep the turkey meat in the freezer for up to six months.
- Store stuffing for three to four days in a refrigerator, or for a month in a freezer.
- When reheating leftover gravy or sauces, make sure to bring the gravy to a rolling boil before serving to prevent illness from eating gravy that may contain bacteria.
- Any cooked side dishes (including mashed potatoes) should keep in the refrigerator for three to four days, and then should be thrown away.
- Mashed potatoes can be kept in the freezer for up to 10 months when stored in an airtight container.
- When it is trash day, take all leftovers that haven't been eaten for three days after Thanksgiving meal and throw away. — Heloise

SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

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CAPERS DEFINED
Dear Heloise: What exactly are capers, and how are they used? — Amanda T., via e-mail
A staple in many Mediterranean meals, capers are actually pickled flower buds harvested from a bush in the area. They are interesting little round, green "balls," found in jars in the olive section of most grocery stores. The smaller, or nonpareil, caper is most commonly used in chicken piccata and pasta dishes, adding salty flavor.

Another hint: Capers will keep indefinitely in the refrigerator. Just make sure to store them in the brine they are packed in. Take out only the capers needed, and leave behind the rest in the remaining brine. — Heloise

COTTAGE CHEESE
Dear Readers: After opening a container of cottage cheese, store it in the refrigerator on a low shelf (not in the door or in a drawer). After spooning out the amount you need, smooth the surface to cut down on liquid formation and possible separation. Or try this Heloise hint: Store the cottage cheese upside down with the lid on tight, on a plate. This makes it last longer because it creates a seal. — Heloise

STICKY MEASUREMENTS
Dear Heloise: I love to bake, and I often need to measure ingredients that are sticky, such as honey and molasses. After many messy cleanups, I started spraying the cups or spoons with cooking spray first. Now my ingredients slide right out! — Sandy D., via e-mail

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 9 4
♥ K 10 8 5
♦ A Q 7
♣ A K 10 9
WEST
♠ Q 7 6
♥ 7 3
♦ 10 8 4 2
♣ Q 4 3 2
EAST
♠ K 8 5 3 2
♥ 6 2
♦ K J 9 5
♣ 7 6
SOUTH
♠ A J 10
♥ A Q J 9 4
♦ 6 3
♣ J 8 5
The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 3♣ Pass
4♣ Pass 4♥ Pass
4♠ Pass 6♥ Pass
Opening lead — two of diamonds.

A Futile Gesture
Obviously, a declarer should avoid a finesse that can't gain when it succeeds and can prove very costly if it fails. The principle is self-evident, but just when to apply it is not always easy to recognize.

South bid aggressively to reach six hearts, and West led a diamond. Declarer finessed the queen, losing to East's king, and later went down one even though the club finesse succeeded. Had South put up the ace of diamonds at trick one, drawn trumps and taken the club finesse, the outcome would have been altogether different. South would have been able to discard his diamond loser on dummy's fourth club, so his only loser would have been a spade trick.

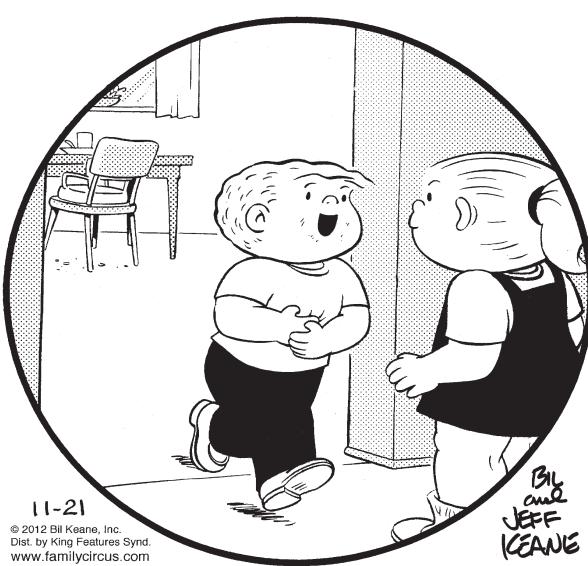
When declarer's play is analyzed, it becomes clear that he erred by taking the diamond finesse at trick one, since it could not help him make the contract. Even if the finesse won, South would still not be any closer to making the slam.

Before deciding how to proceed at trick one, South should consider what is required to make the contract. Since a spade loser is unavoidable, it becomes evident that South cannot make the slam unless the club finesse succeeds. And it is equally clear that if the club finesse succeeds, South does not need the diamond finesse. The diamond finesse therefore poses an unnecessary risk since it jeopardizes the slam without improving the chances of making it.

The only time the diamond finesse gains in any way is when West has the king of diamonds and East has the queen of clubs. In that case, declarer saves a trick by going down one instead of two, but this is an insignificant consideration where making a slam is concerned.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I'm not eatin' as much today because I'm planning on overeatin' tomorrow."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/21

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★

Cryptoquip

P B A O I A R O C W C V M P I
B W M J G F K U O I T O H P Z O P K P D F Q
T O O J O O C O I , R O H R P K U O Q R F G
K P Z O A W T V I M R F D O G .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FORMER POPULAR SITCOM ABOUT THE VERY HUMOROUS LIVES OF EVE, CAIN AND ABEL: "ADAM'S FAMILY."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals H

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 James Bond, e.g.
4 "Nip/—"
8 Pizzazz
12 Afternoon affair
13 Curved molding
14 San —, Italy
15 Grecian vessel
16 Diploma
18 Prejudiced person
20 Meadow
21 On the right track
24 Book of maps
28 "Beauty is only —"
32 Region
33 Wrestling win
34 Llamas' range
36 Set of parts
37 Choir voice
39 Chicago-style, as pizza
41 Rage
43 Unsigned (abbr.)
44 Favorite

DOWN
46 Shul VIP
50 Exemplar of dullness
55 Say it's OK
56 On the briny
57 Prolonged sleep
58 List-ending abbr.
59 Feds
60 Animated character
61 "Doo" follower
4 Fat-fried tortilla
5 "That's awful!"
6 Third letter
7 Ship's backbone
8 Lesser substitute
9 Albanian money
10 Parisian pal
10 Parisian money
11 — sequitur
17 Shell game
19 Possess
22 Tear
23 Jason's wife, in myth
25 Norse trickster god
26 Black-birds
27 Rogen or Meyers
28 Hot tubs
29 Scot's garment
30 Really enjoying
31 Hammer-head part
35 Accessory for 29-Down
38 Parentless child
40 "CSI" evidence
42 Kitten's comment
45 Diplomacy
47 Suffered from a cut
48 Alpha follower
49 Pruritus
50 Hammar-skjold of UN fame
51 Doctrine
52 Get a glimpse of
53 As well
54 Comedian Philips

Yesterday's answer 11-21

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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18			19			20				
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