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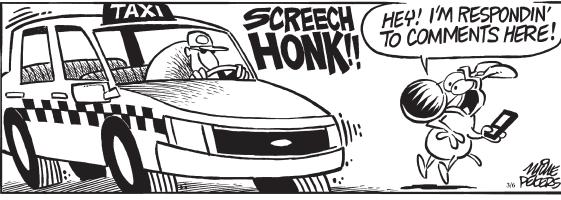


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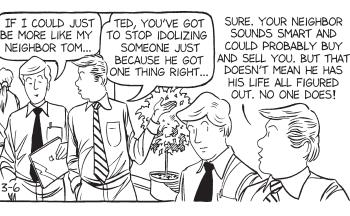
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Heloise

Hints from Heloise

Soda or powder, which is right?

Dear Heloise: My mom has two different recipes for pumkin roll. One of the recipes calls for 1 teaspoon baking soda, and the other calls for 1 teaspoon baking powder. What is the difference? - Julie P., via e-mail There definitely is a big, big difference! Both

are used in baking to help dough rise or expand, but they do it differently and cannot be substituted for each other. Baking soda is made of pure, 100 percent so-

dium bicarbonate. When mixed with an acid (for example, cream of tartar) and some moisture, it causes a reaction that makes little bubbles, which helps the dough get puffy and light. Baking powder is baking soda with one or

more acidic ingredients included. Just by adding a liquid, the reaction occurs. It usually is added to a recipe where there is no acidic ingredient.

Hope this helps, and happy baking! – Heloise SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

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NO-MESS BURRITO Dear Heloise: I'm writing to share a hint for

serving messy burritos to children. I hate food items like these (my kids are 6 and 2 years old). Inevitably, the "inside" of the burrito always ends up on their plates after the first bite. One night, I even held the bottom of my daughter's burrito closed for her while she was eating. What a pain.

Since then, I've discovered a solution: chip clips! When I served burritos, I used a clean chip clip to clamp the bottom of the burrito shut, preventing the insides from falling out. It worked like a charm and definitely will be a trick I use again in the future. – Allison W. in Milwaukee

WARM CUP

Dear Heloise: A reader wrote about how to pre-warm a coffee cup to keep the coffee hotter (Heloise here: The reader poured hot coffee into a cold cup, then back into the coffeepot before refilling the cup with coffee to drink). Another hint is to put your empty cup in the microwave for 20-25 seconds before pouring coffee, tea or soup into it. So easy and effective. - Lotte in Arkansas We tested this at Heloise Central, and indeed,

it warms the cup. Just be sure the cup is microwave-safe. - Heloise

CHIP CRUMBS Dear Heloise: When chips get small and crum-

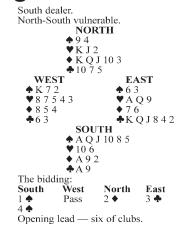
bly, I crush and store them in a plastic bag in the freezer. I just keep adding. When I make a casserole, I have my topping ready and don't waste any chips. - Dianne R., Lakeland, Fla.

REUSE TINS

Dear Heloise: I often bake and buy pies. I always keep the pie tins. They are great to use when going to a potluck dinner or making something for neighbors and friends to eat. Since they come with the pies anyway, I have quite the collection, and I don't mind telling people to just keep them when the food is gone. – Mary M. in Indiana

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Bridge • Steve Becker



A Psychological Ploy

It is usually poor policy to falsecard on defense because there is a much greater chance of fooling partner than declarer. Top-notch defense is difficult enough under ordinary circumstances without adding to it the risk of deceiving partner.

Nevertheless, there are times when a player should deliberately mislead partner in order to achieve the best result. Here is such a case.

South is in four spades, and West leads a club in response to East's overcall. Declarer follows low from dummy, and East's normally correct play is the jack. This is consistent with the rule that a defender plays the lowest of equal cards when winning or attempting to win a trick.

But in this deal, East should play the king of clubs instead of the jack. It is true that when South wins the king with the ace, West will conclude that declarer started with the A-Q of the suit. But that is exactly the conclusion East wants West to reach. The reason is that East wants his partner to shift to a heart – if West should happen to gain the lead – so East deliberately misleads him. South crosses to dummy with a diamond at

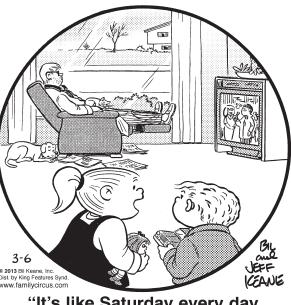
trick two, leads the nine of trumps and lets it ride, losing to West's king.

East's falsecard at trick one now comes home to roost because West - under the impression that South started with the A-Q of clubs – does not lead another club. Instead, he shifts to a heart, through dummy's K-J-2. This allows East to score two hearts and a club to put the contract down one.

Note that if East plays the club jack at trick one, West might decide to lead another club at trick four, thus handing South the contract. East's intentional deception at trick one is designed to

steer his partner in the right direction. (c)2013 King Features Syndicate Inc

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"It's like Saturday every day havin' Daddy home.'

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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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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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals S

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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