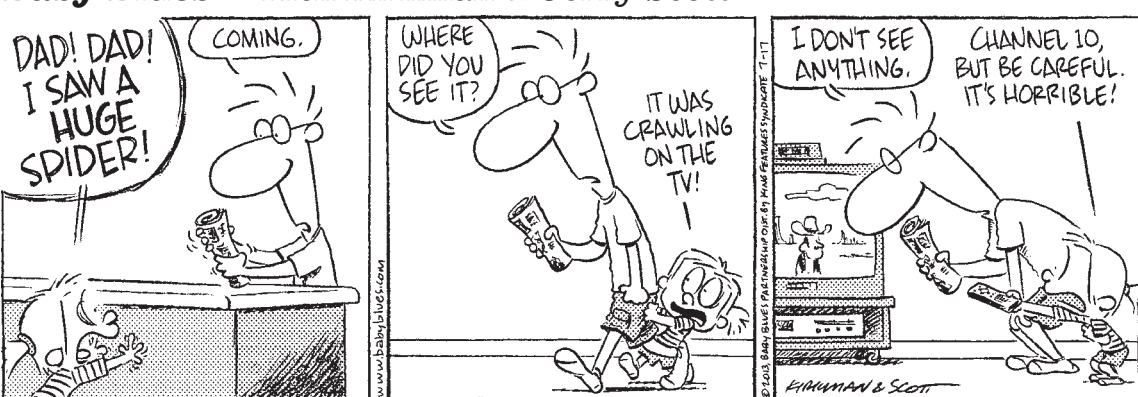


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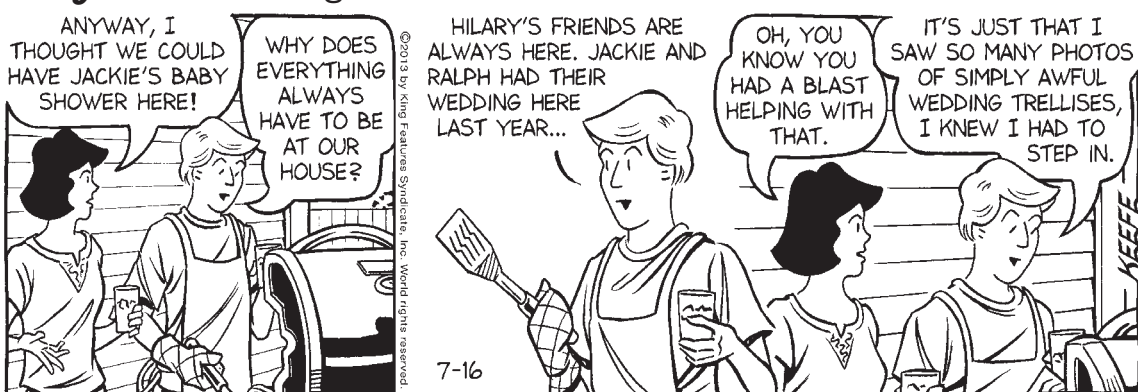
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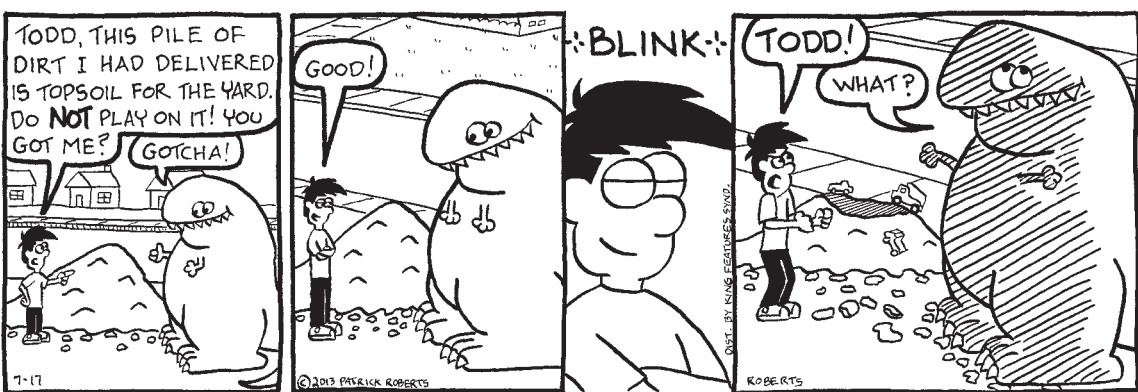
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Biscuit recipe features yeast

Dear Heloise: I love to read your hints, and I remember seeing a recipe for biscuits with yeast. Could you please reprint the recipe? – Maria P. in Texas

Yes, here's the recipe for Heloise's Angel Biscuits. The dough can be made and stored for up to three days in the refrigerator in a covered bowl. Combine the following ingredients:

- 1 package dry yeast
- 1/4 cup warm water
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 cup buttermilk

Dissolve the yeast in the warm water and put aside. Mix the dry ingredients in the order they are written above. The shortening will need to be cut in, just like you do with pie dough or biscuits. Stir in the buttermilk and yeast mixture. Mix together until well blended, and refrigerate in a covered bowl.

When you are ready to make the biscuits, place the dough on a floured board and knead it lightly. Roll the dough out and cut with a biscuit cutter. Place the biscuits in a greased pan. Let the dough rise slightly before baking in a 400 F oven for 12-15 minutes. – Heloise

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TASTY TAPENADE

Dear Readers: We were discussing tapenade in Heloise Central, and found that some in the office didn't know what it is. Here are the details for making this easy and tasty spread.

Tapenades are thick spreads from the Provence region of France. They typically are made with olives (mainly black or green), anchovies, olive oil and garlic. Other ingredients can be added, such as capers, onions and seasonings. This spread can be served as an appetizer, eaten on slices of bread or even on sandwiches. – Heloise

SLICED BERRIES

Dear Heloise: I enjoy making homemade strawberry preserves, but I spent so much time slicing the berries after washing and hulling them. I got out my onion chopper (the kind that you put half an onion on, push down and it dices the onion). I could chop the berries as fast as I could put another one on the dicer, and the tray under it catches the sliced berries. They were made into little square pieces, perfect for preserves and ready in no time. – Virginia in Arkansas

ADDED EGG

Dear Heloise: I love to make tuna salad and chicken salad with hard-boiled eggs as an ingredient. Sometimes I don't already have boiled eggs in the refrigerator and don't want to take the time to boil one. I now quickly scramble an egg and chop it before adding it to the salad! – Regina D., via e-mail

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Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 6 4
♥ K Q J 10 9
♦ Q 9 3
♣ A Q 5

WEST
♠ A K 7 2
♥ 7 5 4
♦ 8 6 4
♣ 9 8 7

EAST
♠ 9 8 3
♥ A 6 2
♦ 10 7 2
♣ K 6 3 2

SOUTH
♠ Q J 10 5
♥ 8 3
♦ A K J 5
♣ J 10 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♥ Pass 2NT Pass
3NT
Opening lead — nine of clubs.

A Crucial Decision

There is often more than one story in a bridge hand. For example, take this case where South was in three notrump and West led the nine of clubs. Declarer played the five from dummy, losing to East's king, whereupon East shifted to the nine of spades, covered by South with the ten.

West won the ten with the king and concluded that there was very little chance of defeating the contract unless East had both the eight of spades and ace of hearts.

Accordingly, West returned the deuce of spades at trick three. Declarer took East's eight with the jack and had no alternative but to tackle hearts. East won the first heart with the ace and returned the three of spades, allowing West, who had the A-7 over South's Q-5, to score two spade tricks for down one.

There is no question that East-West defended perfectly. Nevertheless, the fact remains that South could and should have made the contract.

All he had to do was to put up dummy's ace of clubs at trick one and play the king of hearts at trick two. This would have guaranteed at least nine tricks — four diamonds, four hearts and a club — no matter how the defenders' cards were divided.

The lesson to be learned from South's play at trick one is that a finesse should not be taken just because it's there. While J-10-x facing A-Q-x is an ideal holding for finessing purposes, the overriding consideration is that in this case taking the finesse jeopardizes the contract, while refusing the finesse guarantees the contract. Given these circumstances, declarer has no choice but to decline the finesse.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/17

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★

Cryptoquip

TBKOW NX MCLW YWA HRL

CTWT CY TR NCOM RZ NX

WKWGLX, B IBDW AR AWII

ZRIDT BA'T E LGWEA HGBK.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AWFUL MONSTER VARIETY THAT TYPICALLY MAKES MEALS OUT OF AMUSEMENT SHOW WORKERS: A CARNIE-VORE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals P

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 "— have thought?"

5 La-la lead-in

8 Debatable

13 "CSI" find

14 Equine hybrid

15 Werewolf's evoker

17 Entreaty

18 Seek, as a prize

19 Eucalyptus eaters

21 Also

22 Without (Fr.)

23 — Leppard

26 Long sandwich

28 Stinky

31 Egg

33 Knight's address

35 Traditional tales

36 Star

38 Go up and down

40 Church seat

41 Told a big one

43 Fix the sound-track

45 Perfumery compound

47 Gives a target

51 Eye part

52 Tight end's

55 Asker

56 Liniment

57 Dregs

58 Sticky stuff

59 Pack cargo

2 Kind of glass

3 No more than

4 Dutch pottery

5 Stinky

6 Yoko of music

7 "The Da Vinci Code" star

8 Put on a jury

9 Complete halt

10 Dog bane

11 Favorable votes

16 Cattle vocabulary

20 LummoX

23 "What's up, —?"

24 Previous night

25 9-to-5, e.g.

27 Tuck partner?

29 Incense

30 Morning moisture

32 Understate-ments

34 "La Boheme" hero

37 Still or Stein

39 Folk-singer lves

42 Clear the windshield, maybe

44 Rum cakes

45 Slay

46 Pennsylvania port

48 Diplomacy

49 Reverberate

50 Distort

53 Venustian vessel?

Yesterday's answer 7-17

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15			16					17		
18						19	20			
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