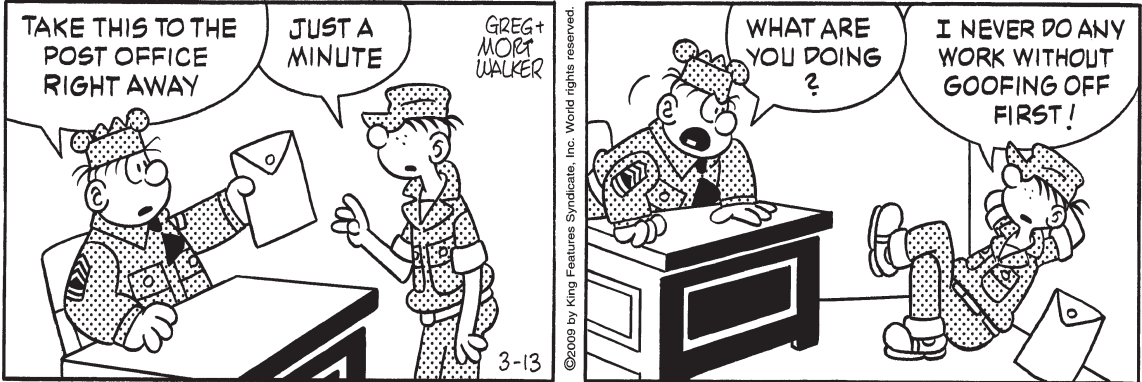


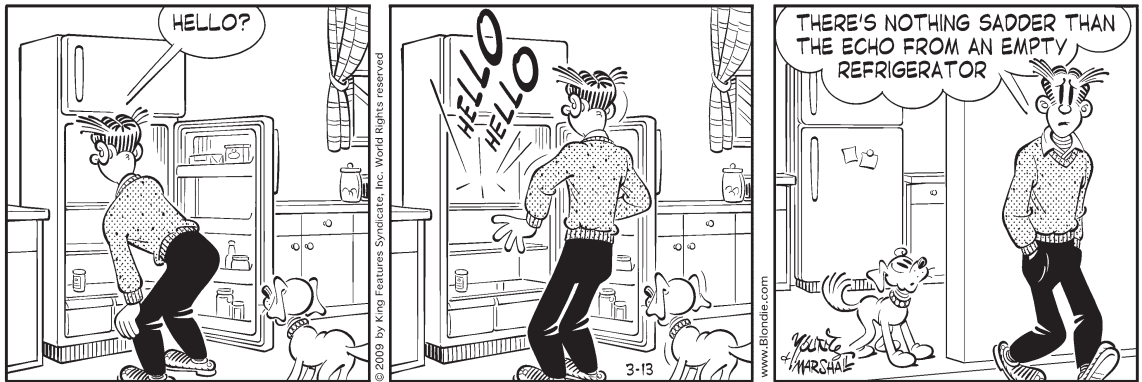
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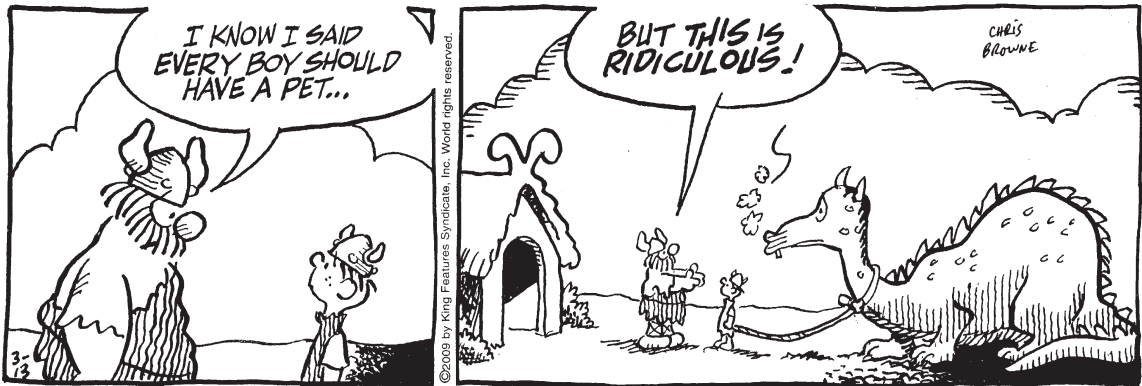
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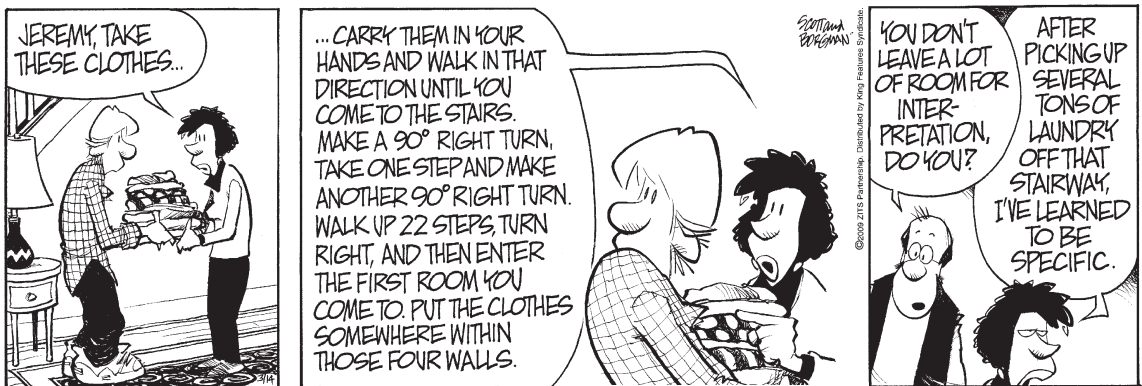
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Check this tip for moving time

Dear Heloise: I read a hint about MOVING BOXES in the (Mansfield, Ohio) News Journal, and it seemed having a master list of what was in the boxes was cumbersome. We recently moved, and I found that the best way was to write on the box a detailed list of what was in it. We had sheets of paper that peel off and stick to the box. We needed items before we had time to completely unpack; we could just look at the boxes.

We also set boxes in rows, three or four high, so we could walk between them and only had to move two or three boxes if we saw something in the bottom box that we needed. I thought these hints might be helpful to someone else. – Helen Bailey, Mansfield, Ohio

Moving can be stressful, and your hints certainly will help relieve some of that stress. Make a copy of each list as a backup in case a box goes missing. – Heloise

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TRAVEL HINT  
Dear Heloise: I can't say enough about the benefits of using bra extenders when traveling. Whenever I have a night flight and it's time to sleep, I just hook on the extender. I can still wear my bra, but it's looser by about three inches in the back and definitely more comfortable. Bra extenders can be found in the notions section of most fabric stores. – Hana from Hawaii

GREEN THINGS  
Dear Heloise: Remember those old rollers that you would use on your hair to make curls and look cute? A good use for them is to tie four or five rollers together with a rubber band and place them in the bottom of a flower vase. The curlers will act as a great holder for the flowers. – A.V.R., via e-mail.

And speaking of flowers, here's a hint from Margaret in New Mexico: "I love to give flowers for some occasions, but I hate losing my vases. I have been cutting the plastic jacket off of the flavored liquid coffee creamers. The bottle under it is usually white. Flower stems fit in them very well. You can put a bow on a pick and stick in with the flowers or tie one around the bottle."

– Heloise  
COUPON FILE  
Dear Heloise: I keep the coupon section that comes in the Sunday newspaper and place it in a color file so it is easy to spot and carry with me as I go to grocery and discount stores. This helps keep the coupon booklet organized, and I am prepared to use the right coupon. -- Trina in Kentucky

Bridge • Steve Becker

You are the dealer, neither side vulnerable. What would you bid with each of the following five hands?  
1. ♠AQ7 ♥108 ♦AJ5 ♣KQ963  
2. ♠KQ7 ♥K92 ♦AQ83 ♣AJ5  
3. ♠Q743 ♥Q985 ♦AQ6 ♣A7  
4. ♠AQ108 ♥A7 ♦A42 ♣9865  
5. ♠KQJ9763 ♥6 ♦8 ♣KQJ5

Bidding Quiz  
1. One notrump. This indicates 15 to 17 points (many still play 16-18), balanced distribution (usually 4-3-3-3, 4-4-3-2, or 5-3-3-2) and stoppers in at least three suits. It is far better to open with one notrump than one club.  
There are several reasons why the notrump call is preferred. The primary one is that the opening notrump bid immediately pinpoints the type of hand held in terms of both points and distribution. As opposed to this, a one-club bid could be based on any type of distribution and a wide range of high-card points.  
Additionally, a one-club opening will present a rebid problem if partner responds with one diamond, one heart or one spade, all of which would make an accurate rebid impossible. The way to avoid such problems is to open one notrump at the outset.

2. One diamond. Despite the classic notrump features of your hand, the proper opening is one diamond. Hands containing 19 high-card points do not fall into the opening one- or two-notrump category. Such hands are opened with one of suit, and the true nature of the hand is then shown at the next opportunity by jumping in notrump.

3. One diamond. You have no legitimate suit with which to open the bidding, since the spades and hearts are too weak to mention, the diamonds are only three cards in length, and you cannot open one club with a two-card suit. But since any 14-point hand must be opened, something must be done, and one diamond is the best choice. It has the merit of keeping the bidding low while allowing for the discovery of a major-suit fit if it exists.

4. One club. Here your best introductory bid is one club. It serves to keep the bidding low and allows for you to bid one spade at your next turn if partner responds with a diamond or a heart.

5. Four spades. This bid serves two purposes simultaneously. It is an offensive effort that may easily succeed if partner has an ace. But, more importantly, it has even greater value as a defensive bid. If partner has a weak hand, the opponents are likely to make a game. However, because of the high level at which they would have to begin bidding, there is a good chance they will miss their best contract.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



“Look. I made you a snownut.”

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★  
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.

Cryptoquip

SGRC NP GS YRJNKHGSH

PZGIQFYJ QHNKC HFGH

NSZE QNZV ZGKIC, JKYBCE

JYGSNQ: “IKGSV BCSHKGZ.”

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN MEAN FOLKS SAY INSULTING THINGS TO MY BEST FRIEND, WELL, THAT REALLY MAKES MY BUD BOIL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals N

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Occupation

4 Having a Y chromosome

8 Invitation notation

12 Be below par

13 Leading man

14 Gardener, at times

15 Toronto team

17 Cosmonaut

18 Furry sci-fi critter

19 NFL Hall-of-Famer

20 Thread

22 Leave a lasting impression

24 Bloodhound's clue

25 Mix up

29 Ultra-modernist

30 Wise lawgiver

31 Shelter

32 Subtract

34 Twofold

35 Shade

36 Muscular

37 Run — of (violate)

40 Singer

41 Deposited

42 In song, it "saw me standing alone"

46 Ticket price?

47 Traditional tales

48 Bill

49 Clumsy fleet

50 "— be surprised"

51 List-ending abbr.

DOWN

1 Poke

2 Lubricant

3 Car dealer's reference guide

4 Army rank

5 Aleutian island

6 Ballad

7 Type squares

8 Tempo

9 Acerbic

10 Miles of movies

11 Prudish

16 Basin accessory

19 Read bar codes

20 Typist's choice

21 Notion

22 Showy display

23 Helen's home

25 Scattered, as seed

26 Noted jazz label

27 Image on Canada's flag

28 Slithery

30 Go

33 Piano pieces

34 Consider a cut

37 — Romeo

38 Equitable

39 Sty cry

40 Expert

42 Journalist

43 Privy

44 Feedbag tidbit

45 Leno's home

Solution time: 25 mins.

Yesterday's answer 3-13

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12			13				14			
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