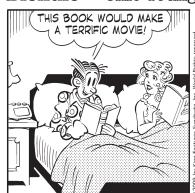
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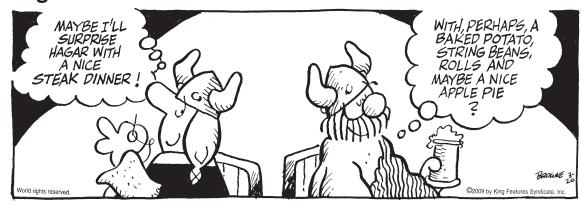
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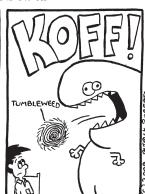


Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise

Hints from Heloise

Get rid of rust spots on driveway

Dear Heloise: I have small, circular RUST SPOTS all over my driveway, caused by the iron in a granular lawn fertilizer I used recently. A post-application rainstorm dissolved some of the granules that had spilled over onto the driveway. It looks terrible! How can I clean off these rust spots? - Jeff Thompson, via e-mail

Muriatic acid, found at pool-supply and most hardware stores, will remove rust. Because it is a strong acid, great care must be taken when following the directions for use. Commercial rust removers also are available. One reader wrote to say that she used lemon juice and sunshine to remove rust from the driveway. - Heloise

SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

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E-mail: Heloise(at)Heloise.com **BUG BOXES**

Dear Heloise: Many bugs and spiders are good for the environment. However, my wife hates all insects! When there is one in the house, she always wants to kill it. Instead, I take over. I have saved a couple of those hinged boxes that berries come in. I carefully scoop the invader into the box and return it to the outside. - Barry, Round Rock, Texas

CEREAL KEEPERS

Dear Heloise: I put a strong, wooden spring clothespin on cereal bags after I roll them down to keep them closed. I use the clothespins for crackers and chips, too. I also have a 2-inch roll of strong, clear tape to re-close pasta, rice and brown-sugar bags and any boxes that need to be re-closed. I cannot be without these two items. - Ann Molnar, Ohio

POOL GARDEN

Dear Heloise: The deer wiped out my garden again last year - what they didn't eat, they trampled. I had two hard-plastic kiddie wading pools, so I put lots of holes in the bottom. I put the pools near my back door and filled them with potting soil. I planted tomatoes, bell peppers and squash. This turned out to be the best garden I ever had, with enough tomatoes for my family and friends.

look sad, so I cut them back, and they grew back in a few weeks - it was like a new garden. When frost was threatening in November, I threw old comforters over the pools at night, and we had tomatoes well into December. So, if anyone wants the easiest garden he or she ever had, start watching for the wading pools in stores. They don't cost NU IZ-KJGZTZI. much and will last for years. - Rita McWhorter, Eldorado, Texas

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Bridge • Steve Becker

You are South, and the bidding

West North East South • **Pass** Dble 1 🏚 Pass

What would you do now with each of the following four hands? 1. ♠ A7 ♥ KQ98 ♦ K3 ♣ AK654

2. ★ KJ73 ♥ AQ5 ♦ 109 ♣ A1062 3. ★ K82 ♥ AK7 ♦ 6 ♣ AKQ1043 4. **♠** AQ3 **♥** K92 **♦** AJ8 **♣** KQJ5

Bidding Quiz

1. Double. This is still a takeout double, just as the previous one was. It asks partner to bid one of the two unbid suits. At the same time, the second double implies that you have values beyond those originally expressed.

A two-club bid would be wrong on two counts. First, it would not represent quite as strong a hand as the one you have. Secondly, it might also result in playing the hand in the wrong suit. Partner should be offered the chance to choose which of the two unbid suits he prefers. The one he selects will almost surely be the better trump suit for the combined hands.

2. Pass. You've already told your story, and 2 there's nothing more to add. Partner had a chance to respond, but turned it down. As you have no extra values, you should pass.

Besides, the opponents are playing in your best suit and might go down, so why disturb them?

3. Three clubs. The jump-bid, combined with your double, indicates a very powerful hand. In effect, you're saying that your hand wasn't only too good for a two-club bid on the first round, but is even too strong for a two-club bid at this

Three clubs invites partner to bid three notrump with a diamond stopper. If partner has as little as, say, [S] Qx [H] xxxx [D] QJxx [C] xxx, three notrump is virtually assured, and he should bid it since you have promised a hand containing eight or nine sure tricks. 4. One notrump. Although this may appear to

be a sizable underbid (you have 20 points), the realities of the situation indicate that partner has a miserable hand. There isn't much left for him to have when you hold half the deck in high cards and both opponents have already bid.

This time, as contrasted with the distribution and high cards you held in the first problem, you're lacking the requisite trump support that a second double would imply. The suggested notrump bid does not stop partner from making a suit bid if his hand warrants it.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"She wasn't sick yesterday she was shopping."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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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 3x3region must contain only one instance of each numeral.

The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU BECOME MIRED IN GALLONS OF MELTED CHOCOLATE BARS, I'D SAY YOU'RE CAUGHT IN CANDY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals V

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's answer 3-20

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