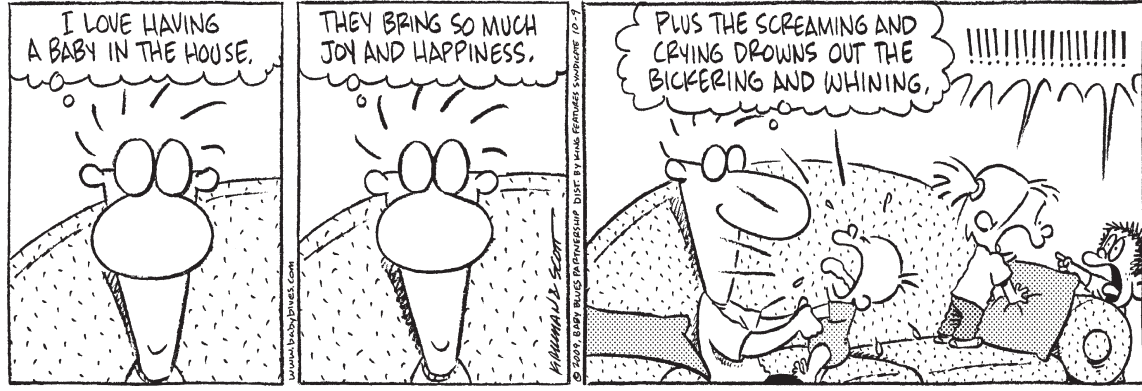
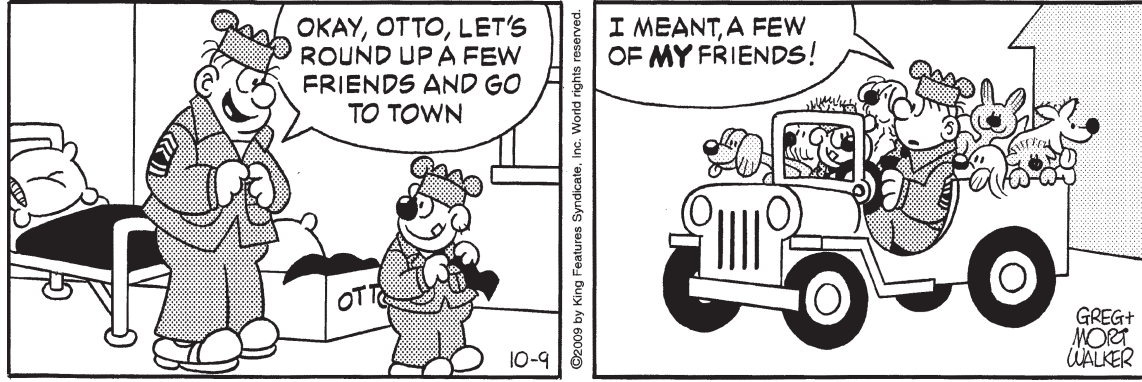


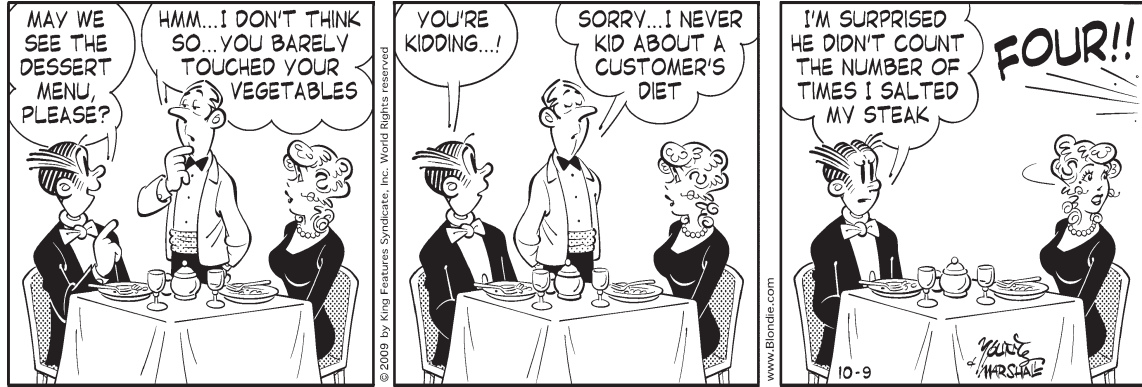
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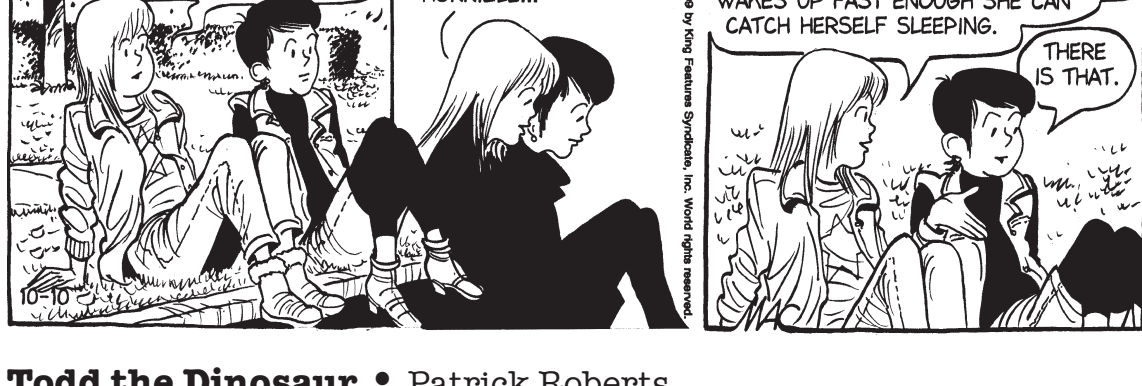
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Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Make place mats with souvenirs

Dear Heloise: We have a fun way to remember our trips. I make PLACE MATS with the pictures, postcards, cutouts, etc. I double-stick the pictures to a piece of poster board and cover them with clear self-adhesive plastic. I have made the mats for many years, so we mix them up and take two mats to use for a meal. It is fun to see where we were and remember the good times.

I also make mats with wedding pictures (for the bride and groom and their parents), birthdays, anniversaries, reunions, etc. Many times we see the mats on the walls instead of being used as place mats. - Laraine R., Huntington Beach, Calif.

NEW DETERGENT

Dear Heloise: I bought a new detergent and used it for several weeks, wondering why it didn't produce the amount of suds that the others did. Looking closely at the label, I discovered a tiny symbol that stated that this detergent is for high-efficiency machines. Just a warning to other readers to carefully read labels! - Diane E., Springfield, Ill.

Diane, it probably still cleaned as well. You don't really need a lot of suds. - Heloise

SCREEN DOORS

Dear Heloise: We live in the Southwest -- lots of heat and dust -- and our sliding screen doors looked chalky. After washing and rinsing them thoroughly and letting them dry, I used a car-protectant spray. They look dark and clean now. - Andy in Arizona

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: When traveling recently with my small grandchildren, I discovered another use for those damp baby towelettes. I used them to wipe dusty little feet that were in flip-flops all day! At night, at the hotel, the little kiddos were just too tuckered out for a full bath, but their feet were just filthy. I lined the kids up on the edge of the bed and used the wipes. - Elsie, via e-mail.

BYE-BYE, HEAT MARKS

Dear Heloise: Your recent column in the Springfield, Ill., State Journal-Register said to use a 50/50 mixture of baking soda and white toothpaste to remove heat stains/marks from wood furniture. I used it, and the heat mark I got on an old side table was gone in a flash! - Phyllis in Illinois

Glad this longtime Heloise Hint helped! - Heloise

BATHTUB CLEANING

Dear Heloise: With so many bathtubs now being resurfaced, it would be a good idea to distinguish between cleaning a porcelain tub (you suggested a plastic scrubber) and a resurfaced one, which carries instructions to be gently cleaned so as not to mar the new surface. - Norma R., Richmond, Va.

INFANT MEDS

Dear Heloise: When you give liquid medicine to a baby who is still on the bottle, remove the nipple from the bottle, place the nipple in the baby's mouth and put the medicine in the nipple. He will suck it right down. - Carolyn W., Oxford, Miss.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

Your right-hand opponent bids One Club, both sides vulnerable. What action would you take with each of the following five hands?

- ♠ A4 ♥ AK ♦ J7643 ♣ 9632
- ♠ AJ6 ♥ KQ9852 ♦ A7 ♣ K8
- ♠ QJ3 ♥ AJ8 ♦ AQ6 ♣ K1074
- ♠ AKQJ83 ♥ A4 ♦ K1092 ♣ 10
- ♠ 7 ♥ 9 ♦ AKQJ832 ♣ AJ105

Bidding Quiz

1. Pass. Whether or not to make an overall is based more on the number of tricks you expect to take than on point count. Thus, a hand such as S 832 H A74 D KQJ106 C 53, with only 10 high-card points, is a much safer one-diamond bid than the 12-point hand in question. The usual test for an overall is its safety - that is, how badly you can be hurt if the opponents double you for penalties.

2. Double. Your hand is a bit too strong to bid one heart. Suit overcalls on the one-level are often based on values that would not justify an opening bid, and this hand rates not only as an opening bid but as a very good one. Your plan is to bid hearts next over partner's response to the double, thereby identifying a hand too strong for an ordinary overcall at your first turn. A one-heart bid would be proper if, say, the ace of spades were the deuce.

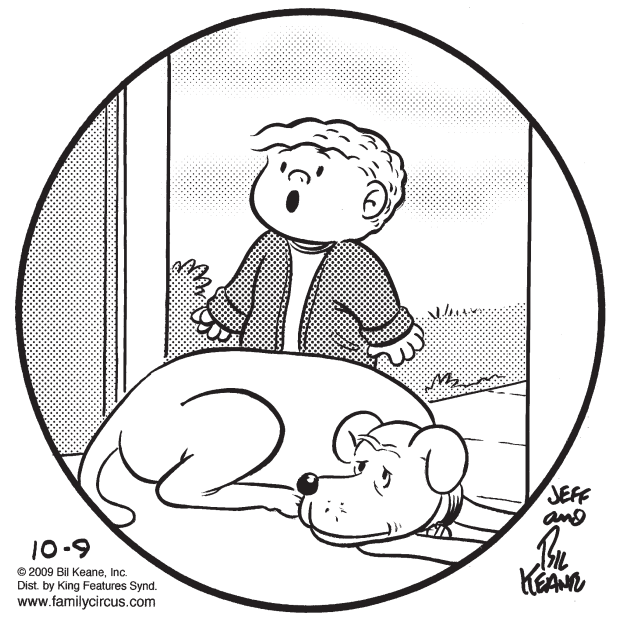
3. One notrump. Here you can best describe your hand by bidding one notrump - the same bid you would have made had you been the opening bidder - rather than by doubling. A double would imply shortness in the opponent's suit and suggest a desire for suit play, which is not the message you wish to convey.

4. Double. The idea here is the same as in problem No. 2, where your hand is far too strong for a simple overcall. At your next turn, you plan to jump in spades to let partner know you have a powerful hand that does not need much to make game.

5. Five diamonds. This won't necessarily prove to be the winning bid - the best contract might even be three notrump. But there is too great a danger that the enemy can make a game in spades or hearts, and a tactical leap to five diamonds will work out best in the long run. The bid serves as both a defensive and offensive action at the same time.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

	1	7	3		9			2
	9					5		
					6			
		2			7			
	6	8		4		7	3	
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 10/09

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.

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

Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF I FIND MY TOY DOG STEALING A GLANCE AT SOMETHING, I LIKE TO CALL HIM A PEEKING PEKINGESE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals D

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Army rank
 - 6 Huge
 - 9 Matter-horn, for one
 - 12 Eat away
 - 13 Tramcar contents
 - 14 Knightly address
 - 15 Trap-shooting
 - 16 "Alas!"
 - 18 Motivated
 - 20 Urban fleet
 - 21 Tackle moguls
 - 23 Listening device
 - 24 Wheels of fortune?
 - 25 Scull lineup
 - 27 Hosiery fabric
 - 29 Large constrictor
 - 31 Zeroes
 - 35 Precise
 - 37 Campbell's product
 - 38 Analyze
 - 41 "Wiedersehen"
 - 43 Green H

- DOWN**
- 1 Month (Sp.)
 - 2 Deluge
 - 3 2001 David Spade movie
 - 4 Baltic Sea feeder
 - 5 Fix a stubborn knot
 - 6 Section of NYC, with "The"
 - 7 Unyielding
 - 8 "Golly!"
 - 9 Black tea of India
 - 10 People will bend over backward to do it
 - 11 Fourth estate
 - 17 Cupcake enhancements
 - 19 Woman of letters?
 - 21 Bribe
 - 22 Band-leader
 - 24 Singer
 - 26 Scabbard
 - 28 Yoga position
 - 30 Anti-acne brand
 - 32 Square-dance party
 - 33 Historic boy king
 - 34 Resort to do it
 - 36 Frankness
 - 38 Autumn bloom
 - 39 Filched
 - 40 Appears to be
 - 42 Persnickety
 - 45 Ticklish
 - 46 Muppet
 - 48 Lummox
 - 50 P.I.
 - 51 Geologic period

Yesterdays answer 10-9

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AJAX	CUE	ROBE								
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ERRAND	LANCES									
ROE	LIE									
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AGO	ILE	OBI								
BOXSEATS	EXES									
SUM	SUN									
LINCITE	ISLAND									
RIOT	TWO	ICED								
ACRE	CAN	SERA								
NEED	HRS	TROY								

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