

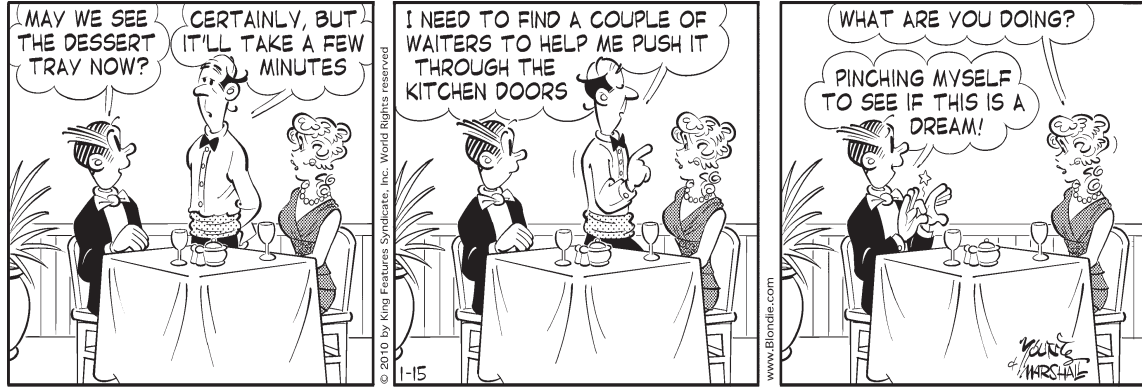
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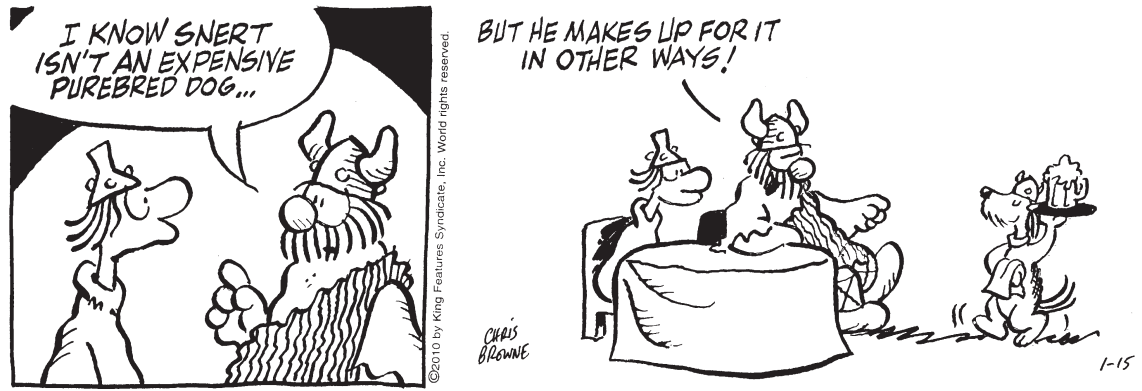
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Blondie • Chic Young



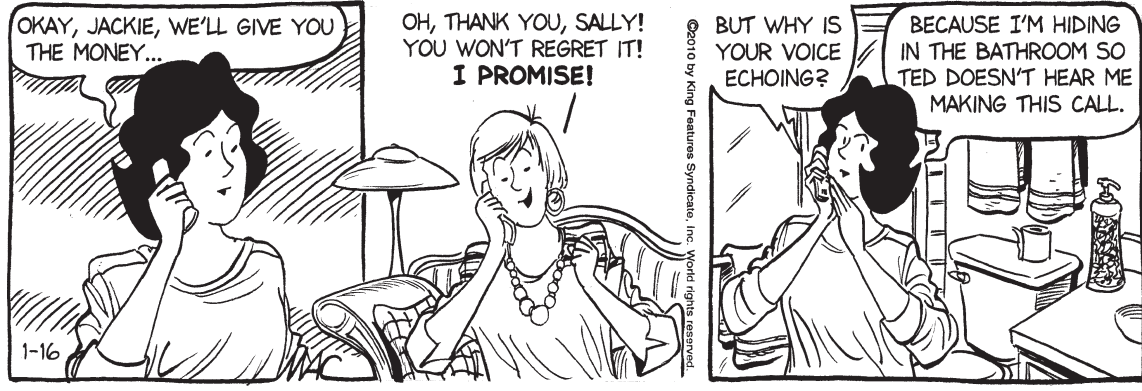
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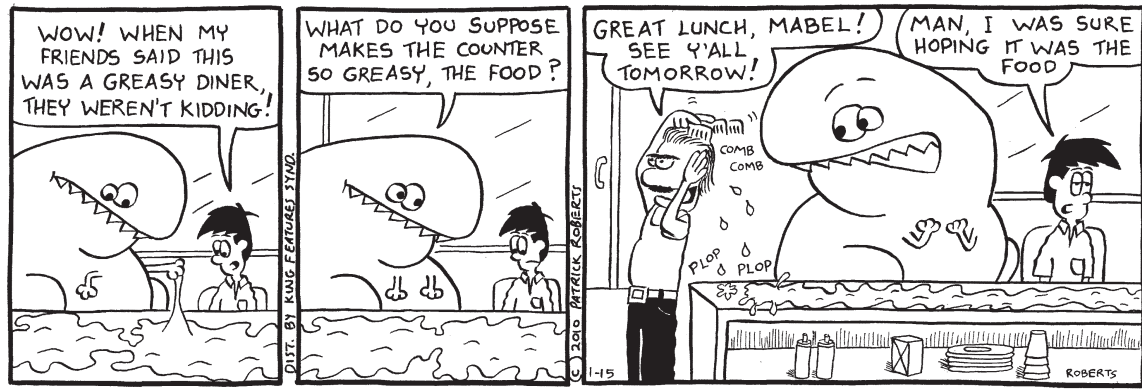
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Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Ashes tackle furniture rings

Dear Heloise: I have an older recipe for getting WHITE RINGS out of furniture. I use mayonnaise with cigarette or fireplace ashes. It is about 1 tablespoon ashes to 1 tablespoon mayonnaise. Make a paste and rub it in, and let it sit overnight. Wipe with a clean cloth the next day. Thank you. I so enjoy reading your column on a daily basis. — Maxine Ingold, Ventura, Calif.

Maxine, those white rings are pesky, and most can be removed if they are treated when fresh. The method you mention is one my mother, the original Heloise, printed in this column more than 40 years ago.

Here's a new, updated Heloise Hint: Mix a small amount of nongel toothpaste with a little baking soda and rub it into the rings, going in the direction of the grain, until warm. Be patient, as it might take a while for the marks to go away. Once they are gone, wipe with a damp cloth, and give the furniture a good polishing. — Heloise

SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

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REMOVE FREEZER ODOR

Dear Heloise, We had a lot of shrimp in a freezer that accidentally got unplugged. After washing the inside several times with baking soda and everything else I could think of, the odor remained. I tried charcoal — no results. I then tried something I had read (perhaps in a Heloise column): I stuffed it full of wadded newspaper and left it for a few days, then changed the newspapers. All odor was gone. That was 18 years ago, and I'm still using that freezer. — I.V., Brunswick, Ga.

This is a longtime Heloise hint and still a winner! It seems to work because of the ink and absorbent paper. It's a "green" hint, too! — Heloise

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: Here's a hint that can save a life, or at least a broken hip: Whenever I travel and have to stay at a hotel, I always bring along with me a small section of rubberized-grip drawer/shelf liner (which can be purchased in a roll from a supermarket or dollar store). An appropriate-size piece, cut approximately 2 1/2 feet by 15 inches, can be placed on the bottom of a bathtub or shower. It makes the surface virtually non-slip. It takes up almost no space in the suitcase, is lightweight and dries in seconds when blotted with a towel. — Louise Gilhorne, Neptune, N.J.

BAKING-SODA SHAKER

Dear Heloise: Regarding baking-soda ideas, I have a pretty clay cheese shaker filled with baking soda that sits on the top of the stove in case of emergencies. It's also handy for cleaning the metal sink. Thank you for your column and being an advocate for the betterment of the environment, and also for sharing practicality, showing young people a better and safer way! — Jan Royle, Stayton, Ore.

PACKING BOXES

Dear Heloise: To pack glasses and vases, the best place to get boxes is the liquor store. They aren't heavy and stack well. — Helen, Spring Branch, Texas

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Bridge • Steve Becker

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Seven Clubs, and North leads the jack of spades. You win with the king and cash the ace of clubs, North following with the jack and South the deuce. You lead the queen of diamonds to the king and play a club from dummy, South following with the three. Would you finesse or play the king?

West: ♠AK ♥A72 ♦AQ ♣AK10985
East: ♠865 ♥KQ83 ♦KJ10 ♣764

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Seven Spades, and North leads the nine of spades. How would you play the hand?

West: ♠AKQJ10 ♥AK32 ♦65 ♣AK
East: ♠32 ♥54 ♦AKQ432 ♣432

Test Your Play — Probabilities

1. This is by no means an uncommon situation, and if you don't know the theoretically correct play, it's high time to become fully acquainted with it.

In the given situation, where you are missing the Q-J-x-x of the suit, your left-hand opponent will be dealt a singleton honor roughly 12 deals out of 100, and the doubleton Q-J about seven deals out of 100.

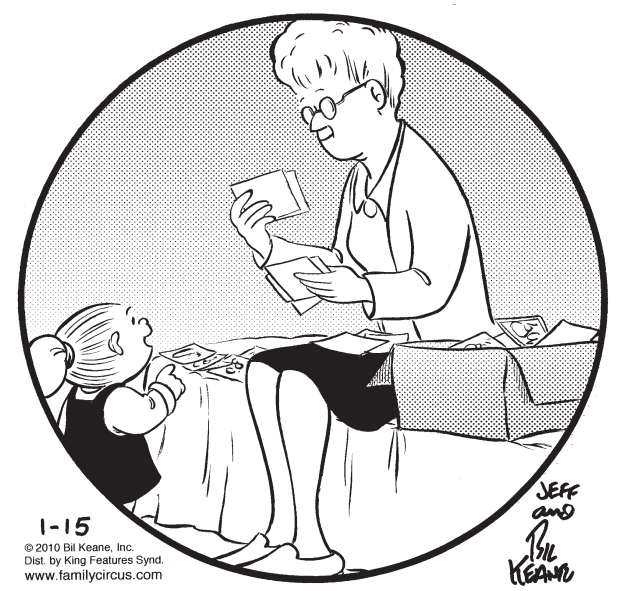
Therefore, if LHO produces an honor when you play the ace, you will do better in the long run to finesse the ten later on than play the king. The king will win about seven deals out of 100, while the finesse will win about 12 deals out of 100. Thus, the odds are about 12-to-7 in favor of the finesse, and you should not buck them unless there is a very good reason to do so.

2. You have two choices: You can draw the opposing trumps at once and hope the opposing diamonds are divided 3-2, or you can play the A-K and another heart, planning to ruff your third heart in dummy and get rid of the other on a high diamond after trumps are drawn. This, of course, runs the risk that the hearts might be divided 5-2 or worse.

There is a 68 percent chance of the diamonds dividing 3-2, and only a 62 percent chance of the hearts dividing 4-3. Since a favorable diamond division is 6 percent more likely than a favorable heart division, the best method of play is to draw trumps at once rather than try to ruff a heart in dummy.

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"You sure have a lot of cute pictures of us, Grandma."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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1			2	6				7
	8			7	9			
	6		2			9		
9	2					7	1	
	3		9		5			
	5	8			3			
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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 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral.

The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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

Cryptoquip

VAKPA OCEB OSSJ JS RSZ
EZ W WSEL PLUBCKX
WLXXERGYCXCXE VSZGJ
G SYL? WKBENZUALUE'
NZUILUE.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SLOGAN USED BY AN ASSOCIATION OF SCIENTISTS WHO ARE STUDYING ICEBERGS: "GO WITH THE FLOE."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 U.K. fliers
4 Light applications
8 Campus area
12 John's Yoko
13 Birthright barter
14 Language of Pakistan
15 Like — (very rapidly)
17 Hollywood clasher
18 Unable to hear
19 Not just plump
20 Work in a refinery
22 Mani-pedi prop
24 Tortoise's chalker
25 Deuce, maybe
29 Past
30 Layered rock
31 Ultra-modernist

DOWN

1 Tier
2 Singer DiFranco
3 Nonsense
4 Trim a roast
5 "Yeah, right!"
6 Prohibit
7 Take to court
8 Where joul is spoken
9 Incite
10 Commotions
11 Bernhardt contemporary
16 Take a letter?
19 Shoppe description
20 "Pygmalion" writer
21 Creche trio
22 Decreases
23 Troubles
25 "Pow!"
26 Pesky
27 Paper quantity
28 Feet, slangily
30 Take to the skies
33 Get all wet
34 Soak up
36 Bathroom fixture
37 Covers
38 Met melody
39 Pitch
40 Utah ski resort
42 Vacillate
43 Hostel
44 Appomat-tox surrenderer
45 Allow

Solution time: 25 mins.

C	A	S	E	P	E	N	K	O	L	A
R	O	A	R	R	N	A	O	D	E	S
A	N	N	E	I	S	M	R	Y	E	S
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Y	E	G	O	P	E	N	S	E	A	S
S	H	I	N	E	A	T	M	E	V	E
Y	E	G	G	A	B	E	T	U	E	S
N	A	N	D	U	O	W	A	S	N	T
C	L	O	S	E	D	B	O	O	K	
M	E	N	U	P	O	E	T	R	Y	
A	L	T	B	R	A	O	H	I	O	
S	E	N	T	O	U	R	F	O	L	K
K	A	Y	O	N	E	T	F	R	E	E

Yesterday's answer 1-15

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
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