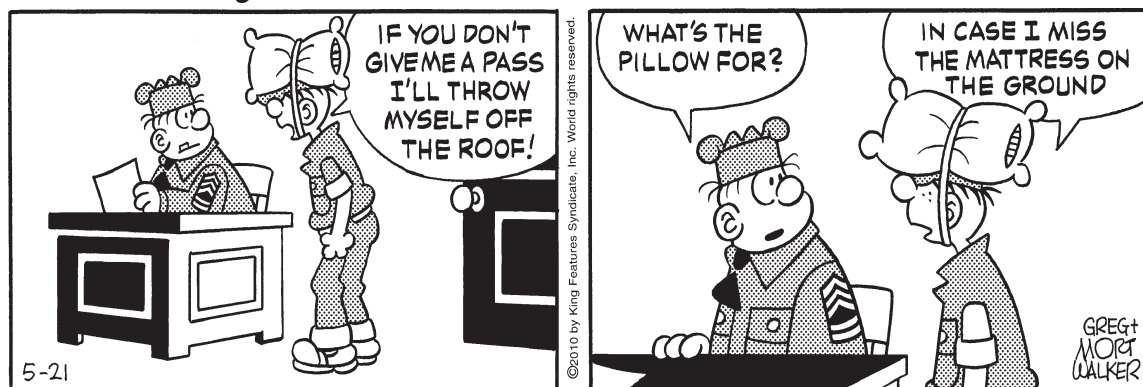


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



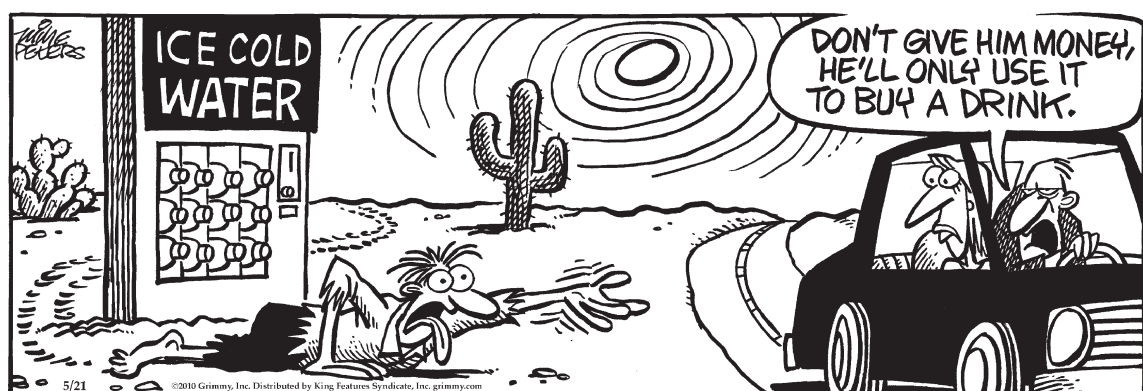
Blondie • Chic Young



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



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Heloise
• Hints from Heloise

Nifty hints streamline trips

Dear Readers: With all the traveling I do for speeches and personal appearances, you can bet I have learned some NIFTY TRAVEL HINTS through the years. So, I'd like to share a few of them that might save you time and aggravation:

- Always call ahead to the airline to make sure your flight is on time.
- Don't wait until the morning of your departure to pack!
- I use clear cosmetic and zipper bags to organize small things like health and beauty items. Because they are clear, I can see what's inside.
- Let your credit-card company know that you will be traveling, so it will not automatically flag your card for suspicious activity.
- Grab some cloth wipes to clean your feet when going through airport security and clean your hands before and after eating. — Heloise

WINDOW CLEANING

Dear Heloise: When cleaning windows, especially paned windows, use pages from an old phone book to wipe up the moisture and polish them to a shine. The ink print works just like newspaper but is much handier to use in phone-book size. — Dixie Simpson, Springfield, Mo.

A favorite recipe for window washing is to mix 1/4 cup of nonsudsing ammonia with 1 gallon of water. Put in a labeled spray bottle. Newspaper or phone-book pages are great for drying windows because they don't leave lint behind. Need more cleaning help? I have the solution with my new Heloise's Homemade Cleaning Solutions pamphlet. Just send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (61 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Cleaners, Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. And remember to NEVER mix ammonia and chlorine bleach. It could be deadly! — Heloise

AREA RUGS

Dear Heloise: I have carpeting but also like to use area rugs. However, they tend to "walk." My remedy was to take the loop side of 1-inch self-gripping fabric tape and stick it to the backside of my area rug. Only a 4- or 5-inch strip is needed. Set the rug where you want it, step on the area where you put the tape and it WILL NOT move. That left me with the smooth side of the self-gripping tape, and I hate to waste! So, I tape those pieces to the underside of TVs, microwaves, etc. I can easily slide them to one side to clean under. Also, one could adhere them to the back of furniture to keep it from hitting the wall, or stick small pieces to the bottom corners of pictures so they hang flat against the wall. — Rosalie in Houston

Rosalie, thanks for the hints. The Carpet and Rug Institute understands the purpose of the tape, but recommends getting a uniform weighted pad to go underneath an area rug. Self-gripping tape may, over time, abrade carpet fibers. — Heloise
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Bridge • Steve Becker

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts. North leads the ten of trumps, and you win South's queen with the ace. How would you play the hand?

- West: ♠K 5 4 2, ♥A J 7 6 5 3, ♦K J 6, ♣—
East: ♠7 6 3, ♥K 9 8 4 2, ♦A 10 5, ♣K Q

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Clubs. North leads the jack of diamonds, covered by the Q-K-A. How would you play the hand?

- West: ♠8, ♥A 10 7 4, ♦A 5, ♣A J 10 8 6 3
East: ♠A J 10 9 7, ♥K 9 3, ♦Q 6, ♣K Q 9

Test Your Play

1. At first glance, it seems you could lose three spades and a diamond and go down one. However, the contract is certain — regardless of how the North-South cards are divided — if you play correctly.

Enter dummy with a trump at trick two and lead the king of clubs. If South follows low, ruff the club, enter dummy with a trump and ruff the queen of clubs.

Now play a low spade. The worst that can happen is that South wins and leads a second round of spades. You play low again, and let's say South also wins the second spade. (If North wins either spade lead, he must hand you the game-going trick.)

South now finds himself endplayed in three suits. He cannot play a third spade without establishing a spade trick for you. If he returns a diamond instead, your potential diamond loser disappears, while if he leads a club, he hands you a ruff-and-discard. There is no way out, whatever South chooses to do.

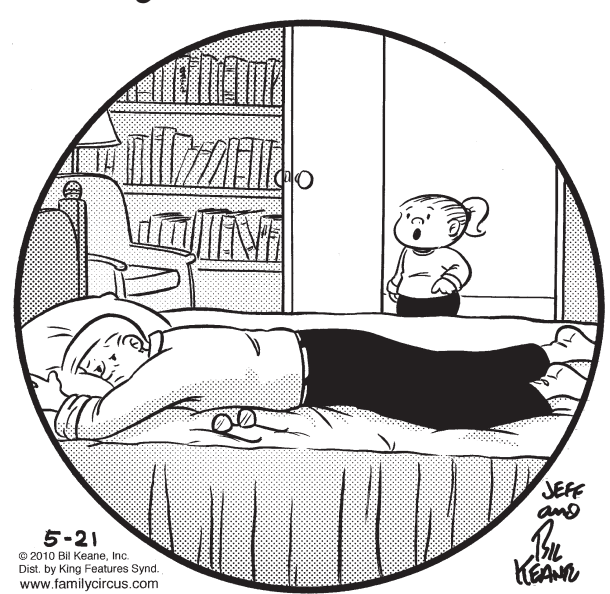
2. The best plan is to try to utilize dummy's spades, divesting yourself of the diamond loser in the process.

Draw two rounds of trumps, lead a spade to dummy's ace and continue with the spade jack. If South follows low, discard your diamond loser. Presumably, North will win the spade with the queen or king and return a diamond. Ruff it, cross to dummy with a trump and lead the ten of spades. If South has the missing spade honor, you are home, because you intend to discard a heart (and another heart on a subsequent spade) if he follows low, or ruff if he plays high.

This approach produces 12 tricks whenever South has either one or both missing spade honors, which will occur about 75 percent of the time. Of course, if South produces the king or queen of spades when you lead dummy's jack at trick five, you ruff it, return to dummy with a trump and play the ten of spades, discarding your diamond if South plays low, and again the contract is assured.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Daddy, are you feelin' under the weather or over the weather?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

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

Cryptoquip

KSQZV PLV HOJ ZICVTSNQ

H N K A I O C V O E J N

CNONPLIQVO, LV PVQTVT PI

YKV N EIP IA OYQQSQF FNFK.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AFTER CUTTING MY VERY FIRST TREE, THE LOGGING COMPANY'S FOREMAN GAVE ME HIS STUMP OF APPROVAL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals H

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Piano man
6 Legislation
9 Spotted, a la Tweety
12 Mountain crest
13 Essen exclama- tion
14 Mound stat
15 Gyro holders
16 Self-res- urrecting bird
18 Frail
20 Sit for a shot
21 Crony
23 Dundee denial
24 Tablecloth material
25 Rainbow
27 Perfect
29 Church bellringer
31 Nincom- poop
35 Angler's gear
37 Al or Tipper
38 Cut into cubes
41 Evergreen type

DOWN

1 Astaire specialty
2 Spoon- bender Geller
3 Block- buster alternative
4 Handy pc. of Latin
5 Varnish ingredient
6 Expired rock
7 Needing limiment
8 Personal question in New Jersey
9 Mortise's partner
10 Get up
11 Pallid
17 Literary ending
19 Locale for many Stephen King tales
21 Greek conso- nants
22 Exist "7 Faces of Dr. —"
24 Frequent Oscar nominee
28 Ford flop
30 U.K. ref. bk.
32 Army installation in New Jersey
33 Coffee vessel
34 Vast expanse
36 Bobcats
38 Evade
39 Construc- tion piece
40 Dorm dwellers, often
42 Common Halloween costume
45 Green land
46 Paddock papa
48 Spread seeds
50 Copper head?
51 1960s hallucino- gen

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 5-21

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