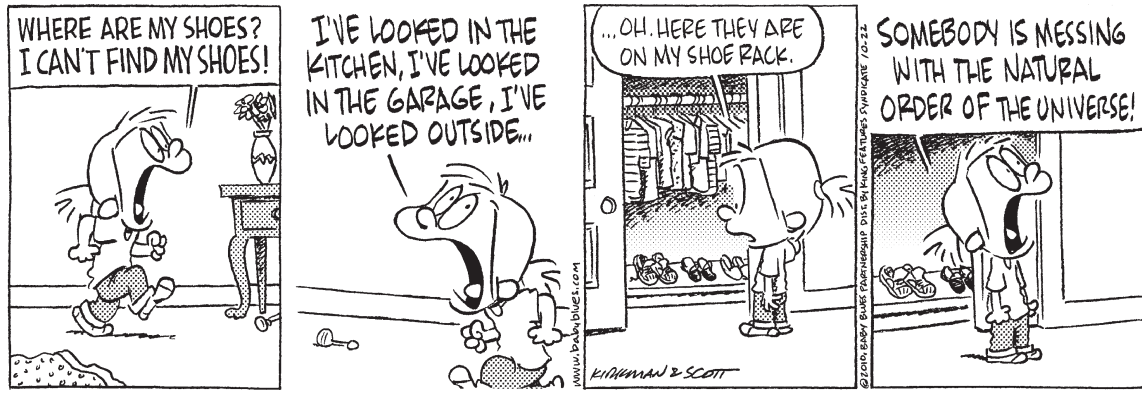


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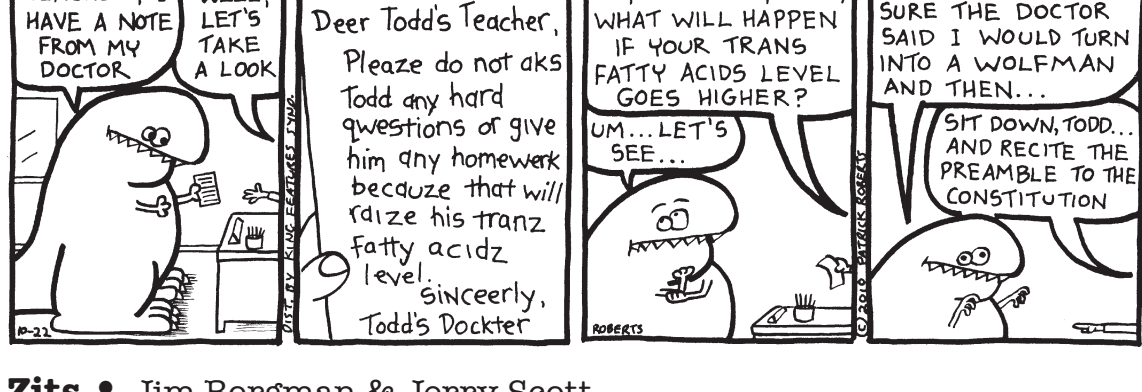
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Plan layout for photo display

Dear Heloise: I have 50-plus years of PHOTOGRAPHS. Some are in albums, others in boxes. I had two bare walls in the hallway and decided to "dress them up."

On the first wall, I tacked up interlocking 12-by-12-inch ceiling tiles, cut some wood, painted it and made a frame. I used pushpins to fasten the photos onto the tiles. On some of them I put scrapbook borders around, and some have the names/dates on them, using self-stick letters/numbers. I also glued on rickrack or ribbon, and on others I used stickers.

I was so pleased with the finished product, I decided to do the other wall. For the second wall, I bought a piece of poster board, tacked it onto the wall, used some pre-mitered wood and made the frame. This one was much easier to install. The kids love finding their pictures (at varying ages), and also Grandma and Grandpa when they were younger. — Barbara in Texas

Barbara, we love your easy way to display family photos and fun pictures. I did this in one of our hallways, and everyone, even guests, had a good time looking at the photos. — Heloise

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LAUNDRY HELPER

Dear Heloise: I'm surprised I made it 30-something years without learning this: You should always shake out your clothes when you remove them from the washer and put them in the dryer. It helps to untwist and unbunch them, reduces drying time and, best of all, reduces wrinkles. I've especially noticed that when I do this, my jeans don't wrinkle as much, and my sheets don't get rolled up as much. — Penny, via e-mail

HANDY HANDKERCHIEFS

Dear Heloise: If you're a woman who prefers handkerchiefs to tissues, you know they're darned hard to find — and usually cost too much. I finally decided to take the dozen or so bandanas I had and cut them into squares.

They're soft and just the right size, and come in a wide variety of colors. They're inexpensive, too. Why even hem them? — Donna, via e-mail

COFFEE FILTERS

Dear Heloise: Keep a stack of round, disposable coffee filters near the microwave. Flattened, they're the perfect shape to cover food on plates and in small bowls. They also absorb moisture and are very inexpensive. — M.S. in Wisconsin

EASY REMOVE

Dear Heloise: I was trying to remove rosemary stems from a long decanter. My husband got his mechanic's tool grabber, and stuck it down the long, thin neck, then retracted it, and out came the rosemary. My decanter was saved. From then on, I have one in my kitchen all the time just for this. — Jeannie in Washington

RECYCLE

Dear Heloise: Here is a hint on broken clay pots: I put broken pieces of terra cotta in the bottom of new pots to help hold the moisture in. Don't cover the drain hole or pack too tightly. Cover with soil and insert the new plant. It works wonders here in Texas. — Jessie in Texas

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Bridge • Steve Becker

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has gone:

North East South West
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♦ Pass
2 NT Pass ?

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?
1. ♠ KQ4 ♥ KJ ♦ AQ942 ♣ QJ3
2. ♠ Q84 ♥ K ♦ AK9763 ♣ 752
3. ♠ 7 ♥ 95 ♦ KQ86432 ♣ KJ4
4. ♠ 4 ♥ Q85 ♦ KQ752 ♣ AQ93

Bidding Quiz

1. Four notrump. This is invitational to a slam in notrump and has nothing to do with Blackwood because no suit has been agreed upon. Partner is simply being invited to bid again with maximum values. With a minimum, he should pass.

2. Three notrump. Once the meaning of two notrump is understood, the raise to three becomes automatic. On top of the likelihood of 25 or 26 high-card points in the two hands, there is the strong possibility of making five or six diamond tricks. This should make collecting nine tricks a relatively easy task.

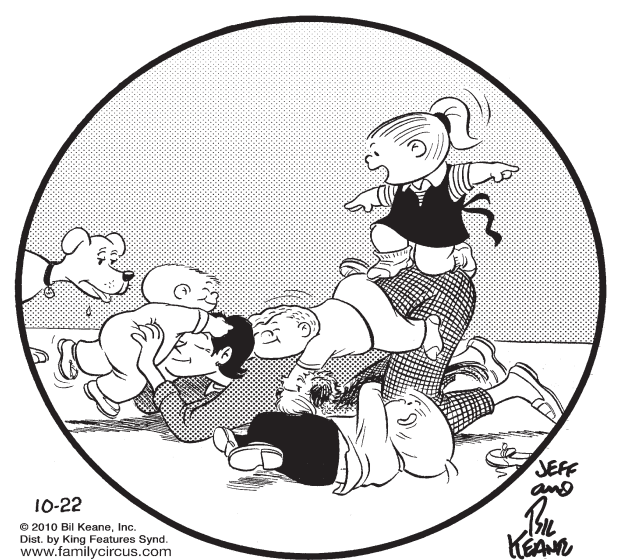
3. Three diamonds. Here you warn partner that your two-diamond bid was not up to the usual standard of 10 or more points in high cards. Three diamonds is a weak bid urging partner to pass. If he bids again, it is at his own peril.

4. Three hearts. The support for partner's suit should be shown at this point, as it is more important to tell partner of the heart fit than it is to show your clubs or raise to three notrump. Aiming at a 10-trick heart game takes precedence over an 11-trick minor-suit game or even a nine-trick notrump game.

Three hearts in this sequence is forcing. To play otherwise could cause you to end up in a partscore when you should be in game, or to miss a slam because you did not leave enough room for further exploration.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

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

Cryptoquip

VTRS KFERFSR KIPARK Z

GPRAR FD DUNPO ZSH OTRS

KZEGIRK PO, P VFNH

AZII PO ANO-ZSH-OUPRH.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE A BUNCH OF ELKS WERE FORCIBLY TAKEN BY THE FELON, I WOULD SAY THEY WERE COMMAN-DEERED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
1 Height of fashion?
4 Author Stoker
8 Earthenware pot
12 "The Greatest"
13 Tiny bit
14 Tire (out)
15 Church VIP
17 Relaxation
18 Big bothers
19 Draw conclusions
20 The fifth element
22 Portend
24 First victim
25 Reeve role
29 Parcel of land
30 Paycheck extra
- DOWN**
31 Anger
32 Final courses
34 Fit of peevishness
35 Dregs
36 Lummoxes
37 Started
40 Close
41 Eager
42 Vitamins' partners
46 Longtime
47 Cupid's alias
48 NAFTA member
49 Otherwise
50 Arrests
51 Carpet
- 21** Reed instrument
22 Battered tactics
23 Piece of work
25 Aching
26 Labyrinth beast
27 Desert-like
28 Profits
30 Existed
33 Gunk
34 Speak unclearly
36 Kasparov's game
37 Prepare a casserole
38 Satan's specialty
39 Traps
40 Uppity one
42 "Two and a Half —"
43 Playwright Levin
44 Baton Rouge sch.
45 Droop

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 10-22

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15			16					17		
		18					19			
20	21				22	23				
24				25				26	27	28
29				30				31		
32			33					34		
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49				50					51	