## **Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

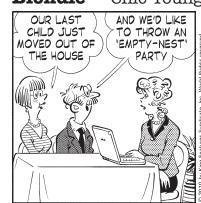


## Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker





#### **Blondie** • Chic Young







#### Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne

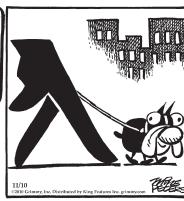




#### **Mother Goose and Grimm** • Mike Peters







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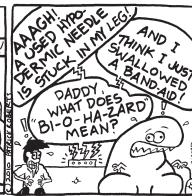




## Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts





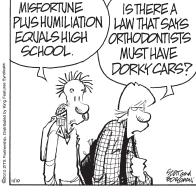


**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



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## Heloise

Hints from Heloise

# Don't forget what's in purse

Dear Heloise: I read the hint (from a reader -Heloise) about carrying a plastic bag to use for LEFTOVERS into a restaurant instead of using the carryout containers. This made me laugh, as it brought back memories.

Years ago, my daughter (a new mom), her infant and I went out to eat. It was a buffet, and I had just gotten seconds when the baby started to fuss and my daughter insisted we leave. The sign at the buffet said, "Take all you want but please eat what you take." I looked at my plate, seeing several slices of beef, and felt embarrassed to leave the food. I happened to have a baggie in my purse, and I put the beef in my purse.

Several days later, I was at church, looking all around to see if I could find someone who had taken off his or her shoes, or someone with bad hygiene, or whatever could be that smell. I finally figured out that it was ME! I had forgotten the beef in my purse. - Embarrassed in Indiana

We got a laugh from your letter - thanks for writing! I guess the hint here is to be careful what leftovers you take home, and don't forget them in your purse or auto! - Heloise

#### POPCORN POPPING

Dear Heloise: Here is a hint for more even microwave-popcorn popping: In small or medium-size microwave ovens, the square corners of the oblong popcorn bag can get snagged on the oven's sides and stop rotating. Simply turn up Difficulty Level \*\* all four corners of the bag before placing it on the turntable, and the bag will spin freely to assure more even popping. - Doug R., Hollywood Beach, Calif.

Doug, all of the microwaves we checked are pretty good-sized, but there may be some small microwaves out there. - Heloise

#### **DRIED GINGER**

Dear Heloise: I drink ginger tea, but the pieces of ginger often get dried up. So I slice the fresh ginger pieces and freeze them. They keep well. I also grate lemon, lime and orange peel and freeze in small glass containers. - Maxine Pogreba in

## **CLEANING GREASE OFF STOVE PARTS**

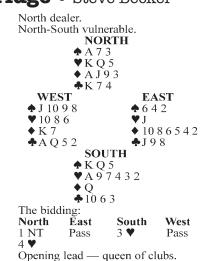
Dear Heloise: When I used to clean government apartments, I cleaned the stoves, and sometimes they would be covered in grease and food stains. I would put stove parts in large, dark plastic garbage bags, then pour cheap ammonia (1/2 to 1 E S G C I cup - Heloise) in the bags. I tied the bags tight (put them in a well-ventilated area, away from pets and children - Heloise). The next night, I just rinsed the items off in hot water. The stuff would just slide off! - Marilyn Hudson in Elizabethtown, Ky.

## FRESH-TASTING COFFEE

Dear Heloise: To keep brewed coffee freshtasting, I always put a pinch of salt in the coffee before brewing. It will never have a bitter taste. This was my mother's recipe. – Hylda Wilson in Florida

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## Bridge • Steve Becker



## A Dream Hand

Dear Mr. Becker: It is a long time since I wrote you, but you may recall that on several past occasions I have sent you hands to fortify my contention that I am the greatest bridge player 19 in the world!

It is true that my name is not inscribed on any trophies emblematic of national or world supremacy, but it is nonetheless a fact that there is no player on Earth who can equal my extraordinary feats at the bridge table. The only trouble is that all of my spectacular bids and plays occur only while I am asleep, the plain, unvarnished truth being that when I am wide-awake, I am a very ordinary and erratic player.

As proof of my prowess while I am at rest in the Land of Nod, I offer this hand that I played just last night. I was West and was on lead against four hearts. It is hard to imagine any way of defeating that

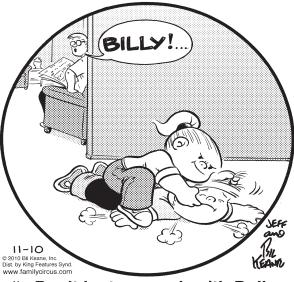
contract, but I accomplished the feat without even batting an eyelash. I did not fall into the natural trap of leading the jack of spades initially, as I'm sure most players would have done. Instead, I led the queen of clubs! Now imagine, if you will, being in declarer's

shoes at this moment. He of course thought I was leading from the Q-J, so he played low from dummy. When I then led the deuce at trick two, he ducked again, reasoning that with the ten in his own hand East would be forced to win the trick with the ace. But my partner won with the jack and returned a club to my ace. I now administered the coup de grace by lead-

ing the five of clubs. South discarded a diamond from dummy, and my partner, bless him, trumped the club with the jack. As a result, declarer had to lose a trump trick and so went down one. Cordially yours, Constant Reader.

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### Family Circus • Bil Keane



"...Don't be too rough with Dolly, remember she's just your little sister!"

## Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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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.

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## Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHY DO I COGITATE ON NOMADIC BEHAVIOR SO MUCH? YES, I SUPPOSE I'VE BEEN PONDERING WANDERING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals P

## **Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

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