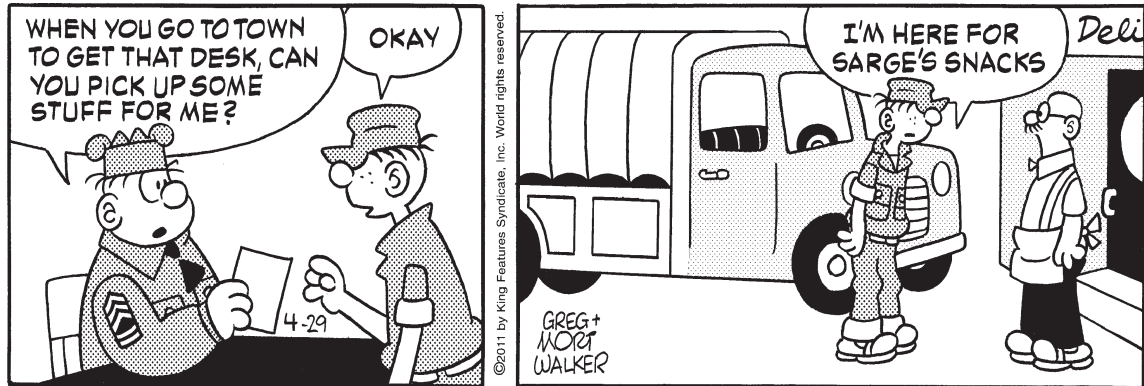


**Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



**Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



**Blondie** • Chic Young



**Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne



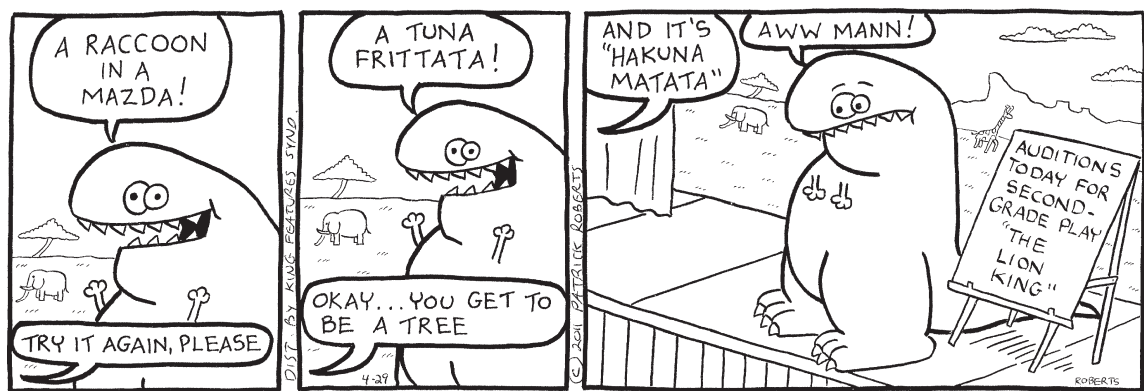
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**Sally Forth** • Greg Howard



**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Heloise**

• Hints from Heloise

**Keep theme park fun, safe with tip**

Dear Heloise: I recently visited a large THEME PARK with my husband and two children, AGES 2 and 4. Several friends and family members had tips about how to keep my children safe. This is my favorite:

Discuss with children what to do if they become separated from parents. I told my children that if they couldn't see me, they should stay where they are. I will find them; they should not try to find me.

We did not have any incidents, but I certainly felt better knowing that this base was covered! — Nancy Turbyfill, Decatur, Ala.

Nancy, glad you all had a nice time. Here are some more helpful hints for an enjoyable good time at a theme park:

- Take a digital photo of everyone before you enter the park so you will have one if needed.
- Don't buy souvenirs as soon as you see them! Remember, you will have to haul them around all day, or someone will have to take them to the car. The best time to buy souvenirs is on your way out; you only have to carry them to the car.
- Take along an empty bottle to refill for water. Or, some parks offer color-coded cups to refill at a discount for the current season.
- Eat lunch either early or late to avoid long food lines, and you'll have a better chance at riding the rides, because those lines aren't as long during the lunch break. — Heloise

**SEND A GREAT HINT TO:**

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**TRAVEL HINT**

Dear Heloise: My husband and I travel and like to purchase souvenirs from the places we go. I have learned a very inexpensive way to do this. I don't buy the souvenirs in tourist traps; instead, I find them at thrift stores, garage sales, etc.

Last year I went to Tuscany, Italy, and found a beautiful little plate at a thrift store for a dollar that simply said "Tuscany." You just never know where or when you'll find that treasure, and it's fun to search. — Sue in Keizer, Ore.

**IDENTITY-THEFT PREVENTION**

Dear Heloise: Due to identity theft, I have been shredding financial information I no longer need. One thing I noticed is the labels on prescription bags, which have my name, address, phone number, insurance, etc. Due to the adhesive on the labels, I cut them into thin pieces with scissors before discarding them because these labels may jam a shredder. — Kelly S., Hagerstown, Md.

You may not need to spend time cutting them up. I tested three different shredders in our office, and none of them jammed. — Heloise

**SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER BOTTLES**

Dear Heloise: My shampoo and conditioner bottles are the same except for the small print on the bottom of the label. I don't wear glasses in the shower, so I put an old hair tie on the shampoo for easy ID. — Cathy M., Lanoka Harbor, N.J.

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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
?			

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?  
1. ♠ KQ82 ♥ AK ♦ J3 ♣ KQ976  
2. ♠ KQ964 ♥ Q7 ♦ A ♣ AQ982  
3. ♠ AK53 ♥ Q102 ♦ 10 ♣ AKJ74  
4. ♠ AQJ2 ♥ — ♦ A964 ♣ KQJ43

**Bidding Quiz**

1. Two notrump. Partner's one-notrump rebid over one spade can range from a poor hand of six or seven points without spade or club support to a fairly good hand with up to 10 points. By raising partner to two notrump, you indicate a hand containing 16 to 18 high-card points and invite him to carry on to three notrump if he is in the upper half of his range.

2. Three spades. With 17 high-card points and two attractive five-card suits, you should express your game prospects very strongly. The jump-rebid in spades describes your high-card strength and distribution simultaneously. By rebidding your spades, you show five cards in that suit. Partner can thus infer that you also have at least five clubs, since you would not have opened one club with fewer clubs than spades.

3. Three hearts. You should press hard for game despite your three-card trump support. A two-heart bid would be proper if you had slightly less; as it is, though, you can show your actual values with a three-heart bid. Partner then can retreat to three notrump (or pass with an absolute minimum) if he has only four hearts, or continue on to game in hearts if he has five of them.

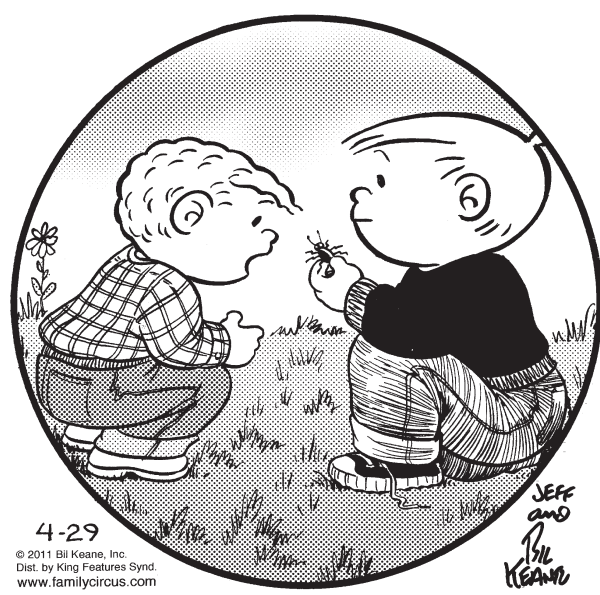
A raise to two notrump would conceal your heart support and would also fail to pinpoint your singleton diamond.

4. Two diamonds. Your diamonds certainly are not hefty, but the situation calls for identification of your distribution. Partner should now read you for precisely 4-0-4-5 distribution and should be able to make the appropriate decision at this point.

You should not jump-rebid here because, after partner's one-heart response, there is a distinct possibility that no satisfactory trump fit exists, in which case there might be no game in the hand. At the same time, the fact that you have elected to bid all three suits implies that you have a very good hand and are interested in more than just a partscore.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



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**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

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

**Cryptoquip**

BNASN SMLVFAFX ZLZZAUF

BUF'K GUTJ OVOG HTK TH

V OAX RTZZ VOUTK? KNL

OVKN UR MLVZK JLZAZKVFSL.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I THINK THAT A BOXER'S FIRM ONE-TWO PUNCH WOULD PERHAPS BE AN EXAMPLE OF A DOUBLE-DECKER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals U

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

- |                           |                          |                         |                               |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>             | <b>DOWN</b>              | <b>DOWN</b>             | <b>DOWN</b>                   |
| 1 "Six-pack" muscles      | 36 High-quality          | 1 Verdi opera           | 20 Transmit in a way          |
| 4 Somewhere out there     | 37 Fluorescent trademark | 2 Lingerie buys         | 23 Ganges attire              |
| 8 Snare                   | 39 "Eureka!"             | 3 Puts into words       | 24 Prudish                    |
| 12 A Gershwin brother     | 40 "—"                   | 4 Hotel lobby, perhaps  | 25 Wile E.'s supplier         |
| 13 Albacore, e.g.         | 41 Operatic voices       | 5 Gas, oil, etc.        | 26 Wasted no time             |
| 14 Apiece                 | 45 Kill bills            | 6 Literary collection   | 27 Neighborhood               |
| 15 Reverie                | 48 9-to-5                | 7 Fast time             | 28 Hinge (on)                 |
| 17 Tool storage structure | 50 A long time           | 8 Irritable             | 29 Cowboy nickname            |
| 18 Bombard                | 51 Massachusetts motto   | 9 "Go, team!"           | 32 As specified               |
| 19 Fore's opposite        | 52 Caesar's "I love"     | 10 Dogfight participant | 33 Impudent                   |
| 21 Greek consonants       | 53 Protuberance          | 11 Advanced deg.        | 35 Winter ailment             |
| 22 Mas-seuse's workplace  | 54 Colonial sewer        | 16 Hamlet's countrymen  | 36 Aspects                    |
| 26 Seraglio group         | 55 Kitten's comment      |                         | 38 Gaggles member             |
| 29 April payment          |                          |                         | 39 Bottomless pit             |
| 30 Joan of —              |                          |                         | 42 Thailand, once             |
| 31 Enrages                |                          |                         | 43 "All —"                    |
| 32 X rating?              |                          |                         | 44 Pack cargo                 |
| 33 Fedora feature         |                          |                         | 45 Vehicle with sliding doors |
| 34 Conger or moray        |                          |                         | 46 Id counterpart             |
| 35 Crafty one             |                          |                         | 47 Nugget of rock             |
|                           |                          |                         | 49 "I'll take that as —"      |

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 4-29

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		
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