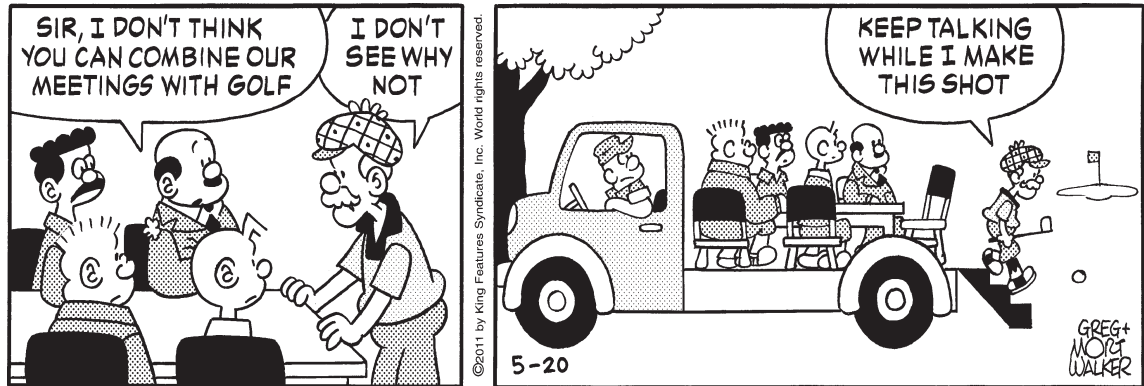


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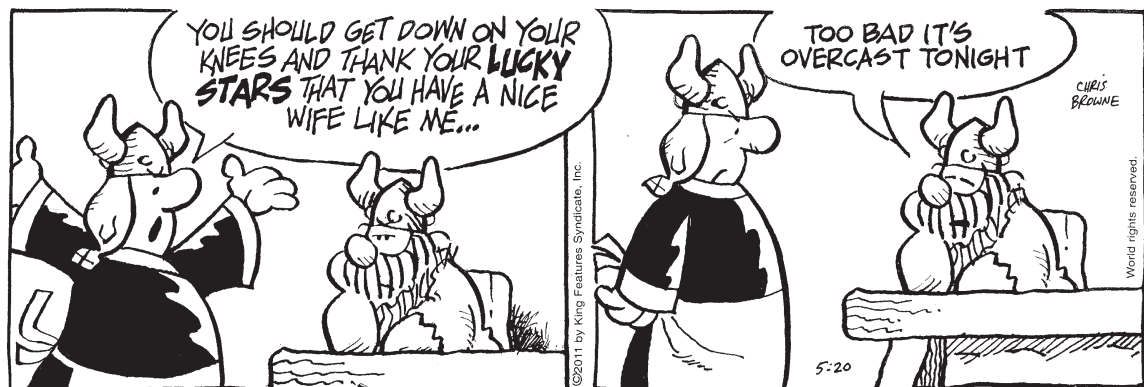
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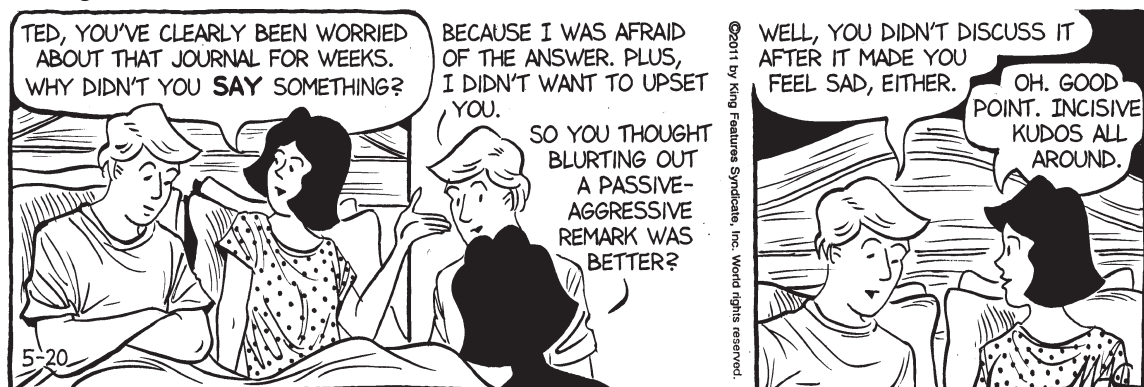
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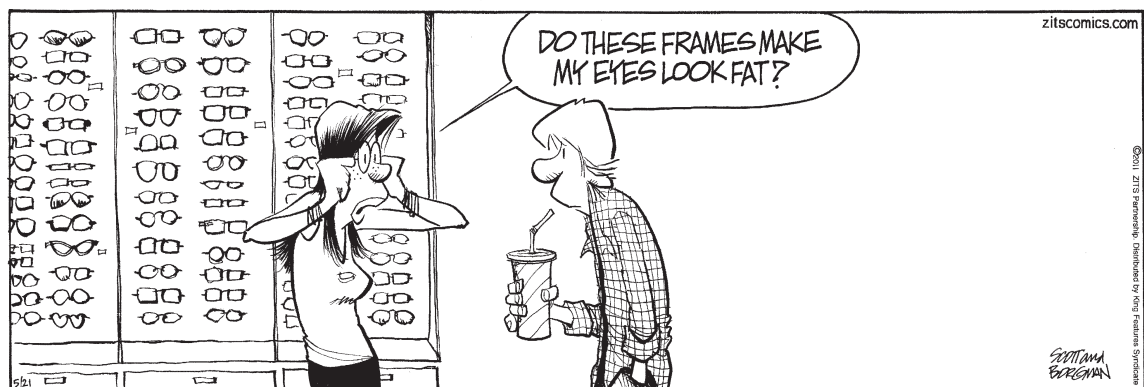
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Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Soda, ammonia fix oil leak stain

Dear Heloise: I love your hints I read in The Hutchinson (Kan.) News. My husband has a request. Our van had an OIL LEAK and made a spot on the driveway. Please tell us how to get it off. Our driveway is cement. — Ray and Velda U., Moundridge, Kan.

I sure can try, but it depends on how long that stain has been there. For old stains, there are commercial cleaners available at home-improvement or automotive-supply stores. For a cheaper alternative, you can make a baking-soda-and-ammonia paste, apply, scrub into the stain, rinse and repeat as needed. Baking soda to the rescue, and it's eco-friendly for the outdoors! For more money-saving hints using baking soda, you can order my pamphlet. Just send \$5 and a long, stamped (64 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Heloise/Baking Soda, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Another hint: Keep a box of baking soda in your car in case of a fire! — Heloise

P.S.: Say "hi" to my friends in Hutchinson! I enjoyed my visit there a while back!

MOVIE DISTRACTIONS

Dear Heloise: I find it rude and distracting when moviegoers check their cellphone messages or wear earphones while in the theater. Light sources from phones and appliances flash brightly in the darkness. I see every flash of light from the people below me, and find this terribly distracting, especially when it's constant. I pay a lot of money to watch movies, and I expect to be able to enjoy them without being disturbed. If they are connected to their cellphones like an umbilical cord, they should rent a movie and just stay home. — Had It in Hawaii

NO SLIP

Dear Heloise: My mother was in an assisted-living facility, she was very afraid to take showers for fear of slipping and falling.

I found that a pair of rubber garden clogs was the answer. She could just slip her feet into them when entering the shower and leave them there when done. They can be purchased in most garden centers in bright colors and for only around \$5 or so. We found she showered more frequently and was thankful to have the clogs. — Betsy in New Jersey

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: Another way to carry your jewelry with you when you travel is to buy a small fisherman's lure box. The smaller compartments are just the right size for a pair of earrings or a ring. The larger compartments are great for necklaces or bracelets. Plus, the sturdiness of the plastic keeps your jewelry safe from crushing. — Peggy, via email

EASY PROTECTION

Dear Heloise: I have a hint for protecting one's candy thermometer. I have an old turkey baster that has lost its oomph, so I slide my candy thermometer into the tube part and pop the bulb on to keep it from getting broken in my utensil drawer. — Sharon from Schertz, Texas

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Bridge • Steve Becker

Your right-hand opponent opens with One Notrump, both sides vulnerable. What would you bid with each of the following five hands?

- ♠ KJ954 ♥ 7 ♦ A982 ♣ KJ6
- ♠ AJ9 ♥ AQ85 ♦ KJ7 ♣ Q98
- ♠ AJ10983 ♥ 4 ♦ 10 ♣ AQ983
- ♠ A976 ♥ KQJ983 ♦ 6 ♣ AJ
- ♠ AQ82 ♥ 3 ♦ KJ94 ♣ AJ87

Bidding Quiz

1. Pass. It is much too dangerous to bid two spades with such a flimsy suit and only 12 high-card points against an opponent who has 15 to 17 (or 16 to 18) points and scattered high-card strength. You could suffer a huge penalty if the next player had some spade length and most of the missing high cards. A double of one notrump would be equally risky because you can't be sure of setting the contract, and because partner might remove the double to two hearts.

2. Double. With an opening notrump bid of your own and your high cards well-situated behind the opening bidder's high cards, you double for penalties (the double of an opening notrump bid is not for takeout). There are not many honor cards left for the next two players, and you hope that partner has his share of them. If partner bids two of any suit, which he might do with a weak hand and a long suit, you should pass, since there is almost no chance for game.

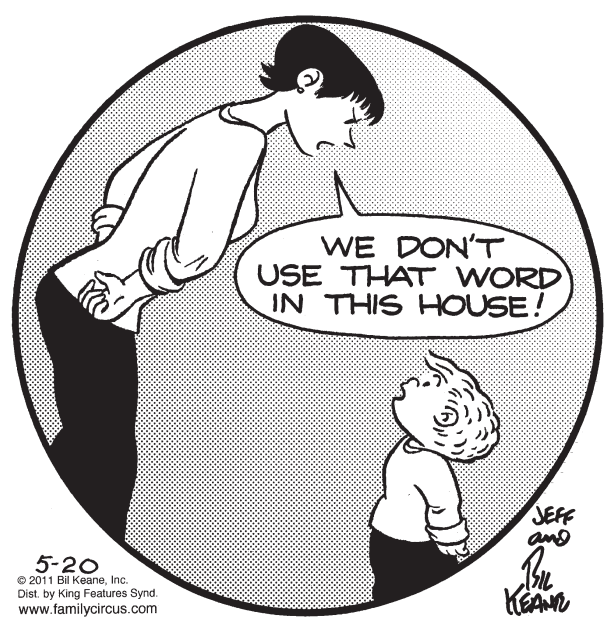
3. Two spades. Though you have only 11 high-card points, your 6-5 distribution and strong suits more than compensate for your lack of honor cards; indeed, a game is well within the realm of possibility. A suit bid over one notrump implies a good suit and reasonable safety, both of which you have.

4. Double. Here you have a genuine choice between bidding two hearts or doubling, but there are two factors that favor the double. First, if everyone passes, you have an extremely effective lead against one notrump doubled. Second, if partner pulls the double to two of a minor suit, you can then bid two hearts.

5. Pass. Again the safety principle applies, as in the first hand. Sometimes you have to pass as a matter of prudence, even though inaction might result in missing your theoretically best contract. While you might feel that your side can make a partscore in one of your three suits, the fact remains that there's no safe way to explore that possibility. The chance of making a game is remote, and it doesn't make much sense to risk a large penalty when only a partscore is at stake.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Whose house do we use it in?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 5/20

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.

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

Cryptoquip

WI MJLWIA MD QNIBZR N ERJL

BJRNBKTZ OJWFWF, RWIFMRWI

ODIFWBRJRB MQR AJNEWML

D K MQR F W M T N M W D I .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THE CARPENTER BANGED HIS THUMB WHILE POUNDING A NAIL, I THINK HE GOT A HAMMERHEAD SHOCK.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- Cap feature
 - Sternward
 - Scratch
 - Small egg
 - Greet the villain
 - Kimono closer
 - Ohio city
 - Alternative to a convertible
 - Medico
 - Hebrew month
 - Squeezing snake
 - Opposite of vert.
 - Roundish
 - Baldwin of "30 Rock"
 - Tolerate
 - Found yet another owner
 - Time
 - Aromatic mint herb
- DOWN**
- Populi
 - "Got a Secret"
 - Malt shop
 - Hodge-podge
 - Get to
 - Soak up
 - Tea
 - Attempts
 - Noshed
 - Expert
 - Tequila source
 - Superman foe
 - Luthor
 - Rocky peak
 - Watch brand
 - verse
 - Network that suffers during sweeps week?
 - Cay
 - Computer hookup
 - Tea
 - Old timer?
 - Huge weight
 - Bread
 - Approximately
 - Weapon
 - Show causers?
 - Prohibit
 - Bullring
 - Opposite
 - Similar compound
 - metabolism
 - Way
 - Wing
 - Oil of roses
 - Mexican tree
 - Therefore
 - Have
 - Down
 - Leading lady
 - Driver's license datum
- Solution time: 25 mins.**
- Yesterday's answer 5-20

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12					13			14			
15					16			17			
	18			19				20			
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