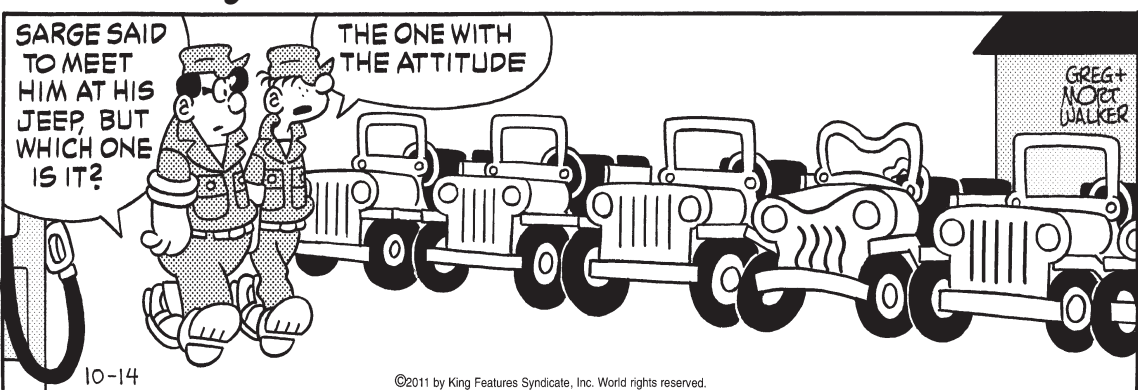


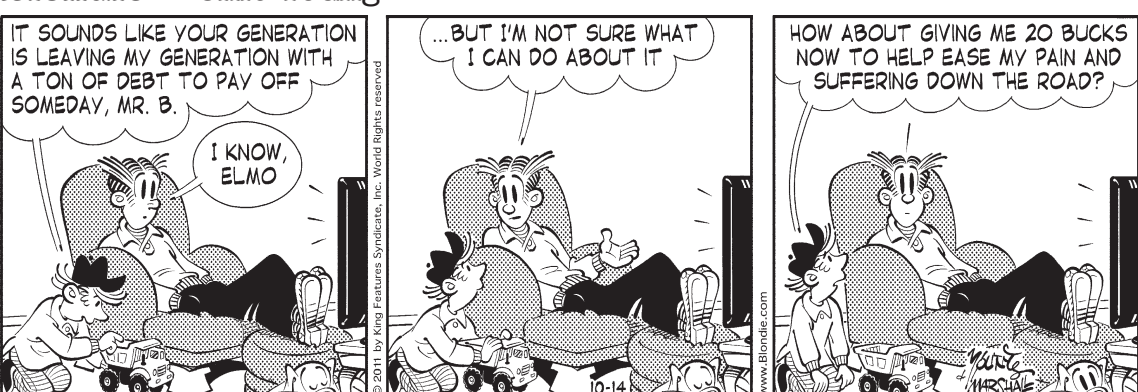
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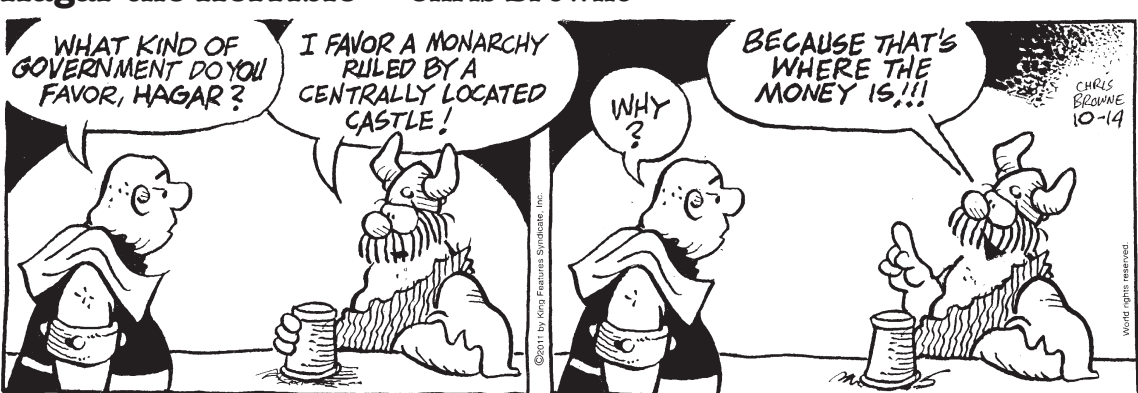
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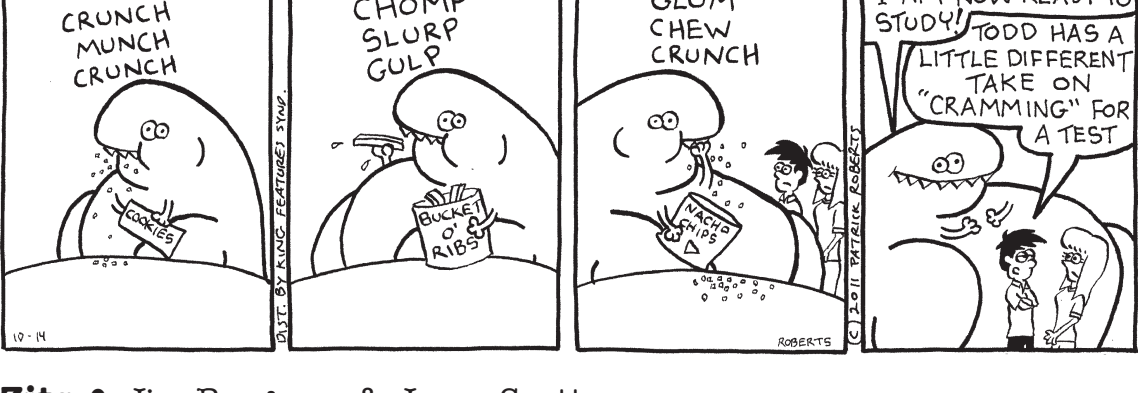
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**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Heloise**

• Hints from Heloise

**Keep disposal running along**

Dear Heloise: I have a perfectly good GARBAGE DISPOSAL, which I use faithfully! However, my question is, How long do I let it run?

People have told me to wait until it stops "churning," but it seems to me that it keeps on making a noise. I'm always afraid I won't get all the garbage churned up - help! - Barbara in New Braunfels, Texas

Barbara, the best way to tell when to turn off the disposal is when the ONLY thing you hear is the motor. Turn off the disposal, and continue to run the water for about 30 seconds to flush the food through the plumbing system.

Here are some other hints about using the garbage disposal:

- Only run COLD water when using it.
- DO NOT put grease down the disposal! Put it in a can or bottle and throw it away in the trash.
- Feed food in SLOWLY to avoid jamming.
- Bad odors can signal food-particle buildup.

Place the stopper in the sink and mix 1/2 cup of baking soda with a full sink of water. Flip the disposal on and pull the stopper to really whoosh the water through the system for a good cleaning.

Baking soda is a workhorse in the kitchen and around the home. I have put together a pamphlet of my favorite uses for baking soda. If you would like to receive one, please send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (64 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Baking Soda, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Sprinkle some baking soda in your shoes when not wearing to help keep foot odors at bay. - Heloise

**CAREFUL CLEANING**

Dear Heloise: We use tear-free baby shampoo when we wash our pets' heads. Although we make an effort to avoid getting it in their eyes, we feel better knowing that if it does, it won't hurt. It rinses away easily and leaves the dogs smelling clean and fresh.

We bathe the rest of their bodies in regular dog shampoo. Thank you for your wonderful hints! - Jeanne, Dayton, Ohio

**SCRAPBOOK HINTS**

Dear Heloise: I am getting back to scrapbooking and would like to share some hints:

- When I have an event or a trip, I make the first picture that of the event location: the outside of the building, restaurant, park, etc.
- If there are gifts, take pictures of the wrapped gifts, either separately or in a pile, to use as "stickers" when you do your layout.
- And the one I so often forget: Hand the camera to someone else and get in the pictures! - Patty in Nebraska

**NO-FRAY FLAG**

Dear Heloise: In response to Eraikay in Texas: To prevent flags from fraying, before mounting the flag, put a small amount of household glue on both sides of the edges only. Let dry, then mount. It works! - Allan in Delray Beach, Fla.

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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

**You are South**, and the bidding has gone:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	?	

**What would you bid now** with each of the following five hands?

- ♠ Q84 ♥ K942 ♦ K75 ♣ 963
- ♠ 963 ♥ K942 ♦ K75 ♣ Q84
- ♠ 62 ♥ K942 ♦ 862 ♣ KQ96
- ♠ 743 ♥ K942 ♦ A3 ♣ Q974
- ♠ Q105 ♥ KQ8 ♦ QJ74 ♣ 872

**Bidding Quiz**

1. Three hearts. First, let's consider the meaning of partner's three-club bid. He presumably is trying to get to game (or possibly a slam), has some length in clubs and wants to know whether you have a minimum or a maximum for your raise to two hearts. The normal range for that bid is six to 10 points, and it's now up to you to indicate more precisely how good or bad your raise was.

Here, with eight high-card points but no distributional values, you are in the middle of the range. The deciding factor is that you have no help for partner in clubs, so you sign off by retreating to three hearts.

2. Four hearts. The difference between this hand and the preceding one is that here you have the queen of clubs instead of the queen of spades. The club queen is almost certain to be useful to partner, and you might miss a sound game if you bid only three hearts and partner passed.

3. Four clubs. You have the wherewithal for a jump to four hearts, but it is better to pinpoint your actual values by raising clubs. This might enable partner to bid a slam with a hand such as: [S] 5 [H] AQ10753 [D] AK [C] AJ84

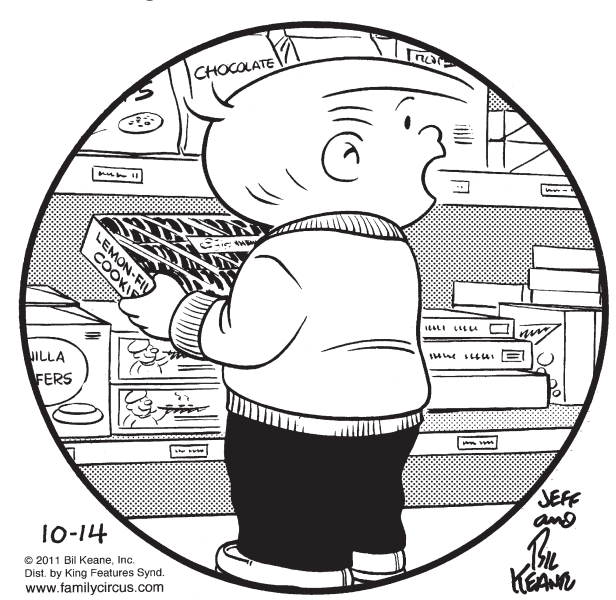
4. Three diamonds. All three of your high cards are "working," so your hand is now worth far more than it was when you initially bid two hearts.

As before, the queen of clubs has grown from a card of indeterminate value to a card that's worth three or four points, so you can now count your hand as being worth about 12 points. To let partner know that you have accepted his invitation to game and could be interested in even more, you cuebid the ace of diamonds on the way to four hearts. You hope this will help partner get to slam if he is so inclined.

5. Three notrump. Here you accept partner's invitation by bidding three notrump, indicating a balanced maximum with only three-card trump support and scattered values. Partner can, of course, retreat to four hearts if he prefers a suit contract, but at the same time your bid suggests the possibility that notrump might work out best.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



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"How much should three rows of cookies cost?"

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

**Cryptoquip**

CMZZ-TVJCV IJI LQG CLJAM

ZXWQDA DJVDMWV B HMWX

EBOJNA ONAMNO QV IBWQA:

"GLM ZJJT JE ZJNHWM."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HELPING MY PARTNER IN THAT ROBBERY HAS LEFT ME FEELING A GREAT SENSE OF ACCOMPLICE-MENT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals L

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

- |                             |                              |                       |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>               | <b>DOWN</b>                  | <b>DOWN</b>           | <b>DOWN</b>                  |
| 1 Cleo's slayer             | 39 Whatever number           | 1 Helper jobs         | 23 Between jobs              |
| 4 Not many                  | 40 Pie ingredient?           | 2 Any minute          | 24 Gotta have                |
| 8 Manufactured              | 41 Praying bug               | 3 Cougar              | 25 "Hand-some ..."           |
| 12 Debtor's letters         | 45 "— and Circumstance"      | 4 Son of Aphrodite    | 26 Musical combo             |
| 13 Continental coin         | 48 "The Two Mrs. Grenvilles" | 5 Gas, oil, et al.    | 27 Sand-wich                 |
| 14 Teen's skin woe          | 6 Before 9-to-5              | 6 Before period, e.g. | 28 Particular                |
| 15 Tyrannize                | 7 9-to-5 author              | 8 Sir's counterpart   | 29 Cudgel                    |
| 17 "Let's Make a —"         | 50 Actress Falco             | 9 Expert evidence     | 32 Farewell address?         |
| 18 Tooth coating            | 51 Kazakhstan's — Sea        | 10 "CSI" evidence     | 33 Swash-buckling movie star |
| 19 Spectra auto-maker       | 52 Main-lander's memento     | 11 Lamprey, for one   | 35 Wilde-beest               |
| 21 Faux —                   | 53 Healthy                   | 16 Suggest            | 36 Escargots                 |
| 22 Part of A.D.             | 54 Longings                  | 20 Charged bit        | 38 Urge on                   |
| 26 Seethes                  | 55 Recipe meas.              |                       | 39 Jordan's capital          |
| 29 Prohibit                 |                              |                       | 42 Pinball no-no             |
| 30 Moines lead-in           |                              |                       | 43 Clinches                  |
| 31 Bohemian                 |                              |                       | 44 Omnit                     |
| 32 Festive                  |                              |                       | 45 Church seating            |
| 33 Dog bane                 |                              |                       | 46 Idolater's writing        |
| 34 Born                     |                              |                       | 47 Wire measure              |
| 35 Understood               |                              |                       | 49 Galena, for one           |
| 36 Toboggans                |                              |                       |                              |
| 37 "Blue-berry Hill" singer |                              |                       |                              |

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 10-14

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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37			38					39		
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