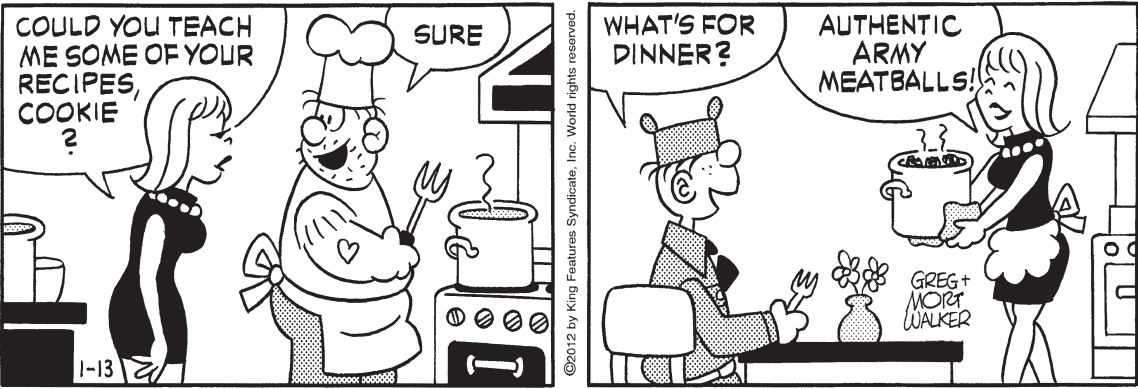


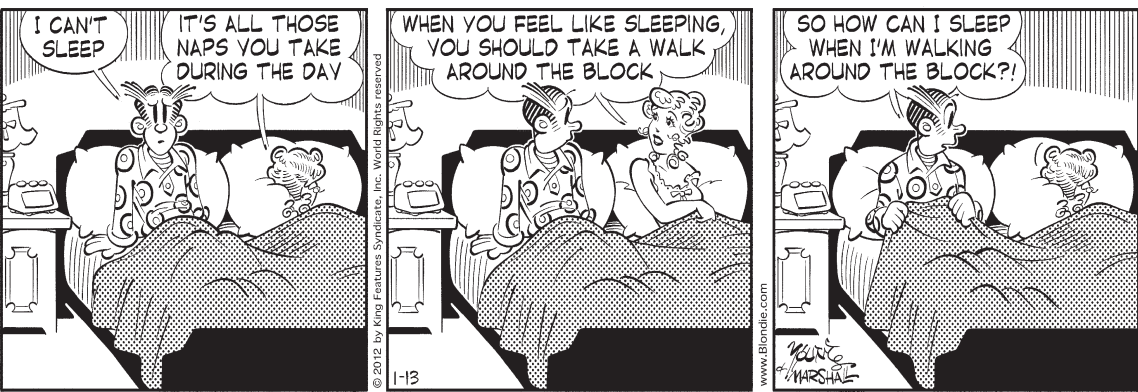
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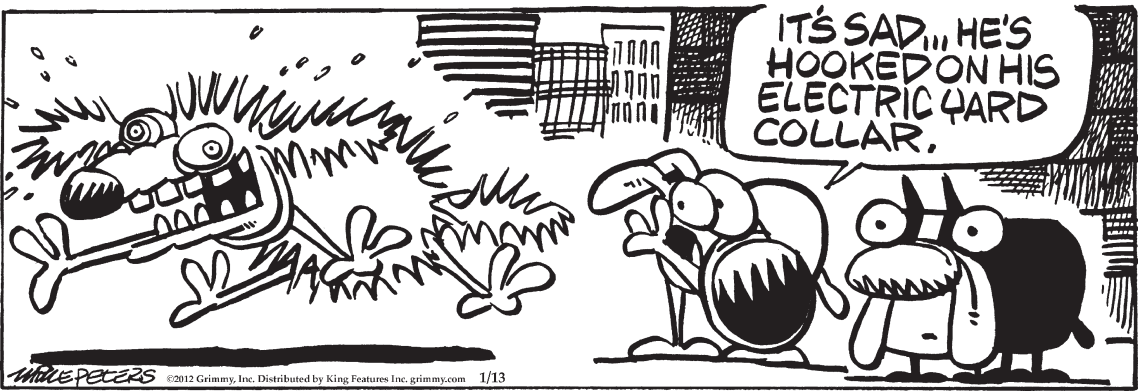
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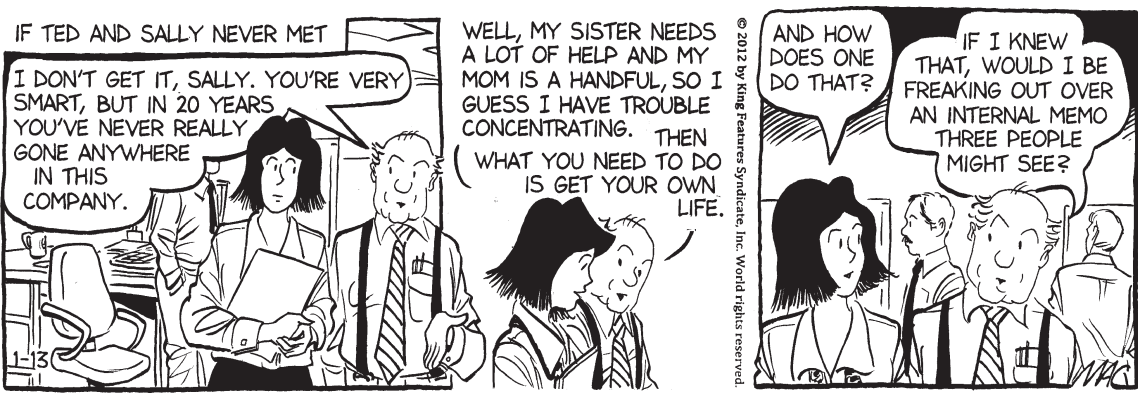
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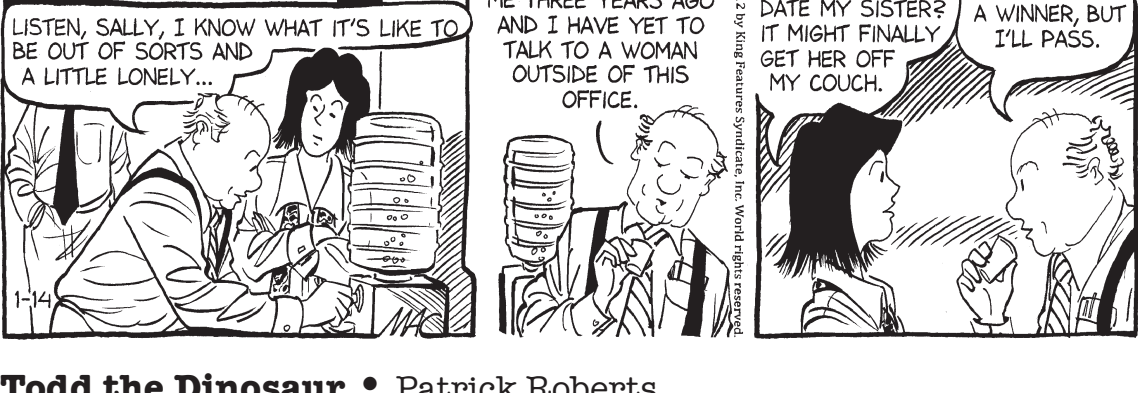
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Ceiling fans save energy bills

Dear Readers: Want to save money on your ENERGY BILL? Have you thought about your ceiling fans? To use your fan in the wintertime is smart – it can make you more comfortable.

The correct setting for a ceiling fan in winter is clockwise (when looking up), so the fan can push the warm air (hot air rises) down into the room. A properly set ceiling fan can keep you and your family more comfortable and help you save on your energy bill.

There is a switch on most ceiling fans that will change the direction of the blades. Check it out! You also can check the owners manual for guidelines the manufacturer suggests. – Heloise

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TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: Like Netter from California, I also type up a baggage list for my luggage, including all my makeup items. I tuck the list in my purse in case my luggage is lost (which has happened!). Did you ever try to reconstruct a list after the fact? I also type the brand name and color of the luggage on the list, then take a digital photo of the luggage I am taking. The airlines will need that information. – Barb M., Erie, Pa.

FURNITURE SPOTS

Dear Heloise: My “favorite hint” was in your column recently. You suggested putting mayonnaise on white spots on furniture. I used it on a spot on my piano that had been there about two years. I left it on overnight and wiped it off the next morning, and the spot was gone What a great hint! Thank you so much. – Lucy in Texas

LINING CABINETS

Dear Heloise: I always lined my kitchen cabinets and drawers with shelf lining. Because the lining got dirty, wrinkled and had to be replaced often. Something had to be done.

I got an idea while in a dollar store. I saw stick-on tiles that came in all colors and designs. I told my husband, and he thought it was a great idea to use them to replace the shelf lining. He cut the tiles and placed them in all the cabinets and drawers. Now all I have to do is wipe them clean with a wet cloth. – Ann A., Staten Island, N.Y.

BREAD CRUMBS

Dear Heloise: I began saving “day old” pieces of bread until I had several, then chopped them with a chunk of butter (1 or 2 tablespoons) in my food processor. I store them in a gallon freezer bag in the freezer.

When I need bread crumbs for a casserole, I have them ready to go!! I just grab a handful or more and sprinkle on top. I keep adding to the bag as I accumulate bread. It is a wonderful and handy method! – Brenda M., Quicksburg, Va.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

East Pass South Pass West Pass North 1 ♥

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

1. ♠ K2 ♥ 10983 ♦ 64 ♣ AQJ84
2. ♠ A5 ♥ Q72 ♦ QJ743 ♣ 965
3. ♠ Q107 ♥ J6 ♦ QJ104 ♣ AJ72
4. ♠ KJ94 ♥ 10 ♦ KQ962 ♣ Q63
5. ♠ 3 ♥ AJ854 ♦ 1093 ♣ KQ87

Bidding Quiz

1. Three hearts. Responses by a player who previously passed fall into a different category from those made by a player who did not previously pass. Obviously, an original pass denies the values for an opening bid, and it follows from this that the opener need not bid again if he thinks game is either impossible or highly unlikely.

Here, a two-club response would not compel partner to bid again, whereas if you had not passed originally, the change of suits would be 100 percent forcing. Similarly, the jump-raise to three hearts, while highly encouraging, is not forcing, and partner may pass. It should be added, though, that a response of three hearts is much more likely to induce a further bid from partner than a response of two clubs.

2. Two hearts. The choices are one notrump, two diamonds or two hearts, none of which forces a rebid from partner. The heart raise is preferred because it has more chance of stirring him into bidding again, since the announced trump support will increase the value of his hand.

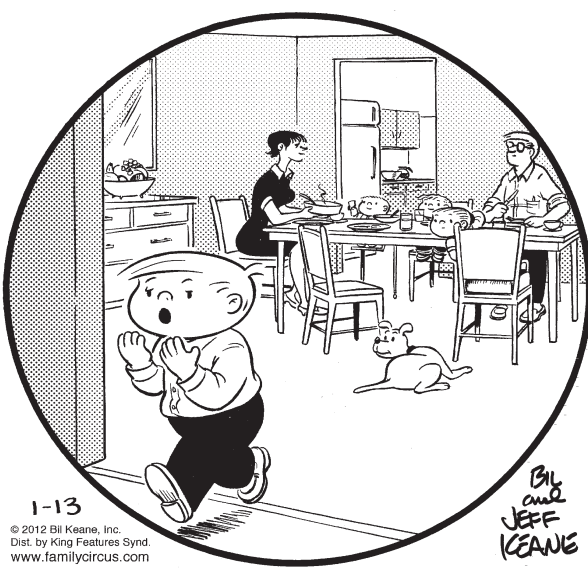
3. Two notrump. Ordinarily, this would indicate 13 to 15 points, but after an initial pass, the jump in notrump shows 11 or 12 points.

4. Two diamonds. You have enough points to respond on the two-level, so there is no reason why you shouldn't bid your longer suit first. You plan to bid spades next if partner rebids two hearts, thus informing him that you have more diamonds than spades. Game is unlikely if partner passes two diamonds.

5. Four hearts. Since 10 tricks seem highly probable even if partner has a minimum opening bid, you shouldn't run the risk of his passing a three-heart bid. You should always avoid inviting partner to go to game when you are reasonably certain in your own mind that a game can be made. In such situations, just bid the game yourself. (If you play “splinter” bids, a jump to three spades, indicating heart support plus a singleton or void in spades, carries the same message.)

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



“If I can't see any germs before I wash my hands, how do I know when I get them all off?”

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 1/13

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.

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

Cryptoquip

VI ZQOTJ TLTQV CIXO

RTQWOEOW CTGIQN XOTV

SOHNN, K ZOHKOGO K BTE

SACV ACO VRKC TCLKB KBO LKBJ

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN EVERY BELFRY-DWELLING CREATURE HAS GONE ON VACATION, WOULD YOU SAY THAT ALL BATS ARE OFF?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals U

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- | | | |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN | 20 Soother ... |
| 1 Intention | 34 Mimicked | 21 ... that may contain this |
| 4 Cork-board accessory | 35 Dumb-struck | 22 Berate |
| 8 Contemptible | 36 Thin pancake | 23 Part of decline |
| 12 Master of the macabre | 37 Hut | 4 Miss Muffet's lunch |
| 13 Reed instrument | 40 Emptiness | 5 "— Named Sue" |
| 14 "Holy cow!" | 41 Flirtatious gesture | 6 Intimidate |
| 15 Earn | 42 Decisive confrontation | 7 Under-standing |
| 17 Protracted | 46 "American —" | 8 Whale variety |
| 18 Spruced up | 47 Detest | 9 Quite enthusiastic |
| 19 Like some summer days | 48 Court | 10 Trilled |
| 20 Ill | 49 Simmons of KISS | 11 Envelope-pushing |
| 22 Booty | 50 Basin accessory | 16 Light refrain |
| 24 Oodles | 51 Fresh | 19 Scads |
| 25 Strong Holland gin | | |
| 29 De-pressed | | |
| 30 Nonsense | | |
| 31 George's brother | | |
| 32 In one's head, as opposed to on paper | | |

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 1-13

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