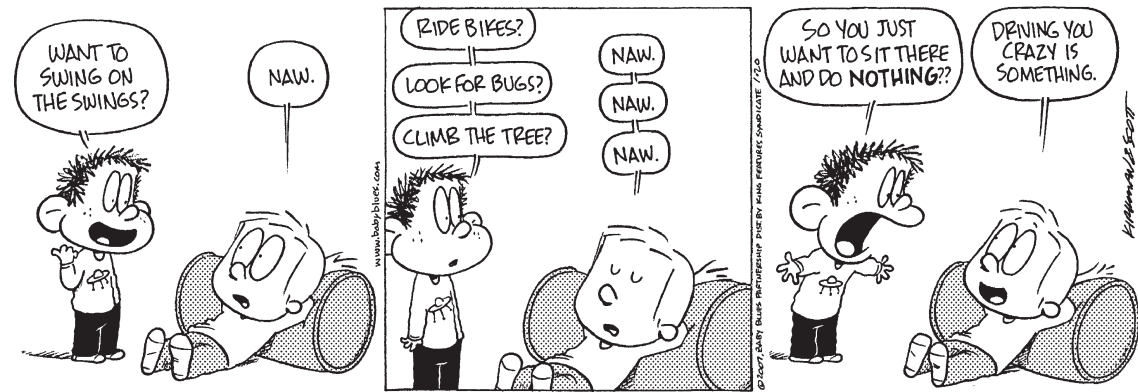
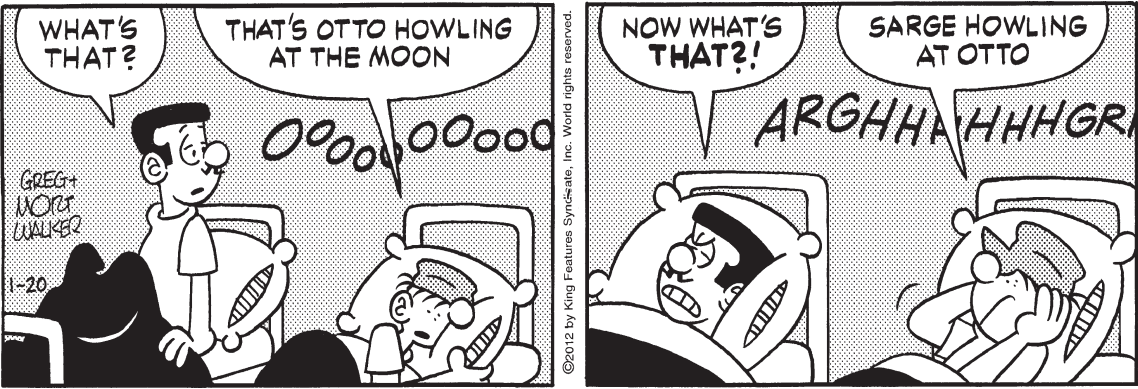


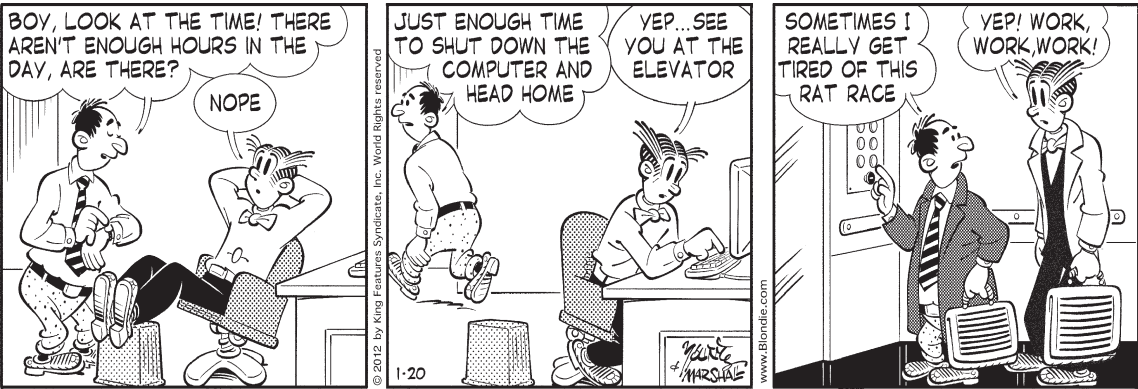
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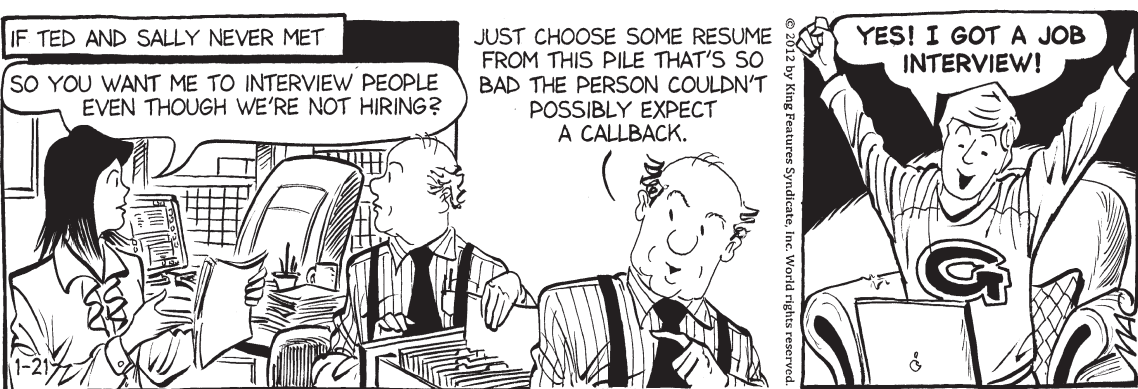
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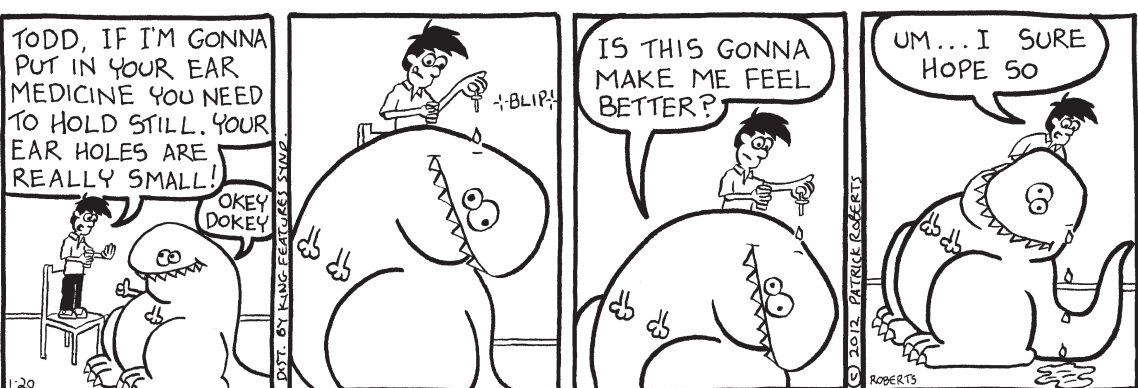
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Cup is not just medicine holder

Dear Heloise: You most likely have heard this before. I was pre-measuring everything for a recipe and was looking for a small cup or bowl to hold the vanilla and the 1 tablespoon of milk that the recipe called for.

I used a child's medicine cup. It has highly readable measurements and will sit upright while preparing everything else. Still learning something new every day at 53! – Liz, via email

A super recycle and reuse hint! And it's good to continue to learn, regardless of age! – Heloise

TRAVEL TRICK

Dear Heloise: To ensure that my suitcase is within the airline's posted weight limits, I weigh my suitcase before leaving for the airport. First I weigh myself on my bathroom scale, and then I weigh myself holding my suitcase. The difference between the two measurements is the weight of the bag. – Lorraine, via email

NO WASTE

Dear Heloise: How many years did I make applesauce, apple pies, etc., and throw away the peels? Now, after thoroughly washing the apples, I set the peelings aside and stew them, maybe with a little sugar and cinnamon. What a tasty treat, and good for me, I'm sure. I love your column, which I read in the Lubbock (Texas) *Avalanche-Journal*. – Arlyce in Matador, Texas

COLOR!

Dear Heloise: When I needed to transfer a small amount of paint from a gallon bucket, I used a hand pump from a lotion bottle (washed out, of course) and filled baby-food jars for lots of people to work on a mural.

Also, some lipsticks stay on great, but are drying to your lips. Put that color on first, then put on another color that is moisturizing but doesn't stay on long. Usually you will have lasting color. – LaMerle in Buckholts, Texas

CONVENIENT CARRY

Dear Heloise: My mother lives in a memory-care lodge. I was getting things ready to take her a special meal, but wasn't sure about the best way to take the gravy.

I noticed my commuter coffee mug, and put the gravy in that. It was just the right size, it was spillproof, plus it kept the gravy warm during the whole meal! – Phyllis L., via email

EASY OPEN

Dear Heloise: I have a difficult time opening anything anymore. Cereal-box inserts are almost impossible; deodorants, I have to use a pair of pliers to turn the stupid wheel on the bottom. One company that makes canned fruit has put a pull tab on top of the can. Again, I need pliers or help opening it. – Oldie But Goodie in Wisconsin

SNOW SHOVEL

Dear Heloise: Here's a little hint that will help those people still using a hand snow shovel. Apply a light coating of lubricating spray oil on the top and bottom of the blade, metal or plastic. The snow will fall off with little or no effort by the user. – John D., Lewis Center, Ohio

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Bridge • Steve Becker

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

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

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

- ♠ 85 ♥ 10 ♦ AKQ942 ♣ KJ83
- ♠ Q94 ♥ 92 ♦ AK8653 ♣ K4
- ♠ 1083 ♥ KQ ♦ KJ9542 ♣ A9
- ♠ 9 ♥ Q82 ♦ AKQ1073 ♣ Q93

Bidding Quiz

1. Five clubs. The value of a hand rises or falls as the bidding progresses. Thus, when partner responded one heart, your hand depreciated in value. The two-diamond bid warned partner that you had minimum values (about 12 to 15 points in high cards) and could not support hearts.

Partner's three-club bid is forcing, since it is a new suit named by responder. Now, with the newly found fit in clubs, your values suddenly appreciate, and you should enthusiastically inform him of this reappraisal of your net worth.

If you were to bid only four clubs, partner might think you were raising him only because you had to, and you might miss an excellent slam. The jump to five clubs tells partner that you have the best hand you can have under the circumstances and encourages him to consider bidding further.

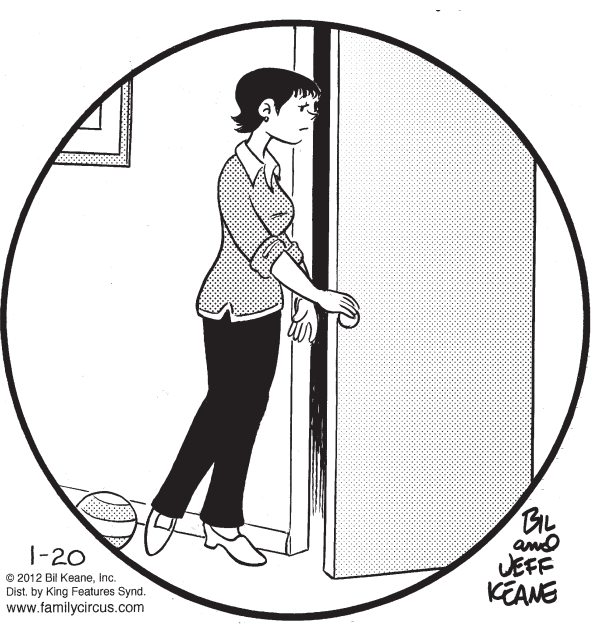
2. Three diamonds. Here you should react cautiously by rebidding your diamonds again. Your original values have not improved as partner bid hearts and clubs, and you should resist the temptation to say three notrump. Your hand would be unlikely to take more than its bare high-card tricks, and your spade "stopper" is tenuous at best. If there's a game in the cards, it's up to your partner to do still more to get you there.

3. Three hearts. Although you have only a doubleton in each of partner's suits, thus suggesting a misfit, the fact that you have three high honors in hearts and clubs more than makes up for your shortness in both suits. You should therefore willingly show a preference for hearts, even though you have only two of them. Besides, you can't repeat diamonds again with such a moth-eaten suit.

4. Four hearts. This time, with a reasonable fit for both of partner's suits and a much better hand than you might have had, you give partner a jump-preference. This cannot be misread as showing a huge hand in the light of your previous minimum rebid of two diamonds. Your leap to game might prove to be the catalyst that induces partner to undertake a sound slam contract.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★★

1/20

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★★

Cryptoquip

DI UCEJJXZ APSZYA OYGXBP SHU

EBX UY TJJXBCI ZTCC, JRXI

D P H R J E U A X C C L X

O E C C X Z G X S X J P E S L C E S Z U .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THOSE ICKY DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS CRAWLED UPON MY SKIN, I DEVELOPED CONTACT TERMITE-ITIS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals S

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN | ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Voters' mo. | 39 Portion of N.A. | 2 Black-and-white film, e.g. | 23 Serengeti critter |
| 4 "Awe-some!" | 41 Color crudely | 3 String instrument | 24 Cacophony |
| 7 First-aid wrapper | 45 Foot soldier | 4 Guns the engine | 25 Stomach |
| 12 "The Greatest" | 47 Code of life | 5 James Cameron movie | 26 Flightless bird |
| 13 Leading lady? | 48 February mailing | 6 Hold up | 28 Hearty quaff |
| 14 Shrivel | 52 Lubricate | 7 Charles II's mistress Nell | 30 Lawyers' org. |
| 15 Altar | 53 Sports venue | 8 Melody | 31 "Hail!" |
| 16 affirmative | 54 Earl Grey, e.g. | 9 Sub-machine gun | 32 Play-ground game |
| 17 Wagnerian riders | 55 Caviar base | 10 Last letter | 33 Math course |
| 18 Not feel well | 56 Trap-shooting | 11 Halves of ems | 36 Domed tent |
| 19 Laundry woe | 57 Mess up | 17 Chicken | 37 Bearing |
| 20 Out of play | 58 Football position | 21 — of the Wisconsin | 40 Hotel accommodation |
| 22 Sailor's agreement | | | 42 Worship |
| 23 Advantage | | | 43 Civil War side |
| 27 Corn spike | | | 44 Bundled hay |
| 29 Tranquilizer name | | | 45 Summer-time pest |
| 31 In any way possible | | | 46 Rip |
| 34 African language | | | 48 Anatomical duct |
| 35 Dale | | | 49 Biblical boat |
| 37 Chap | | | 50 Shelter |
| 38 Ova | | | 51 Away from WSW |

Solution time: 25 mins.

OFF	BLED	REDS
NOR	AIRY	ETAL
EXAC	TION	DURA
COT	SEEMING	
UNTOLD	SEE	
LEI	END	LATCH
NOOK	ADD	TRAY
ANNUL	TIS	ASP
MON	PONCHO	
CONQUER	CUT	
LIEU	REACTION	
ALBA	VANE	ORB
PSST	EMIR	NEA

Yesterday's answer 1-20

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				
31	32	33				34				
35				36		37				
38				39	40		41	42	43	44
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48	49	50	51					52		
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