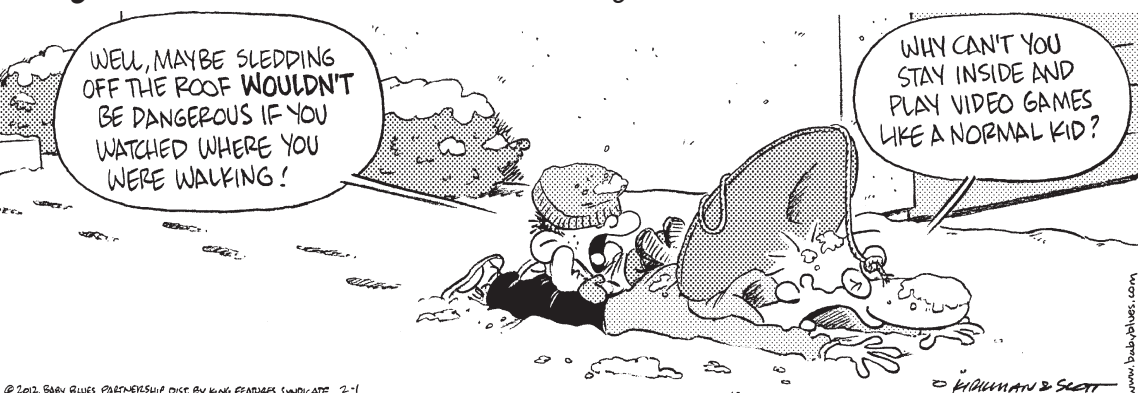
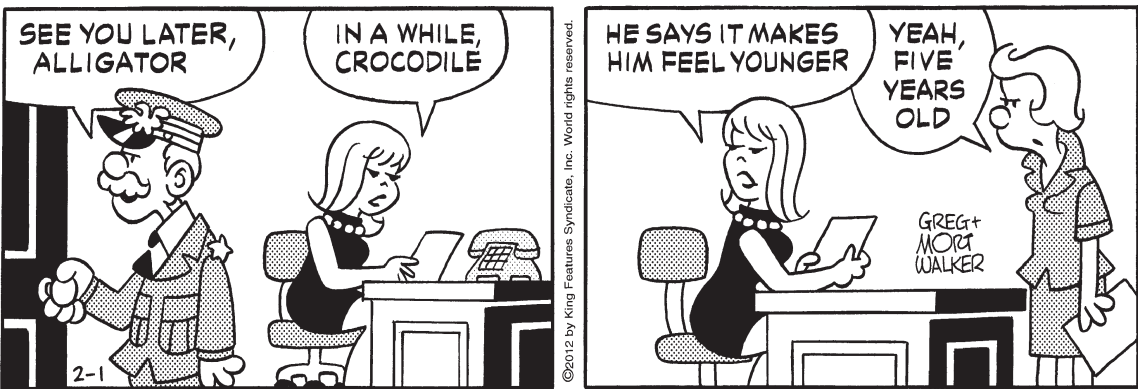


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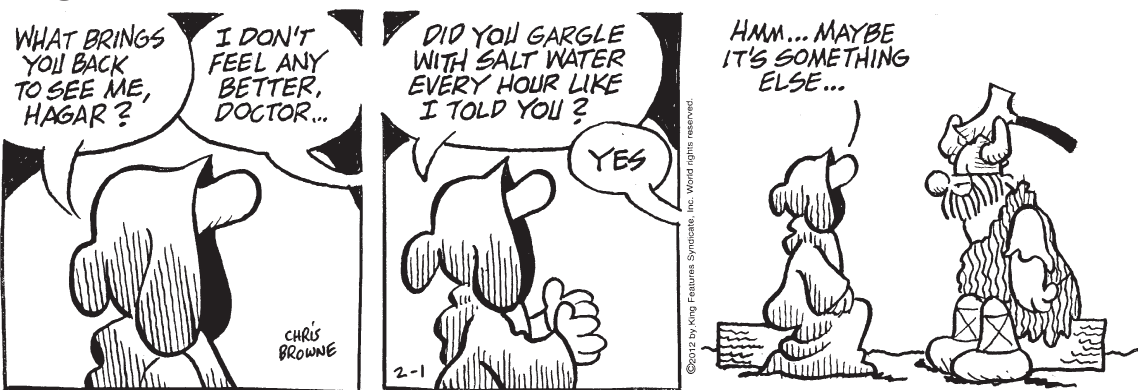
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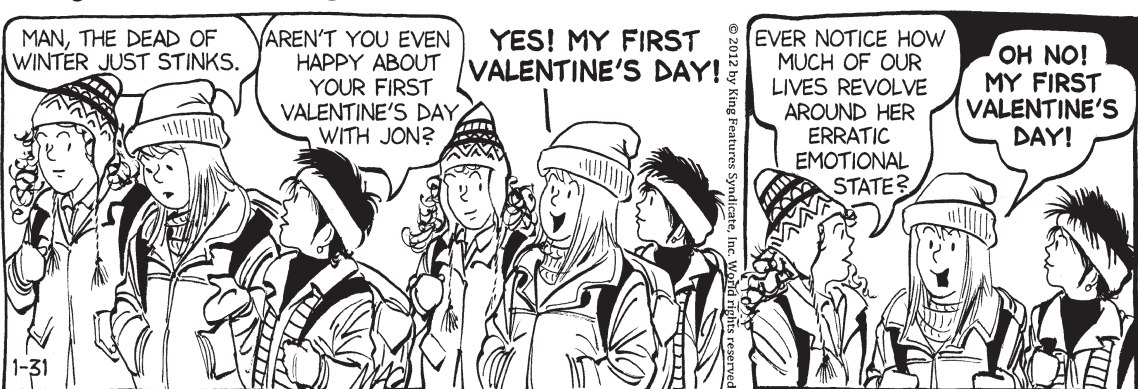
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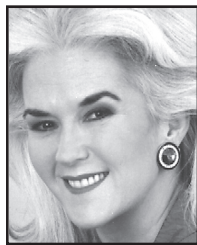
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Lowly potato gets high praise

Dear Readers: How much do you really know about the popular vegetable THE POTATO? A good source of vitamins B and C, potatoes are fat-free and high in fiber and potassium. They are not fattening – the toppings are what add the calories and fat.

Some people think that you shouldn't eat the skin or that all the nutrients are only found in the skin. Not so! More than half the nutrients are in the potato itself, and the skin contains one-half of the fiber.

Whether you like them mashed, boiled, baked or as fries, any potato will do. However, there are some that are a better choice, depending on what you are making. Waxy, white, red round and new potatoes are good for boiling, steaming and scalloping. Russets are good for baking, mashing or making french fries.

I took some microwaved yellow-fleshed potatoes to Heloise Central. We did taste-testing, and we all agreed – we love potatoes! – Heloise

COFFEE AND TEA STAINS

Dear Heloise: Another way to remove tea and coffee stains from china cups is vinegar. Take your spray bottle of vinegar and coat the inside of the cup. Give it a scrub, and the stain is gone! – Carrie from Southern Maryland

Carrie, you may want to add some baking soda or salt as an added "abrasive" (that won't scratch). Besides vinegar, want to know what other cleaning solutions I use around the house? To order my Homemade Cleaning Solutions pamphlet, send \$5, along with a long, self-addressed, stamped (65 cents) envelope, to: Heloise/Cleaners, Box 795001, San Antonio, Texas, 78279-5001. To make your own sanitizing spray, mix 1 tablespoon of bleach in 1 quart of water. Remember to store in an opaque bottle to protect from heat and sunlight; otherwise, use within 24 hours, before the bleach loses its strength. – Heloise

HANDY SHOPPING LIST

Dear Heloise: I somehow have a way of losing my shopping lists. But I found a solution for me and thought others might benefit. Before leaving home, I take a picture of the list of things or places I need to go with my cellphone. Then at the stores (if the list is lost), all I have to do is look at the list on my phone. I used to put it in my notes on the cellphone, but have found taking a picture is much easier. Then I just delete the picture.

Also, to keep ice cream fresh, use plastic wrap and press it snugly onto the ice cream, then close the carton up. Stays good! Thanks for keeping Heloise going for all these years. – Kay from Arizona

EGG HINT

Dear Heloise: I use the round potato masher to chop up eggs finely for potato salad, tuna, etc. Works great! – Linda R., via email

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 9
♥ —
♦ K 9 8 5 3
♣ K 10 8 7 4 2

WEST

♥ 7 6 5 2
♦ 10 7 4 3
♣ 10 7 4
♠ J 6

EAST

♥ K Q 8 3
♦ A K Q 8 6 5 2
♣ 6
♠ 3

SOUTH

♠ A 10 4
♥ J 9
♦ A Q J 2
♣ A Q 9 5

The bidding:

South West North East
1 ♣ Pass 5 ♣ 5 ♥

Opening lead — three of hearts.

A Lucky Grand Slam

This deal occurred in a rubber-bridge game, and the bidding is recorded as it took place. Perhaps you wouldn't have bid six hearts with West's hand, but in a sense West was right. South would have made six clubs, scoring 1,570 points, whereas East would have gone down only three – 500 points – at six hearts doubled.

North's seven-club bid is certainly questionable. He could have passed and left the decision to South, who was probably in a better position to know whether to double or go on. But North feared that if the East-West hands were as distributional as his own, East might make six hearts.

West led a heart, and South proceeded to make the grand slam despite his apparently certain spade loser. He ruffed the heart in dummy, drew two rounds of trumps and then cashed five diamond tricks, discarding a spade from his hand. Two more rounds of trumps, ending in dummy, brought about this position:

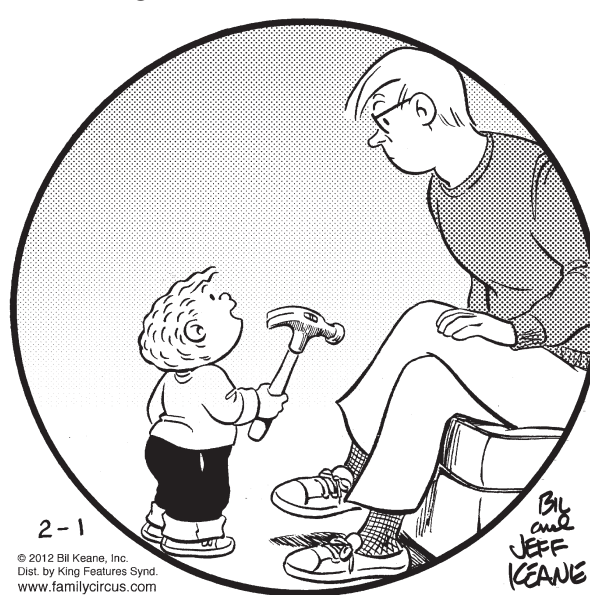
North
♠ J 9
♣ 10
West
Immaterial
East
♠ K Q
♥ A
South
♠ A 10
♥ J

The lead of the ten of clubs from dummy left East with no recourse. If he discarded a spade, South would discard a heart; if he discarded a heart, South would discard a spade. Either way, South would win the last three tricks.

Note that an opening spade lead by West would have defeated the contract by cutting a critically important link between the North and South hands.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★

2/01

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★

1/01

Cryptoquip

V JRSF TQYVYN QBF LX KZ

XAVSKLFR, L ALFKLJRM

HZ FMLPR, HLHHURP

VYORXXLYFUZ LHQB

OLS XVTVYN.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: OLD TV SHOW ABOUT PEOPLE WHO FAVOR A CERTAIN BRAND OF TRANSPARENT PLASTIC: "I LOVE LUCITE."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals Y

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 38 Kipling lad | 59 Bean that provides a sauce | 20 Have a bug |
| 1 Former larva | 40 Bribe | | 23 Cleo's slayer |
| 5 2004 horror movie | 41 Barber's concern | DOWN | 24 "CSI" evidence |
| 8 Composer Khachaturian | 43 Zilch | 1 Harbor structure | 25 Mindless ones |
| | 45 "Burnt" crayon color | 2 Incite | 27 Erstwhile acorn |
| 12 Rainbow | 47 Cause of weakness | 4 Bonfire leftovers | 29 — |
| 13 Spy-novel org. | 51 Exotic berry | 5 Sought huge profits | 30 Pump up the volume |
| 14 Lima's land | 52 Marines, slangily | 6 Help | 32 Elton John or Billy Joel |
| 15 Intellectuals | 54 Scepters | 7 Nasty nesters | 34 Mosque tower |
| 17 Rhyming tributes | 55 Lemieux milieu | 8 "Last Supper" figure | 37 Transgression |
| 18 Vend used goods | 56 Rote of football lore | 9 Carrot-tops | 39 Ho Chi — |
| 19 Turkish officials | 57 "Meet Me — Louis" | 10 Vicinity | 42 Indira's son |
| 21 Dine | 58 Old hand | 11 Touse | 44 Welsh veggies |
| 22 Location | | 16 Hebrew month | 45 Rani's wrap |
| 23 Oklahoma city | | | 46 PC picture |
| 26 Writer Buscaglia | | | 48 BLT topper |
| 28 Camel's cousin | | | 49 One way to stand by |
| 31 Quick cut | | | 50 On the briny |
| 33 Water barrier | | | 53 Expert |
| 35 Dutch cheese | | | |
| 36 Ms. Hilton | | | |

Solution time: 21 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 2-1

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