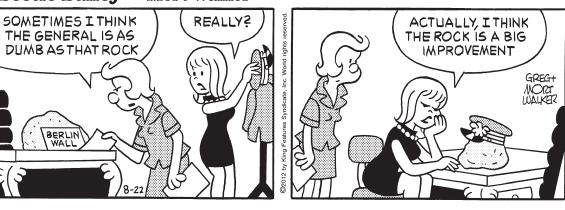
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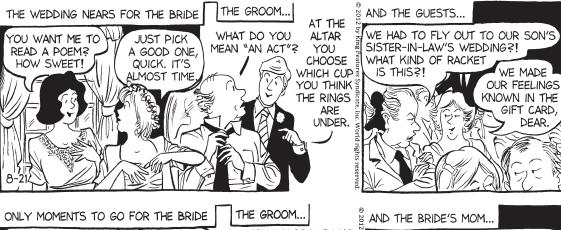




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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Heloise

Hints from Heloise

Used foil shines at cleaning grill

Dear Heloise: After reading in your column about people swallowing bristles off wire brushes used to clean grill grates, I would like to share my solution. I keep all used aluminum foil. If it has any food on it, I wipe it off, wad it up into a ball, and it cleans the grill grate like magic. I keep an empty flowerpot by my grill with balls of foil for cleaning. - Shirley B., Humble, Texas

Yes, I've printed many times to use caution when cleaning with a wire brush. If you feel you must use one, please be sure to wipe off the grates with a damp paper towel to remove any small pieces of wire that may be left behind. - Heloise

REFRIGERATOR HINTS

Dear Readers: What's in your refrigerator? How often is the door opened? Does it work the way it should? Here are some hints from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to make sure your refrigerator is working at its best for you:

- Don't overpack the refrigerator. The cold air must move around the items to keep them cool. • Keep spills cleaned up. Drips, especially from
- meat products, can cause cross-contamination with other foods. Keep them cleaned up! · Check expiration dates. Regularly clean out
- expired or gone bad. • Keep all foods covered. Whether in storage bags or containers, keep all food items covered

your refrigerator, throwing out foods that have

when stored in refrigerator. • Keep track of temperature. An inexpensive thermometer kept in the refrigerator will keep you aware of the actual temperature – 40 degrees

F or lower is best. For more information, visit the website at www. fda.gov or call 888-SAFEFOOD (723-3366). Be patient, as there are prompts you must go through to reach someone. - Heloise

COOKING EGGS

Dear Heloise: When using a microwave egg poacher recently, I accidentally overcooked the eggs to the hard-cooked stage. Then it hit me: What a perfect way to make hard-cooked eggs for egg or potato salad! Best of all, there's no water to boil, no pan to wash and no shell to peel!

So, next time you need a hard-cooked egg in a ZIQBVOI hurry, try using the microwave. A small, ceramic dish covered with a plate will work. Add a few drops of water, and be sure to pierce the yolks before cooking. - Susan C., Colorado Springs,

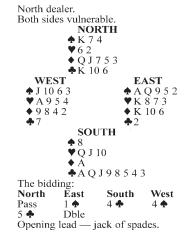
Love it! I tested this, and it's easy to do, but puncture the yolk several times! - Heloise

DEEP FRYING

Dear Heloise: I have an electric deep fryer I use when entertaining large crowds. I place a layer of newspapers over my kitchen island and place the fryer in the center so there is no fear of it falling. The newspapers are perfect for catching any oil that spills, and are absorbent enough to keep splatters to a minimum. Just throw away the papers when done. – S.D., via e-mail

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Bridge • Steve Becker



Defense Is a Two-Way Job

Bridge is a partnership game, all right, but the many components of the game that this statement encompasses are not always fully appreciated. Most players think they are playing extremely well when they go through a long stretch without making a single mistake. However, they sometimes overlook the fact that they might have unwittingly contributed to an error made by their partner.

In bridge, it is not really important which partner makes a mistake; the injury harms both players, not just the one who erred. One component of good defense lies in the ability to stop partner from making a mistake. This may not always be possible, but a really good player sometimes goes to extraordinary lengths to anticipate and prevent an error by his partner. Consider this deal where East, a very good

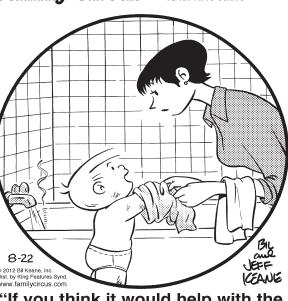
player paired with a weaker one, took command of the defense and defeated South's five-club contract. West led the jack of spades. Had East made the lazy play of ducking the jack after declarer followed low from dummy, he might well have regretted it later on. West would probably have led another spade,

and South would have made the contract by ruffing the spade, cashing the ace of diamonds, playing a club to the ten and leading the diamond queen through East's king. Declarer would then establish dummy's diamonds for two heart discards and so make five clubs doubled. To prevent this from happening, East overtook

the spade jack with the queen and played the king and another heart, quickly setting the contract. East reasoned that, on the bidding, declarer almost surely had a singleton spade and that West had either the ace of hearts or ace of diamonds. Shifting to a heart at trick two could therefore do no harm and might do a lot of good.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"If you think it would help with the drought, I'd volunteer to take fewer baths."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



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.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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