

Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



that are soaked in the juice from dill pickles. Is it possible to make them as if I were making dill pickles? – Judy, via e-mail

Yes, there are numerous recipes for pickling eggs, but they may not taste like the ones that you just plopped in the dill-pickle jar. For the dillpickle flavor, try taking the leftover juice from your dill pickles, heating it and pouring it over hard-cooked eggs.

After finishing a jar of pickles, I like to put sliced celery, carrots, cucumbers or hard-boiled eggs in the leftover juice and let it sit for a few days in the refrigerator. - Heloise

THREE IN ONE

Dear Readers: Here are some terrific cold-drink hints from readers:

• Rick K. in Missouri: One of my most refreshing hints is to add pineapple juice to a glass of iced tea to taste. It's a summer staple for quenching thirst.

· Joan in Ohio: I poured a glass of iced tea and then realized I had no lemon or lemon juice. But I did have some lemon frozen treats in the freezer, so I put one in the iced tea. No need for sugar or ice cubes.

• Carol M. in Missouri: When making or serving lemonade (or any other cold drink), freeze some in ice-cube trays. They can then be added to glasses of lemonade instead of ice cubes made of water, which will weaken your drink.

In Texas, iced tea is a staple year-round, and because coffee and tea are such popular drinks, I compiled my Heloise's Flavored Coffees and Teas pamphlet. To receive one, send \$3 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (65 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Coffees, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. To make cold-water iced tea, fill a pitcher with cold water, add eight to 10 tea bags, then cover. Let stand at room temperature or place in a refrigerator for at least six hours. Remove the bags and serve. - Heloise

SEAWORTHY SEAL

Dear Readers: My husband and I love our Texas Gulf Coast getaway place, but it can be very humid! Moisture sneaks into all sorts of food packaging, even though we keep our home temperature-controlled and don't often open windows. After opening new jars of dry products such as instant coffee, I place plastic sealing wrap over the opening, pressing it around the rim, then seal with the lid. - Heloise

MIXING BOWLS

Dear Heloise: If you have metal mixing bowls of the same size that "nest" to save space, but then they won't separate, simply place a clean, wooden craft or ice-cream stick between them. They will separate easily. Save the stick on the shelf when not in use.

I have tried using ice water in one bowl while heating the outside. It saves on frustration of having to fight with the bowls. - Barry B., Fulton, N.Y.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Mommy, PJ needs a hug and my arms are already busy!"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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Difficulty Level **

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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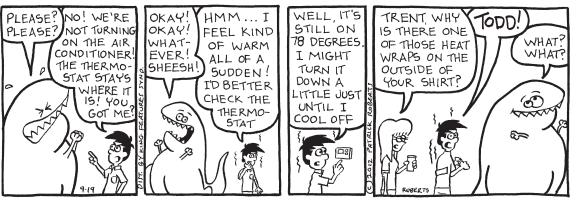
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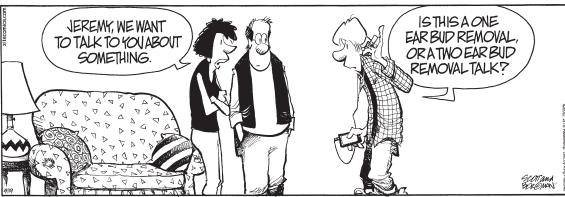
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals N



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Bridge • Steve Becker

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Bid Better, Play Better

Among the most descriptive opening bids a player can make are those of one, two or three notrump, by which opener can accurately portray balanced distribution and a specified number of 21 high-card points, all in one motion.

The far more common opening bid of one of a 23 suit is much more ambiguous. The high-card val- 25 ues can range from 12 to 21 points, and the distribution might or might not be evenly balanced.

South's opening three-notrump bid in today's deal indicated a balanced hand of 25 or 26 highcard points with strength in all four suits. Al-27 though North had a clear-cut pass in this case, in 28 many other instances his knowledge of South's hand would be extremely valuable and would 30 pave the way for North to arrive at the best game or slam contract.

If declarer plays correctly, he makes three notrump. Assume West starts by leading the K-Q-J of clubs. South wins the third club with the ace and cashes the A-K-Q-8 of diamonds and A-K of hearts, then puts West on lead by playing the nine of clubs. West scores the 10-3 of clubs but must next yield the game-going trick to declarer by leading either a heart to dummy's queen or a spade to South's A-Q.

Note that if declarer, after cashing his A-K-Q-8 of diamonds and A-K of hearts, attempts to score his ninth trick by leading a low spade toward dummy's jack, hoping East has the king, he goes down. West wins and cashes the 10-3 of clubs to set the contract. South should not fall into this trap, however, as the club lead at trick 10, which is almost sure to lose to West, virtually guarantees the contract regardless of which opponent has the spade king.

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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