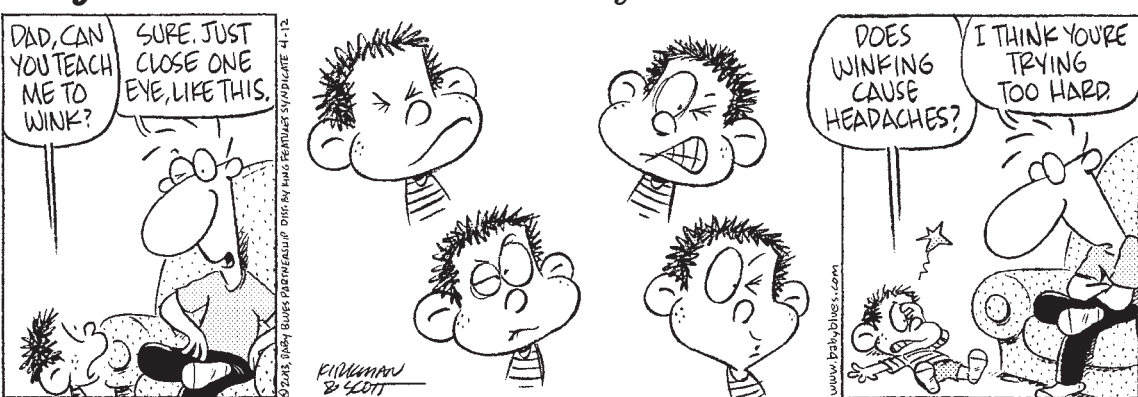
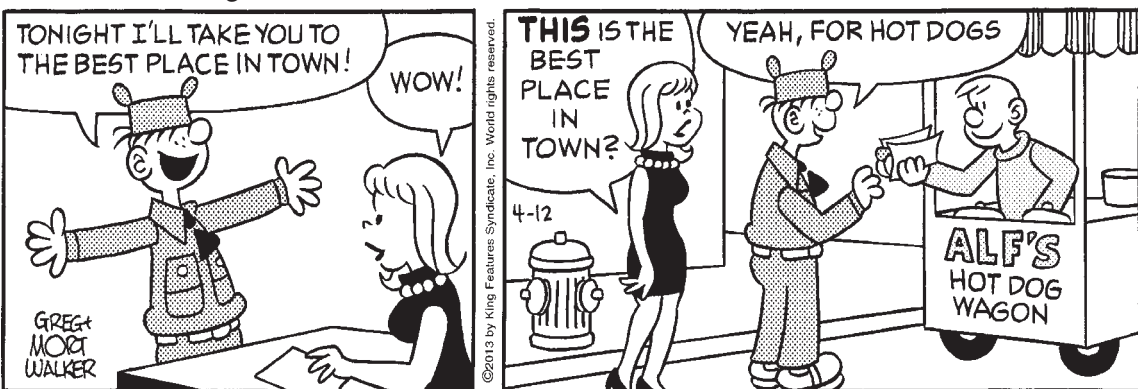


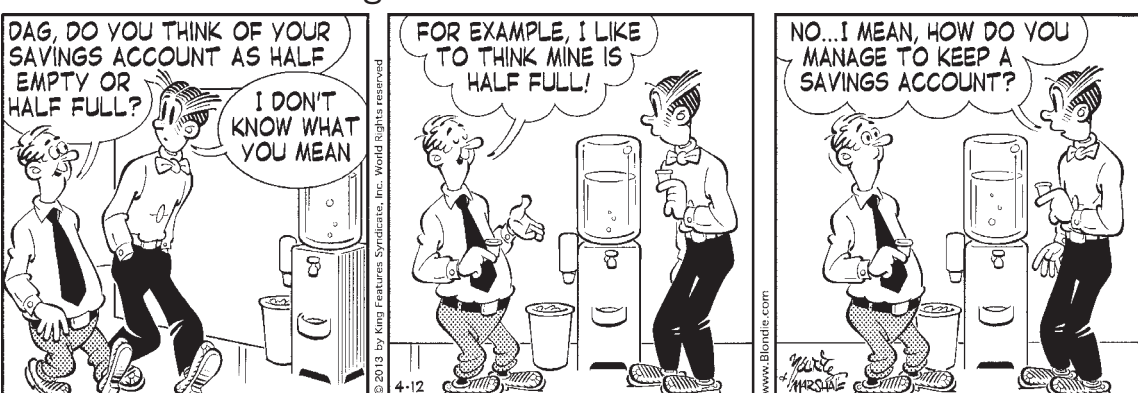
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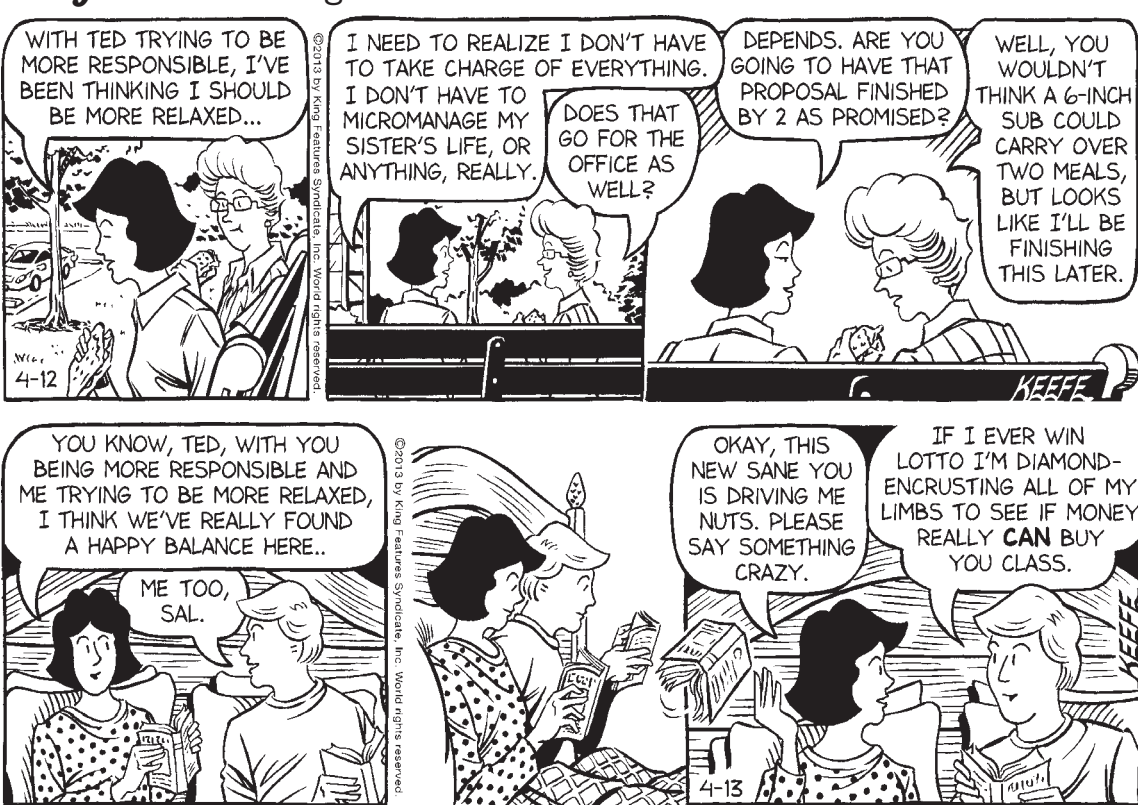
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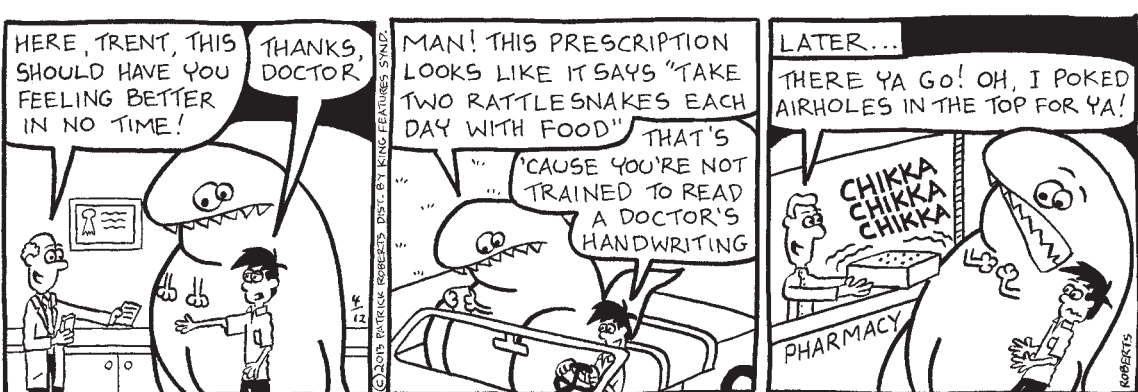
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Solution soothes sleepless traveler

Dear Heloise: I am one of the millions who find it hard to go back to sleep once I am awakened at night. One easy solution is to change the night-light bulb to green or blue. The colored bulbs provide enough light, but do not seem to glare like the white ones do.

Another solution to the fluorescent-green numerals on my alarm clock that are too bright is to plop a tissue box in front of the clock. It is easy to lift up if I need to see the time, but the bright numerals don't wake me up at night! Cheap and simple solutions to a problem that many of us deal with. — Sleepless in New Jersey

I'm with you! With only two to three electronic items in a dark bedroom, it can look like the flight deck of a 747! — Heloise

SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

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BUCKLING UP PREGNANT

Dear Readers: If you are pregnant or know someone who is, what's the best and safest way to wear a seat belt? When in the car, buckling up is important. Here are recommendations from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on buckling up when pregnant:

- Put the seat as far back as it can go while still being able to reach the pedals.
- Leave at least 10 inches between your chest and the steering wheel.
- Place the lap belt below your belly so that it fits tightly across your hips.
- The shoulder belt should fit across your chest between your breasts.
- Leave air bags turned on.
- Sit in the back seat, when possible.

The Traffic Safety Administration also recommends installing the car seat at least three weeks before your due date. That way, you have a chance to get it inspected and aren't rushing when the baby comes. — Heloise

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: I often have friends come to visit because I live close to a beach. Someone always forgets something: a toothbrush, shampoo, toothpaste, lotion, sunscreen, etc. Trying to be a good hostess, I stocked up on a whole bunch of travel-size items and saved the ones from hotels. I used a cute wicker basket, organized all the goodies neatly and placed it in the sink of the guest bathroom. Now when someone forgets something, he or she just grabs what is needed. When my guest leaves, I just restock it. — A Reader, via e-mail

What a cute idea for your out-of-town guests! Readers, do you have a great travel hint that you would love to share? Let me know! — Heloise

BLOUSE BUTTONS

Dear Heloise: Ever notice how the space between the buttons on your blouse is not closed enough, especially if you are a full-busted woman? I attached a small, clear snap between the first and second and the second and third buttons on my blouse. This prevents a gap that just won't stay closed, and it is not visible at all. — Elaine in West Virginia

No "gagosis"! — Heloise

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Bridge • Steve Becker

You are the dealer and open One Heart. Partner responds One Spade. What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

- ♠ AK52 ♥ AKJ73 ♦ K6 ♣ 82
- ♠ Q3 ♥ AJ764 ♦ J83 ♣ KQ5
- ♠ 84 ♥ KQ942 ♦ AJ ♣ KQ92
- ♠ 962 ♥ AKJ983 ♦ K7 ♣ A8
- ♠ 107 ♥ AQJ53 ♦ AQJ ♣ AJ9

Bidding Quiz

1. Four Spades. You have 18 high-card points plus a trump fit, which allows you to take two more points for your two doubletons. This gives you enough points in the combined hands for game even if partner has only six points.

The simplest way to get to four spades is to bid it directly, indicating approximately 20 points in support of spades. A jump-raise to three spades would be inadequate, since it would invite, but not compel, partner to bid again. The jump to four spades is not a "shutout" bid; rather, it encourages partner to try for slam if his hand warrants it.

2. One notrump. This shows a balanced hand of the minimum class, which is exactly what you have. Bidding one notrump without a true diamond stopper is much better than rebidding two hearts with such a skimpy suit.

3. Two clubs. Hands with 5-4-2-2 distribution usually play better in a suit, so it is best to show your clubs at this point. The two-club bid is not forcing; partner can pass with a weak hand containing better support for clubs than hearts.

4. Three hearts. The jump to three hearts indicates 16 to 18 points and a strong six-card or longer heart suit. Partner is not required to bid again, but should not pass with eight or more points. Your hand is not worth more than an invitation to game, as 10 tricks would be very unlikely if partner has only six or seven points.

5. Three notrump. Once partner is credited with at least six points for his spade response, you really can't stop under game. The only problem is how to describe the size and shape of your hand.

Three notrump fills the bill perfectly. It indicates about 19 or 20 points, balanced distribution and strength in the unbid suits. At the same time, it lays the foundation for a slam if partner feels there might be one opposite the type of hand you have described.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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	3		1		8			7	
2	9						6		
		4		1					
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Difficulty Level ★★★ 4/12

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.

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

Cryptoquip

AZCY MY IFKINCKJVRK

AMYKR KI TVRKCY KI NGRVB

IY ZVR BINFGKCJ, ZC JCMTTS

RZIGTH GRC CSC-KGYCR.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: YOU MUST ADMIT THAT THE GUY WHO INVENTED THE VERY FIRST MOTOR HAD AN AWFUL LOT OF ENGINE-UIITY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals H

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	45 Good, in rack	2 Drying rack	26 Teensy
1 Salary	Guadajara	3 Busybody	28 Multi-purpose truck
4 Homer's outcry	47 To and	4 Root beer brand	30 Khan title
7 Duck	—	5 Gave a talk	31 Egos' counter-parts
12 Position	48 Sinner's fate	6 Macho type	32 Margery of rhyme
13 Exist	52 Vat	7 Otherwise	8 Fond du —
14 Eye surgery device	53 Hunter in the sky	9 Work with hrs.	10 Lair
15 Grecian vessel	54 Prime meridian	11 Preceding	11 Preceding
16 Syrian capitalist?	55 Recede	12 On in years	12 On in years
18 Encountered	56 Madrid mother	13 Specter	13 Specter
19 Step	57 Ultra-modernist	14 Blue cartoon character	14 Blue cartoon character
20 Boast	58 Aye undoer	15 Japanese pond carp	15 Japanese pond carp
22 Compass pt.	—	16 Conclude island	16 Conclude island
23 Distort	—	17 Theater vestibule	17 Theater vestibule
27 Paul Newman movie	—	18 Poison	18 Poison
29 Crooner Vic	—	19 Aware of	19 Aware of
31 Dope	—	20 Comical DeLuise	20 Comical DeLuise
34 Steer	—	21 Coach Par-seghian	21 Coach Par-seghian
35 Maiden	—	22 Central	22 Central
37 Needlefish	—	23 Neither mate	23 Neither mate
38 Bat a gnat	—	—	—
39 Praise in verse	—	—	—
41 Young horse	—	—	—

Solution time: 25 mins.

ARK	MOOS	SLAY	
POI	OBOE	COVE	
PINTS	SIZE	AGOG	
GUT	ERELONG		
CASTLE	SAP		
LIT	YAM	RELAY	
ORZO	TAJ	DIVE	
DYERS	YAP	FEW	
APE	WAGERS		
DACTYLS	WAS		
UGLI	DOWN	SIZE	
OREO	ERIE	ZED	
SAWN	REND	ENS	

Yesterday's answer 4-12

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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48	49	50	51						52	
53						54			55	
56						57			58	