

Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker





Blondie • Chic Young







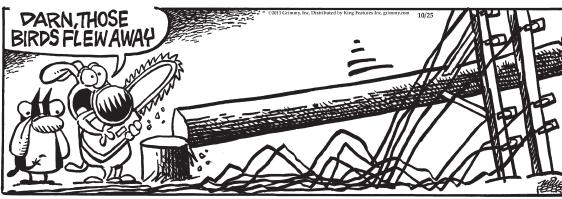
Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne







Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Sally Forth • Greg Howard

THERE!

ARE YOU







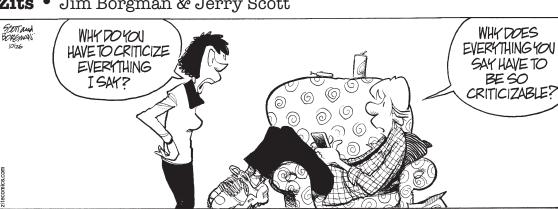




Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Heloise

Hints from Heloise

Save water now for lower rates

Dear Readers: Did you know that conserving water now can reduce your water bill later? Most water companies do "winter averaging." To determine the sewer portion of your bill, the water company monitors the water usage in the winter months, usually mid-November to mid-March. This helps you save money, because this is the time of year when water usage usually is the lowest. (No lawn watering, pool filling, etc., depending on where you live.) But you still can conserve more during this time and lower your bill. Here are some hints for how to reduce the amount of water you use:

- Check toilets and pipes for any leaks.
- Turn off the faucet while brushing teeth. • Fill a sink with water to wash dishes instead
- of letting it run.
- Limit your time in the shower.
- Run only full loads in the dishwasher and washing machine. — Heloise TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: When on an extended trip and in a different hotel each day, keeping dirty clothes separate from clean is a chore. I turn the clothes I remove inside out and roll them up. Now I know what is clean and what is used. The socks I roll up to make a ball, whereas clean ones are just folded. — Don S., The Villages, Fla.

STOVE BURNERS Dear Heloise: Can you please tell me how to

clean the burners on my stove? - J.C., Colorado

I have a hint that may help! Take the burners off and put them in a large, plastic garbage bag. Carefully pour in 1/2 cup to 1 cup of ammonia. Tie the bag (make sure it is sealed securely) and place in a ventilated area. Leave overnight. Take the burners out and rinse with hot water. The grime should come off easily. Ammonia also can be used as a cleaner for windows, mirrors and stainless steel. If you would like to get my recipe for how to make an ammonia-based cleaner and other household cleaners, order my pamphlet Heloise's Homemade Cleaning Solutions. Just send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (66 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Cleaners, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Have pots with burned-on food? Cover the bottom with water and add 3 tablespoons of baking soda. Simmer until the food comes off. — Heloise

LIGHTEN THE ROOM

Dear Heloise: We've had lots of storms in our flashlight — you can get them at a discount store - put it in a glass to hold it upright and shine it on the ceiling. It will lighten up the whole room. Get one for each room, since they are so cheap. - Marsha B., Wabash, Ind.

MASCARA BRUSHES

Dear Heloise: I take old mascara brushes, wash hummingbird feeders. — G.T. in Kansas

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Bridge • Steve Becker

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Hearts. North leads the king of spades, taken by dummy's ace. When you cash the A-K of trumps, South turns up with the J-10-9-8. How would you continue?

♠ J	♠ A
♥ AKQ765	¥ 42
♦ K Q 3	◆ A 8 7 6 4
♣A82	♣QJ109
2. You are decla	rer with the Wes
hand at Four Spade	es. North leads th
jack of clubs and o	continues with th
J	

ten, which you ruff. When you next play the A-K of spades, South shows out on the second round. How would you continue? West East **♠** A K Q J 2

Test Your Play

1. Your first reaction might be to continue with the queen and another trump, planning to run the diamonds later on and in that way avoid the risk of a club finesse if the diamonds are favorably divided.

However, there's a flaw in this plan. Upon winning the jack of trumps at trick five, South might put you on the spot by returning a club. You would then be faced with the critical decision of whether to attempt the club finesse, or whether to go up with the ace and rely entirely on a 3-2 diamond division. You might make the wrong choice and find yourself going down one.

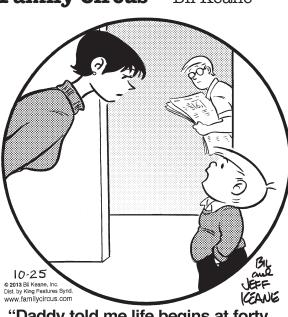
To avoid this potential dilemma, you should cash the queen of trumps at trick four and then play the K-Q of diamonds. If both opponents follow suit, you can assure the slam by handing South his trump trick and later discard two clubs on dummy's diamonds. If the diamonds turn out to be divided 4-1 and South has not trumped, you can next concede your trump loser and hope the club finesse will succeed.

2. You can't afford to play the Q-J of trumps at this point, since you would then have no way to reach the J-8 of diamonds in your hand after cashing dummy's A-K-Q. To give yourself the best chance, play dummy's

A-K of diamonds first, hoping North did not start with a singleton or void. If both defenders follow suit, discontinue diamonds and cash the Q-J of trumps, discarding the queen of diamonds from dummy on your last trump. This will allow you to score five diamond tricks. If it were to turn out that South had only one diamond originally, you would of course also cash the queen of diamonds

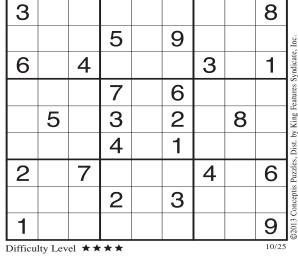
before drawing trumps. (c)2013 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Daddy told me life begins at forty. What am I s'posed to do till then?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



This is a logic-based num-

ber placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which

each row, column and 3x3region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to the last

Sudoku puzzle is at right.

3	4	9	8	7	5	1	6	2
8	6	5	9	2	1	7	3	4
1	7	2	6	4	3	5	8	9
5	3	7	4	6	8	9	2	1
4	1	6	2	5	9	3	7	8
2	9	8	1	3	7	6	4	5
9	2	3	7	1	4	8	5	6
7	8	4	5	9	6	2	1	3
6	5	1	3	8	2	4	9	7
Difficulty Level ★★★							10	

Cryptoquip

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area, and we were without power. Take a small XNLXAN GNQW YN. U GNNR

DLTGONW HXQDN Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I'LL GUESS MY FOR SHOULD GET HERE IN SEVENTY MINUTES and dry them, and use them to clean ports on THAT'S MY ESTIMATED TIME OF A RIVAL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals P

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

AC	ROSS	35	Individual	58	Toss in		Detergen
1	Treasure	37	Hallow-				Lariat
	seeker's		een shout	DC	OWN	23	Wedding
	aid	38	Bullets	1	Swampy		VIP
4	Speed		et al.		area	24	"Acid"
	along	39	Eye (Sp.)	2	Farewell	25	Have a
7	Student	41	Soda	3	Pontifical		bug
	of		shop	4	Uses	26	Rotation
	Socrates		order		a ray		duration
12	Oklahoma	45	Fort —,		gun on	28	Zodiac
	city		N.C.	5	Mountain		symbol
13	King	47	Plant		cover,	30	Id coun-
	beater		prickle		often		terpart
14	Severity	48	Small	6	Don't cry	31	Bkpr.
15	Wardrobe		orange		for her,	32	Height
	mal-		fruit		Argentina		of
	function	52	Exist	7	Get ready		fashion?
16	Don't	53	Inuit boat	8	Ullmann	33	Branch
	give up	54	Greek H		or Tyler	36	Standard
18	Vast	55	Spell-	9	Census	37	Capital of
	expanse		down		number		Colombia
19	Report-	56	Move	10	Rocky	40	Actor
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48 Tavern 49 Ostrich's cousin 50 Disen-31 Pursuit cumber 34 Divine 51 Droop

57 Perched 11 Raw rock 42 Addis -

wheeler

46 Pesky

55

insect

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48 49 50 52