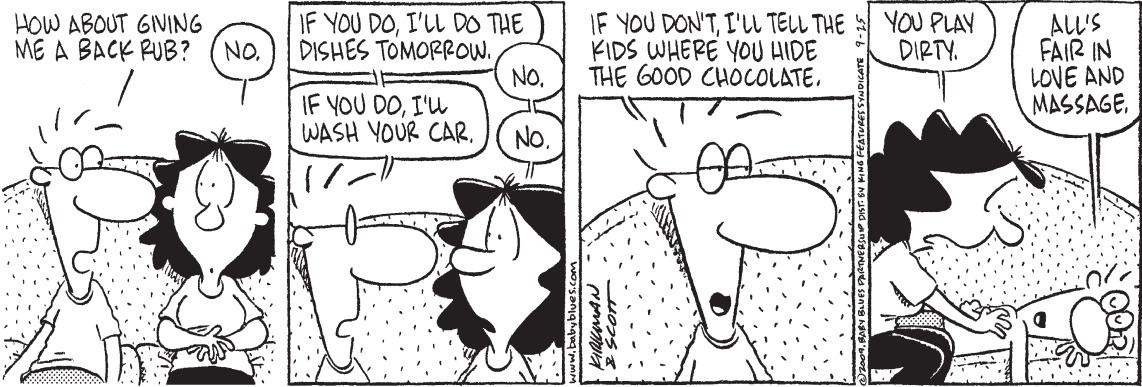


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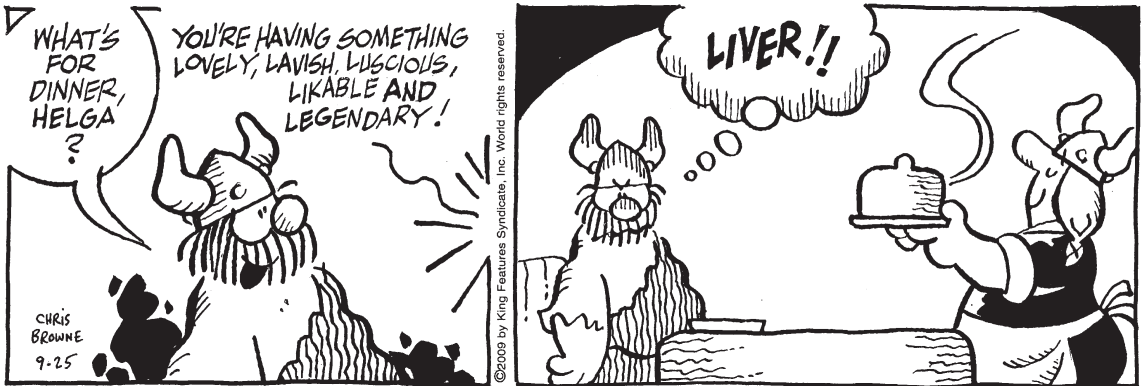
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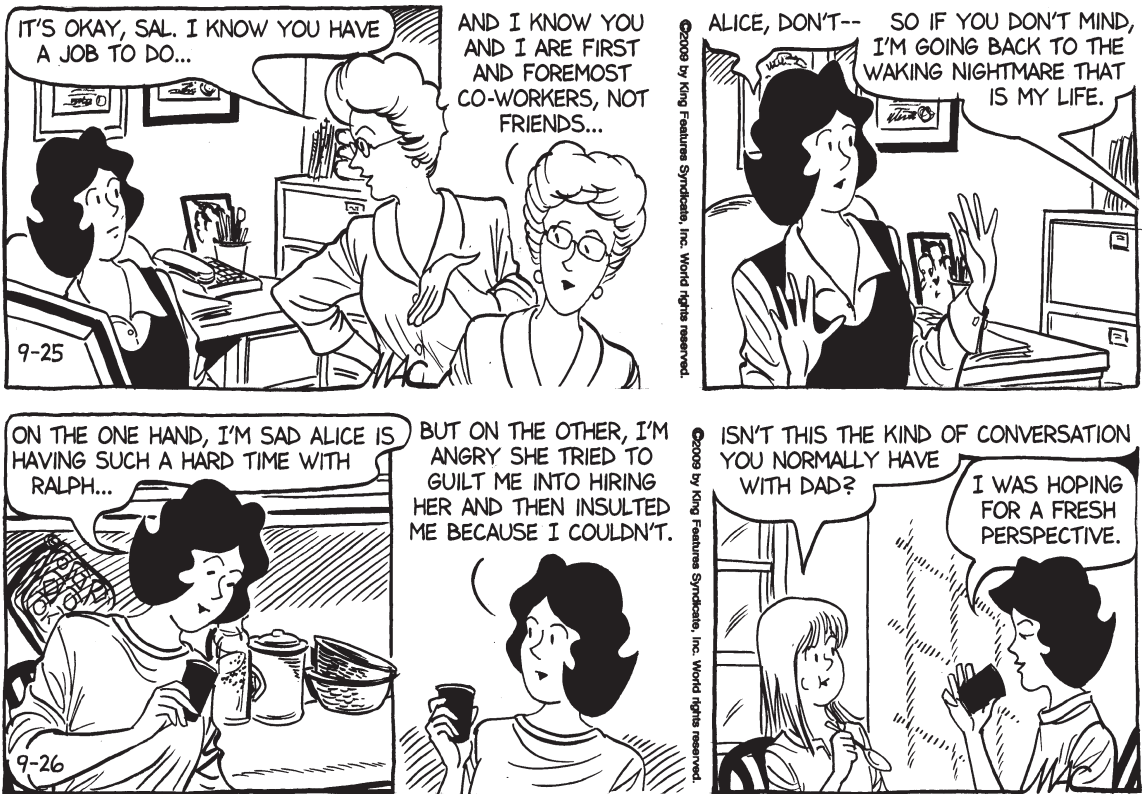
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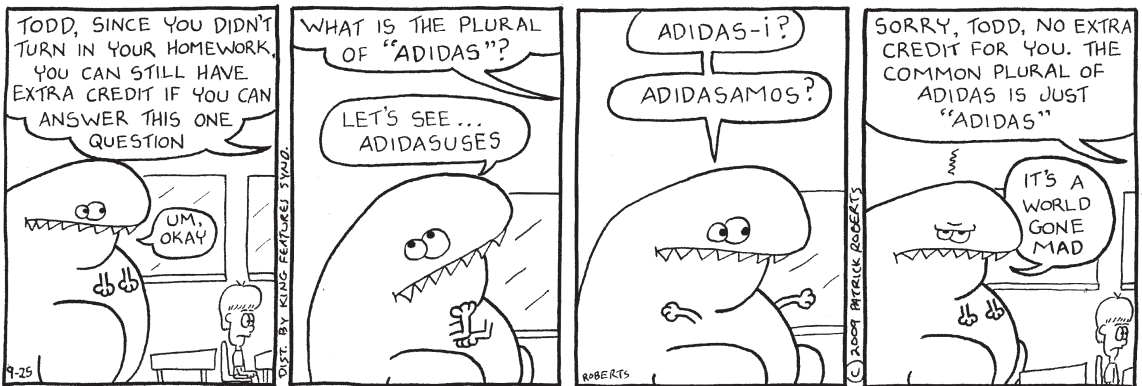
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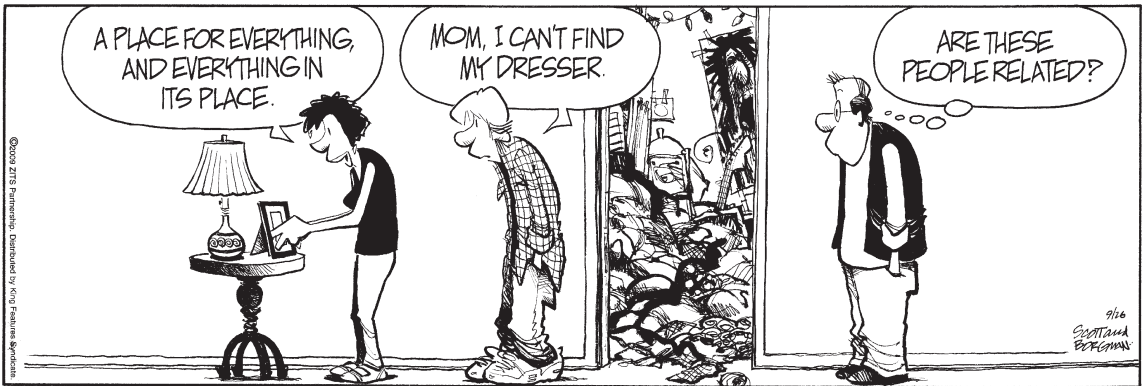
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Solution speeds window cleaning

Dear Heloise: I am writing to ask for the recipe for WINDOW CLEANER. I made some up and used it all, and now I can't find the recipe for it. Would you please print it again? Thank you. – D. Hannon, Portage, Ind.

I'm happy to share this money-saving hint! It's a tried-and-true solution for windows and is really simple: Mix 1/2 cup nonsudsing ammonia, 1/2 cup rubbing alcohol and 1 teaspoon dishwashing liquid with enough water to make 1 gallon of cleaner. Put this in a clearly marked spray bottle. Drying with crumpled-up newspaper will give you a streak-free window, too. For other home-style cleaners, order my pamphlet Heloise's Fantabulous Vinegar Hints and More. Just send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (61 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Vinegar, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Who needs to spend money on expensive commercial cleaners when household staples like vinegar, baking soda and rubbing alcohol are just about all you need? Also, when doing windows, wipe up and down on one side and side to side on the other. You'll be able to tell which side the streaks are on! – Heloise

ARTIFICIAL PLANTS

Dear Heloise: In answer to artificial plants and how to clean them, I do the following:

- If they are small plants, I put them in the bathtub, and, using the shower, I wash them, let them drain and place them on a rug to dry while I continue to clean house.
- Or, if they are large plants that I cannot lift, I use a glass cleaner, which I spray over the whole plant and then wipe with a soft cloth over each leaf. – Doris K., Galloway, Ohio

**CARPET SAMPLES**

Dear Heloise: When it's time to replace and pick out new carpet, I bring the carpet samples home. To decide which ones will show dirt the least, I sprinkle some of the dust from my vacuum cleaner on the samples. I have found this very helpful in choosing carpet. Of course, I vacuum up the dirt from the samples before returning them to the store! It really works, as the dirt is the color unique to your area. – Wilma, Bentonville, Ark.

Wilma, that's a really creative way to use dirt! – Heloise

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: When you are traveling and don't want to pack a wet toothbrush, use the hair dryer in your room to dry it before putting it away. It only takes a minute. -- K. Thompson, Florence, Ala.

FRIDGE-DOOR COVER

Dear Heloise: I bought a stainless-steel French-door refrigerator and noticed marks on the doors, when someone grabbed the handles to open.

My idea: While in an auto-parts store, I saw a display of shoulder pads used to add comfort to a car's seat belt. I wrapped it around the handle and pressed the self-gripping tape closed, and it works great. – Amy, via e-mail

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Bridge • Steve Becker

You are the dealer, neither side vulnerable, and open One Club. Partner responds One Diamond. What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠AK8 ♥J ♦Q1052 ♣AQ963
2. ♠AQ6 ♥AJ ♦Q9 ♣KQJ852
3. ♠KJ2 ♥AQ ♦9643 ♣QJ85
4. ♠AJ94 ♥8 ♦K62 ♣AKQJ7

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Bidding Quiz

1. Three diamonds. Since your opening club bid may have been based on minimum values, it is necessary to identify your extra values, as well as the diamond fit, via a jump-raise.

The jump to three diamonds guarantees four-card support and 16 to 18 points, including distributional values. Partner is not compelled to bid again, but is being urged to continue bidding if he has more than six or seven points. If partner's hand is so weak that he can't bid again over three diamonds, game is extremely unlikely.

2. Three notrump. No invitation to game (such as three clubs or two notrump) should be issued with a hand where – once partner has responded – game seems assured.

There is no guarantee that three notrump will be made, but the prospects are good enough to warrant that undertaking even though partner may have only a minimum response. It is far riskier to make a bid – such as two notrump or three clubs – that partner can pass. With your powerful club suit and enough high cards to take care of most contingencies, game should be bid straightaway.

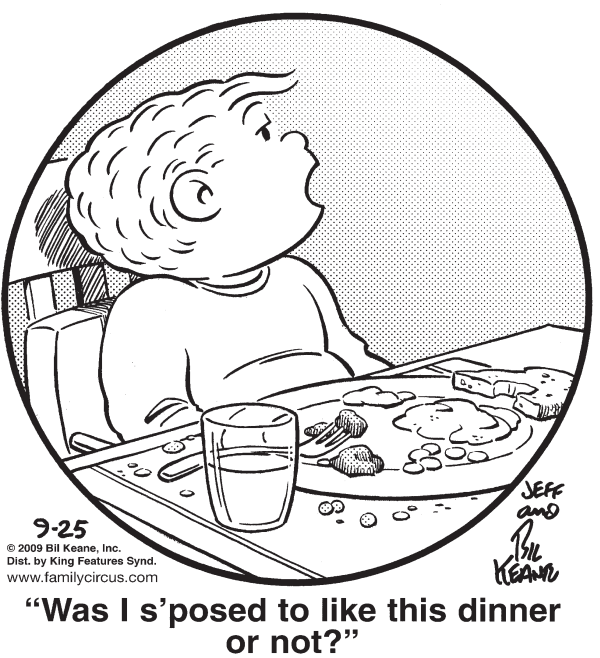
3. One notrump. Although your diamond length qualifies for an immediate single raise of partner's suit, that action is not advised in this case. The minimum opening strength and balanced distribution are more accurately described by a rebid of one notrump. Furthermore, if there is a notrump game in the offing, it is also probably best that it be played from your seat.

4. Two spades. A jump-shift by the opening bidder alerts partner that even though he may have only six points for his initial response, that will suffice to produce a game.

Here, you have every good reason to think a game may be possible in spades, diamonds, clubs or notrump, depending on partner's hand. His next bid should help clarify the proper denomination, after which potential slam possibilities may be explored, if partner is so inclined.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

Cryptoquip

AC OCQ BQYYCBD RXOGCAO  
THEE DIDF NRJD R IHADC  
RGCQU TSHBJDO RXA NRFJDU

HU RB R BKCUS URYD?  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THEY MADE A FOLLOW-UP TO THE MOVIE THAT WAS VERY POOR. IT WAS DEFINITELY NOT AN EQUAL SEQUEL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals Y

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Picks out of a lineup  
4 Ship's front  
8 Wild party  
12 Plaything  
13 Green land  
14 Curved molding  
15 "Wow!"  
17 Traditional tales  
18 Versifier  
19 Constitutional  
20 Orated  
22 Overcast  
24 Ponder  
25 "Wow!"  
29 Swiss canton  
30 Huffs and puffs  
31 Born  
32 "Wow!"  
34 Un-escorted  
35 Unpaid bill  
36 Illinois city  
37 Bake eggs  
40 Perry Mason portrayer

**41** Mexican entree  
**42** "Wow!"  
**46** Detail  
**47** Squirrels' hangouts  
**48** "That's funny!" to a texter  
**49** Cincinnati team  
**50** Genealogy chart  
**51** Sweet potato

**4** Small flycatcher  
**5** Laugh-a-minute  
**6** Bobby of hockey  
**7** Become one  
**8** Anne who married Henry VIII  
**9** More than enthusiastic  
**10** Antitoxins  
**11** Command to Fido  
**16** Oxen's binder  
**19** Young blokes  
**20** Too confident  
**21** Engine noise  
**22** Leave tiers  
**23** Amorphous mass  
**26** In toto  
**27** Burn something what  
**28** Lily variety  
**30** Coffin support  
**33** File holders  
**34** Ganges wrap  
**36** Talk a blue streak?  
**37** Use a tea-spoon  
**38** Loathe  
**39** On the rocks  
**40** Prepare a casserole  
**42** Braille component  
**43** Anvil's site  
**44** Extinct New Zealander  
**45** Shade provider

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

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

Yesterday's answer 9-25

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