Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

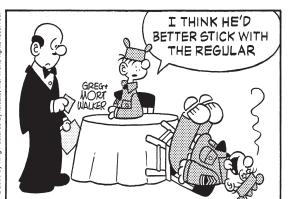






Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker





Blondie • Chic Young





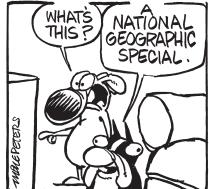


Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne





Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



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Sally Forth • Greg Howard







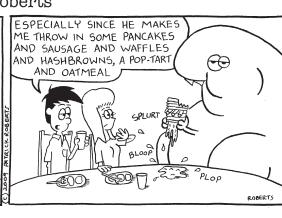




Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts







Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott









The bedbugs are biting back

Heloise

Dear Readers: "Sleep tight ... don't let the BEDBUGS bite!" That cute little saying you tuck your kiddos in at night with may now have a new meaning! Yep, bedbugs are making a comeback, with a vengeance.

Bedbugs are the size of apple seeds and look a bit like a tick. But since they come out only at night to feed on sleeping humans, they can be very hard to see. They hide in mattresses, box springs and even burrow into night tables.

Sorry to report, folks, but there is no home remedy for removing bedbugs from your home! Trust me, if I had a Heloise hint for you, I'd share it. If you find these critters in your house, the best thing you can do is call in the professionals. Store-bought bug bombs and pesticides don't work, according to experts, so don't waste your time or money.

Extreme heat seems to be the only thing that works, and when you call for a quote, make sure the company will come out a second time, since it's virtually impossible to rid a house or room with only one treatment.

One hint you can do for less than \$100 is purchase a bed/mattress cover - one that closes completely with a zipper, not the fitted three-quarter kind. Even if you don't have bedbugs, a mattress cover can extend the life of your bed and act as a preventive barrier for bedbugs, mites, fleas, etc. They are especially good if you sleep with pets. For more information, check out the National

Pesticide Information Center's Web site at http:// npic.orst.edu/ state1.htm, and don't let the bedbugs bite! - Heloise

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: I make a lot of one- or two-night trips by plane and don't want to check my luggage, but I have a tough time getting all of my creams and liquids to fit in the plastic bags the airlines require. I discovered that using small, closeable craft bags helps! I fill each bag with a oneor two-day supply of hair, face and body cream, etc., and label them. – Kristy, North Texas

Good travel advice, and may I add, please put the small bags in a large one to avoid a mishap. Heloise

TWO HINTS

Here are two good hints from Beverly, via e-

SEWING-NEEDLE SIZES I sew a lot and am constantly changing needles

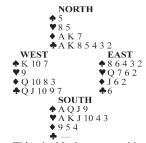
for different fabrics. I'd have to take the needle out to see the size when I started something new. So, I took one of the flexible refrigerator magnets I got in the mail, cut it into small squares and wrote needle sizes on them. Now when I change a needle, I stick the reminder on the machine and F V P T V T C B Q S D D F P M F Q. am a much happier camper.

HANDY MOLESKIN

I had some blouses that always slipped off the into strips and stuck on the top edges of the hanger, and problem solved.

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Bridge • Steve Becker



This double-dummy problem was composed many years ago by the late Sidney Lenz. The object is to make Seven Hearts against the queen-of-clubs lead. Best defense is assumed, and, of course, declarer can see all 52 cards.

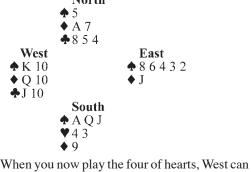
Double-Dummy Problem Win the queen of clubs with the king, discard-

ing a diamond, and continue with the ace of clubs. Then:

1. If East ruffs, overruff, cash the ace of spades and lead the queen through West's king. He must play the king of spades on this trick or the next one, whereupon you ruff in dummy and finesse the ten of trumps to score the rest of the tricks.

2. If East discards a spade on the ace of clubs, trump the ace, play the A-Q of spades as before, and take a trump finesse. Then cash your remaining spade or spades, cross to dummy with a diamond to the king and ruff another club, reducing your hand to the A-K-J of trumps and nine of diamonds. Now play a diamond to the ace, lead anything at all and East's Q-7-6 of trumps succumb to your A-K-J.

3. If East discards a diamond on the ace of clubs, discard your nine of spades and take a trump finesse. Then enter dummy with a diamond and repeat the trump finesse. After you cash the A-K of trumps, this becomes the position: North



discard the ten of clubs as dummy also discards a club, but when you next play the three of hearts, West finds himself in dire straits. He is caught in a three-suit squeeze, and no matter which suit he discards, you make the rest of the tricks.

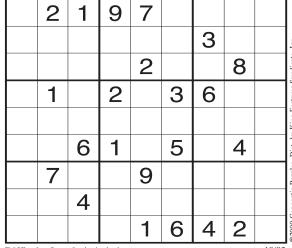
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Okay, I'm ready now. Go ahead and play your new song."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★★★

This is a logic-based num ber placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a num

ber, 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 las

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Cryptoquip

Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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QGV TFPPVU QKEAV, ECQ 🏵

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A TYKE WHO'S A FUTURE PLUMBER IS LEARNING TO RIDE A plastic hangers. I had some moleskin that I cut BIKE, MAYBE HE'LL PUT ON DRAINING WHEELS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals U

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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pal	stealthily	21 Everything,	brown
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tance	dubbed	stand	speech

23 Welk measure "Bad Moon" specialty American Solution time: 25 mins.

31 Arcade game name **34** Put into office 35 Sociable **37** Snitch 38 Lids 39 Ostrich's kin 41 Go really fast

Yesterday's answer 10-2

13 15 16 19 128 30 32 42 43