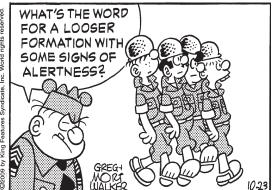






Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker





Blondie • Chic Young





Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne







Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters

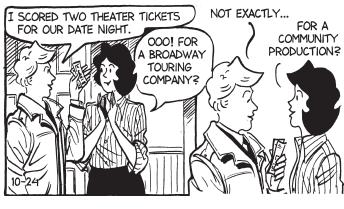


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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott





Heloise

Hints from Heloise

Hangers mark clothing repairs

Dear Heloise: I have been doing LAUNDRY for myself and family, and have recently discovered how to keep clothing up to date.

When I remove clothing from the dryer to hang up and have ready for ironing, I use two different-colored plastic hangers. The white hangers are for clothing that is in good repair, wearable and desirable to wear anywhere, anytime. The colored hangers are for items that may need a button, minor stitching, be too big or small but still not ready for the giveaway or trash pile.

That way, I don't have to stop and think about what is ready to wear. This saves time by not having to try something on to make sure it is presentable. – Mary N., Port Charlotte, Fla.

A few minutes sorting and organizing clothes can save time on a busy morning, or save money by knowing what's in your closet. Shop in your closet before shopping for clothes. – Heloise

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CLOUDY GLASSES

SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

Dear Heloise: This was great timing! In a recent Orange County (Calif.) Register, you published a solution for my cloudy glasses. I was just about to ask what to do, and there was my answer! I must admit that I had tried soaking them in full-strength vinegar for 24 hours, but that didn't work, and now I know I must use my nylon scrubber and put a little elbow grease into the job. My work will be cut out for me, but it will be well worth it! – Nova in California

Thanks, Nova. Remember, the updated hint is to heat the vinegar. It almost bubbles away the mineral buildup! – Heloise

FOAM TOPPER

Dear Heloise: Recently, I changed a queensize bed for a twin trundle and ended up with a foam mattress topper that didn't fit. After measuring the twin bed, I removed the covering, then used a permanent marker and measuring stick to mark the foam. With my electric knife and a cutting board underneath, I cut the queen-size foam down. The padded topper covering was downsized with scissors and my sewing machine.

The leftover pieces were cut into standard and neck-size pieces to make pillows. I not only had a new mattress topper for my bed, but several pillows as well. – A Reader, via e-mail

SHELF LINING

Dear Heloise: My daughter moved into a new home, and I volunteered to line the shelves in the kitchen and bathrooms. After a tiring attempt at cutting the heavy-duty liner with scissors, I decided to try my rotary cutter, ruler and cutting mat. I was able to measure accurately, cut straight lines with square corners and finish the job in a fraction of the time it would have taken me with scissors. – Sandra Lovelace, Missouri City, Texas

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Bridge • Steve Becker

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the queen of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

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2. You are decla	rer with the West
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the jack of clubs.	How would you
play the hand?	•
West	East
♦ K 8 6 5	♠ A 7 2
♥A Q 10 8 3 2	♥ K J 9 4

* * * Test Your Play

1. You are certain to make the contract if the opposing clubs are divided 2-2 or 3-1, so your only real concern is a possible 4-0 club division. If North has all the missing clubs, there's nothing you can do about it, and you'll almost surely go down one or two tricks. But if South has all four clubs, something can be done, so you should shape your play to deal with that possibility.

The key play comes at trick one, when you should win the queen of diamonds with the ace. You then cash the ace of clubs, and if North shows out, you are in full control of the situation. You next lead a low heart toward the K-J-x, and regardless of which opponent has the ace, you will be able to lead clubs twice from dummy through South's J-10-8 to assure five clubs tricks and the contract.

2. Let's first assume you cover the jack of clubs with dummy's queen, losing to the ace, and that South shifts to a low diamond. Whatever you choose to do, you might wind up losing two diamonds, a club and a spade and go down one.

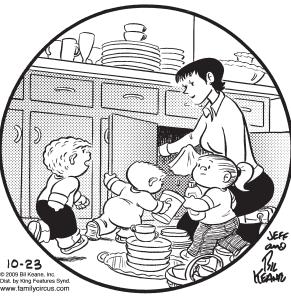
Your best shot, by far, is to play low from dummy on the opening lead! It is certainly reasonable to assume that South has the ace, in which case you're virtually certain to make the contract by ducking the jack.

Regardless of which suit North plays next, you plan to draw trumps, ending in dummy, then lead the king of clubs and ruff out South's ace, establishing a club trick on which you can discard the jack of diamonds. At worst, you lose a club, a diamond and a spade, trumping your fourth spade in dummy if the spades don't divide 3-3.

Note that South can't injure you even if he decides to overtake the jack of clubs with the ace in order to lead a diamond. If he does, dummy's K-Q of clubs both become tricks on which you can later discard the 6-5 of spades.

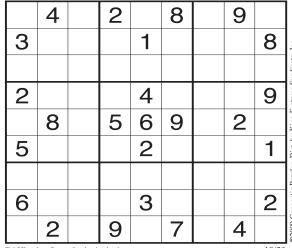
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Hi, Mommy! Can I volunteer to be some 'nother help?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★★★

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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.

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Cryptoquip

Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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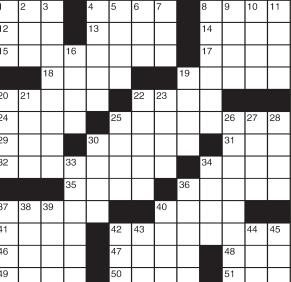
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN PEOPLE SING
SEVERAL NOTES IN HARMONY, YOU MIGHT
SAY THEY WILL PRODUCE A VOCAL CHORD.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals E

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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