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Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young

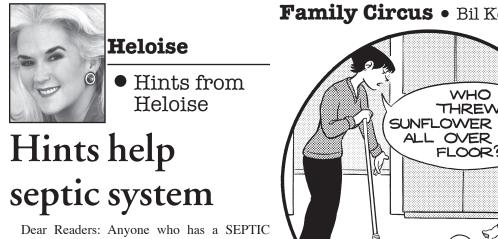


Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters





SYSTEM worries about wastewater backing up in the house or backyard, but I have five hints that should help the system operate better and last longer:

• Use water carefully. Fix drips and leaks in the plumbing right away! Don't let water run if you're not using it. Not only are you saving water, but also you won't be stressing the septic system.

• Take quick showers. A long shower uses a lot of water that goes into the system.

• Wash only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher.

• Don't put harmful materials such as disinfectants or chemicals down drains. Don't put cooking grease down the drain, or put cigarettes, cat litter, coffee grounds, facial tissue, dental floss, tampons or hair in the toilet.

• Get your septic tank pumped on a regular basis. Every three to five years is a good rule of thumb for normal systems. - Heloise

PESKY WEBS

Dear Heloise: I used to have difficulty getting webs down from my 14-foot-high ceilings. I came up with an easy, efficient way to get them down.

They make a long (8-foot), thin-walled plastic tube that is used to protect 8-foot fluorescent light bulbs during transport. I put one of these on the end of my vacuum-cleaner hose and vacuum the webs and spiders down. The tubes are ultralight and easy to maneuver up to the highest corners. The tubes are sold at many hardware stores. -Ray, via e-mail

CARAMEL-CORN PACKING

Dear Heloise: My mother-in-law sends my family care packages or gifts once in a while, and she packs it along with sandwich-size bags of caramel corn. My kids love her homemade caramel corn, so she uses it as packing material. It is a great way to send a gift, surrounded by an edible gift. The item arrives intact and surrounded by a wonderful treat. - Brenda in Washington

CHILD'S SWIMMING POOL

Dear Heloise: For the past two years, I have used a child's plastic swimming pool to tote UJNP SOHYJTJNPSOE SPZRLPOU leaves and other yard waste to the compost pile. I would not trade it for any wheelbarrow.

force it with duct tape, tie a rope on it and you have a great garden tool. It slides easily over the yard and is easy to put items into. - Dorothy Howell, Potts Camp, Miss.

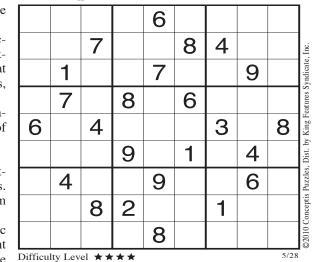
NO MORE KEY SEARCHING

Dear Heloise: To keep from searching for keys, we hang a key holder just inside the door that everyone uses. The keys are still in your hands from unlocking the door, and the key holder is right there. Everyone has a hook available. Going out, just reach up, get your keys and you are gone. -Kathryn G. from Mississippi

Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



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.

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Cryptoquip

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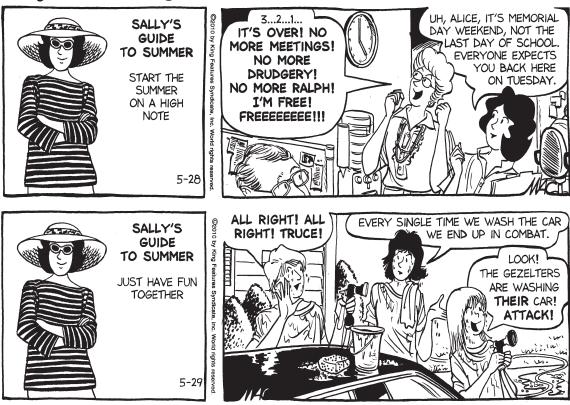
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Simply cut a hole in the side of the pool, rein-ZOP LZWHTY Z SZGA JWPO SLPOP. H SLHTA SLPE'OP 🏵 CUHTY UHTP GZTYCZYP. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT YOU CALL THE CHANCE TO EAT MEALS WITHOUT A CERTAIN GRAIN? A RICELESS OPPORTUNITY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals R

Sally Forth • Greg Howard

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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Bridge • Steve Becker

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Shades of Schopenhauer

A good bridge player must live in a constant state of fear, ever afraid that if something can go wrong, it will go wrong. In actual practice, these fears seldom materialize, but a conscientious declarer nevertheless starts every deal by assuming that all the finesses will fail and that every suit will divide unfavorably. He then tries to shape his play so as to overcome each such possibility. In effect, the expert hopes for the best but prepares for the worst.

Consider this deal where West leads the queen of spades against South's four-heart contract. Declarer wins with the king and plays the jack of trumps, losing to East's ace. East returns a club, the king losing to the ace, and West leads the jack of spades.

Declarer's mettle is put to the test at this point. If he plays the ace of spades from dummy, East ruffs to produce the third trick for the defense and later scores a diamond trick to put four hearts down one.

Granting that this outcome would fall into the category of bad luck, the fact remains that South should not run the risk of having the ace of spades ruffed at trick four. He can protect against that possibility and assure the contract at the same time by ducking the jack of spades! The spade suit can then be easily established, utilizing the ace of diamonds and king of hearts as entries, by trumping a low spade regardless of what West plays after the jack of spades holds. There cannot be a better reason for ducking the spade jack than the undeniable fact that the duck guarantees 10 tricks.

It would seem that in approaching the play, a gloomy philosophy sometimes helps matters considerably. Arthur Schopenhauer probably would have been a very good bridge player!

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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