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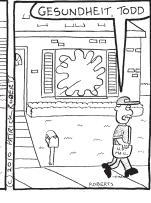




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Heloise Hints from Heloise

Clean spa tub the easy way

Dear Heloise: In a doctor's waiting room, I was reading your article concerning the cleaning of a BATHTUB. Before finishing the article, I was called in for my appointment and was unable to gain the information I was interested in.

Would you be so kind as to reprint the recipe for the action? It contained dishwasher detergent and something else. Thank you! - William Cornwell, via e-mail

William, I believe you are talking about the article on cleaning a spa tub that ran in my Good Housekeeping magazine column, "Ask Heloise,"

Here's the info: Fill the tub with enough hot water to cover the jets by at least several inches. Depending on the tub's size, add 1 to 2 cups of household chlorine bleach and 1/4 to 1/2 cup of powdered dishwasher detergent. Run the spa for at least 20 minutes; allow the water to sit for 20 to 30 minutes, then drain. Refill with cold water and turn on the jets for several minutes, then drain. Be sure to have good ventilation, and keep kids and pets away during the process. - Heloise

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: I have a pop-up hamper that I flatten and put in my suitcase. When we get to a hotel or Grandma's house, I unpop it, and we use it for all of our dirty laundry. It sure helps avoid piles of dirty laundry everywhere. - Nicole in Washington

MAGNET-BACKED BUSINESS CARD

Dear Heloise: Thank you for printing the hint about using magnet-backed business cards to capture pulled staples. No matter how careful one is, those sneaky staples always manage to fall into the carpet. Using the magnet keeps them all together until I can throw them away. My co-workers just loved this one! - Jill Kight, Connelly Springs, N.C.

CLEANING A HUMMINGBIRD FEEDER

Dear Heloise: I'm trying to keep some hummingbirds around, but I have a feeder that can be difficult to clean. Today I put about 2 or 3 ounces of water in, added a small handful of pea gravel, swirled for a minute or two, and voila - sparklingclean! - Tom in California

Love it! Keeping the feeders clean is a must for the health of these adorable buzz bombers! Heloise

HURRICANE EVACUATION

Dear Heloise: For those of us who live in hurricane-prone areas, have your evacuation list available before you need it. Include everything from your insurance papers and medications to pet supplies and an address book. Either pre-pack what you can or have it all in one easily accessible place.

One very important item to have is a small notebook with all of your online account passwords and login identification. - Anne in Florida

Bridge • Steve Becker

Partner bids One Heart, and the next player passes. Both sides are vulnerable, and you have a partscore of 60. What do you bid with each of the following four hands?

1. **♦** KQ7 ♥ J6 ♦ AJ83 **♣** AJ92 . **♦** J7 ♥ KQ83 ♦ AJ864 **♣** 92 3. ♠ 5 ♥ A64 ♦ KQ952 ♣ AKJ4 4. ♠ Q ♥ KQ762 ♦ 8 ♣ KQJ964

Bidding Quiz

1. Two notrump. Different point-count requirements apply when a partscore exists. Since one notrump is sufficient to produce game with a partscore of 60, it follows that a two-notrump response should be construed as a slam try.

Without a partscore, the normal range for a two-notrump response is 13 to 15 points, while a three-notrump response indicates 16 or 17.

With a partscore, greater values are required for these responses because both bids are directed not toward a game but toward a slam. The twonotrump response denotes 15 or 16 points, while three notrump shows 17 or 18.

It also should be noted that with a partscore of 60, a two-club or two-diamond response is not forcing on the opening bidder - even though it is a new suit by responder - because game has already been reached.

Both the two- and three-notrump responses are limit bids. They do not compel, but merely invite, opener to bid again.

2. Two hearts. Slam chances are practically nil unless partner voluntarily bids again. Without the partscore, your hand would be too good for two hearts, so you would temporize by bidding two diamonds (forcing). With the partscore, a two-diamond response would be incorrect, since partner might pass when hearts is clearly a better contract. In these circumstances, the heart fit should be shown immediately. If the opportunity arises, the diamonds may be shown later.

3. Three diamonds. A jump-shift by responder is 100 percent forcing, even with a partscore. There is every reason to feel optimistic about slam possibilities, but how high to go and what suit to play in remains to be resolved. In the meantime, partner should be apprised that you are interested in more than just a game. 4. Four notrump. This is an ideal hand for

Blackwood. The number of aces partner has for his opening bid will be a sure guide as to how many tricks can be made with hearts as trump. If partner responds with five hearts, showing

two aces, you will pass. If he bids five spades, showing three aces, you will carry on to six hearts. If partner bids five clubs, showing four aces, seven hearts can be bid with absolute assurance.

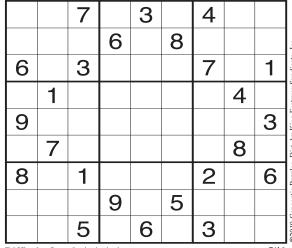
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"This is a great vacation place! Can we stay here for a YEAR?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



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

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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1 Data	of	1 Visibility	24 Common
6 Agent	Cortés	hindrance	Mkt.
9 Blond	41 Spell-	2 "Eureka!"	26 Grand
shade	down	3 Slight	28 Sheets
12 Chicago	43 Kitten's	convexi-	and
airport	remark	ties	pillow-
13 Debtor's	44 Equitable	4 Verifiable	cases
letters	45 Body-	5 Attack	30 Fond
14 Harper	guard of	6 Monkey,	du —,
Valley org.	Daddy	e.g.	Wisc.
15 Range	Warbucks	7 Versifier	32 Leviti-
16 Club	47 Planks	8 "Tasty!"	cus
people	49 Discharge	9 Mimic's	follower
18 "Scram!"	52 Earlier	specialty	33 Rage
20 Persia,	than	10 Back-	34 Intimi-
now	53 Ball-	pack	date
21 Post-	bearing	part	36 Exploita-
opposite	item	11 Lacks	tive
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lead-in	objet d'art	site	38 Pur-
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