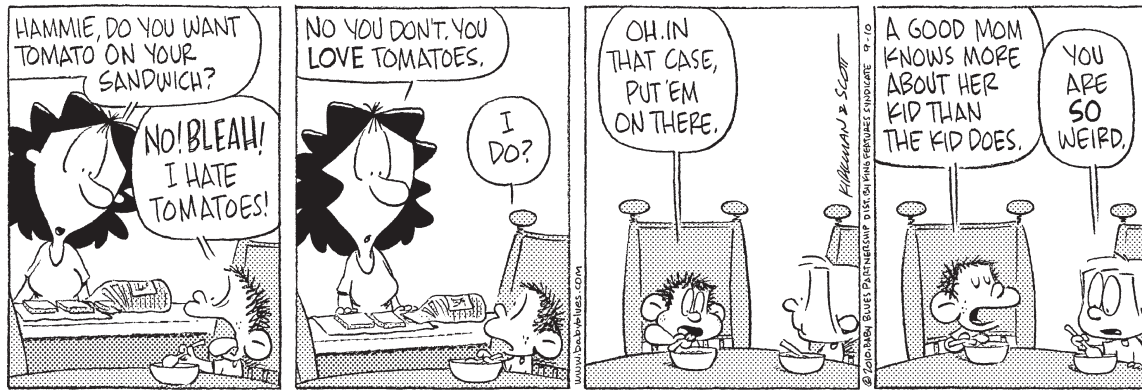


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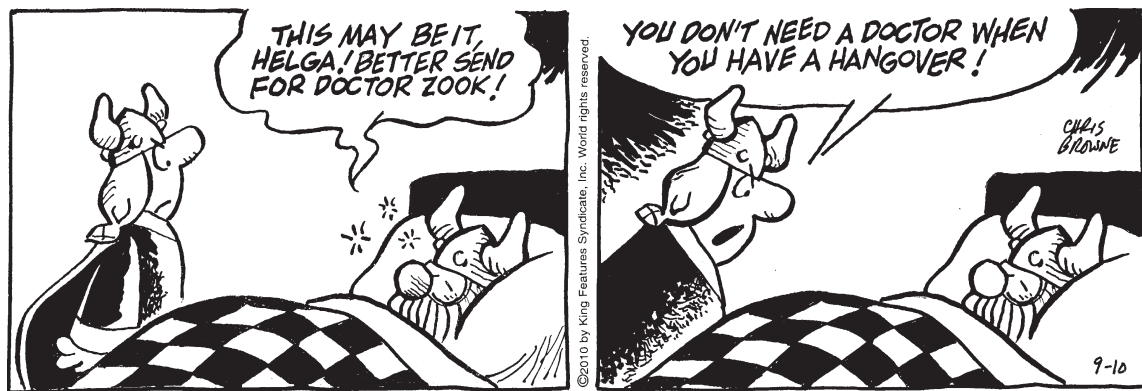
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Blondie • Chic Young



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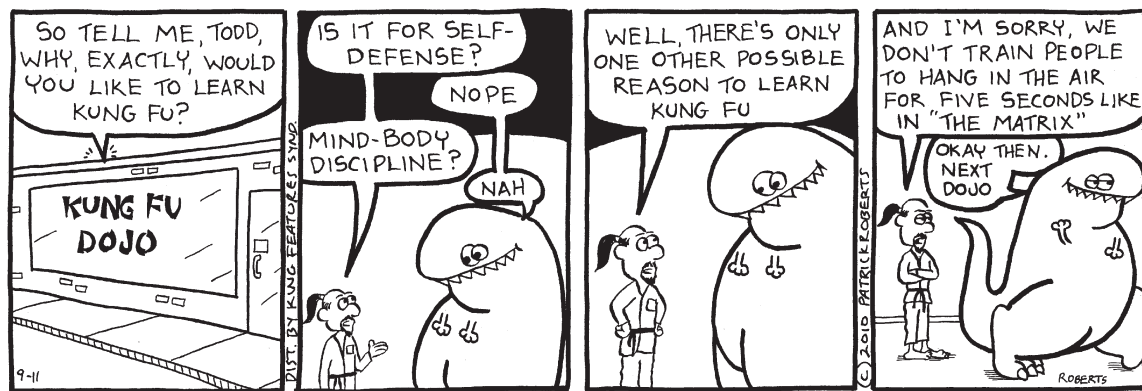
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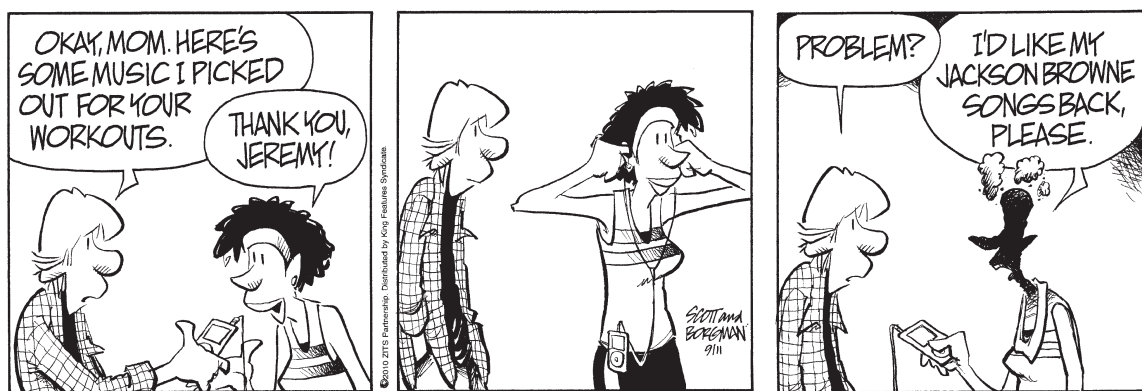
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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Heloise
• Hints from Heloise

Prewash spray might save day

Dear Heloise: You once had a LAUNDRY-SOAP TREATMENT made with dish soap and ammonia. I can't find that recipe. Do you still have it? — Judith Kaluzny, Fullerton, Calif.

Of course, and it's a real money-saving hint, too! Use a clean spray bottle and simply put equal parts ammonia (sudsy or plain), dishwashing (not dishwasher) liquid and water in it. This means, as an example, 1/2 cup of ammonia, 1/2 cup of dishwashing soap and 1/2 cup of water. Make sure you label the bottle. Do NOT use with household bleach or any product containing bleach. Combined, they can cause harmful and toxic fumes.

Just apply the prewash to the stain (from the back of the garment) and let sit a few minutes, then wash immediately. (You can NOT use this and toss in the hamper.) Don't dry — let the item air-dry in case you need to repeat the steps. For a guide to keep by the washer, order my eight-page pamphlet Heloise's Handy Stain Guide for Clothing by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (61 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Stains, Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. You will find a list of stain-removal hints. Another hint: Always air-dry — do not put in the dryer — any item that is questionable! — Heloise

P.S.: Treat stains ASAP, and you won't have to throw out that favorite garment.

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: Since I live on the West Coast and my family lives on the East Coast, I am always traveling back and forth. I bought two of the daily compartmented pillboxes with snap lids. Each compartment easily can hold a ring, two or three pairs of stud earrings and a few small pendants. Since the caps snap tight, everything stays together. The boxes are plastic and add no extra weight. When I get to my destination, it is easy to just snap open the cap to see what I want without disturbing anything else. When I leave, everything is still organized. — Gertrude in California

CABINET SPACE

Dear Heloise: We recently moved into a house with little cabinet and drawer space under the sinks in the master bathroom. In the cabinet, I use stackable plastic drawers for my small items (makeup, toiletries, medicines, etc.) and still have room for larger items. I am actually more organized and neater than I was with more space.

My husband sometimes works nights. So not to bother him when he is going to bed and I'm getting up to start my day, I just pull out the plastic drawer and take it to another part of the house. — Sherry in Monument, Colo.

CLOSE CURTAINS

Dear Heloise: I take a binder clip with me on vacation. It's perfect for clipping together hotel-room draperies that won't close all the way otherwise. — Alice Berntson, Salem, Ore.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

North East South West
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What would you bid with each of the following five hands?

- ♠ QJ8 ♡ 92 ♦ K95 ♣ AJ743
- ♠ K9842 ♡ Q8753 ♦ 74 ♣ 10
- ♠ K73 ♡ 764 ♦ QJ63 ♣ Q85
- ♠ J65 ♡ K842 ♦ 86 ♣ J932
- ♠ K976 ♡ 3 ♦ J743 ♣ 8754

Bidding Quiz

1. Redouble. In standard bidding, it is more or less automatic to redouble with 10 or more points in high cards when your partner opens the bidding and the next player doubles. Support for partner's suit is not required.

2. Four hearts. There is a good chance that the opponents can either make a game or sacrifice successfully at five of a minor. The four-heart bid is aimed at making it more difficult for them to make the winning decision. At the same time, there is also a reasonable possibility that partner can make four hearts.

3. One notrump. This indicates a balanced hand of six to nine high-card points. Tactically, it is better to bid now than to pass. If you pass, it will be more difficult to show your balanced distribution and modest high-card strength later on.

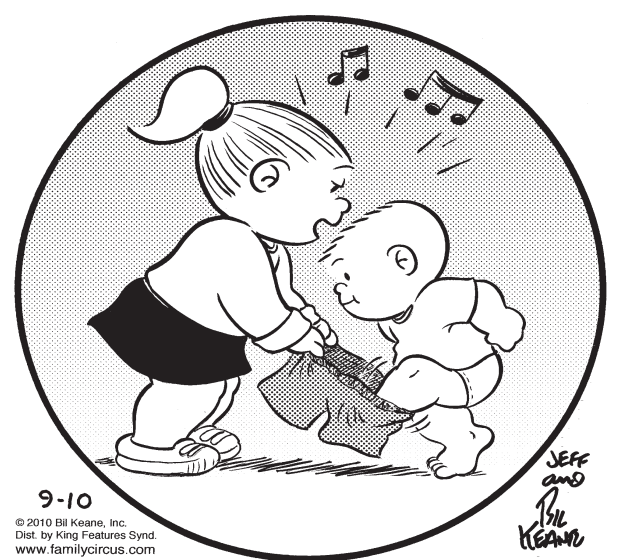
4. Two hearts. This indicates a balanced hand of six to nine high-card points. Tactically, it is better to bid now than to pass. If you pass, it will be more difficult to show your balanced distribution and modest high-card strength later on.

5. Pass. There is simply no better call available, so the best you can do at this stage is to pass. Change one of your clubs or diamonds into a spade, and you could then bid one spade over the double.

It is true that there is an element of risk attached to the pass, because the next player might also pass, but any other call would be even more dangerous. Remember that if West passes, partner still has another chance to bid if he's unhappy with one heart doubled.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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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.

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Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WINDY CITY FOOTBALL TEAM WHOSE MEMBERS ARE KNOWN FOR DRINKING COLD ONES: THE CHICAGO BEERS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1865 villain
- "Bow-wow!"
- Muppet eagle
- Flaxlike fiber
- Bill's partner
- Rd.
- Sports venue
- Snickers bar component
- Epistle
- Aching
- Microbrewery product
- Scuttle
- Aspect
- Maze option
- When pigs fly
- Prayer beads
- Geronimo was one
- Twangy
- Primary
- Critter
- Massage

DOWN

- Support system?
- Scull tool
- Brunch entrees
- Prong
- Moor
- Give consent (to)
- Bellow
- In favor of
- Pago
- Weeper of myth
- Witness
- "The Joy Luck Club" author
- Loves too much, maybe
- Conviction
- Big brouhaha
- Guru's retreat
- Stage
- Statury
- Entreaty
- Advertising award
- Salamander
- Rushmore face
- "Of course"

Solution time: 25 mins.

Yesterday's answer 9-10

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