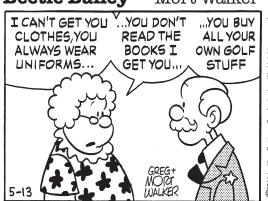
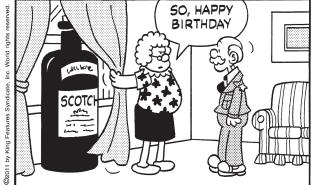




Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker





Blondie • Chic Young







Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne





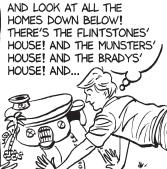
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters





Sally Forth • Greg Howard













Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts









Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



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Heloise

Hints from Heloise

Work together with cell phones

Dear Heloise: I had to CRAWL IN MY ATTIC to do some electrical wiring - installing canned lights. I really needed occasional help from my wife to install the lights. Rather than crawl in and out of the attic or try to yell to her, I took my cell phone into the attic with me. She helped me locate where to cut holes in the ceiling in order to install the light cans.

I also found it useful to use the cell phone so she could direct me when I was trying to back our travel trailer into our driveway. Needless to say, the cellphone also is useful to locate one another in a box store or at the mall. So, for someone who tried for years to refrain from getting a cellphone, I'm now convinced it can be handy. - Larry Darnell, via email

They are lifelines for many people today! Your hint is just one more way to use them to solve life's problems. – Heloise

SEND A GREAT HINT TO: Heloise P.O. Box 795000 San Antonio, TX 78279-5000 **CHEST FREEZER**

Dear Heloise: I have a chest-type freezer. I tried storing meats in plastic grocery bags, but they eventually fell apart.

I went to my big-box kitchen and bath store and found some large, colored mesh laundry bags. Now when I open my freezer, I go to the appropriate colored bag (white for chicken, blue for seafood, etc.) and pick out what I want for dinner. I also keep an inventory of each bag on the side of my refrigerator. I'm not completely organized. Every two or three months, I have to re-inventory because I've forgotten to mark something off the list. - Sharyn, via email

COFFEE FILTERS

Dear Heloise: I've struggled for years trying to get a coffee filter out of the package without mangling it. Then I heard about "rubber fingers." I visited an office-supply store, bought a box and store two of the fingers inside the filter package.

When I make coffee, I slip my thumb and my index finger into them and pull. The filter slides right out every time. – J. Wise, Cleveland **RECYCLE**

Dear Heloise: I am big on recycling, and visit the thrift store weekly to get my shopping urges met without breaking the bank. Old microwave RZDSK UOFGROPI GVDBPOBFUO glass trays work great under large houseplants to protect flooring, counters, sills, decks and carpets from the occasional overwatering. I have them all over the house, and they come in a variety of sizes. - Jan M. from Idaho

STUBBORN TABLECLOTH WRINKLES

Dear Heloise: I found a successful way to get those stubborn wrinkles out of folded plastic tablecloths. I put the tablecloth in my clothes dryer on high for 30 to 60 seconds. When the tablecloth and immediately put it on the table. Wrinkles melt away. I always stay right with the dryer while doing this so as not to forget that I put the tablecloth in. - Pat Rousseau, Port Charlotte, Fla.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts, and North, who overcalled in clubs, leads the king of clubs. How would you proceed?

WEST EAST

EAST 10 7 4 **♠** A K 6 ♥KJ10853 **♥** A 9 4 **♦** A 10 6 **♦**983 2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Hearts, and North leads the ace of clubs, which you ruff.

How would you proceed? WEST **EAST ♦**Q765 ♥Q9862 ♥AKJ103 ◆ A 8 4 2 ♦ K 10 6 3

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Test Your Play

1. Win the club lead with the ace and trump a club. Play a spade to dummy's king and ruff another club, followed by a spade to dummy's ace and still another club ruff. Now cash the ace of diamonds and exit with either a spade or a dia-

The defenders can cash two diamonds and a spade, but will then have to yield the last three tricks to your K-J-10 of trumps opposite dummy's A-9-4.

This approach makes it totally unnecessary to guess where the queen of trumps is located or how the suit is divided. If instead you tackled trumps at the start of play, you might misguess how to play the suit and end up down one.

2. This is one of those sure-thing hands where the contract is certain to succeed with proper play. After ruffing the club lead, draw trumps and cash the A-K-Q of spades. If the missing spades are divided 3-3, your worries are over, so let's assume the spades divide unevenly.

Ruff your last spade in dummy and return the diamond three. If South follows low, finesse the eight. Let's say this loses to North's nine. North must then either yield a ruff-and-discard or return a diamond. If he returns a low diamond, insert the ten; if he returns a high diamond, play low from dummy and win with the ace. Either way, you're sure to make the slam even if the diamonds are divided 4-1. If South plays the nine, jack or queen on the

first diamond lead from dummy, win with the ace and return a low diamond. If North follows low, insert the ten; if he follows high, all you lose is one diamond trick. If North shows out on the second diamond lead, play the ten, and South must resign.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Daddy, Mommy asked me to see if you were up from your nap yet. Are you? ... Daddy? ... Daddy? ..."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

	8			5		1		9
3	2	1					4	7
		5			8			
	4	9				3	1	
			3			3		
1	9					8	5	2
5		3		9			7	
Difficulty Level ***						5/13		

Difficulty Level ★★★

This is a logic-based number 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 last

	3	8	9	1	2	7	5	4	6
	7	1	4	5	6	9	2	3	8
	2	5	6	3	4	8	7	9	1
	8	9	7	6	3	4	1	2	5
	1	6	5	9	7	2	3	8	4
	4	2	3	8	5	1	9	6	7
	9	3	1	7	8	6	4	5	2
	5	4	8	2	1	3	6	7	9
	6	7	2	4	9	5	8	1	3
Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/1									

Cryptoquip

Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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SZIGKII OIVUOPZG

NFUUOPI: IEFNZ PZJOP. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I LOVE TO DIP MY DAILY NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENT PILLS IN is very warm and soft, I take it out of the dryer BEER, THEN LABEL THEM "MALTY-VITAMINS."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals A

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	37 Conk out	DOWN	24 Tease	
1 Overseer	38 Informa-	1 Data	25 Numerical	
of JFK	tion	2 Kind of	prefix	
and LAX	39 Ottoman	committee	26 Addnl.	
4 Jewel	officer	3 Farewell	phone	
7 Gear	41 Way out	4 Hook	28 Powell	
parts	45 Repre-	with a	co-star	
12 Throw in	sentative	handle	30 Luau	
13 Big	47 Before	5 Ostra-	bowlful	
hatchet	48 Done	cized	31 X rating?	
14 Plankton	with	6 "— Black"	32 Mimic	
compo-	despera-	7 Chat	33 Violinist's	
nents	tion	8 Subordi-	need	
15 Actor	52 Opposite	nate	36 Creche	
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16 March	53 Spud	9 Id coun-	37 One	
Madness	state	terpart	inspired	
semis	54 Golf prop	10 Greek	by Terp-	
18 Pirouette	55 — and	consonant	sichore	
pivot	outs	11 That	40 Reach	
19 Movie	56 Male and	woman	42 Ohio	
20 Pond	female	17 Experts	city	
gunk	57 Raw rock	21 Jupiter	43 O.	
22 Away	58 Favorable	has 63	Henry's	
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WSW			44 Nervous	
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