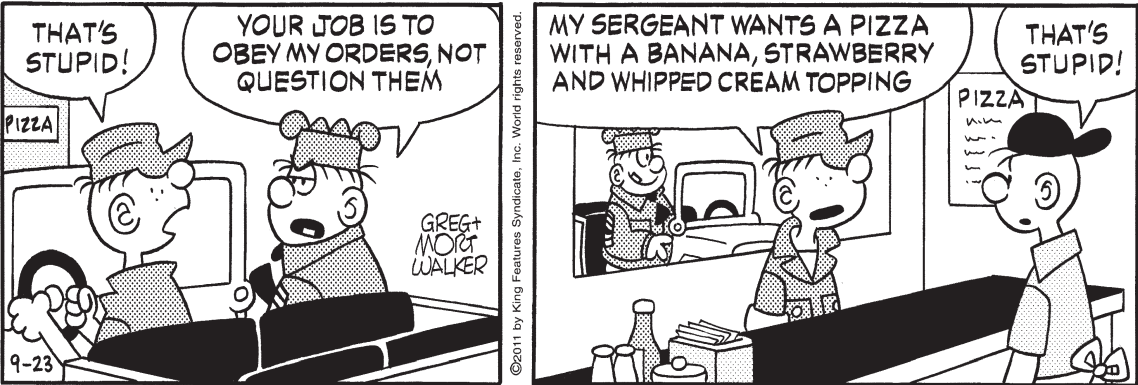


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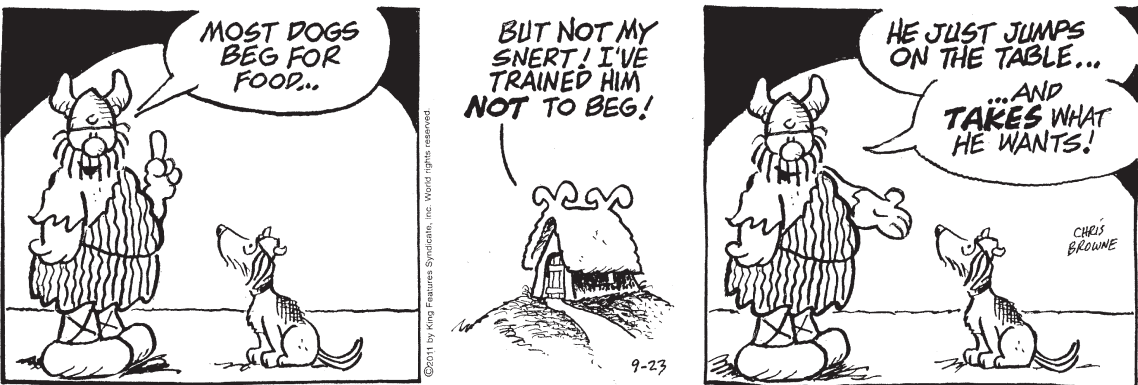
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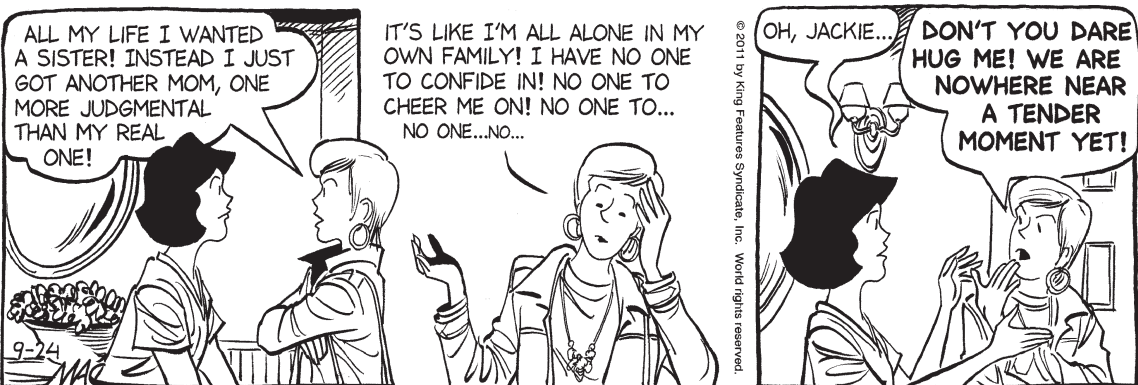
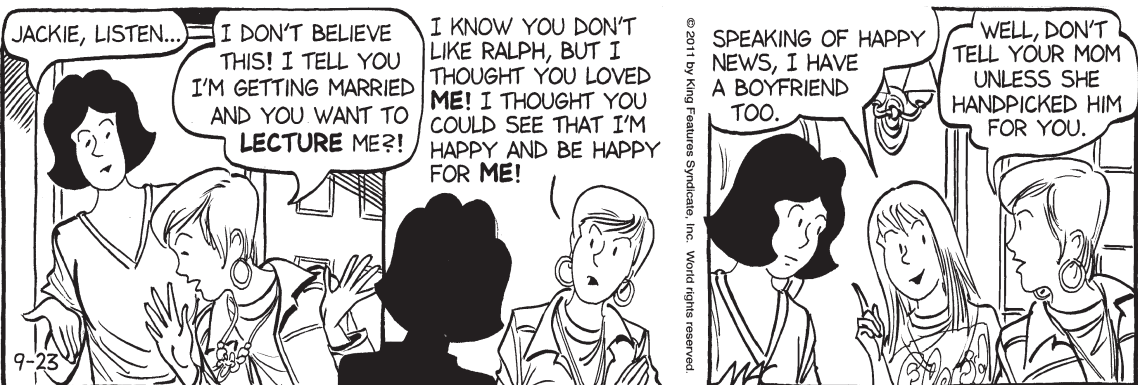
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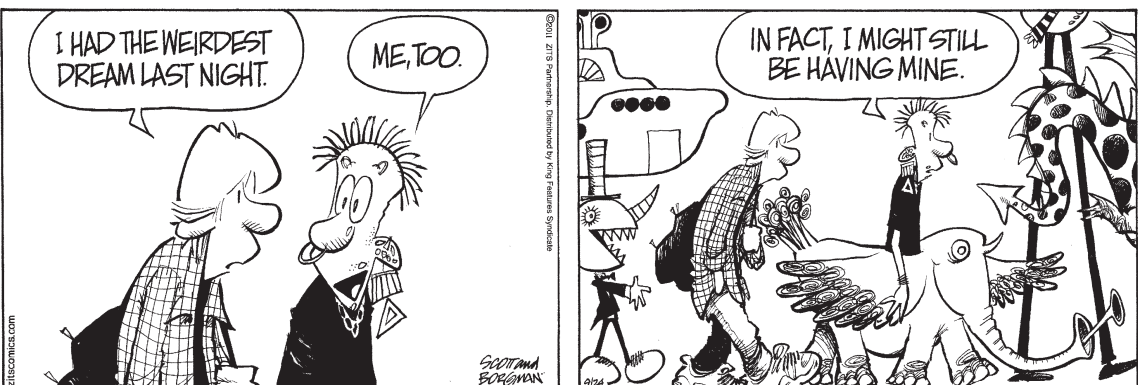
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Recycle parts from refrigerator

Dear Heloise: My hint is for recycling parts of an old REFRIGERATOR. Before the appliance is hauled away, take out shelves, bins and any part that can be reused. I have a door storage bin that holds spices, and some small food holders from the fridge are being used in a bathroom cupboard. – Sally in Castroville, Texas

Sally, your hint is a good one, and it's a good time to remind my readers about large-appliance storage, safety and removal. If you have a large appliance you are no longer using, you have many options:

- The delivery driver for your new appliance should offer to haul away the old one.
- Sell or donate old appliances for charity.
- Your city should have a bulky-trash pickup day.

The most important caution is to remove doors on the appliance, or seal or padlock them shut! Tragic accidents have happened! – Heloise

SEND A GREAT HINT TO:

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A GIFT, NONETHELESS

Dear Heloise: A recent letter from Kathy about wedding etiquette (Heloise here: in response to how much money to give as a wedding gift) reminded me of my wedding. My mother's cousin was a little eccentric, but he was invited anyway. He put \$4 in the envelope! My wife and I laughed hysterically but sent him the same thank-you that everyone else received.

We still get a laugh 30 years later every time we tell the story. I feel sorry for Kathy's family that they think money is more important than having the family together. Nothing is more important than family. – George, via email

SUPER HINT

Dear Heloise: When I use fast-drying glue, I use foil on the fingers I have to use to press seams together, etc. Just wrap foil tightly on the fingers you are using, and the glue does not stick to the foil.

I thought this hint might be helpful to people. I have not seen it in your column. Keep up the good hints. – Jean in Summerfield, Fla.

Jean, this hint was tested in Heloise Central, and it works great! – Heloise

WRAP IT UP

Dear Heloise: Here is a hint that I use to save coupons: When I have a product I often use and have a coupon for, I simply attach that coupon with tape or a rubber band, depending on the shape of the container, to the item. When the container is empty, I remove the coupon and attach it to the grocery list. That way, it is also a reminder when it comes to checking out to include the coupon with the item. Thanks a bunch. – Paul in Fairfield, Ohio

THAT'S SHARP

Dear Heloise: You can sharpen household scissors and shears yourself by simply cutting a piece of sandpaper several times. I cut a narrow slice, then another – sometimes three. Your scissors will be noticeably sharper. – Ruth in Harrisonburg, Va.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

**Partner bids One Notrump.** What would you respond with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠ Q963 ♥ KQ752 ♦ A6 ♣ 74
2. ♠ KQ5 ♥ AQ6 ♦ K1082 ♣ Q93
3. ♠ 762 ♥ 109 ♦ AK9874 ♣ 85
4. ♠ J9862 ♥ 3 ♦ 10875 ♣ 954

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Bidding Quiz

1. Two clubs. With 11 high-card points facing 15 to 17, there is no question about getting to game. The only problem is whether the proper contract is three notrump, four hearts or four spades.

The best way to resolve the issue is to consult partner by bidding two clubs (Stayman). If partner responds with either major, you raise that suit to game. If partner responds two diamonds, denying a four-card major, you next jump to three hearts, indicating a game-forcing hand with five hearts. Partner then either raises to four hearts if he has three-card support, or retreats to three notrump with a doubleton heart.

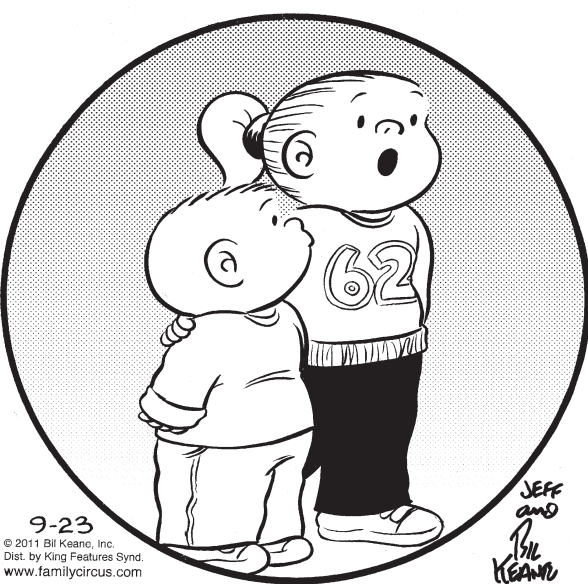
2. Four notrump. This is not Blackwood, but simply an invitational raise in notrump asking partner to bid six notrump if he has maximum values (17 points), or to pass with a minimum (15 points). Opener uses his judgment (or can bid five notrump) with 16 points. The magic number for slam with two balanced hands is a combined holding of 33 points.

3. Three notrump. There are no guarantees with this bid, as you might have as little as 22 high-card points in the combined hands instead of the 26 usually needed for game. However, you can't afford to bid only two notrump and risk getting left at the post with a hand that will probably yield six diamond tricks. There is also no point in attempting to show your diamond suit at some level. By far the best action is to take the bull by the horns and leap to game in notrump.

4. Two spades (or two hearts if you play Jacoby Transfers). Although you have a terrible hand, it figures to play better at spades than at notrump. In notrump, partner is likely to go down two or three tricks opposite this hand. But with spades as trump, your hand should produce anywhere from two to four trump tricks, depending on partner's spade holding. In addition, the spades will provide entries to take whatever finesses may be needed.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★★

9/23

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.

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

Cryptoquip

G X Q H Z E S D F I X O Y K I Q T

G T G U T F Q E F T Y H S M E U I X N

T E N H C D E O E F N H Z X S E F C X N

N K T E S G I C M U F I N K T F Q U E C M

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SIR ISAAC DEEMED SOMETHING TOTALLY USELESS, COULD YOU SAY IT WASN'T WORTH A FIG NEWTON?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals M

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- |                                       |                          |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                         | <b>DOWN</b>              |
| 1 Four qts.                           | 1 Solidify               |
| 4 One of Holly-wood's Wilson brothers | 2 Past abbr.             |
| 8 Back                                | 3 Sere-nade, often city  |
| 12 "I" strain?                        | 4 Trip around the world? |
| 13 Exceptional                        | 5 Tarry                  |
| 14 Therefore                          | 6 Bungle                 |
| 15 Affectionate                       | 7 Homer's neighbor       |
| 17 Panorama                           | 8 Echo, for short        |
| 18 Tend a text                        | 9 Green land?            |
| 19 Flexes                             | 10 On in years           |
| 20 Smaller map                        | 11 Joins the crew?       |
| 22 Twosome                            | 16 Paradise              |
| 24 Benefit                            |                          |
| 25 Biblical tales                     |                          |
| 29 Hostel                             |                          |
| 30 Foe of Rocky and Bullwinkle        |                          |
| 31 Eggs                               |                          |
| 32 Reduced from AAA to AA+            |                          |

Solution time: 25 mins.

B	A	R	N		H	O	E		S	T	A	R
L	U	A	U		A	N	N		O	H	I	O
O	T	I	C		R	E	G		D	U	D	E
C	O	L	L	I	E		A	F	A	R		
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				C	O	I	N		A	D	O	
				P	I	N	T		M	O	O	
				A	L	G	A		A	N	T	

Yesterday's answer 9-23

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12				13					14			
15			16						17			
		18						19				
20	21				22	23						
24				25					26	27	28	
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