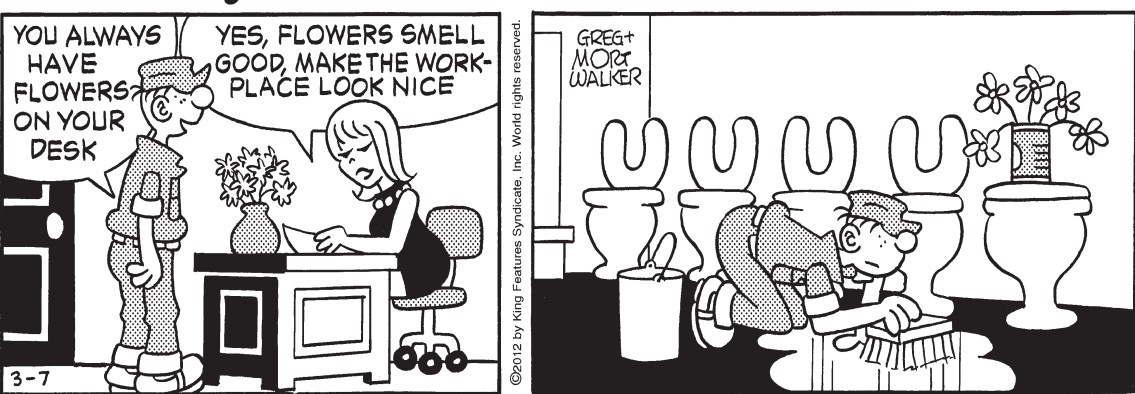


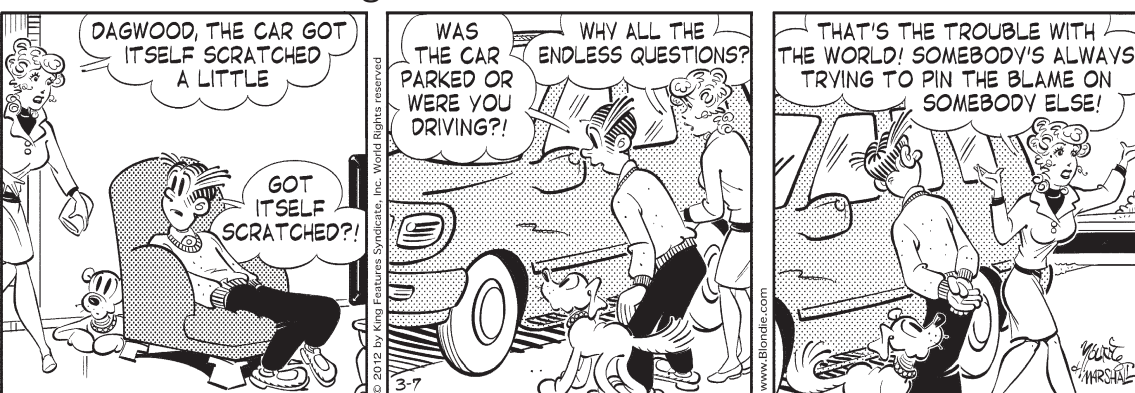
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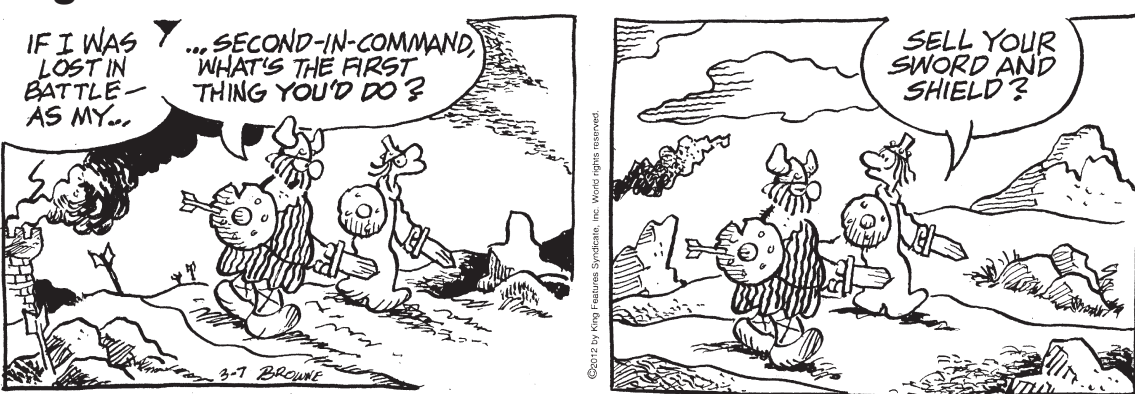
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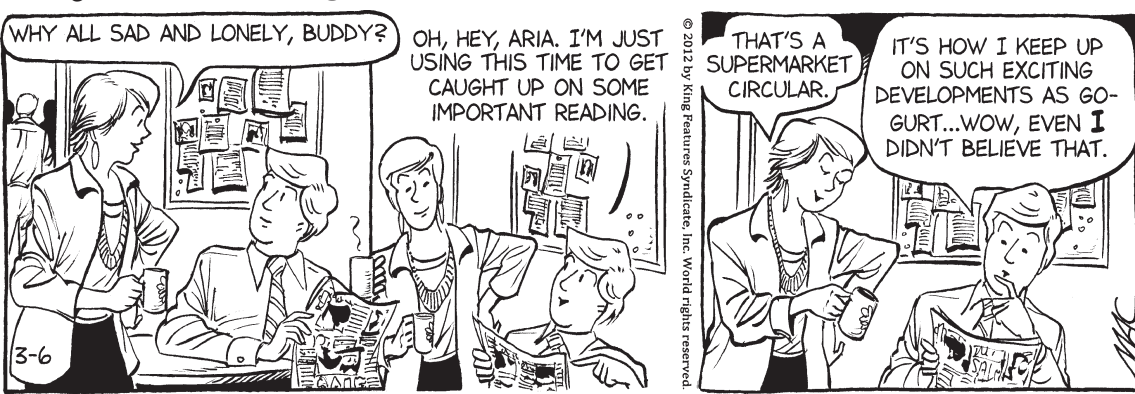
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Pilfer egg whites to freeze for later

Dear Heloise: A hint that I do when I'm doing a lot of baking: When something uses several eggs, I steal an egg white and freeze it to use later in something, like divinity, that uses only the whites. — Helen in Madison, Ala.

Helen, this is a useful hint. Readers, here's how to freeze your egg whites: Break and separate your eggs, making sure there is NO yolk in the whites. Place the egg whites in a freezer-safe container. Make sure to label the number of whites and the date. You even can freeze individual egg whites in an ice-cube tray and then transfer to a larger container. Use the thawed egg whites in dishes that you are cooking. — Heloise

REMOVING ODORS

Dear Readers: There are many different hints you have sent in through the years about removing onion odor from your hands. Here's a sample of what we have received:

- Rub your hands on anything in your kitchen that is made of stainless steel.
- Wash your hands with shaving cream.
- Rub salt over your hands and rinse with cold water.
- Place a small dab of toothpaste on your fingertips, rub and rinse.
- Use lemon, vinegar or a sprinkle of baking soda in your hands to scrub, and then rinse! — Heloise

STORING POTATOES

Dear Heloise: What is the best way to store potatoes? — Erin M., Hammond, Ind.

There are several hints for storing potatoes. The United States Potato Board states that potatoes should be kept in a cool (45-55 degrees Fahrenheit), ventilated space. Keep them out of bright light, and don't wash them before storing.

Potatoes stored at room temperature will last a week or so, but in a paper bag or perforated plastic bag, the shelf life will be longer.

Do not store potatoes in the refrigerator. The starch in the potato converts to sugar, and the green on the skin is a reaction to too much light. Cut away slight greening before cooking. — Heloise

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CHINA-CABINET LIGHT

Dear Heloise: Most glass-fronted china or curio cabinets have lights inside them. Very rarely are they regularly lit, because you have to go to the cabinet itself and turn the switch on. I installed a timer so that the light will come on by itself and highlight some of the special items for a few hours each night. — Ann G., via email

COCOA STORAGE

Dear Heloise: Have you ever needed to get some cocoa out for a recipe? The metal cans have openings that are too small to put measuring spoons into. So, I take the cocoa and transfer it into a handy plastic container with a tight-fitting lid. Now, it's a snap to measure out the amount I need! — Dee Dee D., via email
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Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A 10 9 6
♥ 7 3
♦ K J
♣ A Q 10 6 2
WEST
♠ —
♥ J 10 9 4
♦ Q 10 5
♣ J 9 8 5 4 3
EAST
♠ 7 4 2
♥ A K 8 6 5 2
♦ 9 7 3 2
♣ —
SOUTH
♠ K Q J 8 5 3
♥ Q
♦ A 8 6 4
♣ K 7
The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ 2 ♥ 2 ♠ 4 ♥
4 ♠ Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♥ Pass 6 ♣ Pass
Pass Dble —
Opening lead — five of clubs.

The Slam-Double Convention

When a small slam is bid, the difference between making it and losing it ordinarily ranges from 1,000 to 1,800 points, depending mostly on vulnerability. Slams are therefore deemed worthy of the closest possible attention by both sides.

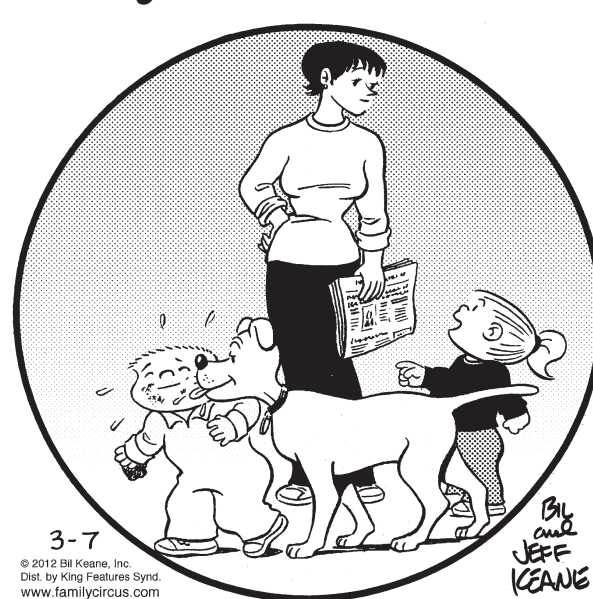
Consistent with the importance of slam hands, several special defensive weapons have been developed through the years to increase the chance of defeating an enemy slam. One of the most important of these understandings is that when a defender not on lead doubles a slam voluntarily reached by the opposition, he is asking partner to lead, or sometimes not to lead, a specific suit.

The advantage of this convention can be seen in the accompanying deal. South makes the slam if West leads a heart, the suit East has bid. But East's double forbids the normal heart lead and calls instead for an unusual lead.

In this case, it is not difficult for West, with six cards in the suit North opened, to deduce that East's reason for forbidding a heart lead is that he can ruff a club. So West leads a club, and East ruffs and cashes a heart to put the contract down one — 200 points. With a heart lead, South would score 1,660 points at Chicago or duplicate scoring.

It must be granted that on some occasions, declarer might make the doubled slam despite the opening lead (if North or South were void of hearts in the actual deal, for example). But this occasional small loss is a very cheap price to pay for bringing about the defeat of many slams that would otherwise succeed.
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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 3/07

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.

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

Cryptoquip

WCPHINC SZMNC SAM ZMNRVSHK

CJRKMECCN HGC AHNZVYL

VSCJN QCGE QVLMGMINKE,

HGC SZCE NPGIW YIGNCN?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I FINALLY KNOW WHY MY ARM IS SO ACUTELY ITCHY. APPARENTLY I HAVE A FEW TICKS UP MY SLEEVE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals R

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	26 Small	DOWN	14 "Finding Nemo"
1 Anima-	pie	1 Punctua-	tion character
27 In favor	of	2 Rewrite,	marks
4 "Undeniably"	28 Paces	3 Rewrite,	neighbor
30 Glutton	maybe	19 Orlando	st.
7 Pop	33 Behaving	3 Sideways	20 Banned pesticide
8 Knighted women	36 Throw off the	4 Pleasure	21 Got up
10 Dark	tracks	5 Host	22 Play out,
11 Gather	37 Particular	6 Belgrade	as fishing
13 Paid	occasion	native	line
16 Possess	38 Type of	7 Winter	forecast
17 66, for example	cotton	thread	23 Maze option
18 Dead heat	39 Tittle	9 Swain	24 "— and
19 "Green Acres"	woman	10 Venusian	vessel?"
41 Book-	keeper	12 Drop	mander
20 Old fogy	(Abbr.)	sound	26 Piece of info on a marquee
21 2009 news-making pilot, familiarly			28 Grit your teeth
23 San Diego athlete			29 Spry
25 Sicilian spouter			30 1492 craft
			31 Erstwhile Peruvian
			32 "Gosh!"
			34 Rashi!"
			35 Circle

Solution time: 21 mins.

S	E	E	S	A	P	A	P	A
T	A	R	A	T	I	A	A	N
A	S	I	F	E	X	C	A	V
B	E	C	A	L	T	I	L	E
R	O	W	S	D	O	H		
E	S	T	I	M	A	T	E	V
B	A	H	B	R	A	V	O	M
B	O	R	G	E	N	E	R	V
I	R	E	K	N	E	E		
F	A	V	O	R	S	N	O	R
E	M	I	G	R	A	T	E	
T	I	N	G	A	S	A	N	E
E	D	G	Y	A	B	S	L	E

Yesterday's answer 3-7

