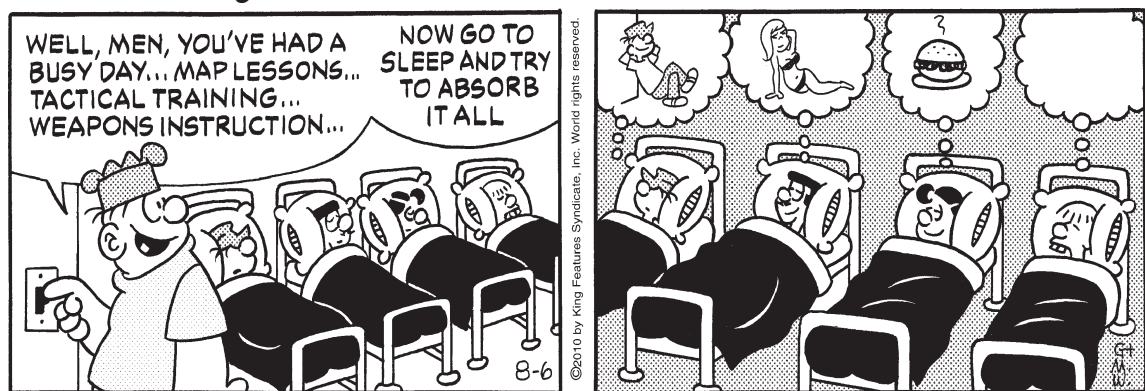


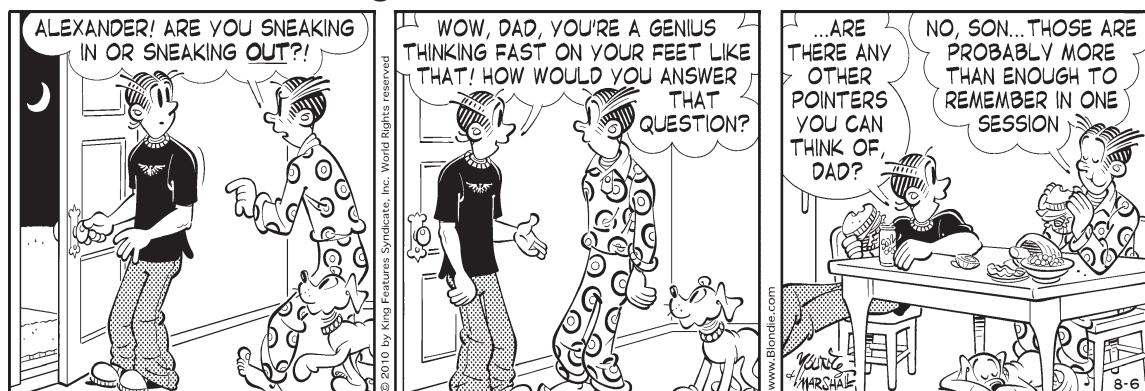
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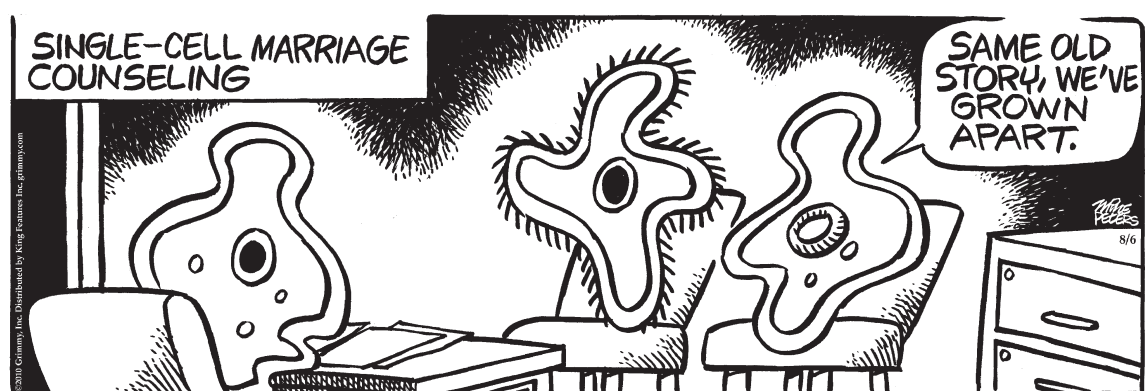
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Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Color coding helps with move

Dear Heloise: My wife and I just completed our 13th move. But MOVING doesn't become any more fun. I thought I'd share with you her system of labeling boxes and furniture. It makes things a lot easier.

1. Pack for the house/apartment you're moving into.
2. Use different colors of duct tape to label boxes and furniture for each room. For example, yellow duct tape was kitchen/dining room; white for basement, etc. For fragile items, we used bright-orange tape and wrote "fragile" on it.
3. Use a permanent marker to label the colored tape.
4. For furniture, we stuck a piece of blue masking tape on first (the kind you use for painting; it comes off easily) and then duct tape.
5. Draw a diagram on poster board of your new residence. Label each room with colored tape. Place that on the main moving entrance.
6. Draw a diagram for each room with the location of furniture. Place this diagram on the door frame of the specific room.

For us, we only had about 10 boxes out of place. The two of us were unpacked and set up within three days. — Neal and Sue in Nebraska

A few good moving hints indeed! — Heloise

WARRANTY FILES
Dear Heloise: To keep my file folders from overflowing, especially the appliance, electronic and warranty files, I discard anything not in my language. — Judy R., Madison, Ala.

Yes indeed, this cuts down on bulk. I do the same, and oh my, so many pages! — Heloise

TOILET-TISSUE ROLLER REUSER
Dear Heloise: I've seen many suggestions for things to use as filler in packages. I use cardboard rollers from toilet tissue and paper towels.

They are sturdy and next to weightless. I collect them in a bag so they are handy.

I do get a few chuckles from recipients the first time they receive a package from me! — Bernie in San Antonio

TRAVEL HINT
Dear Readers: Pre-moistened towels are a must-have when traveling, but the prepackaged ones can be expensive. You can make them by moistening cotton pads or paper towels with a mixture of half rubbing alcohol and half water. Stow in a small pill bottle or plastic sandwich bag. However, if you are going through security at a travel point, they may be a no-no. — Heloise

QUEEN-SIZE TOP SHEET
Dear Heloise: I threaded the bottom hem of my queen-size top sheet on a 3-foot piece of elastic and pinned it at each end. I made the bed as usual. I was happy to find out it holds fast and gives me a little more toe room. I'm not bothered with hospital corners coming loose, and it leaves a couple inches of length at the top. What a great find. I'll do this with all my top sheets. — Mary Alice in Pennsylvania

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Bridge • Steve Becker

You are South, and the bidding has gone:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
 2 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
 ?

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?
 1. ♠KJ94 ♥QJ9652 ♦AK ♣10
 2. ♠873 ♥AKQ983 ♦Q6 ♣J7
 3. ♠62 ♥AJ9643 ♦AQ ♣QJ4
 4. ♠AJ ♥KJ8754 ♦95 ♣K63

Bidding Quiz
1. Four spades. The value of a hand almost always rises or falls as the bidding progresses. Here, for example, when you open the bidding with one heart, your hand is clearly above a minimum opening bid. True, you have only 14 high-card points, but the 4-6-2-1 distribution increases the value of the hand by another two or three points.

When partner responds two clubs, however, the hand shrinks somewhat in value. You had hoped that he would respond one spade or raise your hearts, but he did neither. His two-club bid didn't help your hand one whit and, in fact, hurt it a bit. You therefore proceed cautiously at your second turn by rebidding two hearts, since the combined hands might turn out to be a total misfit.

But when partner next bids two spades, the situation changes dramatically. Your original evaluation is not only restored but increased, and you show this by jumping to four spades. In effect, you blow cold when partner bids clubs, but hot when he bids spades.

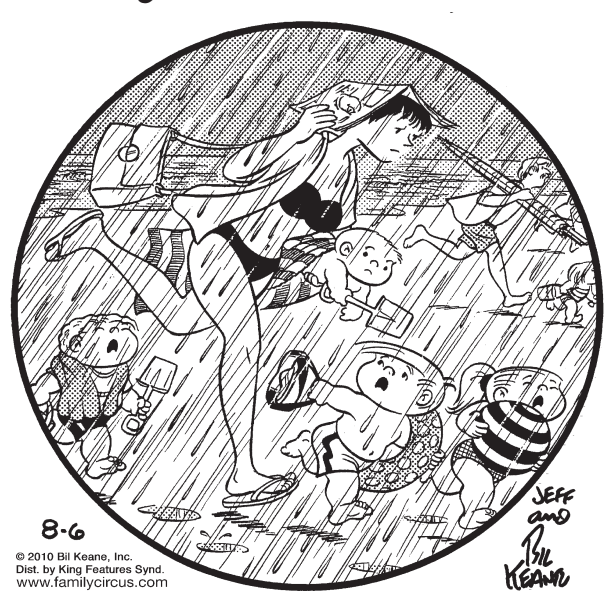
2. Three hearts. Here you simply stick to your story — namely, that you opened on minimum values and neither of partner's responses has helped you at all. Partner is thus alerted to go easy the rest of the way, since your bids of one, two and three hearts are clearly intended to put a damper on the proceedings.

3. Three notrump. Your earlier two-heart bid limited you to minimum opening strength, and you should now let partner know that you are on the high side for your previous bids by leaping to three notrump. Two notrump at this point would make it sound as though you were dying on your feet and might result in missing your side's best contract.

4. Three clubs. All you can do under the circumstances is to show partner a preference for his first suit. You started with a weak opening bid and should continue to bid your hand weakly in order to slow partner down. If partner now goes off the deep end, the responsibility is entirely his own.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

		8						1	5
		9				5	6		2
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 8/06

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Cryptoquip

ASM COQQOLUR SOR HXMBAE
 NY BMOAXE RAOLUMK
 HNQAOCXM CMKR. ENT LNTXK

ROE WA'R LNAR-MYYWLWMBA.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN PEOPLE PRODUCE SWEAT IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S CAPITAL, IS THAT CALLED PERTH-PIRATION?
 Today's Cryptoquip clue: C equals B

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
 1 — de deux
 4 Journey segment
 7 Punishment related
 12 Picnic intruder
 13 Pub order
 14 Open-mouthed
 15 "CSI" evidence
 16 Large Asian snake
 18 "Family Guy" daughter
 19 Rejoice
 20 Fire-fighters' tools
 22 Bk. before Jeremiah
 23 Watercraft
 27 Ford or Lincoln
 29 — Beach, SC
 31 Unoriginal ones
 34 Have a home-cooked meal

DOWN
 1 Lakshmi of "Top Chef"
 2 Wing
 3 Theater, with "the"
 4 Huron, e.g.
 5 Panacea
 6 Category
 7 Treaty
 8 Swelled head
 9 Apprehend
 10 Easter mo., usually
 11 Grazing site
 17 Glitz
 21 "Get lost!"
 23 Norelco competitor
 24 Mel baseball
 25 — Baba
 26 X rating?
 28 Donkey
 30 Longing
 31 Toss in
 32 Links stat
 33 Ostrich's kin
 36 Handle
 37 Where the Olympics originated
 40 Vicinities
 42 Obey reveille
 43 Hickory nut
 44 Occurrence
 45 Dangling locale
 46 Arthur of tennis
 48 Proof abbr.
 49 Ms. Thurman
 50 Very long time
 51 And so on (Abbr.)

Yesterday's answer 8-6

G	A	P	Z	E	A	L	T	H	E	A	
U	M	A	O	R	S	O	R	O	U	X	
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