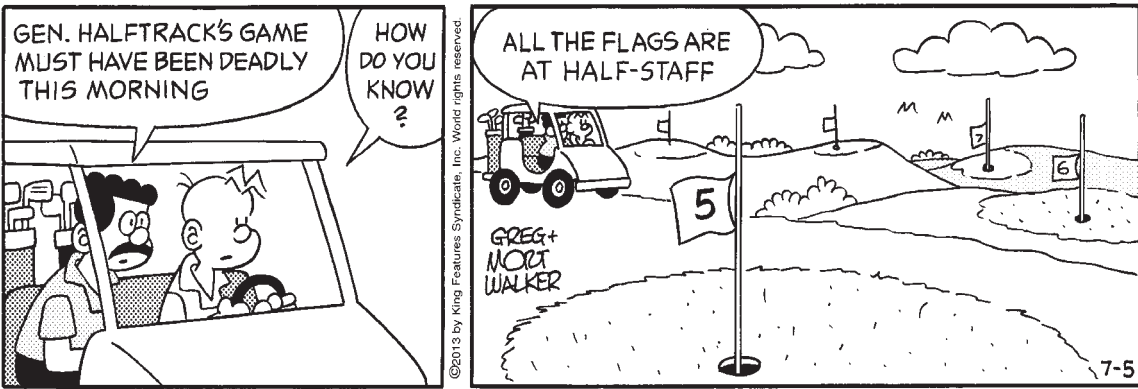


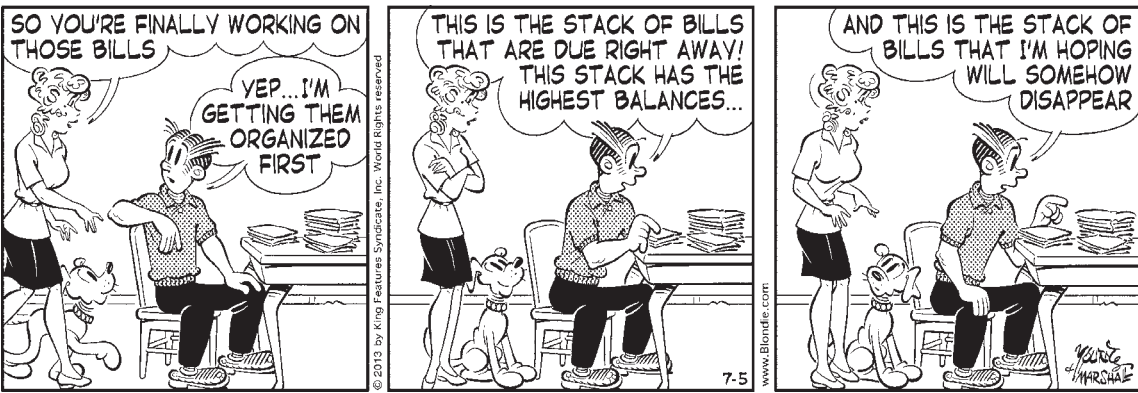
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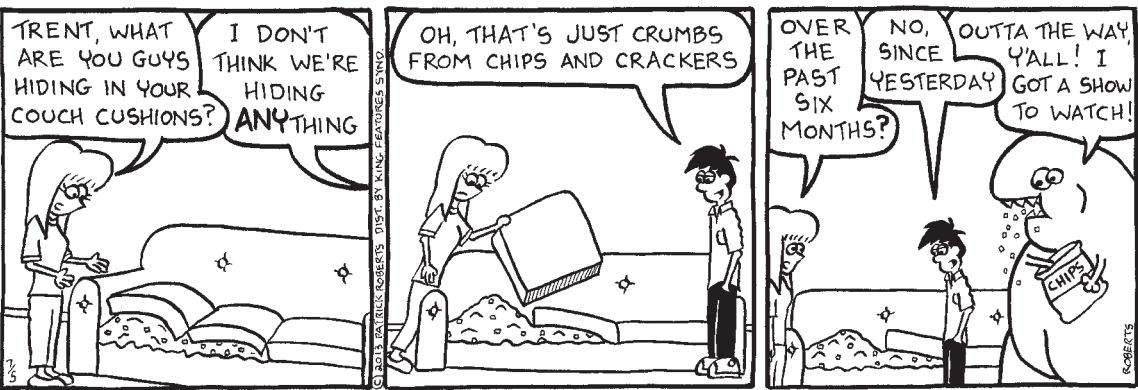
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Prewash spray simple, low-cost

Dear Heloise: I remember that you had a simple prewash spray recipe. I can't seem to find my copy. Could you please reprint it? – Haddie in Chicago

You bet I will, and this will save you from spending money on commercial products. It is a really easy solution that you can mix up for just pennies. Mix equal parts water, household ammonia and dishwashing liquid. For example, combine 1 cup, 1 cup and 1 cup. Make sure to use dishwashing, not dishwasher, liquid. Mix well, and put into a clearly labeled spray bottle. Wash clothes immediately after using this solution. Do not let it sit.

Do keep it out of the reach of children and pets. Have other laundry problems you need answers to? I have put all of my stain solutions into one handy pamphlet, Heloise's Handy Stain Guide for Clothing. To order, send \$5 with a long, self-addressed, stamped (66 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Stain Guide, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Did you leave your clothes in the dryer too long? To remove wrinkles, place a damp towel in with the load, and restart the cycle for 15 minutes. – Heloise

TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: One reader wrote that when she buys a new curling iron or blow-dryer, she takes the old one on a trip and leaves the new one at home. I do just the opposite.

I take the new one with me to ensure that the appliance works while traveling, where it may be harder to find a replacement, especially in foreign countries. Also, you may have time restraints on tour. I leave the old one at home because if it dies there, I can replace it. – Ann in California

FITTED SHEET

Dear Heloise: Putting fitted sheets in the dryer often ends up with a massed ball that is dry on the outside and damp on the inside. To avoid this, I pin together the ends of the fitted sheet before putting it into the dryer. No more ball of damp laundry. – Yu-Chih in Colorado

Thanks for the hint. Just be careful of the hot safety pins when pulling the laundry out. Readers, what do you think? Do you have any laundry hints on how you wash bedding? Send them to me. – Heloise

PROACTIVE PRINTING

Dear Heloise: I just wanted to give your readers a hint about computer printers. A lot of people print only in black-and-white, or some people don't use their printers often and only print something every few months. There is absolutely nothing wrong with that, but if you don't use your printer much, the ink may dry up in the print head on some printers. So once a month, just print out a page in color to be sure the ink doesn't dry up and become useless when you do need it. – Jeff in Texas

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Bridge • Steve Becker

You deal and open One Diamond with this hand:

♠ A9 ♥ 10 ♦ AQ852 ♣ AQJ63

What would you bid next if partner responded with:

1. One spade.
2. One notrump.
3. Two diamonds.
4. Three diamonds.

Bidding Quiz

1. Two clubs. It is true that you have 17 high-card points and excellent distribution, when you might have had 13 high-card points and less attractive distribution. It could therefore be argued that a two-club bid does not do justice to your hand, and that you should bid three clubs, forcing partner to continue bidding until a game is reached.

This argument is not sound, however. The fact is that the real value of your hand depends primarily on whether partner has good support for either diamonds or clubs. You should therefore tread gingerly rather than commit your side to a game you might have no chance to make. Do not be concerned by the possibility that partner might pass two clubs. If he does, indicating a very weak hand with a preference for clubs, there's very little chance that you have missed a game.

2. Two clubs. Here partner is almost certain to have reasonable support for clubs, since he did not bid a major or support diamonds. But because his one-notrump response could be based on as little as six points, you have no right to insist on game. As before, if partner passes two clubs, it is unlikely you have missed a game.

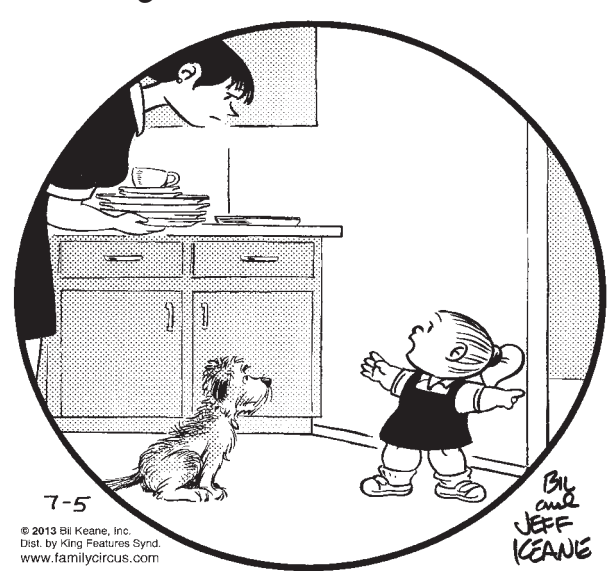
3. Three clubs. You certainly are going to bid at least a game in diamonds, but it is also possible that you might make a slam if partner has the right hand. Three clubs (forcing) is the beginning of an effort to reach six diamonds, and you are hoping partner can cooperate by raising clubs if he has the king, or by cuebidding the ace of hearts if he has that card.

4. Four clubs. A small slam is practically certain, and all your efforts should now be devoted to reaching a grand slam. You start the ball rolling by bidding four clubs. If partner responds four hearts, showing the ace, you bid four spades, also showing the ace. If partner then bids five clubs, showing the king, you jump directly to seven diamonds, expecting partner to have at least the K-x-x-x of diamonds, the ace of hearts and the king of clubs, which should give you 13 tricks on most layouts.

Of course, partner might keep signing off regardless of how many grand-slam tries you make, in which case you'll settle for a small slam in diamonds.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Listen to the quiet, Mommy! Should I go see what the boys are gettin' into?"

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: WHEN PEOPLE HAVE VERY SMALL PALMS AND FINGERS, WHAT COULD YOU CALL THEM? SLIGHT OF HAND.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals Y

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 39 Big bother 2 Old market- 25 Rep.'s

1 Popular 41 Egg con- 3 November 26 Unkempt

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light 72 Definite 30 Under 56

35 Hardy 73 Definite 31 Under 57

companion 74 Definite 32 Under 58

37 Glutton 75 Definite 33 Under 59

38 Vega's 76 Definite 34 Under 60

constellation 77 Definite 35 Under 61

78 Definite 36 Under 62

79 Definite 37 Under 63

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