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Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker





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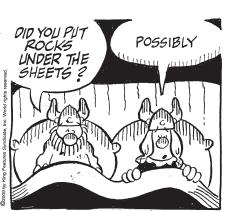




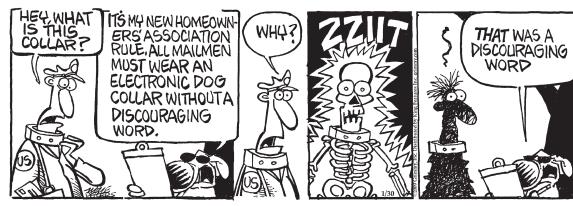
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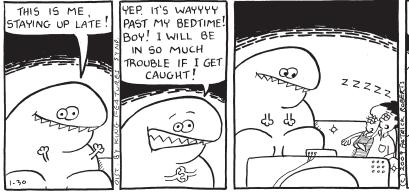
STAYING UP PAST YOUR BED.

TIME ISN'T ANY FUN IF NO

ONE SEES YA DO IT

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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts











Heloise

Hints from Heloise

Make white boards whiter

Dear Heloise: I work at a high school in Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in Belgium. We have WHITEBOARDS in the classrooms. Some of them have been used so much or incorrectly that they are stained.

Do you have any hints on how to recondition a dry-erase/whiteboard? A colleague suggested I use hair spray. I would rather check with you before I cause more harm to the board. Any hints you could give would be truly appreciated. Thank you. - D. Holt, via e-mail

Nice to hear from you, and thanks for the vote of confidence. These boards may be stained because the wrong type of markers was used. Many times permanent markers are the culprit! So, test this first on a small area using a sturdy paper towel. Go over the stain with only a dry-erase marker and then erase the area using the towel. It may We also retested using good old cheap isopropyl rubbing alcohol here in the Heloise Central office, and it worked great! Just pour some on a paper towel or old terry cloth and wipe the stains away. Let the board dry completely, and it is ready for use. - Heloise

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TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: When my husband and I travel, I use small, different-colored net bath puffs. I tie them to the handles of the suitcase. This helps us recognize our luggage quickly when it comes down the luggage conveyor belt. The net puffs are very sturdy, and they also come in different sizes. - Betty Tijerina, San Antonio

STICKY-NOTE MESSAGES

Dear Heloise: I read the hint about putting important sticky-note messages inside a folding cell phone – great idea!

I put them in my glasses case. I always wear sunglasses outside, so I change to my other glasses as soon as I get inside - and there's the note!

I also do this with medicine that needs to be taken with dinner. When we go out to dinner, the my glasses case. Works every time! - Sharon in California.

Bridge • Steve Becker

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Sou	ıth West	North	East
1 [I	H] Pass	1 [S]	Pass
2 [0	C] Pass	2 [S]	Pass

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- 1. [S] K4 [H] AK742 [D] 6 [C] AJ853
- 2. [S] 5 [H] AQ764 [D] A8 [C] KJ742 3. [S] J4 [H] QJ1053 [D] AQ [C] AKJ9
- 4. [S] 862 [H] KQJ83 [D] A [C] AJ92
- 1. Three spades. Partner's two-spade bid, even though it's merely a repeat of his suit and therefore not an invitational bid, nevertheless should encourage you to go on. Partner almost certainly has six spades. His failure to pass two clubs or to show a preference for hearts indicates substantial trick-taking values -- provided spades are trump.

Your now-adequate spade support and singleton diamond, as well as your extra high-card values, are attractive features that you have not yet shown. If there is a game, it must lie in spades, so you should encourage partner to bid it.

2. Pass. There's no use fighting the cards you were dealt. This is not a game-going setup, and the only real issue to be settled is where to play for a partscore. In view of the obvious misfit, your opening bid has not improved one bit.

Partner will probably score four or five trump tricks at spades, and together with your high cards he is likely to produce a plus score. Any further effort by you to find a better resting place than spades is apt to result in a minus score. 3. Three notrump. No further opportunity to

play under game should be extended to partner. Your 18 high-card points and excellent intermediate cards plus partner's two bids clearly add up to a healthy chance for game. Partner may of course elect to retreat to four

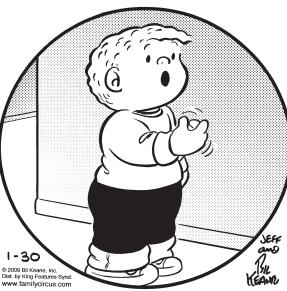
spades, but with J-x of the suit you're well-prepared for that eventuality. Partner should be able to make 10 tricks at spades easily, if he bids it. 4. Four spades. Your jump to game with such

meager trump support may look like an optimistic overbid. But partner's two spade bids make the prospect of losing four tricks rather remote. Point-count bidders may find it difficult to ac-

cept the jump-raise to four with the given hand, but they would be hard-pressed to construct a hand that would not produce a good play for game opposite this one. For example, if partner has as little as [S] KQJ753 [H] 9 [D] 865 [C] 1043, game would be a very reasonable proposition.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Mommy, can you help my fingers remember how to snap?'

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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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 Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU WERE AN EXPERT AT USING YOUR POINTER FINGER, I GUESS PEOPLE WOULD SAY IT'S INDEXTERITY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals S

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

tools

27 Cram,

31 Actor

35 Perch

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38 Inert

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6 Peculiar	45 Have	papa	24 Praise in
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lore	47 Pares-	6 Thing	alternative
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Yesterday's answer 1-30

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