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6 Things You learn AFTER you have KIDS...

5. Homework is harder the second time around.

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Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Here's a gem of a storage idea

Dear Heloise: When packing for a trip, I wondered, for the millionth time, how I could PACK MY JEWELRY. An idea came to me to use a plastic weekly medicine box. The jewelry fit easily in each little section. I carried it in my purse and, for once, didn't lose any jewelry on my trip. Hope this will help folks when they pack to head on down to Florida for vacation! I love reading your column in the Naples Daily News. – Deann Brickzin, Naples, Fla.

Deann, love your hint, and thanks so much for the kind words. I've visited Naples many times to give speeches for various groups, and I have always enjoyed being there. -- Heloise

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CLEANING WOOD PANELING

Dear Heloise: What is the best way to clean wood paneling? -- Carla Magnotta, via e-mail

A dust mop that has a long handle is a great tool to use to reach high places. First, go over the paneling to get any loose dust off the walls. Next, attach a soft, clean cloth over the head of the mop, use a spray wood cleaner on the wall (spraying small sections at a time), then go over each section with an up-and-down motion. This will clean and shine the wall without a lot of bending and back strain. Use this method for cleaning baseboards to save your back! – Heloise

EASY-TO-FIND HOUSE

Dear Heloise: Many times in the summer, we have guests stay at our house, and they usually arrive after dark. To make finding our house a little easier for them, this is what I do:

I bought a green light bulb at the hardware store. On the night the guests are to arrive, I put the bulb in our yard light, which is in the middle of the yard with a flower bed around it. Then I tell them to look for a green light to easily find our house! Everyone I have done this for is quite thankful, saying it made navigating to the right house a snap. – Joe, via e-mail

IRON MARKS

Dear Heloise: I wanted to know what I can do to clean the face of my iron. It has some residue on it that, when the iron is hot, is leaving brown marks on my clothing. I would appreciate any suggestions. – Colleen Rebollal, via e-mail

If you still have the instruction manual for the iron, check to see what it suggests for cleaning the iron. If the iron is a steam iron, be sure that the water reservoir is clean and that the iron is not clogged. You might be able to remove buildup on the soleplate using rubber alcohol. Just dampen a cloth with the alcohol and rub it over the bottom of the iron until it's clean. There also are some really good commercial iron cleaners that you can buy at the grocery store. -- Heloise

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Bridge • Steve Becker

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	?	

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

- ♠ QJ9632 ♥ A8 ♦ 94 ♣ A73
- ♠ KJ863 ♥ 762 ♦ 5 ♣ Q1074
- ♠ AJ87 ♥ 95 ♦ Q106 ♣ KJ92
- ♠ KJ943 ♥ AK ♦ Q732 ♣ 64

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**Bidding Quiz**

1. Three spades. Game is likely, despite partner's minimum rebid of one notrump. With your 11 high-card points and reasonably good six-card suit, you should therefore jump to three spades (forcing) to be sure of getting to game.

Partner should have either two or three spades -- he is unlikely to rebid one notrump with a singleton -- so you can feel fairly confident of at least some spade support. You plan to pass if he bids either three notrump or four spades.

2. Two clubs. The most you can expect to make after partner's one-notrump rebid is a partscore. The two-club bid (not forcing) is designed to find the best partscore contract. You should feel more secure about making two clubs (if partner passes) or two spades (if he shows a preference for spades) than one notrump. Hands with singletons usually don't play well in notrump.

3. Two notrump. Obviously you can't bid two clubs with this hand, and also with the preceding hand, because partner wouldn't know whether you were simply aiming for a partscore or trying to get to game. You're very close to the game zone, but you don't quite have the values to bid it unilaterally.

In such cases you invite partner to go on to game if he has a little extra. Here, two notrump serves that purpose ideally. It allows partner to pass if he has a bare minimum, and to carry on to three notrump with a maximum for his first two bids.

4. Three diamonds. Since you have an opening bid facing an opening bid, you must get to game, but since you can't be sure of the best contract at this point, you should consult partner by making a forcing jump to three diamonds. You plan to pass three notrump if partner bids it; to carry on to four spades if partner next bids three spades, indicating three-card support; or to continue to five diamonds if partner bids four of that suit.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane

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"This is a neat party we're havin', Mommy! Is everybody staying for lunch?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Cryptoquip

AD TX TPGARTX HPNTGNR VAR  
VTXZAISPQR AX T IAYU  
ITU, ZS USM GVAXQ DSYQR

HSMYZ RTU VN AR HPTDGU?  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THAT GUY APPLYING RESIN TOLD THOSE TRIVIAL LIES, I WOULD SAY HE VARNISHED THE TRUTH.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals Y

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Brahman-ist  
6 Upper limit  
9 Mailing abbr.  
12 Had a home-cooked meal  
13 Pussy-cat's boatmate  
14 Seine matter  
15 Acted grand-motherly  
16 Rifle attachment  
18 Short and thick  
20 Fork option  
21 Flightless bird  
23 Wet wiggler  
24 Liberate's prop  
25 Croupier's tool  
27 Crystal-lined rock  
29 To-do list  
31 Film festival city  
35 "Sinker"

**DOWN**

1 Possessed for short  
2 Jurist  
3 Lance ornament  
4 Nutrition-ist's recommendation  
5 Ill-deserved  
6 Repair, as shoes  
7 Vacation-ing  
8 Thickness  
9 Colum-bus' home  
10 Song of joy  
11 Top  
17 East

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

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

Yesterday's answer 5-22

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12						13			14	
15						16			17	
		18			19			20		
21	22			23			24			
25			26		27		28			
29			30			31			32	33
			35			36		37		
38	39	40			41		42		43	
44				45				46		
47				48			49		50	51
52				53			54			
55				56			57			