

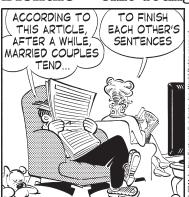


Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker





Blondie • Chic Young

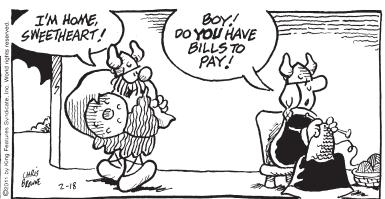




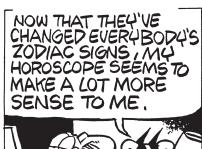


Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne





Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters







Sally Forth • Greg Howard











Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts









Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



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Heloise

Hints from Heloise

Can dry ice be kept on hand?

Dear Heloise: I would like to know how to keep DRY ICE on hand, just in case we lose electricity. I have had dry ice before, and it evaporates in the freezer. Is there a way to store dry ice for a long period of time, like six months or so? Thanks for any help. – Teri, via e-mail

No, there is no safe way to store dry ice for "just in case." Dry ice is frozen carbon dioxide colorless, odorless and much colder than regular ice. It does not melt, but evaporates into gas.

It is not recommended that you try to store dry ice in your freezer, because the dry ice will cause the temperature to get even colder and may cause your freezer to shut down.

If you lose electricity, dry ice is a good way to keep items cold for the short term, but as far as storing it in preparation for power outages, there is no way to store it as you would like. - Heloise P.S.: Some, not all, food stores carry it, and it's relatively cheap.

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TWO TRAVEL HINTS Here are two travel hints from our readers:

I've been a Neighborhood Watch block captain since 1997. At a travel-safety presentation, a woman said she was detained for several hours at the airport because her luggage contained traces of explosives-making material. They eventually learned that she had stored her luggage in the garage near fertilizer or pesticides. - Leigh Westin,

I used to travel with other women to conventions and out-of-town meetings. When sharing a room, there never are enough electrical plugs. I would pack an extension cord and a duplex outlet with me. I still keep these in my travel bag. - Nancy, Nixa, Mo.

CLEANING PORCH SCREEN

Dear Heloise: Is there any good way to clean porch screens? I do not want to cause it to sag by pushing a broom against it. Any suggestions? -Judy, via e-mail

Here is a cleaning method that should work. Mix 1 cup of sudsy ammonia with 1 gallon of a tree or anything that the cleaning mixture will not damage. Scrub the screen gently with a soft brush on both sides (wearing gloves), rinse with plenty of water and let dry in the sunshine. For a quick fix, you also can try using your vacuum brush attachment by running it over the screen and sucking up dirt, dust and bugs. Or grab a lint roller. – Heloise

NOTES ON CELL PHONE

Dear Heloise: I use the "notes" part of my cell phone to keep information that I can't remember, NUGGETS WITH MINER SCALES? such as the operating hours of stores that I frequent, my vacuum bag model number, and my makeup that is sold by numbers. - Susan in Orangevale, Calif.

Using this feature on your cell phone, there are so many pieces of "information" that can be handy when needed. – Heloise

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Bridge • Steve Becker

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Hearts, and North leads the queen of diamonds. You win with the ace, play a club to the ace and ruff a club, both opponents following suit. When you next lead a heart to the jack — to which everyone fol-lows suit — and ruff another club, South shows out, destroying your chance to establish dummy's fifth club as a trick. How would you con-

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♥O 10 8 7

Test Your Play

1. The slam is ice-cold, despite the unlucky 5-2 club division.

♠ Q 10 2

♦ A Q 10 6 3

At trick six, you lead a heart to the queen, ruff the seven of clubs, then play a diamond to dummy's king and lead the eight of clubs. But instead of ruffing, you discard the eight of spades from your hand! North wins but is stymied. He must either lead a spade into your A-Q or return a diamond, presenting you with a ruff-and-discard. Either way, you make the slam.

2. Win the club with the ace, cross to the ace of diamonds and lead a low diamond. If South follows low, finesse the nine. This assures nine tricks and the contract even if the nine loses to the jack. There is no combination of the cards that would allow the defenders to cash four heart tricks at this point. The worst that can happen is that you lose three hearts and a diamond.

If you don't finesse the nine of diamonds, you will go down if South holds, say:

♦ J975 ♥ A64 ♦ J872 **♣** 73

You will score only eight tricks in this case. If you attempt to establish one more by giving up a diamond, South wins with the jack and returns a low heart, whereupon the defense collects four heart tricks to put you down one.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Mommy! My hoop won't hula anymore!"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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

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4	9	7	8	1	5	3	2	6
5	2	1	6	9	3	8	7	4
8	6	3	9	5	7	2	4	1
1	5	9	4	2	8	7	6	3
7	4	2	3	6	1	5	9	8
2	1	4	5	8	9	6	3	7
9	7	8	2	3	6	4	1	5
6	3	5	1	7	4	9	8	2
Difficulty Level ★★★ 2							2/	

Cryptoquip

Sudoku puzzle is at right.

OBSMZ FGZ FRW NWWH MGVTO

water. After taking the screen off, lean it against RWQX FWNZFGZQ DF FGZ

ORZHBOG TBSF, MWVIH WSZ 🏵

MDII FGZT XQWSD MQWSBZO? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SHOULD PROSPECTORS ATTEMPT TO WEIGH THEIR SOLID GOLD

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals R

2 Old

24 Shade

name

50 Leon Uris'

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51 Still, in

verse

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

38 Informa-

ACROSS

34 New

Orleans

stew

37 Drunkard

35 Ducks

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4 Round	41 Region	3 November	cisco's —
Table	45 Gulf	birthstone	Hill
address	money	4 Half the	26 Pair
7 Old hat	47 Scratch	offspring	28 W.W.II
12 " — on	48 Raven's	5 Standards	craft
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Clay	56 — -over	9 Schuss	pool
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18 Mound	tion)	11 Conclu-	switch
stat	57 Med.	sion	42 Nebraska
19 Steam	approver	17 Grandson	city
room	58 Exist	of Eve	43 Bottom
20 Bronx		21 Striped	point
cheer	DOWN	equine	44 Wear
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Ernie	D I M G		down
29 Jaundiced	SHOPPE	EON	horse
31 Zero-star	HOW TAB		49 Tokyo's
movies	I S N T R U	M P U T T	old

16 19 130 42 55

Yesterday's answer 2-18