

Tidbits From Earth

Joe Made His Move

by Joe Albrecht

So the butcher says to the call girl "Nevermind the Vienna sausage, what'd ya do with the pepperoni stick?" Oh. Excuse me. I didn't realize the column had started already. I was just finishing telling my roommate a joke. And it's a good thing I live away from home and have a roommate - that was hardly the kind of joke that would be shown the proper appreciation by my mother, or for that matter, my Chia Pet.

Still, there's a lot to consider when pondering whether to move out such as: do you have

the money to afford the move, should you have a roommate or live alone, who can you sucker into doing your laundry, and is roommate spelled with one "m" or two:

ADVANTAGES TO MOVING

1. No-one is around to stop you from drinking beer.
2. It doesn't matter if you spill beer on the carpeting.
3. You can always have another beer.

DISADVANTAGES TO MOVING

1. You'll eventually have to clean the toilet bowl, unless of course you want creatures with

the consistency of Jello ooze up from the netherworld.

2. If you have kindly friends, who, thinking only of your now-impooverished needs, decide to give you food for your sustenance, such as eggrolls, and you heat the grease to cook them to a temperature quite compatible with the sun and you inadvertently almost start the whole kitchen on fire, you may not have an extinguisher handy to suffocate the blaze. Not that this ever happened to me.
3. After paying all of the respective fees for moving into a place such as for turning on

the gas, security deposit, and the phone hook-up, you'll only have enough money left to purchase one Snickers bar, providing someone lends you a quarter.

I think it's quite obvious after looking at the lists above that the advantages far outweigh

landlord a complete body massage on the 10th of each month.

2. Make sure your landlord looks like Harry Dean Stanton. Ours does. And he's fairly efficient. Every time we have a problem he's right over to fix it. Although, I suppose any famous actor would suffice.

3. Don't listen to Geraldo Rivera. This doesn't necessarily have anything to do with renting a dwelling, it's just good, all-around sound advice because you and I both know he is quite simply a weenie.



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Some of you out there might still be wondering whether or not you should have a roommate. Although having one cuts costs considerably there is a good chance that if the two of you are close friends when you move in, each of you will hate the other with an undying passion by the second week. Following the same logic, the converse must also be true - if everyone roomed with someone he hated, they would end up best of friends. Just think how much more harmonious and loving the world would be if George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev bunked together.

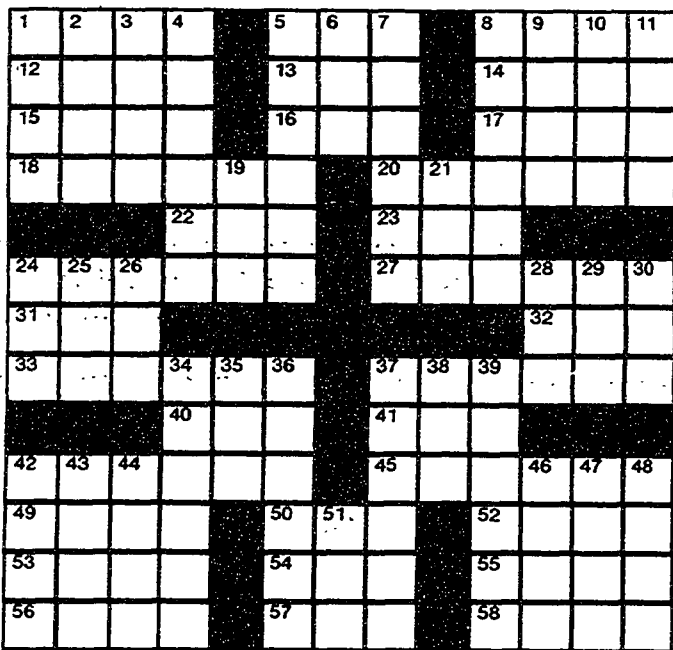
By now you should all have decided which state of living is best for you. If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to call, although you may have to let it ring a number of times while I finish telling my roommate some more jokes.

the disadvantages. So go ahead and move out on your own, but before you run off and foolishly rent the first decrepit place you find, here are three rules of caution:

1. Before signing the lease, make sure you read the small print. This advice works whether it concerns your lease, cereal boxes, or FBI subpoenas. Wouldn't it be a shocker to find out after you've signed the lease that you've agreed to give the

The Weekly Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Asterisk
 - 5 Decay
 - 8 Vehicles
 - 12 Part of face
 - 13 Exist
 - 14 Century plant
 - 15 Keyed up with interest
 - 16 Playing card
 - 17 Nerve network
 - 18 Attic
 - 20 Mended with cotton
 - 22 Period of time
 - 23 The self
 - 24 Whipped
 - 27 Come back
 - 31 Shoemaker's tool
- DOWN**
- 1 Unexpected difficulty
 - 2 Roman garment
 - 3 Hebrew lyre
 - 4 Rue
 - 5 Climbing palm
 - 6 Miner's find
 - 7 Fragile
 - 8 Vegetable
 - 9 Danish measure
 - 10 Repetition
 - 11 Sow
 - 19 Before
 - 21 Mature
 - 24 Prohibit
 - 25 Female sheep
 - 26 In music, high
 - 28 Rubber tree
 - 29 Fish eggs
 - 30 Bow
 - 34 Gossip
 - 35 Falsehood
 - 36 Commission
 - 37 Land surrounded by water
 - 38 Born
 - 39 Arranges in folds
 - 42 Zest
 - 43 Ox of Celebes
 - 44 Abound
 - 46 Challenge
 - 47 Sicilian volcano
 - 48 Remainder
 - 51 Capuchin monkey
- ACROSS**
- 32 Game at cards
 - 33 Irritate
 - 37 In truth
 - 40 Ventilate
 - 41 Weight of India
 - 42 Rag
 - 45 Chief
 - 49 Dillseed
 - 50 Biblical name
 - 52 Top of head
 - 53 Christmas carol
 - 54 Nickname for Nancy
 - 55 Sea eagles
 - 56 Contest
 - 57 Accomplished
 - 58 Chair



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