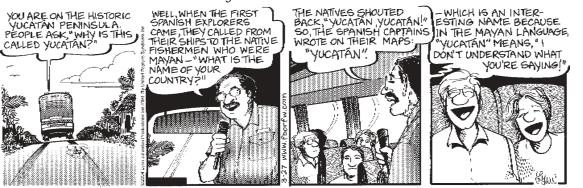
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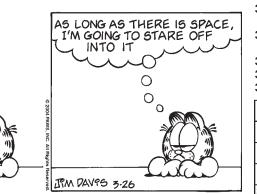


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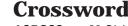


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# **Bridge** — Bidding Quiz

You are the dealer and open One Club. Partner responds One Diamond. What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. [S] KJ6 [H] AQ [D] 9874 [C] QJ95 2. [S] AK8 [H] J [D] QJ93 [C] AJ962 3. [S] AQ4 [H] AJ [D] Q5 [C] KQJ843 4. [S] 9 [H]AQ96 [D] K82 [C] AKQJ6

1. One notrump. It is rare not to raise partner at once with four-card trump support, but here it is better to suppress the raise in favor of the more illuminating notrump rebid.

This tells partner you opened with minimum values and a balanced hand, which is exactly what you're looking at. Two diamonds would suggest more in the way of distributional values - for example, five clubs, four diamonds and perhaps a singleton in one of the major suits - and would also be more forward-going. The notrump rebid paints a far better picture of your hand.

2. Three diamonds. Here you have better diamonds as well as values well beyond a minimum opening bid. Both of these features can best be expressed by a jump-raise. The double raise, which shows 16 to 18 points in high cards and distribution, is not forcing; partner may pass, but if he does, there is almost surely no game. If partner happens to bid three notrump at his next turn, you will, of course, let him play there.

3. Three notrump. You can't settle for less than game, and you shouldn't risk any bid that might leave you in an under-game contract.

What sometimes happens in this situation is that the opening bidder jumps to two notrump or three clubs — neither of which is forcing — and screams bloody murder when his impoverished partner passes. It is far better to take the strain off partner by jumping directly to three notrump, invoking the trusty principle of bidding what you think you can make.

4. Two hearts. The jump in a new suit (a jumpshift) is 100 percent forcing and compels partner to continue bidding until at least a game is reached. At this point, there is potential for a game in hearts, diamonds or clubs, and possibly notrump if partner has spades stopped. Furthermore, partner does not need all that much for a slam to be made, and he should be apprised of that possibility right away.

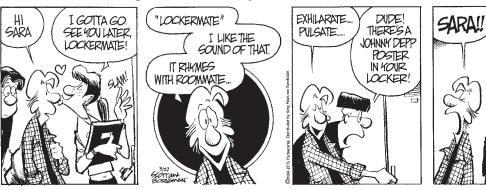
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### When Opportunity Knocks

Let's assume that, rightly or wrongly, you get to seven clubs on the bidding shown and West leads the ace of spades. You ruff, of course, and undoubtedly regret having failed to double six spades, since seven clubs is not a healthy contract.

This view is reinforced when you lead a trump

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## Sally Forth • Greg Howard







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### Family Circus • Bill Keane



"We've decided to put on a play, Mommy. Will you write one for us?" to the ace and East shows out. On top of your other troubles, you find that West now has more trumps than you have, and the situation looks bleak indeed.

But faint heart ne'er won fair lady, so you lead the queen of hearts from dummy and finesse after East follows low. When the finesse succeeds, you are in better shape than before - but not yet out of the woods. You still need a favorable diamond division to carry off the grand slam.

This must be your lucky day, for when you next play the A-K of diamonds, both defenders follow suit, and the grand slam is in the bag. There are no more hurdles to surmount, despite the fact that West outnumbers you in trumps.

You continue playing diamonds, planning to discard dummy's four hearts if West does not ruff at any point and then lead the ace of hearts to sew up the rest of the tricks.

If West ruffs any one of your red-suit winners as you play them, you overruff with dummy's eight — thereby equalizing West's trump length with yours - and draw his trumps to bring the matter to a happy conclusion. The hand is a good illustration of how you must think positively when attempting to land a hazardous contract. You don't always get punished for an occasional overbid - the trick is to take advantage of a favorable situation when opportunity knocks.



"I love Saturdays 'cause I can climb in here and hug both of you at once."