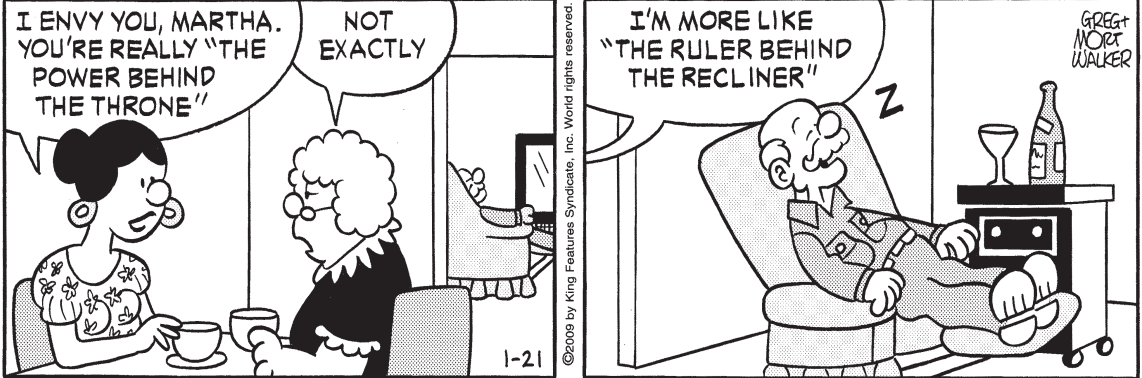


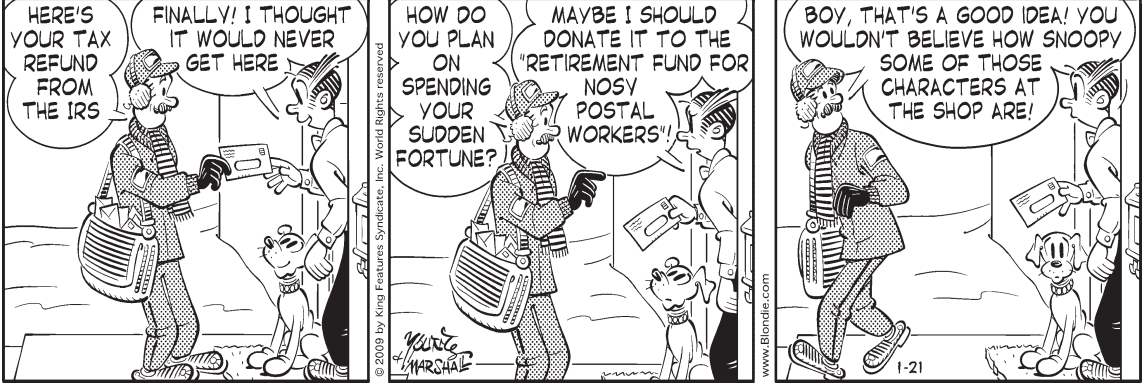
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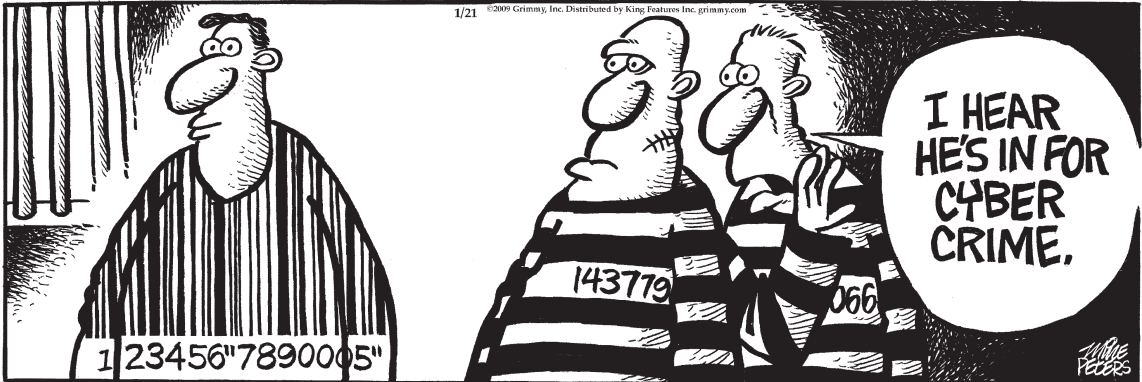
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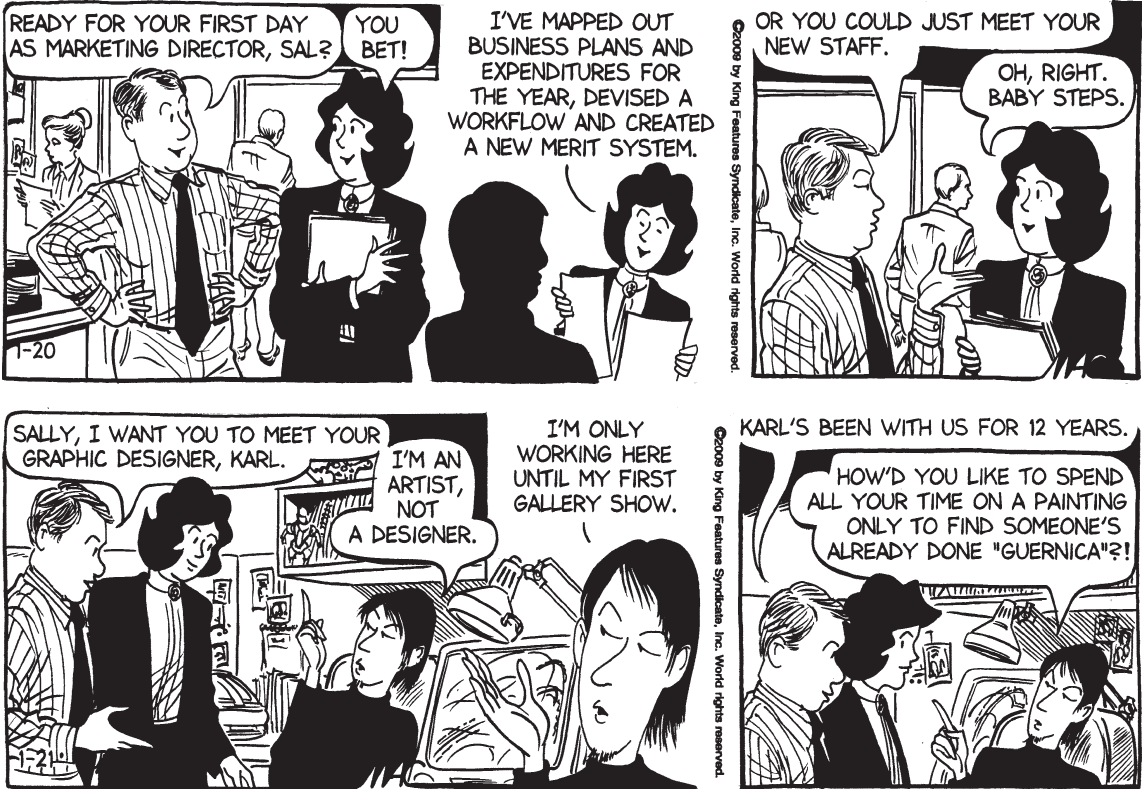
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**Heloise**

- Hints from Heloise

**Ambrosia is reader favorite**

Dear Heloise: I'm looking for the recipe for AMBROSIA. I had your recipe, but I lost it. -- Steve, via e-mail

Steve, this old family recipe, Heloise's Pistachio Ambrosia, is delicious as a dessert or side dish. You will need:

- 1 (16 ounces) can chunky pineapple
- 1 (8 ounces) can crushed pineapple
- 1 small package instant pistachio pudding
- 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 12-16 ounces frozen whipped topping (thawed)
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows

Use a large bowl to mix the cans of pineapple together, then sprinkle the dry pudding mix on top and let sit for 3 minutes. Mix the nuts and coconut together and gently fold into the mixture. Slowly fold in the whipped topping and marshmallows, then refrigerate for at least 2 hours before serving. For more fun and tasty recipes, you can receive my All-Time Favorite Recipes pamphlet by sending \$5 along with a long, self-addressed stamped (59 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Add a small jar of drained maraschino cherries to this dish, then serve in pretty, large wine or sherbet glasses with a sprinkling of cinnamon sugar on top. -- Heloise

**GREEN SHOPPING**

Dear Heloise: When I carried my "green" bags to the grocery store, I used to just lay them in the baby seat. Eventually, they became covered with groceries. When I got to the checkout counter, I had to dig them out. I have solved that with a bag clip. I just clip them to the back of the seat on the basket side of the cart. No more digging out the bags at the checkout counter. -- Norma J. from Maryland

**HANDY PIE PLATE**

Dear Heloise: I grew up in the South and love to eat bacon and country ham for breakfast. I hate when bacon curls up, and bacon presses often are too small to cook a whole pan at one time. I discovered that using an old pie pan was the perfect fit. I could even sear the ham without having to worry about popping grease. Just remember to use oven mitts, because the pie pan gets hot, too. -- Sheila in Tennessee

**Bridge • Steve Becker**

BRIDGE HAND

NORTH: ♠ Q 9 8 7, ♥ 6 2, ♦ K 6, ♣ A K 9 4 3

WEST: ♠ 6 5 2, ♥ 7, ♦ Q 10 5, ♣ J 10 8 7 2

EAST: ♠ 4 3, ♥ Q J 10 5 4, ♦ J 8 7 4 3 2, ♣ 5

SOUTH: ♠ A K 10 4, ♥ A K 9 8 3, ♦ A 9, ♣ 6

The bidding: South Pass, West 2♦, North Pass, East 4♦, South Pass, West 4♦, North Pass, East 5♦, South Pass, West 6♥, North Pass, East 7♥.

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

**Let's Not Be Lackadaisical**

There is an enormous difference between bidding and making seven spades vulnerable, and going down one at that contract – 2,510 points, to be exact. So, if you're in seven spades, as in the present case, it stands to reason that you should try very hard to find the best line of play.

Let's first suppose you were lackadaisical about the matter. In that case, you'd win the club lead with the king and draw two rounds of trumps, hoping to find them divided 2-2, in which case it would be all over but the shouting.

When East showed out on the second round, you'd stop drawing trumps and play the A-K of hearts, planning to ruff one or two hearts in dummy and sew up the grand slam.

Unfortunately, if you played the hand this way, you'd quickly go down one when West ruffed the second heart. Bad luck, you could say, but let's take another look and see if you shouldn't do better.

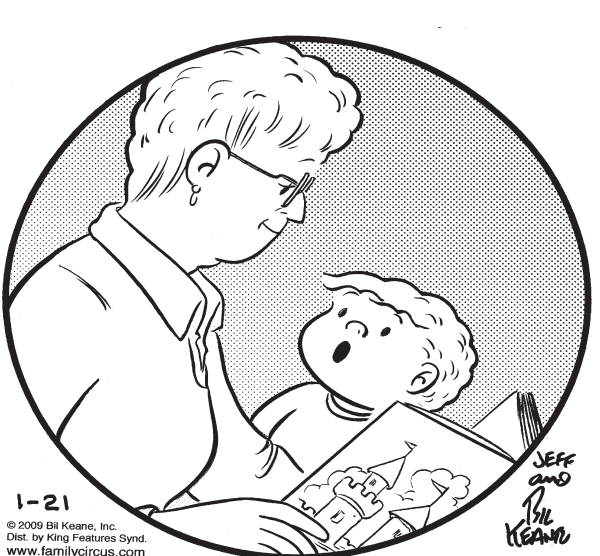
The proper line of play makes the contract. It does not depend on finding the hearts divided 3-3 or 4-2.

Win the club lead with the king, ruff a club with the jack of spades, lead the four of spades to the seven, ruff a club with the king, lead the ten of spades to the queen and ruff the nine of clubs with your last trump, the ace.

Then lead a diamond to the king, draw West's last trump with dummy's nine, and your work is done. The 13 tricks you score consist of three club ruffs in your hand, dummy's four trump tricks and the A-K of hearts, A-K of diamonds and A-K of clubs.

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**Family Circus • Bil Keane**



“Could you read that story again, Grandma? Only with a different ending?”

**Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green**

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★

**Cryptoquip**

J F E B P X T H W K X T P E H H E  
V D C B B K J E A A H U B F E B  
P X Z U Q A D X Z P E H C A X D Y C E ?  
E Q E Y W C U V X Q E Y W K U V V X .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I RECKON A BEACH BOYS TUNE ABOUT BEING SHIPWRECKED WOULD PROBABLY BE CALLED "I GET AGROUND."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals G

**Crossword • Eugene Sheffer**

**ACROSS**

1 Unruly group  
4 Carrots' mates  
8 Arp's style  
12 Gorilla  
13 Sicilian volcano  
14 State with certainty  
15 Eviscerate  
16 Do-over coupon  
18 Stern or Singer  
20 Guy's companion  
21 Tony of golf lore  
24 Coven member  
28 Lake or dam in Montana  
32 Emanation  
33 Altar affirmative  
34 Ex-Senator Lott  
36 Fiddler's need  
37 Roster  
39 Sweater type  
41 Slug with a shell

**DOWN**

1 Creche trio  
2 Piece of work  
3 Bygone VHS alternative  
4 Impression obtained by the senses  
5 Greek H  
6 Folk rocker  
7 Crooned DiFranco  
8 Showy bloom  
9 "Hail, Caesar!"  
10 Calendar abbr.  
11 Clumsy craft  
17 Corvine call  
19 Model Carol  
22 Ford make, for short  
23 Sharp-tongued  
25 Tooth-paste container  
26 Gator's kin  
27 Warmon-ger  
28 Son, on the Seine  
29 Valhalla VIP  
30 Parks or Bonheur  
31 Dangling locale  
35 Scintillate  
38 Left a gratuity  
40 Away from SSW  
42 De-pressed  
45 Front of a ship  
47 Basin accessory  
48 Sandwich shop  
49 Kennel cry  
50 Muppet eagle  
51 Weeding tool  
52 Hostel  
53 Historic time  
54 Holder for 4-Across

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

Yesterdays answer 1-21

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
28	29	30				31		32		
33			34				35		36	
37		38		39				40		
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56				57					58	
59				60					61	