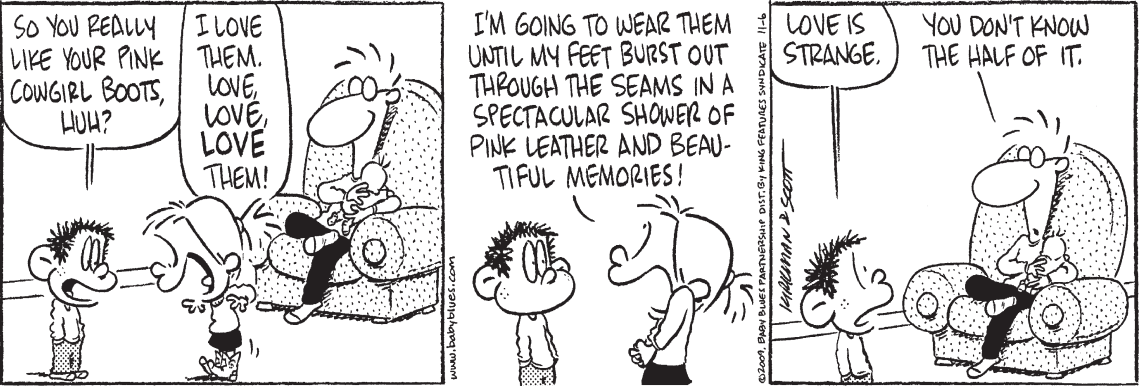


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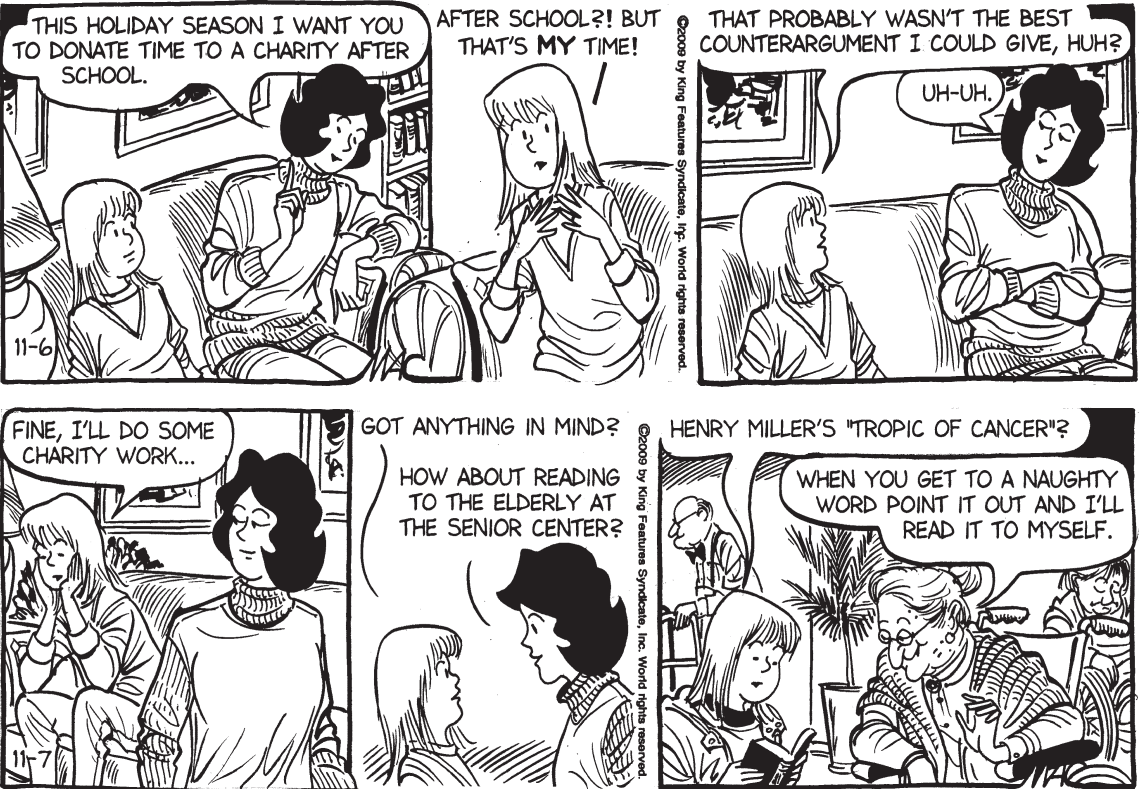
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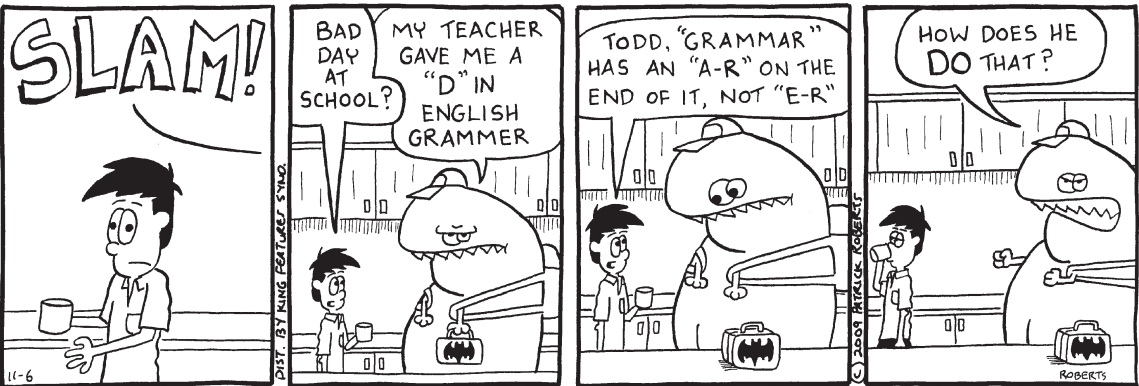
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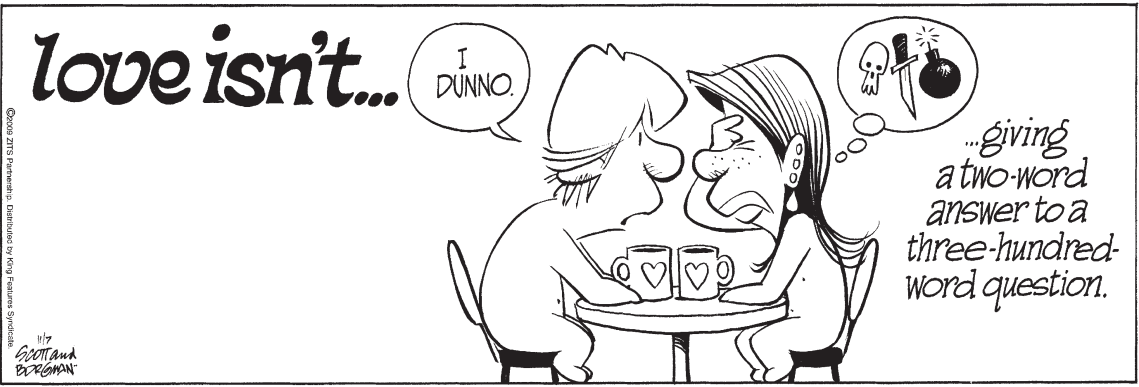
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Closet moisture causing trouble

Dear Heloise: I recently bought a house, and the LINEN CLOSET in the hallway has a musty smell and damp feeling. I placed baking soda in it to absorb odor and dampness, but it's not working. Help! I have to crack the door open sometimes to "dry" it out, and all my towels smell musty and damp. – C.M. Jerger, via e-mail

Yuck! Baking soda is a great odor neutralizer, but first, I'm concerned that you have to open the door to dry it out. If that works, that tells me either there is a water leak or moisture coming from somewhere. You can try these hints:

1. Charcoal – either plain barbecue briquettes or activated charcoal, found in pet stores. Charcoal is great for neutralizing odors.
 2. Cat-box filler – clay-type cat-box filler in a margarine tub. Litter is wonderfully absorbent and sometimes works as a last resort.
- If these hints don't help, you'll need to be a detective and try to figure out what the dampness is and where it's coming from. If it persists, you should call a professional – it's not going to go away on its own! Also, if left alone, it could get worse and grow into black mold, which is extremely hazardous to your health. – Heloise

LEFTOVER NIGHT

Dear Heloise: Wednesday is leftover night, and we clean out the refrigerator because Thursday is garbage day. If food is not eaten, it is tossed. No chance of anything going bad or being forgotten. – Nancy, via e-mail

TACKLE BOX

Dear Heloise: Tackle boxes aren't just for fishing equipment! They make great organizers for facial-care products, makeup, dusting powders, perfumes, etc. Just store under the vanity, or grab and go! This is especially nice if several girls share a bathroom. – B. Hayes, Schertz, Texas

QUICK CHANGE

Dear Heloise: For a quick change, place an extra sheet set and thin blanket under your mattress. When it's time to change them, the replacement is right at your fingertips. Between a mattress and box spring is also a great place to store blankets (flat) during warmer months. – Cheryl, via fax

CEREAL MIX-UP

Dear Heloise: Our family never seems to want to finish a box of cereal. We always end up with several boxes with just a little at the bottom. I mixed all the extras together, then I used approximately one bag of marshmallows and a stick of butter (both melted) to make a crispy bar snack for the family. It was a big hit, and I didn't have to throw away the cereal. – Mary in Texas

HALL CLOSET

Dear Heloise: Hang a long piece of chain on a hanger in a hall closet near the front door. Using clothespins, this makes a great place to collect gloves, scarves, hats – just clip to the chain until needed again. – Erin M., via e-mail

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Bridge • Steve Becker

You are South in each of the following hands. What would you bid at the point where the question mark appears?

1. ♠ 852 ♥ Q9862 ♦ Q63 ♣ 74
East 1 ♠ Pass South 5 ♥ ? West 4 ♠ Pass North 4 NT
2. ♠ AJ4 ♥ AJ2 ♦ AJ6 ♣ A985
East 1 ♠ Pass South 1 ♥ ? West 1 ♦ Pass North 3 ♣
3. ♠ 62 ♥ K9 ♦ AKQ953 ♣ K84
East 1 ♠ Pass South 2 ♥ ? West Pass North 2 ♥

Bidding Quiz

1. Six diamonds. The four-notrump bid is equivalent to a strong takeout double, and you should assume when partner bids it that he has excellent support for the other three suits.
- But when partner next bids five spades, you should revise your original assessment. If partner, who obviously has a powerhouse, liked hearts, he would either pass five hearts or bid six hearts. It therefore follows that he is asking you to choose between the two remaining suits, and you should honor this request by bidding six diamonds on your Q-x-x. Partner could have any of these three hands:
 - ♠ — ♥ A7 ♦ AKJ952 ♣ AKQ93
 - ♠ — ♥ AK5 ♦ AKJ84 ♣ KQJ92
 - ♠ — ♥ AJ ♦ AK985 ♣ AKQ852

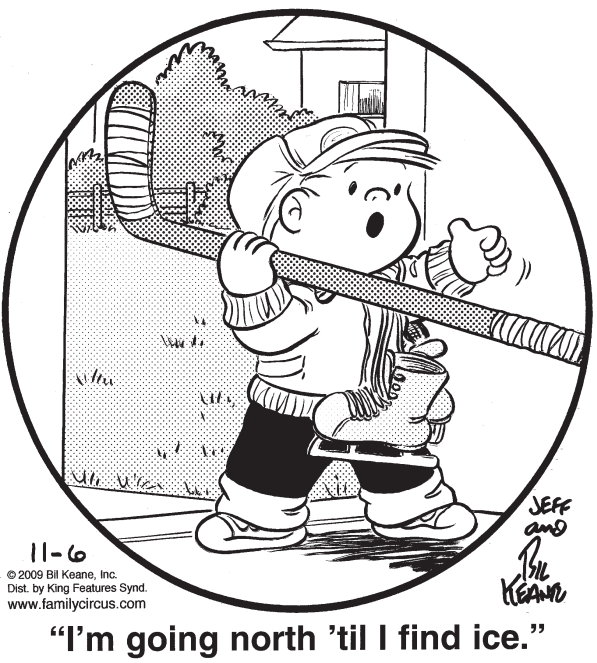
which, opposite your hand, would make six diamonds an excellent contract.

2. Three diamonds. It is reasonable to assume that partner is not happy with notrump and would prefer to play the hand in a game or slam in either clubs or diamonds. There is no good reason to suppress your diamond support, so you should bid three diamonds at this point. Partner may have any of these hands:
 - ♠ J8 ♥ QJ8763 ♦ 84 ♣ AJ2
 - ♠ K93 ♥ AQ7542 ♦ 72 ♣ 63
 - ♠ 74 ♥ AQJ43 ♦ 862 ♣ A52

and you would surely want to be in four hearts with each of them.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 11/06

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.

Cryptoquip

E F R Q A C F S X F V Q C S F W
R W Q O S C V Q U L C Q E L Q C F T
C A N N J W S F W J O S X F T F V J R W Q S C
L C X F Q N Q W S L C Q U Q W S L C Q U ?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF THE BARD HAD A PASSION FOR DAIRY TREATS, I THINK HE'D PROBABLY BE NAMED MILK SHAKE-SPEARE.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals H

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Urban sunning sites
6 Eisenhower
9 In olden days
12 Farther down the page
13 See 8-Down
14 High-arc shot
15 Postpone
16 Slogan
18 Entice
20 — out (supplements)
21 Hawaiian garland
23 Smack
24 Cubic meter
25 "— It Romantic?"
27 Athletes
29 Buffet-table heater
31 Out of reach, maybe
35 Prevention measure
37 Leak slowly

DOWN
1 Disen-cumber
2 Inseparable
3 Without a computer
4 Gratis
5 Ex-governor Palin
6 Completely
7 Zen paradox
8 With 13-Across, Christmas quaff
9 Similar
10 Lost cause
11 Not just pudgy
17 Releases
19 Mustard variety

21 Fleur-de—
22 Superlative ending
24 Schuss
26 Brick-layer's tool
28 "SNL" alumna
30 Sister
32 Phone to the president
33 Sub-machine gun type
34 Energy buds used as a garnish
38 Disrobe
39 Fragment
40 Rattle-snake's cousin
42 Follow
45 Child's play
46 "— Lang Syne"
48 Chit
50 Scot's topper
51 Mound stat

Solution time: 25 mins.

Yesterdays answer 11-6

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12					13			14		
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