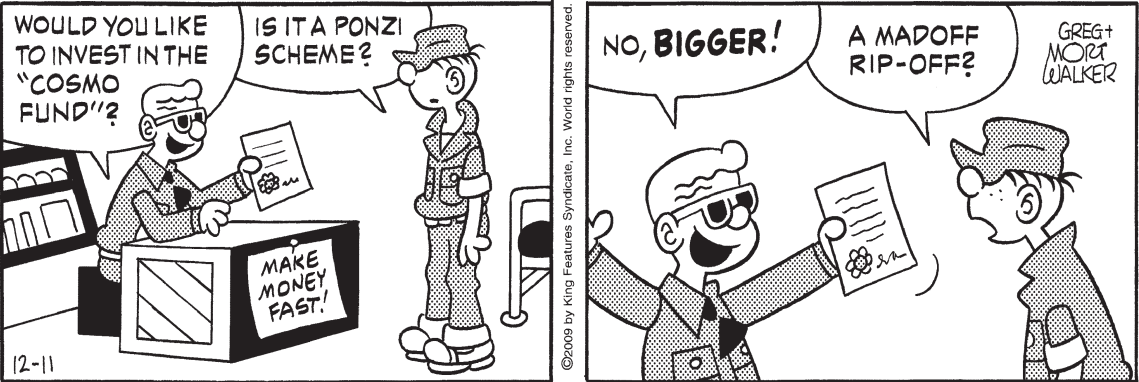


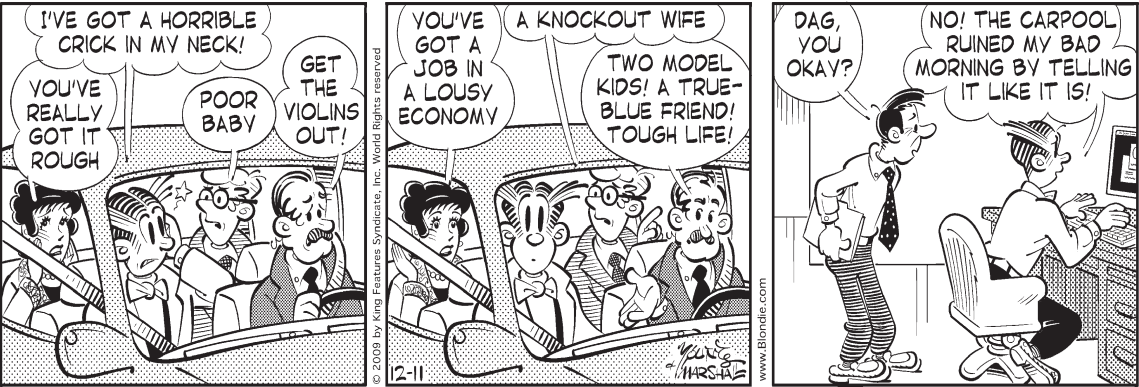
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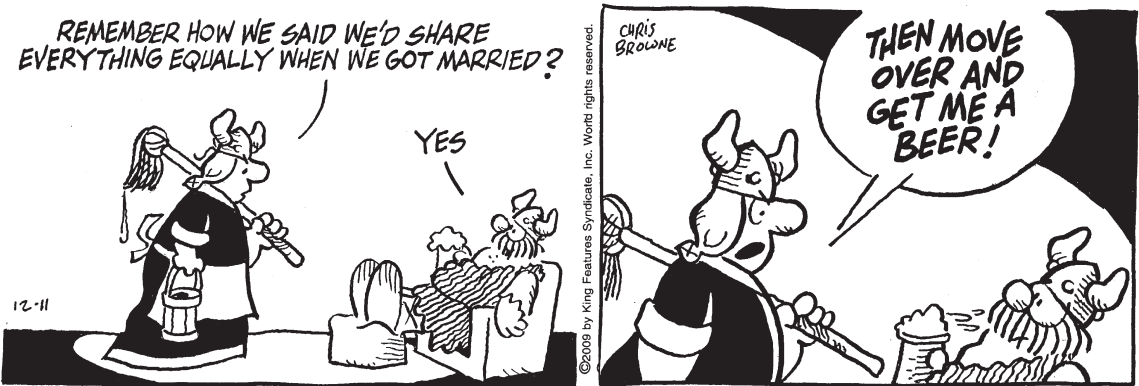
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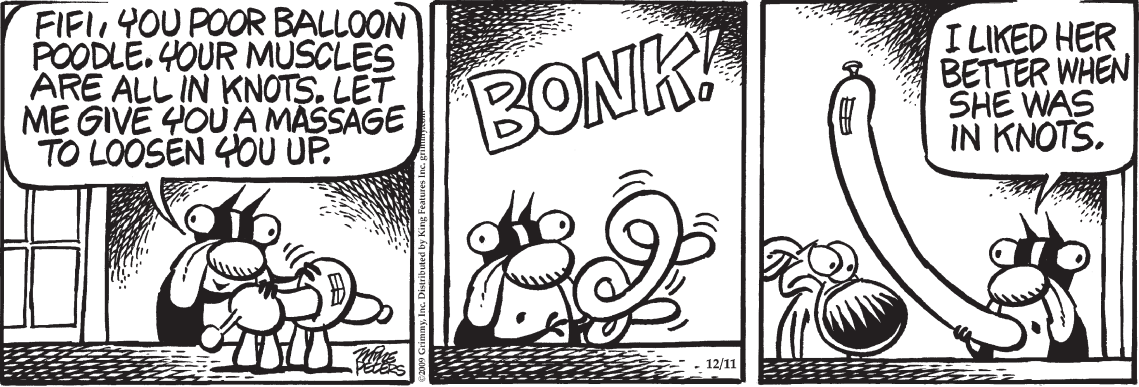
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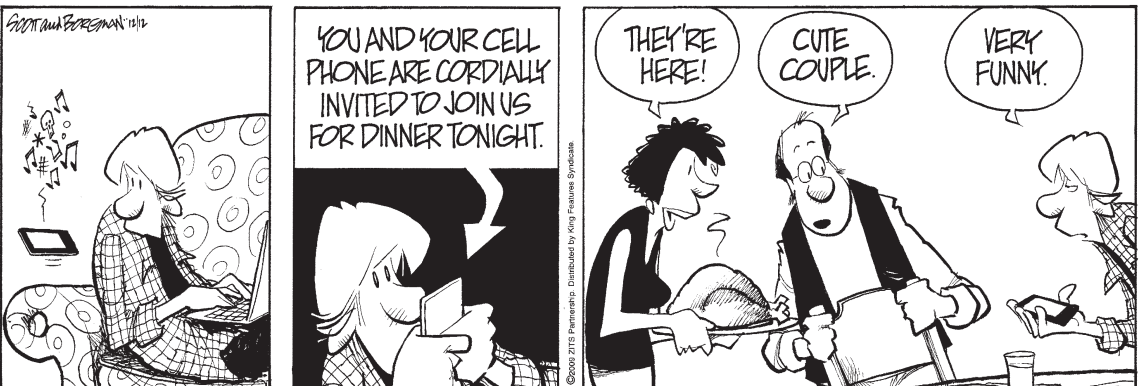
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Here's hints to pack suitcase

Dear Readers: Here are a few hints for you when PACKING A SUITCASE. I travel a lot and have learned how to pack a suitcase to make the most of the space. With all the security and restrictions on luggage when traveling today, make it easy on yourself if you can.

1. Put heavy items on the bottom of the suitcase so they won't squash your clothes. "The bottom" means what's the bottom when the suitcase is picked up.
2. Pack shoes soles out, with the heel of one shoe tucked into the toe of the other, and place small items like socks and underwear in the shoes to save space.
3. Roll clothes to prevent wrinkling by putting each garment inside a plastic dry-cleaning bag, then roll up.
4. Pack only travel- or trial-size toiletries to save space, even if checking luggage. — Heloise

**SWEeper ATTACHMENTS**  
Dear Heloise: It's too bad sweepers don't come with attachments readily available. I had a little canvas bag big enough to carry two attachments for cleaning in corners or along the baseboard. I put a large rubber band through the straps of the bag and attached the whole thing on the handle of the sweeper. Voila — attachments ready for use.

As I sweep, sometimes I need to do some dusting with my little feather duster. I took a large rubber band and duct-taped it to the duster, and then attached this to another part of the sweeper handle. — Pat Zoccali, Warren, Ohio

**PLASTIC SACKS**  
Dear Heloise: Most times when you buy linens, curtains or blankets, a few items, they come in clear, heavy plastic sacks that zip or snap shut.

Some even have built-in hangers, which will fit on wire-rack systems. I use these in a variety of ways — small ones with hangers for scarves and decorated hair clips that can then be hung in the closet; large ones to store out-of-season sweaters or sweatshirts, or extra T-shirts. Not only do they keep things organized, but you can see at a glance what's in them. — Barb in California

**WEDDING SPARKLERS**  
Dear Heloise: I attended an evening wedding. The couple was given a marvelous send-off. Instead of birdseed being tossed, everyone lined up with sparklers! The effect was gorgeous against the night sky. Of course, for safety's sake there were pails of water around to extinguish the sparklers. A fun and creative "spark" to a new life together! — Sharon in Texas

**RECYCLE**  
Dear Heloise: Another use for newspaper sleeves is to stuff them with confetti-size shredded paper (or plastic packing peanuts), tie the top and use as cushioning when mailing a package or when packing to move. You adjust the amount of fill according to your needs. There is no mess when unpacking, and the shredded paper can then go to the recycler. — Lynn in Indiana  
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Bridge • Steve Becker

**You are South**, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:  

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	?

**What would you bid** with each of the following four hands?  
1. ♠ Q6 ♥ KJ94 ♦ AJ3 ♣ KQ105  
2. ♠ K93 ♥ 74 ♦ AQ872 ♣ 932  
3. ♠ AQ7 ♥ 5 ♦ K843 ♣ KQJ96  
4. ♠ J5 ♥ QJ82 ♦ AJ9 ♣ AJ64  
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**Bidding Quiz**  
1. Three notrump. A jump to game is clearly indicated. True, partner's spade overall doesn't promise the World's Fair since it is frequently based on less-than-opening-bid values, but the bid still shows some kind of trick-taking potential.  
Two notrump would merely invite partner to bid again, without compelling him to do so. If you substituted the deuce of clubs for the king, two notrump would be the proper bid. Partner should not be given a chance to pass when it is clear that game must be reached.

2. Two spades. It is best to show your spade support at once. To bid two diamonds at this point would merely cloud the issue and would run the risk of partner passing. The right way to show spade support is by raising spades, while naming a new suit would tend to deny spade support.  
There probably isn't a game, but, even so, it is important to tell partner right away that you have trump support and a moderate hand.

3. Four spades. This is no time to be tentative; you have the values for game, and you should express them forthwith. To merely invite partner to go to game by bidding only three spades would be a serious error, because you might well get left at the post.

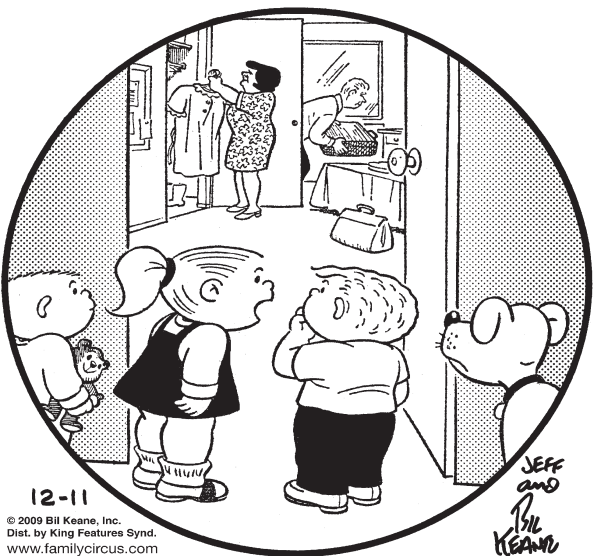
It is neither necessary nor desirable to mention your clubs. Partner will see them as soon as dummy comes down.

4. Two notrump. Here the possibility of game depends chiefly on whether partner's overall is based on minimum, medium or maximum values. He might have as little as eight points or as many as 16, but he is in a far better position to know what he has than you are.

You thus should leave the decision on how high to go to partner, acting on the sensible assumption that he is just as anxious to bid and make a game as you are.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

				2					
	7		4					8	
5		2				9			3
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1									9
6	5		3		6				
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 12/11  
*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.*

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

Cryptoquip

DZFG'PF SFWTE XKPIFM DK

XWPF CT QTRQIAG XFRRKV

CD DZF RFEQLF XCPL. DZF

EQG MKFJT'D ATKV SFCTJ.

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** SIGN THEY HAD TO PLACE ON THE DOOR AT THE SOLD-OUT CARPENTRY SYMPOSIUM: "SANDING ROOM ONLY."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals R

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- |                            |                  |                             |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>              | <b>DOWN</b>      | <b>ACROSS</b>               | <b>DOWN</b>            |
| 1 Recipe meas.             | 1 Mexican entree | 40 Coffee vessel            | 2 Uppity one           |
| 4 Circulate                |                  | 41 Capital of Oman          | 3 Dosage, maybe        |
| 8 Wield an axe             |                  | 45 Creche trio              | 4 Dragon of Norse myth |
| 12 Blackbird               |                  | 48 Ready to rumble          | 5 Loyal subject        |
| 13 Staffer                 |                  | 50 Not "fer"                | 6 Rhyming tribute      |
| 14 Posterior               |                  | 51 Parliamantarian, perhaps | 7 Diver's garb         |
| 15 Chicken-ing-out feeling |                  | 52 Lawyers' org.            | 8 Mob                  |
| 17 Aware of                |                  | 53 Safe-cracker             | 9 Coop denizen         |
| 18 Rectangular             |                  | 54 Albanian coins           | 10 Feedbag morsel      |
| 19 Spread seeds            |                  | 55 Bygone space station     | 11 In favor of         |
| 21 Chart format            |                  |                             | 16 Sleepy companion?   |
| 22 Excessively             |                  |                             | 20 Inseparable         |
| 26 Old anesthetic          |                  |                             | 23 "Do — others ..."   |
| 29 Conk out                |                  |                             |                        |
| 30 Born                    |                  |                             |                        |
| 31 Curds' mate             |                  |                             |                        |
| 32 Parcel of land          |                  |                             |                        |
| 33 Pack cargo              |                  |                             |                        |
| 34 Historic time           |                  |                             |                        |
| 35 Jewel                   |                  |                             |                        |
| 36 Saturn has many         |                  |                             |                        |
| 37 Legisla-                |                  |                             |                        |
| 39 Old French coin         |                  |                             |                        |

Solution time: 25 mins.

W	A	F	T	L	A	M	P	L	O	G
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B	I	A	S	O	A	R	S	K	U	A
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H	U	E	B	A	N	K	V	A	U	L
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D	D	T	D	E	B	T	E	R	S	T

Yesterday's answer 12-11

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