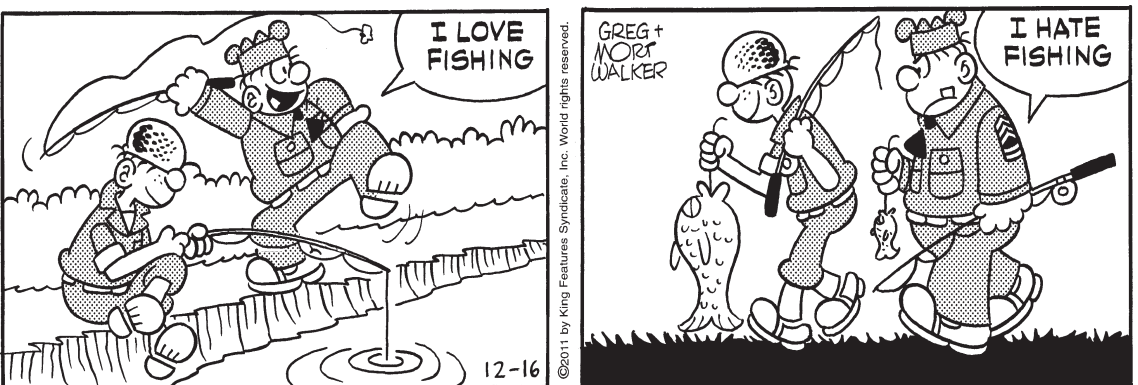


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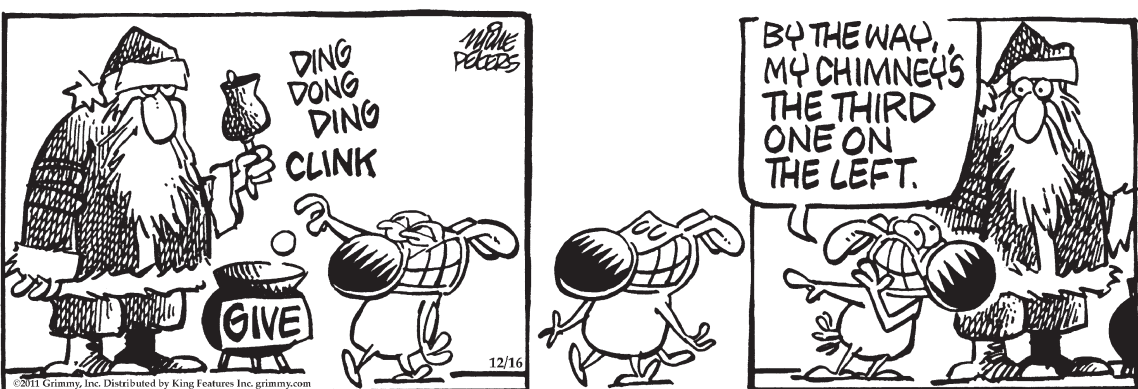
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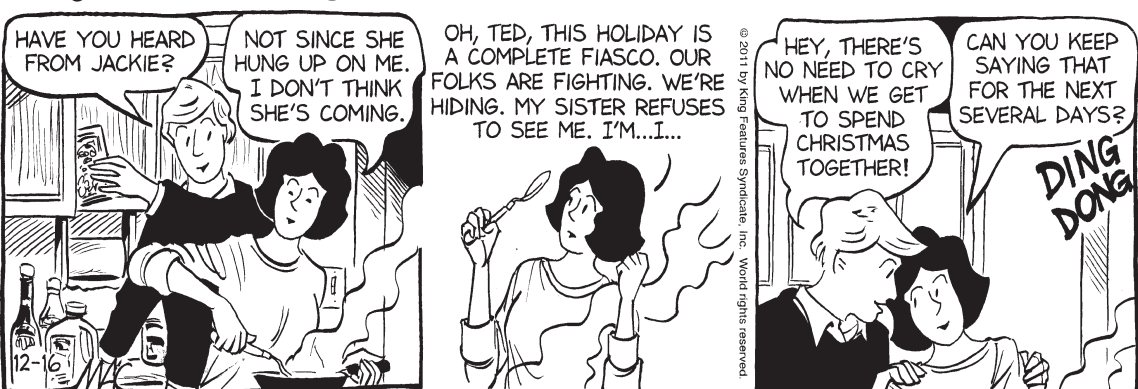
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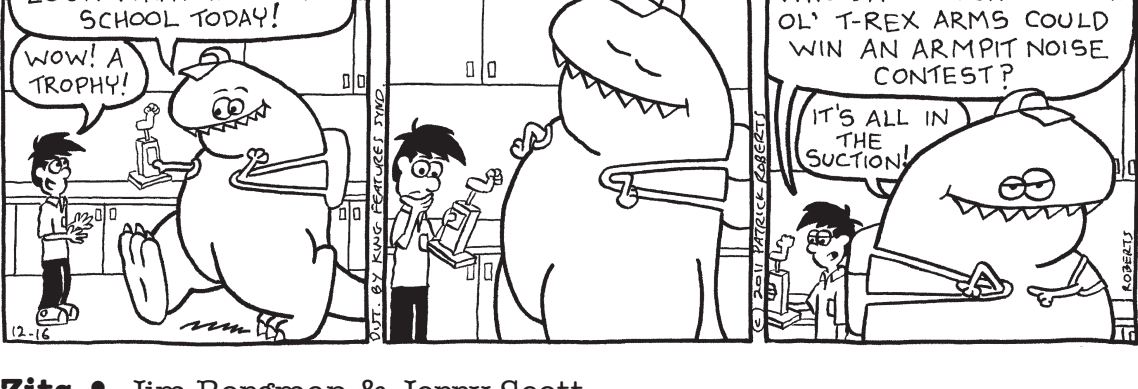
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Heloise

• Hints from Heloise

Plastic provides perfect packing

Dear Heloise: First, let me say I love your column and read it every day. When I read your article on travel advice from Joan Crawford, one of my favorites, I was especially interested.

Here is my take on PERFECT PACKING: I keep plastic bags from the dry cleaners in my suitcases and use them for each individual suit, blouse or dress on hangers. I then fold them, in their plastic bag and on a hanger, and put them in the suitcase.

When I arrive at my destination, I unpack each item and hang it up. As I use the items, I place the plastic bag with the hanger back in my suitcase, and put worn or soiled clothes on top.

When packing pressed items not on hangers, I just place a plastic bag between each fold. My clothes are always wrinkle-free.

In my overnight bag, I keep a laminated 5-by-7-inch index card of items never to forget, such as medications, travel umbrella, tennis shoes and socks, nightgown, etc. On the other side of the same card, I list toiletries, such as soap, lip balm, hair spray, toothpaste, etc. This laminated card lives in my overnight case, and I keep a duplicate in my suitcase. I hope this helps someone. — Dorothy from Houston

Dorothy, a few tried-and-true hints that will help make sure everything is packed. — Heloise

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PREVENTING PAIN

Dear Heloise: I have a pain-saving hint for people who, like me, are undergoing radiation therapy. The labels in my shirts scratched against the back of my neck where I had received the radiation, and it was very painful and irritating.

I could have cut the labels out of my shirts, but I didn't want to. Instead, I used adhesive first-aid strips to cover the labels. I used the cloth-type strips, and the scratching and irritation stopped. Just remember to take them off before you put the shirt in the laundry. — Wes in Kansas

Wes, thank you for sharing this hint, and I hope your therapy was successful! — Hugs, Heloise

FROZEN FOOD

Dear Heloise: My husband and I occasionally use tortillas or other flat breads, and I keep them in the freezer. I had a problem with them breaking when taking some out of the package.

Now, before I put them in the freezer, I open the package and put a piece of plastic wrap between each tortilla, etc., so we can take out as many as needed, reseal the package, and no broken pieces to throw out. — Carol, via email

DRAWER DO-OVER

Dear Heloise: I recycled the crisper, meat and cheese drawers from my old refrigerator. When I want to transport food for a potluck dinner, they work great to put the pot or dish in. No spills to clean up in the car. — Luci in Bernville, Pa.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

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

East South West North
1 ♦ Dble Pass 1 ♠
Pass ?

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ AQ92 ♥ Q95 ♦ 74 ♣ AKJ6
- ♠ Q8 ♥ AQ76 ♦ AQ ♣ KJ982
- ♠ AQ73 ♥ AQ52 ♦ 6 ♣ AQ94
- ♠ A64 ♥ AQJ ♦ 10 ♣ KQJ873

Bidding Quiz

1. Two spades. Your takeout double has forced partner to bid, so he might have no values at all. The best you can do, therefore, is to make a single raise, indicating spade support and about 16 to 18 points (with less than that, you would pass one spade). Partner can have anywhere from zero to at most nine points (with a better hand, he would have jumped in spades). You don't have to guess what he has, though; all you need to do is to tell him what you have and let him decide what to do next.

2. One notrump. The choice lies between one notrump and two clubs, both of which show substantial extra values. The notrump bid is slightly better because it is more apt to induce a further bid from partner. He might pass two clubs with a hand where he considers an 11-trick game too remote to be pursued, yet act over one notrump because a nine-trick game would seem within the realm of possibility.

Note that a jump to two notrump would be overly exuberant, as it would indicate the values for an opening two-notrump bid, which you clearly don't have.

3. Three spades. While partner's response is forced, he might still have the few ingredients necessary to produce 10 tricks. For example, he might hold:

- ♠ J8652 ♥ K763 ♦ 93 ♣ 85, or
- ♠ K854 ♥ 96 ♦ 82 ♣ J7632,

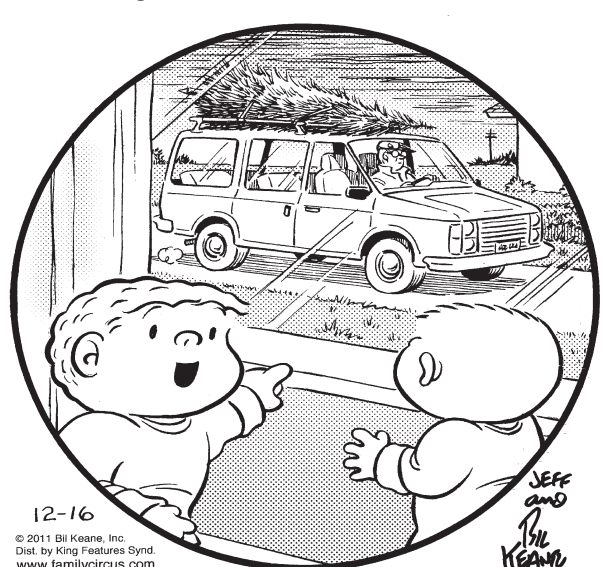
and with either of them he should happily bid four.

4. Two clubs. It might seem cowardly to bid only two clubs, but the fact is that game is unlikely unless partner voluntarily bids again.

The alternative bids are two spades or three clubs, but neither of them can be recommended. It would be dangerous to raise spades with only three-card support, as partner might have only four cards in the suit. It would be equally dangerous to leap to three clubs, since if partner has a worthless hand, you are not likely to make nine tricks.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 12/16

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

Cryptoquip

O G M H T E K M E W L G M

L D C H T X E D L M S R E E S T R E L C

P Q L L P M S Q T L E D L M S, O C T L G C L

C T Q K X P M L O Q T L E W W D M Q R G L ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A SHOP OFFERS AN IMPRESSIVE VARIETY OF FROTHY DRINKS, I'D SAY THAT'S A FOAMER'S MARKET.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Humongous
 - 4 Unfriendly
 - 8 Took to the skies
 - 12 Commotion
 - 13 Eye layer
 - 14 Emanation
 - 15 1849 California event
 - 17 Commotion
 - 18 Campus digs
 - 19 Trusty mount
 - 20 "Yippee!"
 - 22 Create
 - 23 Equal
 - 25 Shirk work
 - 29 Mess up
 - 30 Analogy mark
 - 31 Have debts
 - 32 Paris airport eponym
 - 34 Winter transport
 - 35 Guitars' smaller kin
 - 36 Director Almodóvar
- DOWN**
- 37 Put into words
 - 40 Complaint
 - 41 Stead
 - 42 Source of wealth
 - 46 Teensy bit
 - 47 Vicinity
 - 48 Junior
 - 49 Former European capital
 - 50 Sailing vessel
 - 51 Day divs.
 - 4 Pungent dish in Indian cuisine
 - 5 Egg
 - 6 "— Miserables"
 - 7 Doo follower
 - 8 Zip up, maybe
 - 9 Troubadour's instrument
 - 10 Great Lake
 - 11 Actress Sela
 - 16 Entryway
 - 19 Epi-dermis
 - 20 Newspaper page
 - 21 Present
 - 22 Shopping centers
 - 23 Lotion additive
 - 25 Beauty spot
 - 26 Pepperidge Farms favorites
 - 27 Basin accessory
 - 28 Start over
 - 30 Potential pickle, for short
 - 33 Fall
 - 34 Appear
 - 36 Go by bicycle
 - 37 Thick slice
 - 38 One of The Jackson 5
 - 39 A billion years (Var.)
 - 40 Huffed and puffed
 - 42 Festive
 - 43 Man-mouse link
 - 44 Neither mate
 - 45 Type measures

Solution time: 25 mins.

S	T	O	P	A	N	D	F	L	A	B
P	E	R	I	L	E	I	R	A	G	E
E	A	S	T	P	E	P	O	V	E	N
C	R	O	U	C	H	L	A	Z	E	
	P	I	A	N	O	B	E	N	C	H
C	O	C	O	A	E	M	U	D	E	
L	O	O	N	E	V	A	H	E	R	
U	Z	I	A	X	E	A	O	R	T	A
B	E	N	C	H	P	R	E	S	S	
	C	O	A	L	S	P	A	R	S	E
A	R	I	A	O	P	S	N	O	O	N
L	I	D	S	I	R	A	N	A	R	D
P	O	E	T	T	O	Y	A	R	T	S

Yesterday's answer 12-16

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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