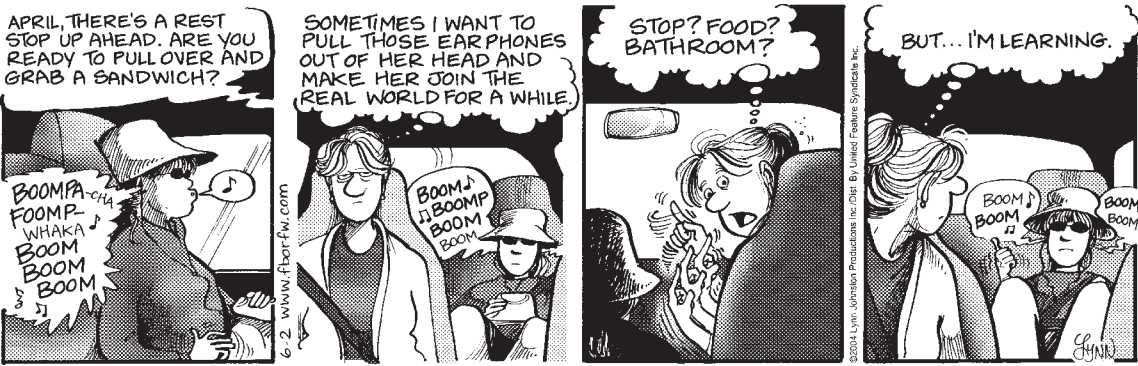


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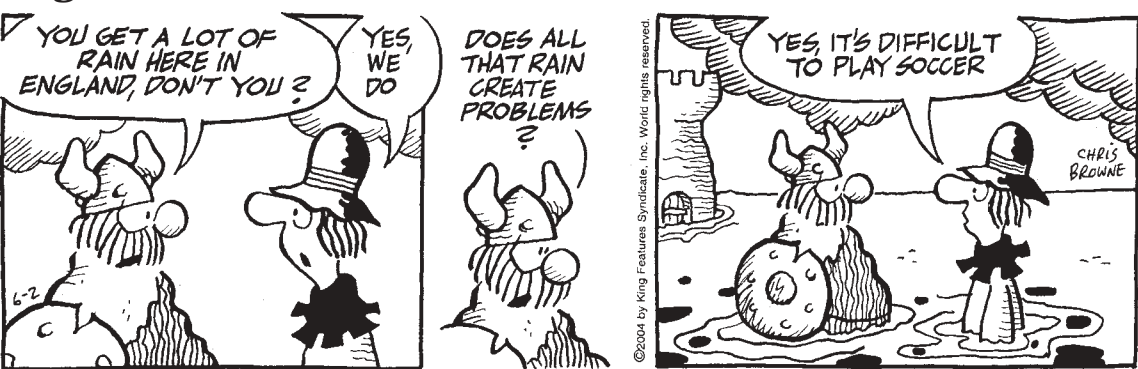
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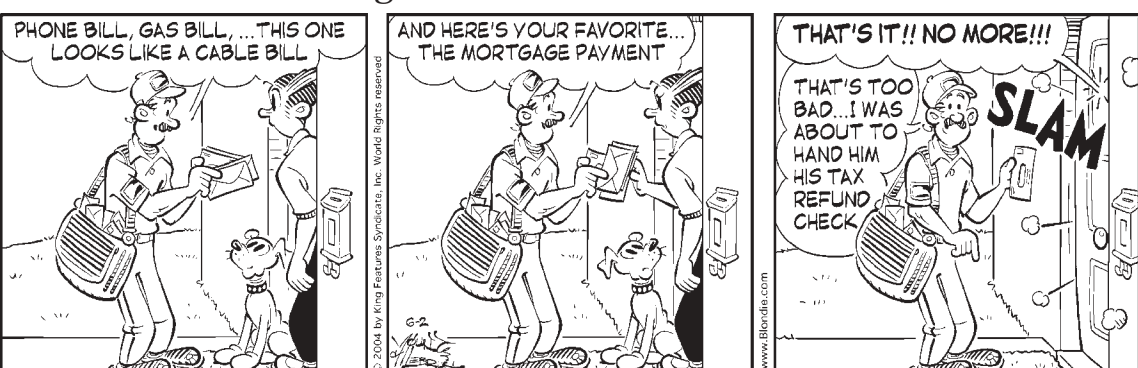
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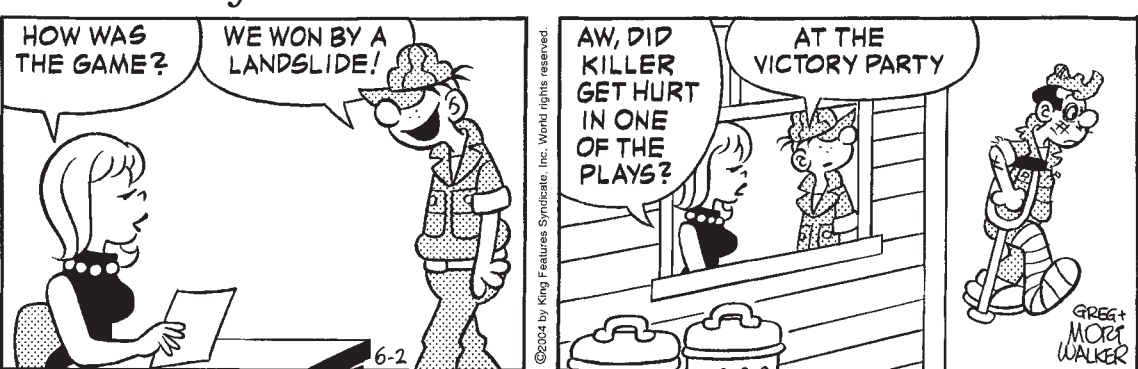
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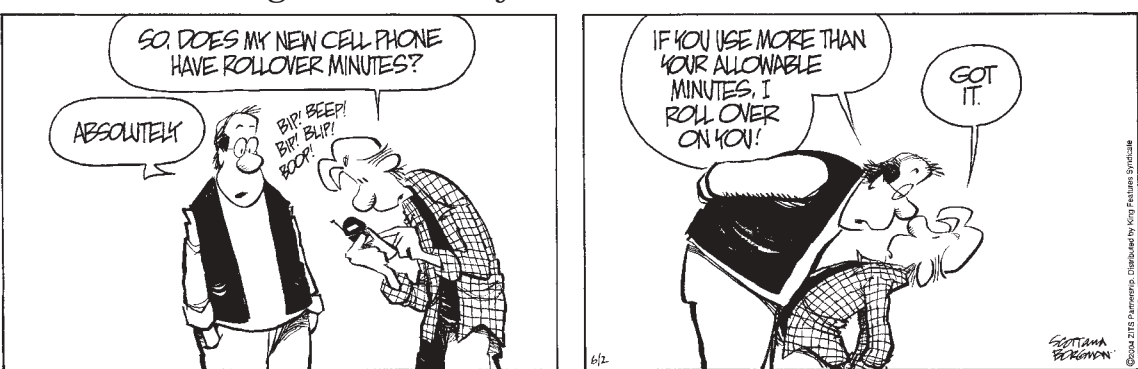
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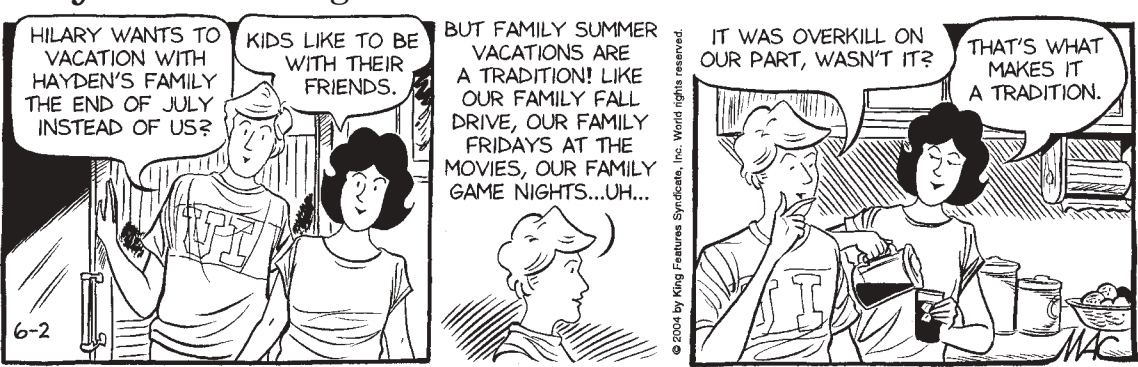
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Cryptoquip

Z MBWWYMC AC OCIIJG

CRVYGM HOYQZRH

RYRTJYQCOZRH WJIRUM

VBMU TYO UAC TCOR YT ZU!

Saturday's Cryptoquip: IN THE SIXTIES, COULD ONE EXPECT THAT CERTAIN BARS AND PUBS HAD A HIPPIE HOUR?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals P

Family's dysfunction heavy weight

DEARABBY: I am a 20-year-old woman in need of help. I used to live at my grandmother's house with my younger sisters and my parents. My father hasn't worked since I was born. My mom managed a local flower shop and made good money, but she was fired two years ago after she started using cocaine with Dad and her boss found out.

My grandma and my 19-year-old sister take care of my 12- and 14-year-old sisters because our parents are broke. To make matters worse, my uncle, "Ralph," moved here from Florida last year and now lives at my grandma's. Uncle Ralph has a jail record and is verbally and physically abusive to Grandma and to my sisters' cats and dogs. The police have been called, but they can't do anything unless Grandma says she wants him out. The thing is, she's terrified of him. She told my sister she wishes he would leave, but she's too scared to tell him.

Abby, Uncle Ralph is the reason I moved out. How can I get him out of that house, and how can I get my parents help for their drug problem? Most of my money goes to help out with my sisters. I need a car and I'd like to go back to college, but I can't until this burden is lifted off my shoulders. I suffer anxiety attacks from worrying about this. Please help!

—ANXIOUS

DEAR ANXIOUS: You may not like this message, but you need to hear it. You are not Wonder Woman, and you have placed far too much responsibility on your



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• Dear Abby

own shoulders. You are focusing so hard on other people's problems that you have forgotten to take care of yourself.

Isn't it time that your grandmother and parents took responsibility for themselves? You have already helped them as much as you can — more than anyone can reasonably expect. There's a reason why airline passengers are instructed that in an emergency they must first place the oxygen masks over their own faces, and THEN over the faces of their dependents. It's so they don't all black out at once.

My advice is to contact Al-Anon and learn how to separate other people's problems from your own. Get back in school and get counseling through the student health center. Once you are out of school and established financially, then you will be in a stronger position to help your siblings.

DEAR ABBY: I was brutally raped a few months ago by a man I had thought was kind and gentle. Afterward, I learned that he had also been violently abusive to his ex-wife and former girlfriend.

He's in jail for now, but I will have to testify against him in court soon,

and I'm scared to death.

Everyone tells me to be brave and speak out, but I just want to put this all behind me. It keeps preying on my mind, and I'm frightened at night when I'm home alone. I'm afraid I'll never feel safe again. I have these nightmares that he escapes and beats me to death. Did I do the wrong thing when I reported him?

— FRIGHTENED IN IDAHO

DEAR FRIGHTENED: No, you did the right thing. Permit me to add my voice to the chorus of those urging you to be brave and testify. By standing up for yourself, you will also heal yourself. However, you should also be receiving support from a rape crisis center during this difficult time. And when you go to court, you should have a victim's advocate by your side. Pick up the phone and call (800) 656-4673. It's the toll-free number of the Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network. They will guide you to the help you need.

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Bridge

East dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠	K 5	♠	A J 10 9 3
♥	3	♥	K J 10 6 2
♦	A J 10 9 7 4	♦	Q 8
♣	Q 8 7 2	♣	6
WEST		SOUTH	
♠	8 7 4 2	♠	Q 6
♥	Q 7 5	♥	A 9 8 4
♦	K 6 5 3	♦	2
♣	A 4	♣	K J 10 9 5 3

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 ♠	2 ♣	2 ♠	5 ♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

How to Be a Tough Competitor

Assume you're in five clubs doubled and West leads the ace and another trump. You win with the nine and, in an effort to establish dummy's diamonds, play the ace and a low diamond. East follows with the queen, which you ruff.

You note that if you play the ace and another heart at this point, planning to ruff in dummy and lead the jack of diamonds, you will go down if East started with only Q-x of diamonds. There would then be only one trump left in dummy to take care of your two losing hearts, and you would lose a total of three tricks whatever you did next.

Consequently, you should have second thoughts about playing the ace and another heart, which could lead to a dead end. Instead, you find the exceptionally fine play of leading the queen of spades at trick five.

Once you do this, the defense collapses. If East takes his ace, it gives you the extra entry you need to establish and cash dummy's diamonds. And if East ducks the queen, you're still on firm ground. In that case, you play the ace and another heart, ruff in dummy and return the jack of diamonds.

When East shows out, you discard the six of spades, thus establishing dummy's diamonds while at the same time escaping a spade loser. You still have a trump left in dummy with which to reach the established diamonds, so the only tricks you lose are a club and a diamond.

All of which goes to show that when the going gets tough — which is precisely what happened when West led the ace and another trump at the outset — the tough get going.

Editor's note: Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the cryptoquip and crossword puzzle in today's edition have answers included within the context of the puzzles. Answers for the puzzles today are shown below.

Answer to Crossword puzzle shown at right on this page.

Solution time: 21 mins.

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

Answer to Cryptoquip shown at left on this page.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I SUPPOSE HE REALLY ENJOYS GROWING NONFLOWERING PLANTS JUST FOR THE FERN OF IT!

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals S

Family Circus • Bil Keane



Crossword

ACROSS

1

Garfield's owner

4

Foolish sort

7

Carpet style

11

Hawaiian music-makers

13

Deposit

14

Euphonium kin

15

Sand

16

Always, in verse

17

Do as you're told

18

Beauty parlor

20

Galvanizing material

22

Intimate

24

Less able to keep up

28

Hoarder

32

Edge along

33

Jai —

34

Chatter away

36

Schnoz

37

First name of 27-Down

39

Manipulated skillfully

41

Boil sort

43

U.K. fliers

44

Answer an invite

46

Logic

50

Entreaty

53

TV alien

55

Comestibles

56

Be in charge of

57

Bambi's Aunt Ena, e.g.

58

Journey

59

Show chutzpah

60

Lamb's dam

61

Desiccate

DOWN

1

Moonshine containers

2

Gumbo need

3

Simon or Diamond

4

Mimic

5

Egyptian isthmus

6

Divest

7

Unshod state

8

Center

9

Rushmore face

10

Festive

12

Worker's equipment

19

Postal dam

20

Creed word

21

Ph. bk. info

23

"— the Dog"

25

"American —"

26

Other-wise

27

Stewart's "It's a Wonderful Life" wife

28

Cushions

29

Lotion additive

30

Sugar source

31

Mahal lead-in

35

Botanical prickly

38

Oohs' mates

40

Petrol

42

Duck

45

Oxen's burden

47

Ointment-yielding plant

48

Move slightly

49

Catch sight of

50

Third degree?

51

Meadow

52

Listening device

54

Retainer

Solution time: 24 mins.

OCULI

AMAZON

BERING

ULT

TEEM

STROP

YASHMAK

AMES

CON

HUDSON

TRUANT

SPTS

OREADER

RENDER

DAGAMA

GOMER

TAR

RECROSS

DOA

RIM

DENTS

DESOTO

ANTLER

STEED

Saturday's answer

5-31

Solution time: 24 mins.

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

Saturday's answer 5-31

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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15				16				17		
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