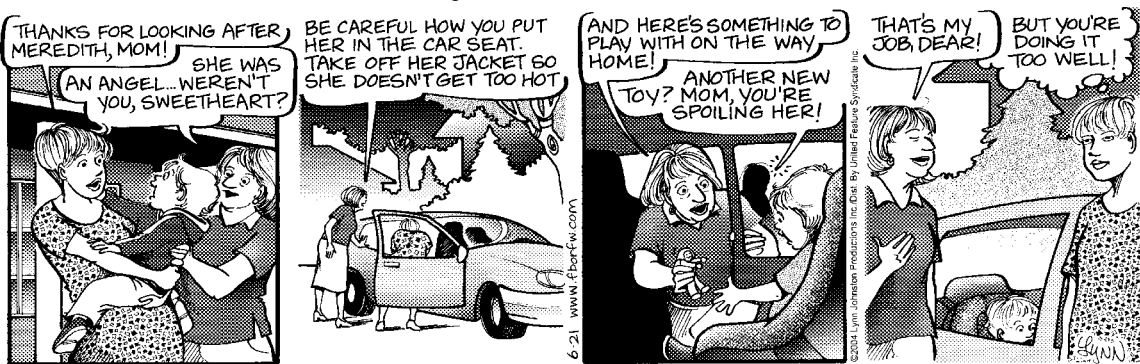
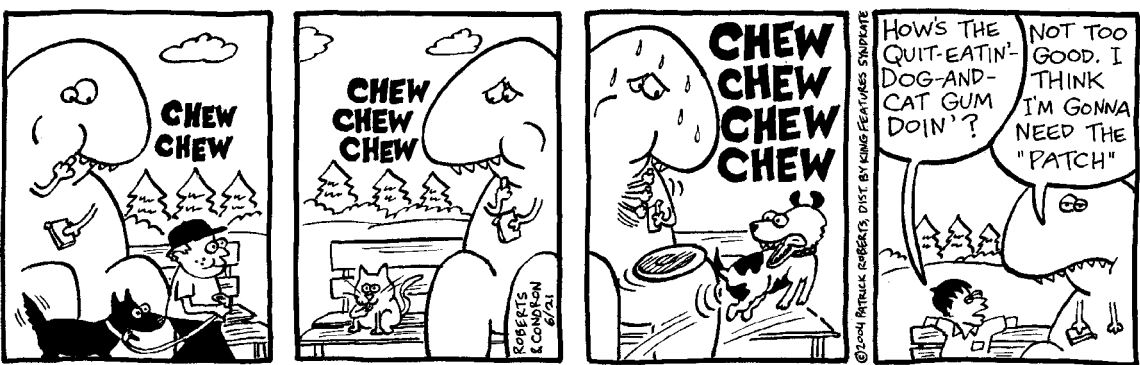


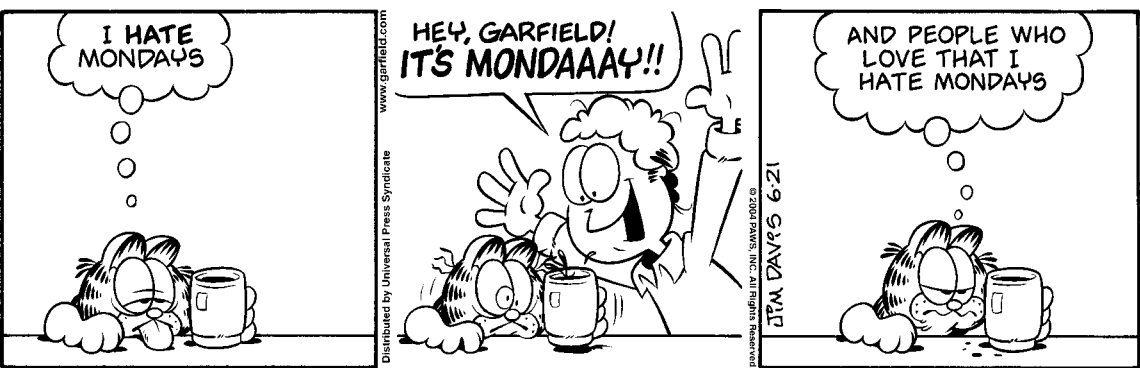
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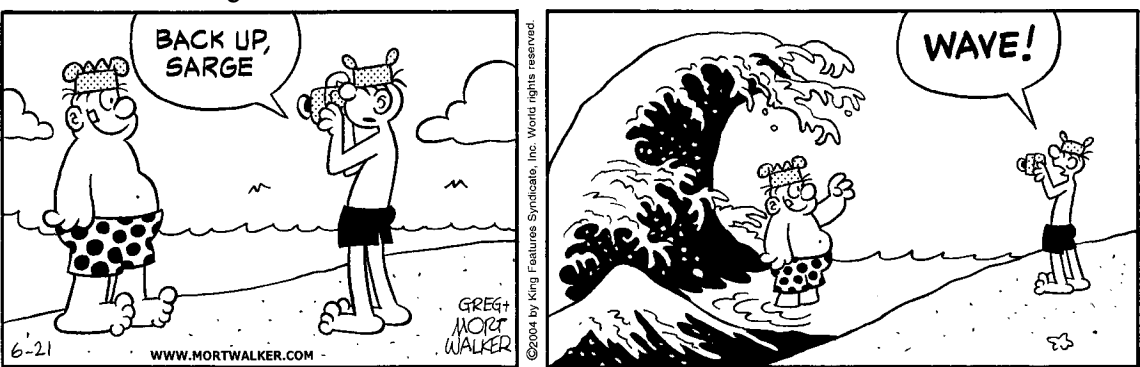
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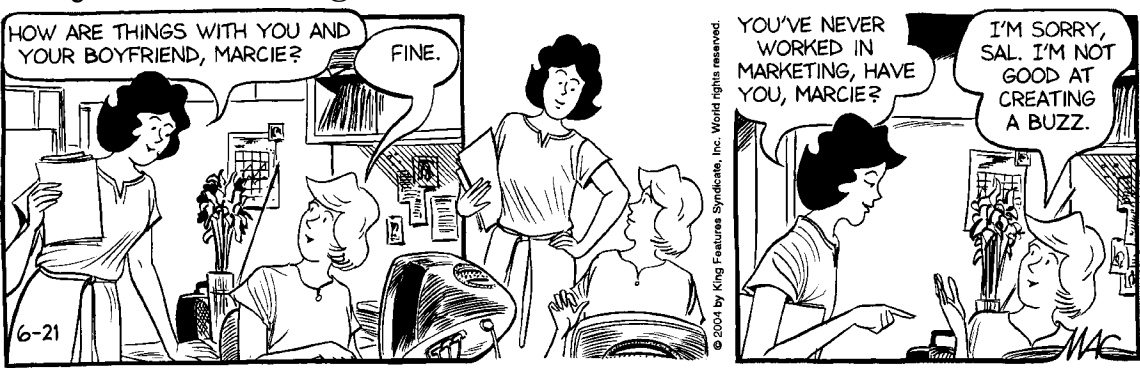
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU'RE A POWERLIFTING EXPERT, I EXPECT YOUR OPINION TO CARRY A LOT OF WEIGHT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals P

Couple's pre-nup sparks grief

DEAR ABBY: I am engaged to be married in six months. My fiance, "Ken," has presented me with a prenuptial agreement. We have been together for 5 1/2 years. I am 35 years old, and this may be my only shot at having my own family. I love Ken and want to spend the rest of my life with him.

I have shown the agreement to two attorneys. Both told me that it is one-sided. If the marriage should end I will not be entitled to anything, and I will be nothing more than a live-in girlfriend. I am so confused. I tried to discuss it with Ken, but he is very stubborn about the wording and insists that it should remain.

I have no one to confide in because I don't want my family and friends to know. Please help me. — EMBARRASSED IN STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. DEAREMBARRASSED: A man who loves the woman he's about to marry should be willing to ensure that she is treated fairly. You should not be faced with being penniless if the marriage doesn't work out.

Unless a compromise can be worked out that is fair to both of you, you should not go through with the marriage. Your legal counsel should be negotiating with his legal counsel, and the two of you should remain above the fray.

While we're on the subject of legal documents, read on:

DEAR ABBY: Please remind your readers to be certain their estates are in order.

One of my neighbors, "Gra-



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ham," has been hospitalized twice for serious problems. After the first incident, I tried to convince Graham and his wife, "Carolyn," to make a Living Will and a Living Trust. Graham was all for it; Carolyn didn't want to take the necessary steps. Evidently, his vote didn't count because nothing was done.

Now Carolyn is in the hospital. Her illness is serious.

Neither of them is covered in the eventuality of death. This means the survivor will have to go through probate — a costly journey. Their home is not in joint survivorship, so that will go through probate, too.

It doesn't matter how much a person owns. Everyone needs, at the very least, a will and a Living Will.

— CONCERNED FRIEND DEAR CONCERNED: How true. In recent weeks, I have lost two friends, both with no warning. The first to die was a beautiful woman in the prime of life. She was in the best of health until an infection suddenly overwhelmed her. Who thinks about mortality in the prime of life? She didn't, and now her survivors have a headache on top of their heartache. The second was a gentleman I had known for more than 20 years.

He carried my name in his

wallet as the person to notify in case of an emergency. He was taken to the hospital by ambulance one afternoon and instructed the doctors and nurses not to notify me or his family because he was sure he'd be home within a few days. Then he slipped into a coma. He had talked to me about how he wanted his estate distributed in the event something happened to him — but he never put it in writing. By the time the government and the lawyers get finished with it, there will be little left for the people he loved.

What I'm trying to convey is that we're all going to go. And few can predict exactly how or when. So unless you want your hard-earned assets sold to pay death taxes and estate lawyers, make a will. Unless you want strangers or emotionally stressed relatives determining what will happen to you if you're too sick to speak for yourself, make a LIVING will. The choice is yours. Personally, I'd rather stipulate.

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Bridge

North dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A J 8 7 3
♥ J 4
♦ K J 8 3
♣ K 5

WEST
♠ 5 4
♥ A 9 7 5 2
♦ 9 6 5 4
♣ 6 3

EAST
♠ Q 9 6 2
♥ Q 10 8 3
♦ 2
♣ J 10 7 4

SOUTH
♠ K 10
♥ K 6
♦ A Q 10 7
♣ A Q 9 8 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 NT	

Opening lead — four of diamonds.

Famous Hand

This gem was played by the legendary Alvin Roth in the National Men's Pair Championship many years ago.

The slam is not easy to make even with all four hands exposed, but Roth managed the task without this advantage and wound up with the requisite 12 tricks.

He won the diamond lead with dummy's jack and played a low spade to the ten. When the finesse succeeded, Roth cashed the king of spades and A-K-Q of diamonds. East, in the meantime, was forced to discard three hearts, since he could not spare a spade or a club.

Diagnosing the situation perfectly, Roth next played a low heart from dummy. He could have cashed the ace of spades instead to learn whether the suit was divided 3-3, but he felt strongly that it was not. On the heart lead, East had to play the queen, and South's king lost to West's ace, establishing dummy's jack as a trick.

By this time, the original situation had changed radically.

Roth, who had begun with only nine top tricks, was now up to 11.

The 12th trick came soon after, because this was the position:

North [S] A J 8 [H] J [C] K 5
West [H] 9 7 5 2 [C] 6 3
East [S] Q 9 [C] J 10 7 4
South [H] 6 [C] A Q 9 8 2

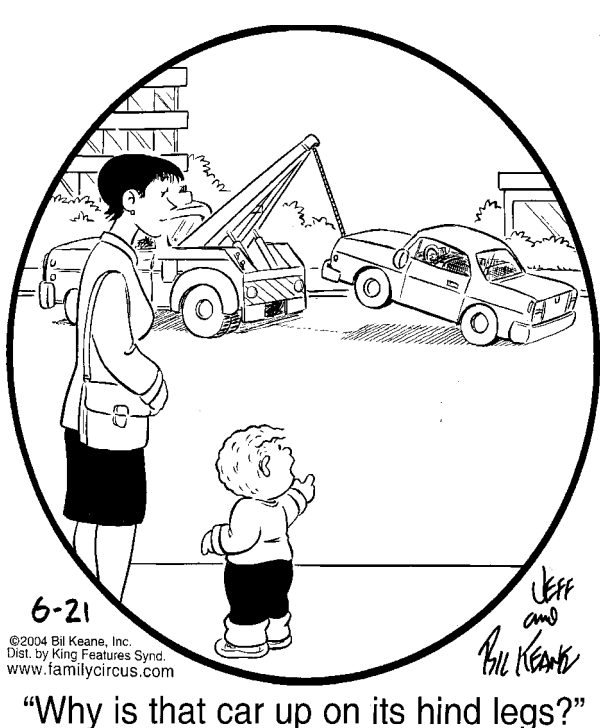
West returned a club, won by the king. When the jack of hearts was next cashed, East was squeezed.

He could not spare a spade or a club, and whichever he chose, Roth had the rest of the tricks and his slam.

Tomorrow: The old misdirection play.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Crossword

ACROSS

1 Shade of blonde

4 "Common Sense" man

9 Unruly bunch

12 Coloration

13 Cabinet wood

14 Carte lead-in

15 Pat Boone song

17 Longing

18 Homer Simpson's expletive

19 Bewildered

21 Type of party

24 Satan's purchase

25 Piniella of baseball

26 Lend a hand

28 "Murder, She —"

31 Kournikova or Karenina

33 Make a run for it

35 Vacationing

36 Requirements

38 Thither

40 — out a living

41 — Domino

43 Bellowed

45 Like a bouquet or a lei

47 CIA fore-runner

48 Melody

49 Procession

54 "CSI" evidence

55 Puzzle portion

56 Tavern

57 Firmament

58 Hairnet

59 "Judging —"

DOWN

1 "Eureka!"

2 Have dinner

3 That girl

4 Dove (Sp.)

5 Welcoming words

6 "— not choose to run"

7 West Indies island

8 Earlier

9 How Pilgrims progressed?

10 Bread spread

11 "Wham!"

16 Mrs. McKinley

20 Ambience

21 Blueprint

22 Top-notch

23 She voiced

24 Rocky the Flying Squirrel

27 Week segment

29 Snatch

30 Took a gander at

32 Hebrew month

34 Goatskin leather

37 Postage

39 Had a snack

42 Dispatched, as a dragon

44 Venomous viper

45 Crazes

46 "The Weakest —"

50 Old Olds

51 Lawyers' org.

52 America's uncle

53 Take a whack at

Solution time: 24 mins.

Saturday's answer 6-21

