

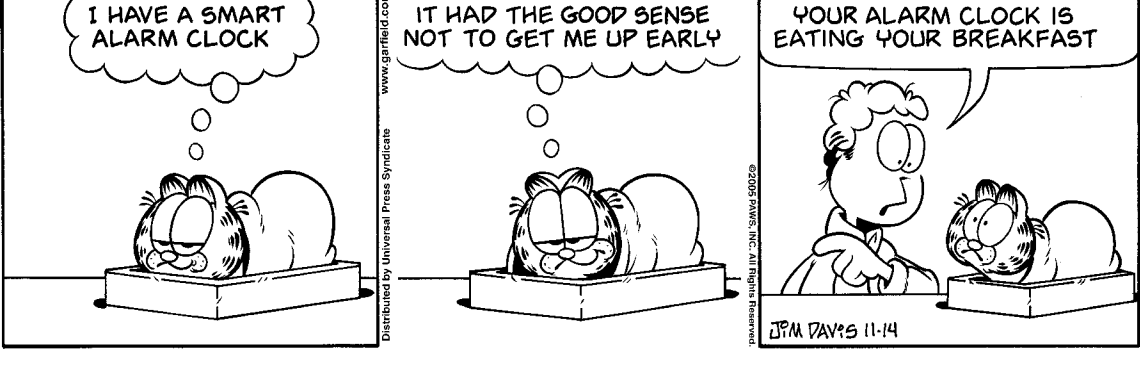
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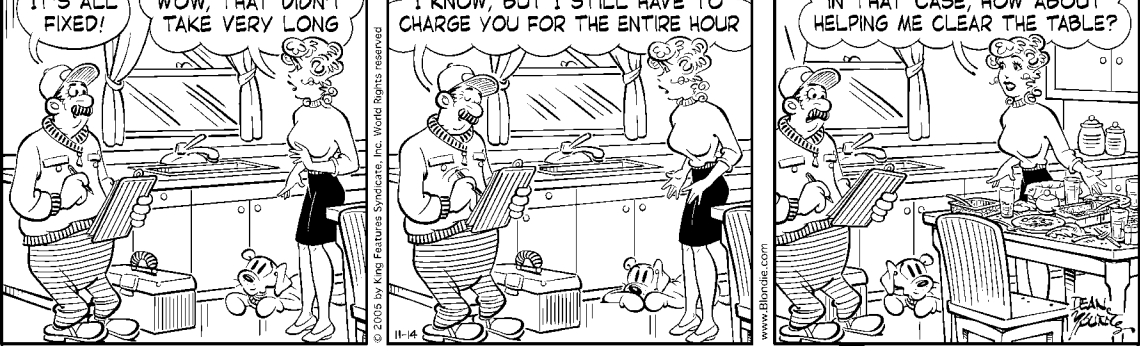
**Garfield • Jim Davis**



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**Blondie • Chic Young**



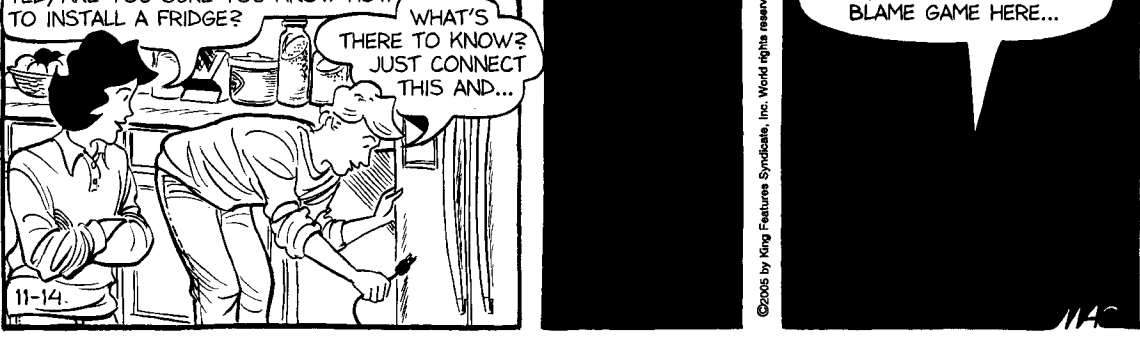
**Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker**



**Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott**



**Sally Forth • Greg Howard**



**Student eager for dad to get a job**



**Abigail Van Buren**  
• Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm a junior in high school. My father has been unemployed for almost two years. My mom is deceased, and Dad constantly mentions how the money is running short. However, he hasn't gotten a new job nor has he explained why. I think it is a bit out of line to tell him to get his life back in order, since I'm his son and because I don't know much about the workplace.

DEAR ABBY: How should I react to a couple who repeatedly drop in at our house to visit — unannounced? I feel this is very rude, and they're trying to catch us off guard and see us at our worst. I have thoughts about doing the same thing to them. What do you think?

I'm going to college next year, and I'm afraid that I won't be able to go somewhere good because my dad can't afford it. I'm sure other relatives will help out, and there's financial aid, but my dad's happiness matters, too. He has told me that the jobs he finds don't pay nearly as much as his previous job did, but wouldn't ANY money be better than NO money?

—DISGUSTED  
DEAR DISGUSTED: You can try doing it to them, but I doubt it will have the desired effect. These people may have never learned that it is impolite to drop by without calling first to see if it's convenient.

I don't understand what he's thinking. What should I say to him?

Try this: The next time they show up, tell them firmly that you're too busy to entertain them, and in the future they should call before coming over. If that doesn't stop their impromptu visits, repeat the message or don't answer the door.

—CONFUSED IN NEW JERSEY  
DEAR CONFUSED: You would be doing your father a favor to tell him that because of his difficulties in finding work, he should contact the unemployment office because the people there can sometimes offer counseling to people in his position. Your father may be holding out, hoping to find another job that will pay him as much as the last one. However, by now he should have realized that it may never happen.

DEAR ABBY: Could you please settle something for us? My father is currently married to his third wife. His second wife died, and his first marriage has been annulled by the church. Dad and his wife were married by a justice of the peace, but now he wishes to be remarried in a Catholic church.

You would be doing yourself a big favor to visit your local library and start researching what scholarships might be available to you. It could make you less beholden and more independent of your relatives when tuition time rolls around. A counselor at your school might also steer you in the right direction. Please don't wait. Do it now. You seem like a bright young man, and I wish you the best of luck.

My father insists that, because he was already married by a justice of the peace, that this will, in fact, be his fourth wedding. I say it is still considered his third.

**Bridge**

East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 10 9  
♥ K 9 3  
♦ Q 2  
♣ A K 10 8 2

**WEST**  
♠ Q 4  
♥ J 8 6 5 4  
♦ 8 6 3  
♣ 7 4 3

**EAST**  
♠ K J 8 3 2  
♥ —  
♦ A J 9 5  
♣ Q J 6 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ 7 6 5  
♥ A Q 10 7 2  
♦ K 10 7 4  
♣ 9

The bidding:  
East 1 ♠  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass

South Pass  
3 ♥  
Pass  
Pass

West Pass  
Pass  
Pass  
Pass

North Dble  
4 ♥

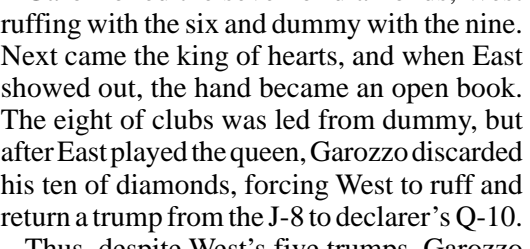
Opening lead — queen of spades.

**Famous Hand**

This deal occurred during the 1980 World Bridge Olympiad in the match between Italy and Ireland. With Lorenzo Lauria and Benito Garozzo North-South for Italy, the bidding went as shown.

Against four hearts, the Irish West led the queen of spades, taken by dummy's ace. With the contract all but assured with normal breaks, Garozzo decided to try to protect himself against a poor trump division. Accordingly, without playing any trumps, he cashed the A-K of clubs, discarding a spade, and ruffed a club in his hand.

He then led a low diamond to the queen, taken by East with the ace, and East cashed the king of spades before continuing with the jack. Garozzo wisely ruffed with the ace of trumps — West discarding a diamond — then cashed the king of diamonds, producing this position with declarer needing four of the last five tricks:



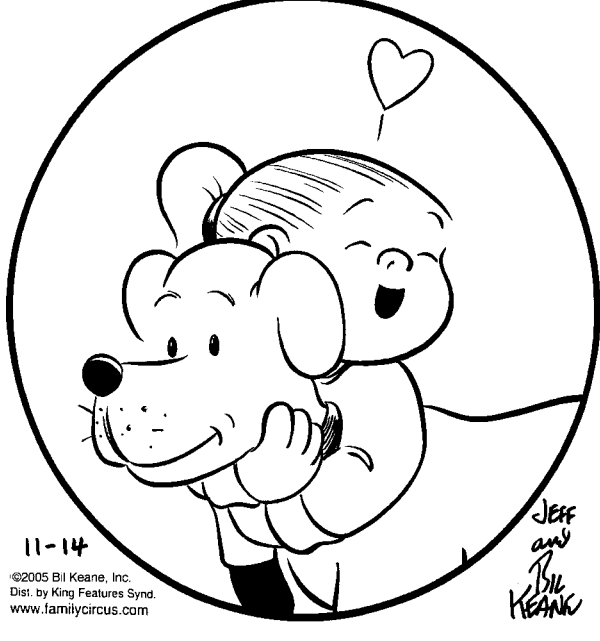
Garozzo led the seven of diamonds, West ruffing with the six and dummy with the nine. Next came the king of hearts, and when East showed out, the hand became an open book. The eight of clubs was led from dummy, but after East played the queen, Garozzo discarded his ten of diamonds, forcing West to ruff and return a trump from the J-8 to declarer's Q-10.

Thus, despite West's five trumps, Garozzo made four hearts, scoring the ace of spades, A-K of clubs, king of diamonds and six trump tricks.

The only tricks he lost were a spade, a diamond and a trump.

Tomorrow: Usually does not mean always.  
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**Family Circus • Bil Keane**



"Thanks for coming into my dream last night and scaring off those monsters!"

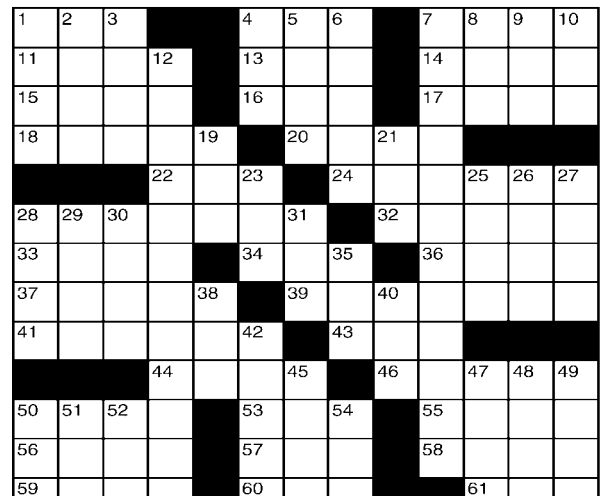
**Crossword**

**ACROSS**  
1 Malt drink  
4 Tummy muscles, for short  
7 Had on  
11 Bank transaction  
13 Bikini half  
14 Fanzine subject  
15 Sit for a snapshot  
16 Auto emblem  
17 Welsh refine ore  
20 Sailing vessel  
22 America's uncle  
24 A little lower?  
28 Suspend indefinitely  
32 The Beast's beauty  
33 Collateral, maybe  
34 Dine  
36 Schnoz  
37 Sidestep  
39 Decorate with gems

**DOWN**  
1 Swiss range  
2 Weaving apparatus  
3 Relaxation network  
5 Heehaw  
6 Fergie, more formally  
7 "On the Road Again" singer  
8 Praise in verse  
9 Wade opponent  
10 Wapiti  
12 Longtime Sinatra collaborator  
19 Greek cross  
21 Symbol of intrigue  
23 "Dalloway"  
25 Circulate  
26 Otherwise  
27 Angler's item  
28 Winglike  
29 Prima donna  
30 Military vehicle  
31 Gist  
35 Energy  
38 Links prop  
40 Binge  
42 Hydrophobic  
45 Turner or Wood  
47 Second-hand  
48 Nastase of tennis  
49 Turnpike fee  
50 George W.'s brother  
51 Eggs  
52 Melody  
54 Whatever number

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

Saturday's answer 11-14



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**Cryptoquip**

SL YF KNH UNLSF RQKNN

WUMYF MKSFM KGR KF

RIU RKP Y NKR, PKGNH

IU WU Y TURQK-MFKTU?

Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN SOME VERY VALUABLE ITEM GETS SHATTERED, I TAKE IT YOU'D HAVE BREAKING NEWS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals E