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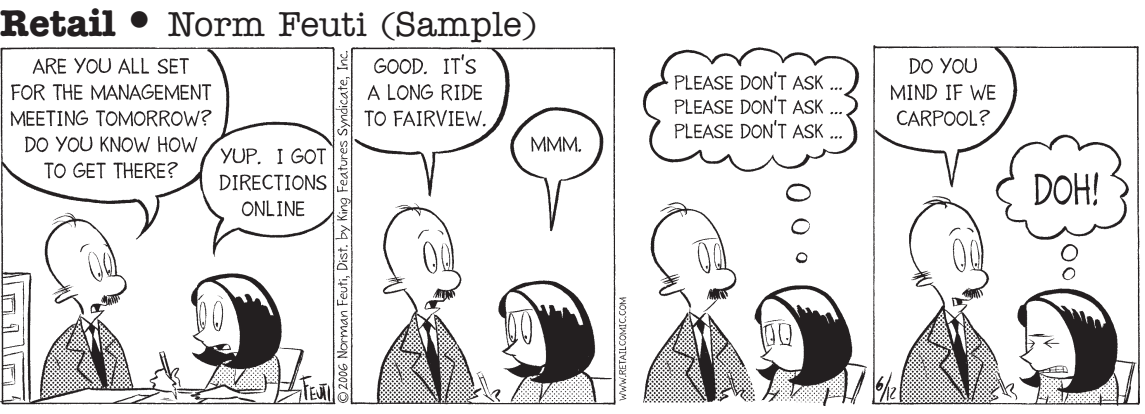

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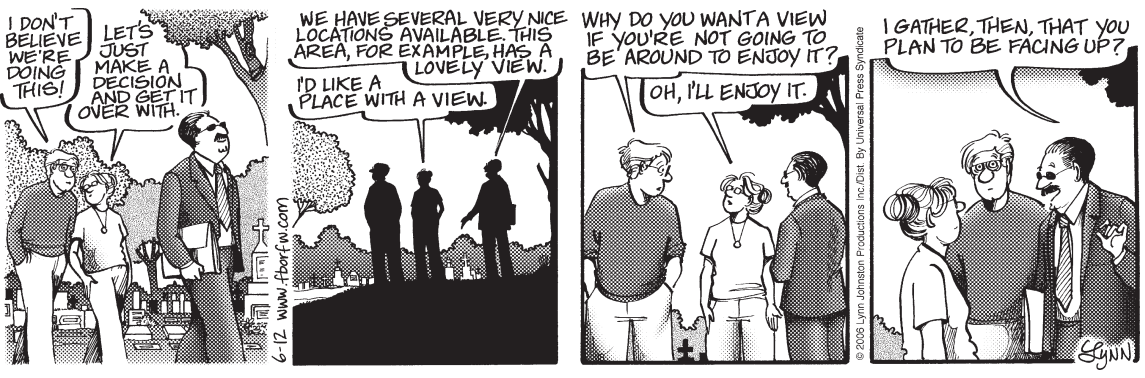

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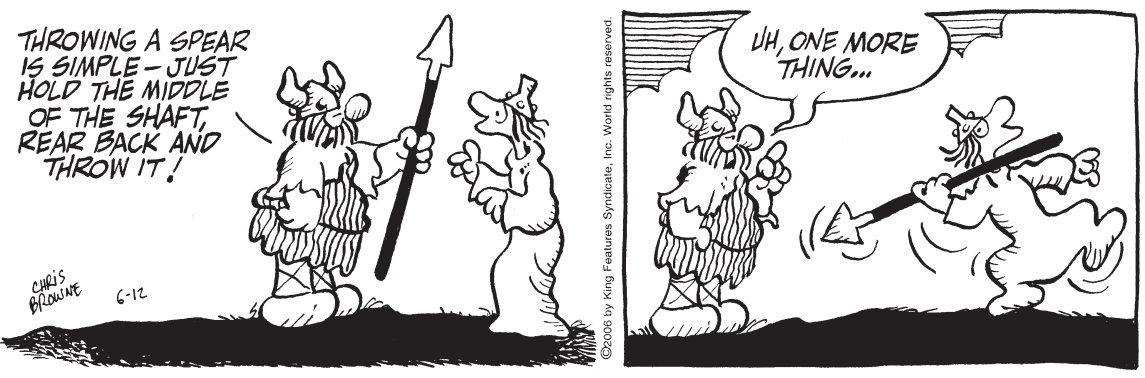

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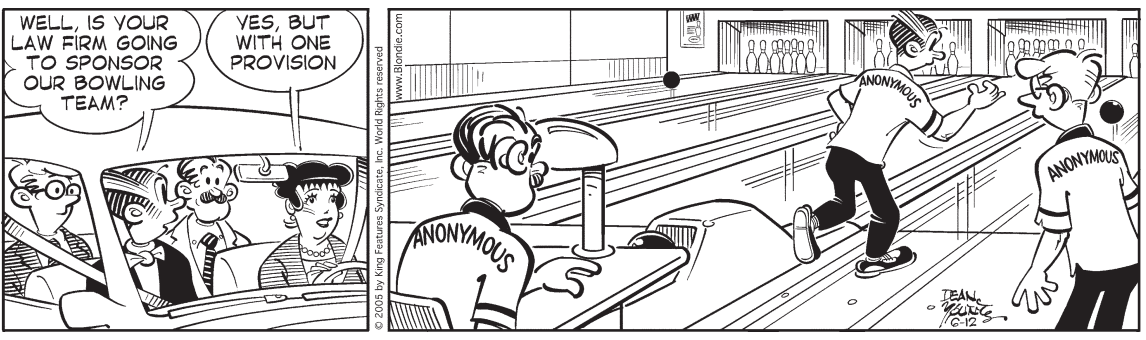

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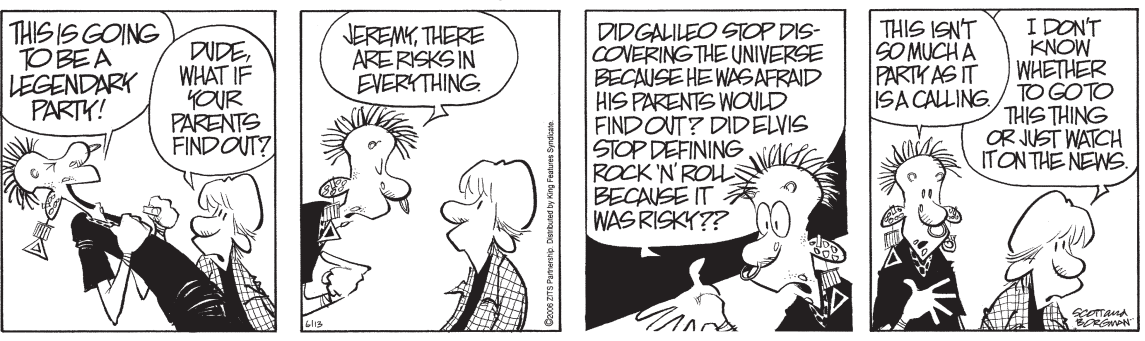

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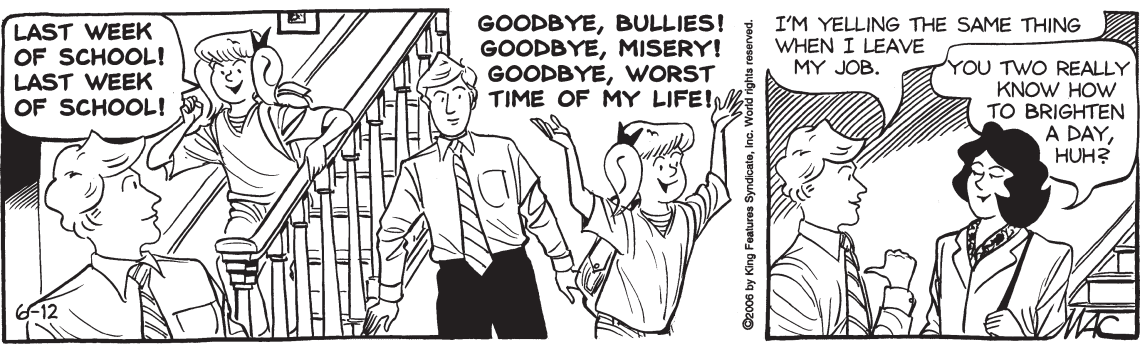

Workers tired of proud dad's photos

Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Most of us appreciate the joy of a new parent showing off snapshots for the first few months of a child's life. But enough, already!

My co-worker's first child will be 1 year old next week. Every single week he walks around the office, fresh pictures in hand, stopping at desks up and down the room.

We understand his pride, but our forced grins are getting old. Can you, maybe, send a message to new parents out there to let it rest after the first few months? How about posting a Web site that people can visit at their leisure? I don't want to be cruel, but I don't want to be trapped into dutifully "oooing" and "aaahhing," either. Help!

— BABY O.D. IN LONG BEACH

DEAR BABY O.D.: I'm sure many readers will sympathize, truly sympathize, with your plight.

The weekly "show and tell" can be hard to take after a while. That's why you and your co-workers should suggest to the proud papa that he start assembling a photo album that will eventually become a treasured family keepsake in years to come. Assure him that you'd be glad to review it — quarterly.

Or, in self-defense, parents and pet owners could begin flashing pictures of their own little ones for him to admire every time he comes by with his new batch of snapshots. (After a while, he'd get the message.)

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are both retired. We have been married less than a year.

When we were selling our individual dwellings and jointly purchasing one together, we discussed at length what we would use in furnishing the new residence.

We mutually decided that most of my furniture and accessories were in better shape than those coming from his 12 years living as a widower in a furnished condo.

He assured me that nothing he possessed had sentimental value. There were, however, many personal items belonging to his deceased wife.

He consulted me about each item — should this be sold at a yard sale?

Should that be given to charity?

What about her hobby things? I tried to be fair in my assessment of their possible use in our new life together. The old Remington typewriter was sold to an antique dealer. The lace-making materials were given to the local recreation center.

Now, every time we get into an argument, he "reminds" me that there is very little in this house that is his. Then he goes on to say I "made" him dispose of things that meant a lot to him. What recourse do I have in silencing these unfair and untrue statements that serve only to inflame and cause smoldering resentment?

— GALLED IN GOODYEAR, ARIZ.

GALLED: Look at your husband and say: "I thought the decision to get rid of those things was mutual. I'm sorry you are sorry. If you're having regrets, consider this: You gave up those 'things,' but now you have ME — and I love you."

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: "It has been said that man is the only animal who laughs, the only one who weeps, the only one who prays, the only one who walks fully erect, the only one who makes fires, the only one who can invent, the only one with a written language, the only one who is proud, the only one who can make progress, the only one who guides his own destiny, the only one who is penitent, and the only one who needs to be."

— DAVID ELTON TRUEBLOOD

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Bridge

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ J
♥ 10 9 7 6 3 2
♦ K 10 9 4
♣ Q 5

EAST
♠ 4 3
♥ —
♦ J 8 2
♣ A K J 10 9 7 6 2

SOUTH
♠ A 10 9 8 6 2
♥ 8 5
♦ A Q 6 5 3
♣ —

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	4 NT	6 ♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	7 ♠	Dble

Opening lead — ten of hearts.

Famous Hand

A United States team won the women's world championship at the 1984 World Team Olympiad, but not before they were badly mauled on this deal from their match with Japan.

After Gail Moss of the U.S. opened the bidding with one spade, her partner, Jacqui Mitchell, leaped to four notrump (Blackwood). Following East's nuisance bid of six clubs, Moss passed, by partnership agreement indicating that she had either one or three aces.

When Mitchell doubled (thinking that East-West had two aces), Moss ran to six diamonds, strongly suggesting that she actually held either three aces, or two aces and a void in clubs.

Backing her judgment and showing full faith and confidence in her partner, Mitchell thereupon bid seven spades, without question an excellent contract. And, under normal circumstances, the grand slam would have been made without difficulty. But fate unluckily intervened when the Japanese East player doubled, conventionally directing West not to lead a club but to choose either a heart or a diamond lead. So West led the ten of hearts, East ruffed, and the grand slam quickly went down the drain.

At the second table, the Japanese North-South pair conservatively stopped at six spades (with North the declarer), making seven for a score of 1,460 points. Combined with the 200 points gained at the first table, this gave the Japanese a pickup of 1,660 points on the deal, a most fortuitous stroke of luck for Japan since it would have lost 750 points if the hearts had not been divided 6-0.

Tomorrow: More about probabilities.

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Cryptoquip

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF SOME PUEBLO BUILDERS ARE CAREFREE, DO YOU THINK YOU MIGHT CALL THEM HOPI-GO-LUCKY?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals M

Family Circus • Bil Keane

"I need a drink of water, and Barfy needs a breath mint."

Crossword

ACROSS
1 Extra-terrestrial fleet?
5 Jaunty cap
8 Somewhere out there
12 Revolutionary War battle
14 Hardy cabbage
15 April commemoration
16 Pressing need?
17 Scarlet
18 Disappointed, with "out"
20 Sir's counterpart
23 KFC additive
24 Get ready
25 Send an angry letter
28 Solidify
29 Repentant
30 Every last crumb
32 Record promoter's concern
34 Vacillate
35 Steersman's site
36 Spree
37 Primitive urge
40 Witness
41 Valhalla VIP
42 Napoleon's downfall
47 Choir member
48 Bold
49 Lawyer's income
50 Remuneration
51 Wheelbase terminus

DOWN
1 Work with hands on hips
2 Flight overseer org.
3 Bobby of hockey
4 Henchman
5 One of Taylor's husbands
6 — Khan
7 "Andy Griffith Show" setting
8 MacDonald's place
9 Lotion additive
10 Tear
11 Yon folks
13 Chemistry Nobelist Harold
19 Car buyer's info
20 Vicinity
21 Sandwich shop
22 Ohio college town
23 News item with added info
25 Bambi, e.g.
26 Banner
27 Raced
29 Caustic solution
31 African herd
33 — Nevada
34 Complaint
36 Do nothing
37 Do nothing
38 Nibble
39 Command to Rover
40 Literary collection
43 Remiss
44 Lubricant
45 Tribute in verse
46

Solution time: 24 mins.

B	A	R	D	■	S	E	C	T	■	O	F	F
A	G	A	R	■	C	L	A	N	■	P	A	R
G	U	R	U	■	A	I	N	T	■	A	R	E
S	E	E	M	■	R	E	V	■	C	L	O	D
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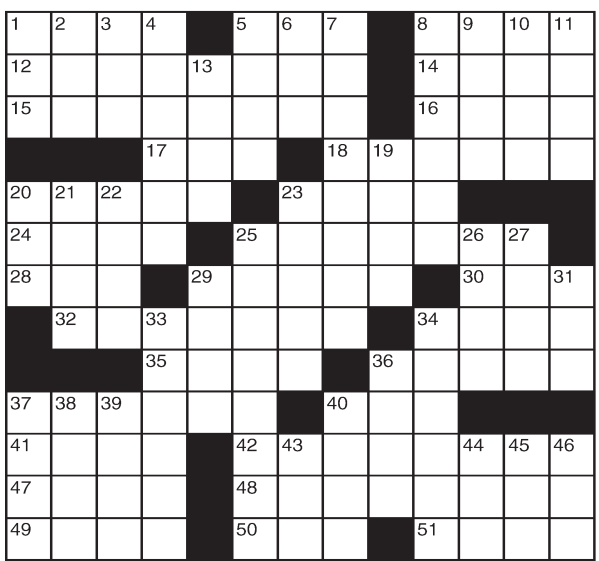
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