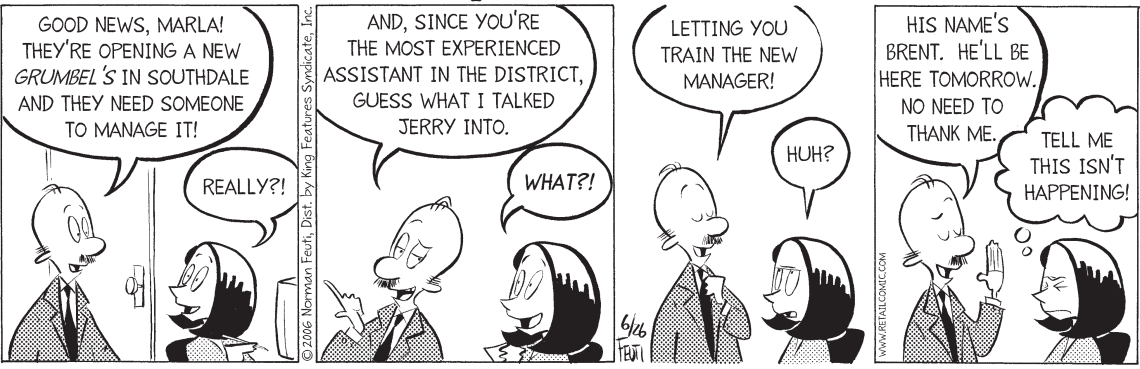


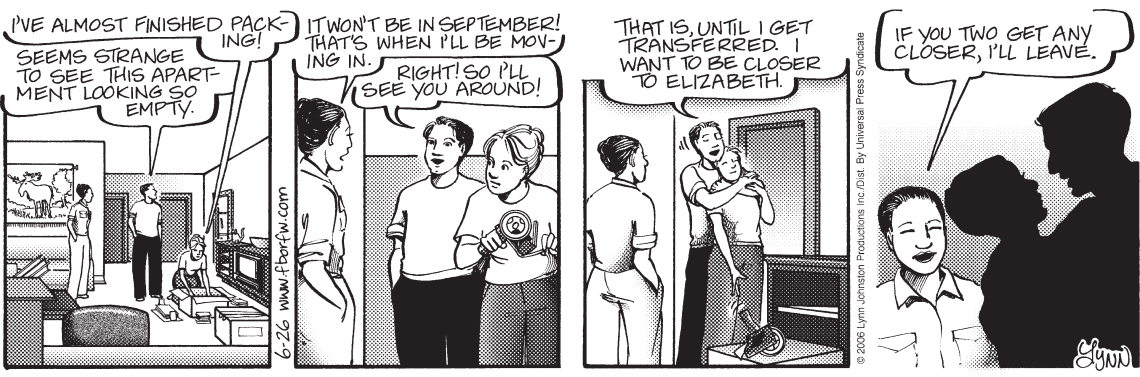
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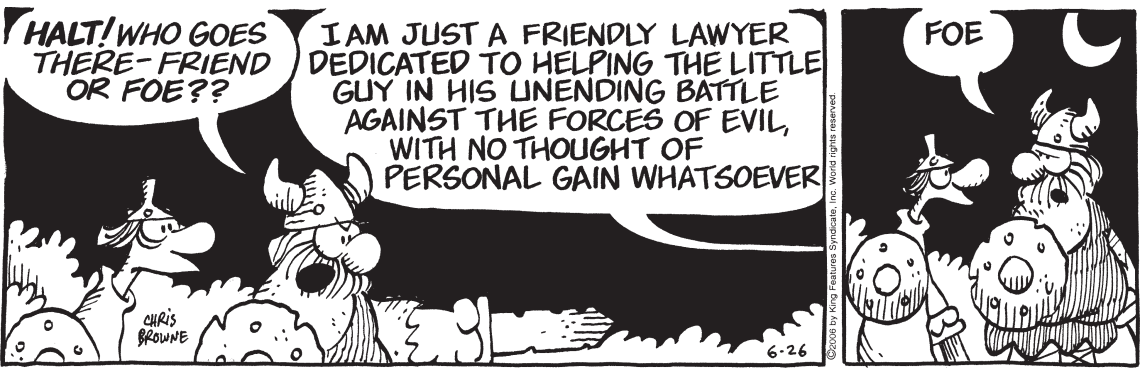
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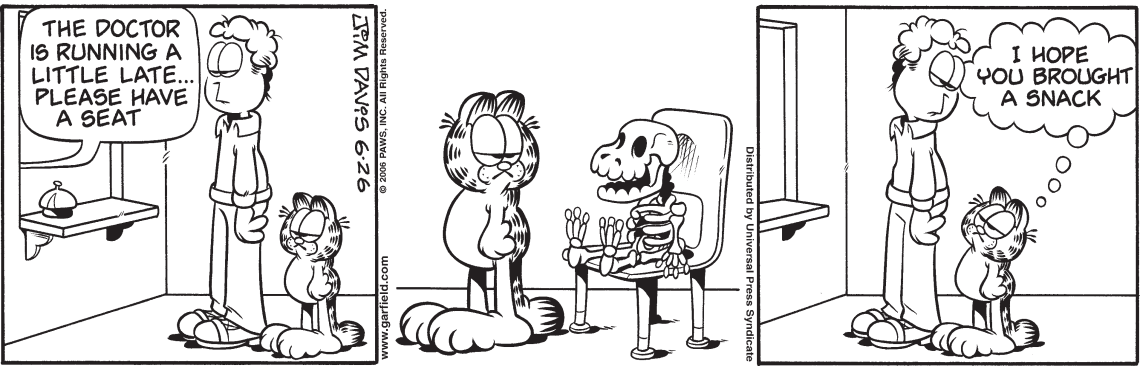
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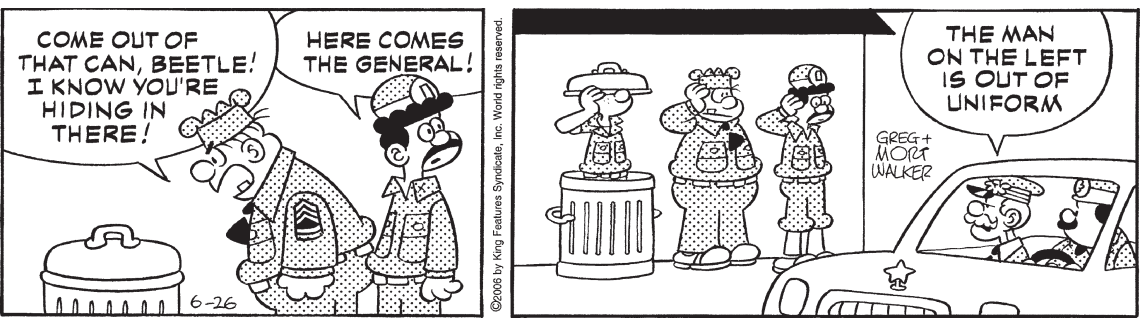
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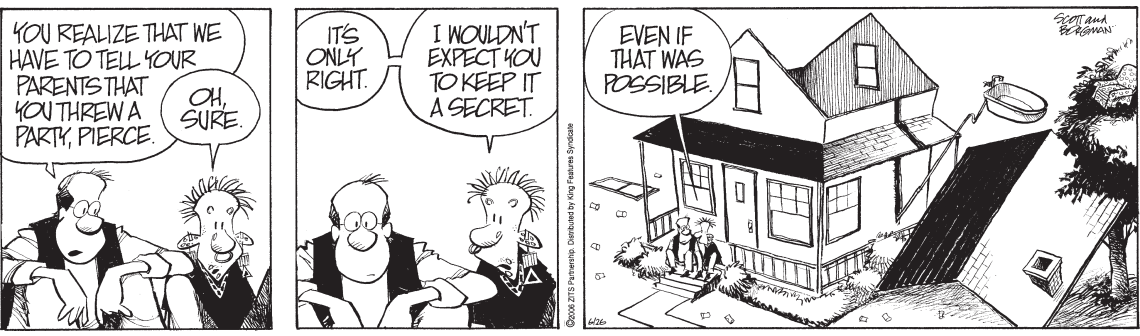
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Office gossip damages relationships

DEAR ABBY: After I dated an older man, I gained a bad reputation among some lower-lever, gossipy co-workers at my job, even though I tried to keep it quiet and even denied it.

Now I've started a friendship with an older man at the company where I work. Although we are just friends, these co-workers think there is something more and are spreading gossip, saying that we are having an affair.



Abigail Van Buren

Dear Abby

This could be damaging to both my career and my friendships with the man and my co-workers. How can I stop the gossip? Or does my past behavior make me forever guilty?

— NOT LOVING IT IN NEW YORK

DEAR NOT LOVING IT: Wait a minute. How did your co-workers learn about your relationships with these two men? Were you obvious about the personal relationship at work? Did you, perhaps, mention it to someone who dropped the tidbit at the water cooler?

Once gossip starts, it is impossible to stop. You can, however, make it seem less plausible if you keep your behavior above reproach in the workplace, and your lip tightly zipped when it comes to your personal life. Period.

DEAR ABBY: "Danny" and I have been together six months. During the first six weeks I was studying in Europe, and when I got back we jumped straight into an intense, time-consuming relationship. Then he asked if he could move in with me. It was all too sudden for me, and I said I wasn't ready. Danny reacted by breaking up with me.

Since then, our relationship has been rocky. We never established a

foundation, and we have been trying to ease our time commitment to each other.

Danny says that he loves me. I feel I centered my life around him, and I need to regain my balance before I can be in a relationship with him again. I want to take a couple of steps back this summer, and get to know each other again and build a foundation. I know Danny is the man I want to spend the rest of my life with, but I'm not ready for that kind of commitment now.

Should I give up and walk away, or continue to try to rebuild our relationship?

— LINDY IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR LINDY: Danny may say that he loves you, but if it is more than lip service, he should be willing to give you the space you need. If he's unwilling to do that, then the message he's sending is that he's more interested in a live-in than a life partner. What you're proposing is reasonable, and if he can't respect your feelings, you should, indeed, walk away.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in reference to the letter from "Katie's Daughter" that ran in your column about a month ago. I lost my mother when I was 21 and wish I had written down some of her recipes. I, like Katie's daughter, wanted to make some of my mother's specialties.

I am now in my 60s. I decided that while I am still able, I would com-

pile a collection of recipes that my sister and I have prepared over the years for my sons, nieces and nephews so they would not have to "search" for them.

By December, I had typed all our family favorites on a special computer program. I printed it, and then took it to a local office supply store, had it bound and a cover put on. It was one of the favorite Christmas gifts they received.

— ALMA'S DAUGHTER IN AUBURN, N.Y.

DEAR ALMA'S DAUGHTER: What a terrific idea. I never thought I'd be discussing Christmas gift ideas in June, but for project like this one, it's not a bad idea to start early. Thank you for sharing a delicious suggestion with me and my readers.

DEAR ABBY: My condolences to the family who lost their 16-year-old son because he was hit by a car while walking at night. That letter struck a nerve with me because I am a taxi driver. Every night I'm driving, I see anywhere from 30 to 100 people cross the street after dark wearing dark clothing, and in many cases without looking for oncoming traffic. For all intents and purposes, people are invisible when they wear dark clothing at night.

I narrowly missed one pedestrian one night because the area was poorly lit, he was wearing dark clothes, and he walked out from between two parked cars without looking.

The only reason I can think of to explain why I missed him is that he had a guardian angel with the wings of a B-52.

— DAN L., LONG BEACH, CALIF.

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Bridge

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
West 1 ♠
North Dble
East Pass
South 2 NT
Opening lead — five of spades.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in the match between Venezuela and North America in the 1967 World Team Championship.

At the first table, the North American pair got to three notrump as shown after West made a light opening bid of one spade. The Venezuelan West led a spade. Declarer took East's queen with the king and easily made three notrump, finishing with four club tricks, three diamonds, a heart and a spade.

At the second table, the play took a spectacular turn after the bidding went:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 [D]	Pass	1 [S]
Pass	2 [D]	Pass	3 [C]
Pass	3 NT		

Here North became declarer, placing the U.S. East, Al Roth, on lead. Rejecting the normal-looking heart lead, Roth decided to lead dummy's first-bid suit, spades. Not only that, but he led the queen instead of the deuce!

This proved exceptionally effective. Declarer naturally thought Roth had the jack of spades to back up the queen, so he ducked in dummy.

Roth then continued with the seven, the ten losing (surprisingly, from declarer's viewpoint) to the jack. When West, Bill Root, shifted to a low heart, declarer confidently followed low, thinking that East had started with a doubleton spade and therefore would not have another spade to lead.

But Roth won the heart return with the ten and produced still another spade — the deuce — a card he supposedly couldn't have. Root thereupon cashed three more spade tricks, and the unfortunate Venezuelan declarer went down two for minus 200, giving North America an 800-point gain on the deal.

Cryptoquip

Y Z Y I Y X H Y D R N

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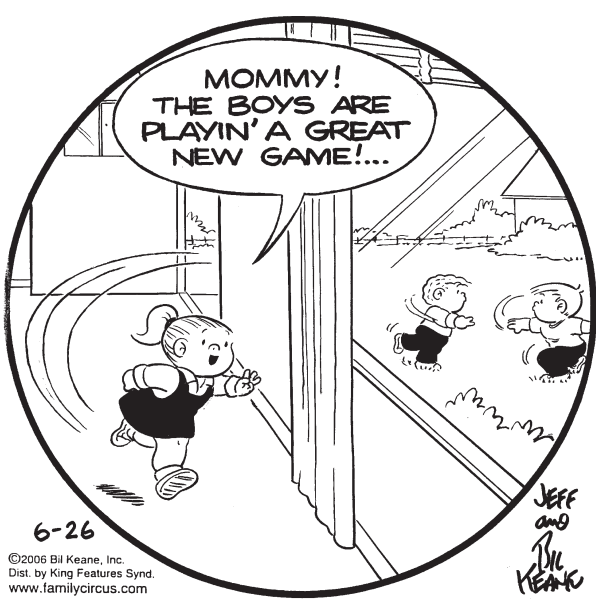
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: I GUESS A FILM ABOUT AN INACCESSIBLE MOUNTAIN CHAIN SHOULD BE CALLED "A RIDGE TOO FAR."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals A

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"... and all I need to play are three things: a rock, some paper and scissors!"

Crossword

ACROSS		37 Sharpen a razor	60 Pismire	19 Lubricant
1 Unsatisfactory	39 Immoral	61 Pull	21 Bro's counter-part	
4 Kyoto cummerbund	woman of the Bible	DOWN		
7 Creche trio	41 Inn	1 Cave dweller	23 Ex-GI	
11 Physical	43 —	2 Turning point	25 Smear	
13 Skedad-dle	Angelos	3 Mad	26 Lecherous look	
14 Throat clearer	44 Head light?	4 Raw rock	27 Repast	
15 — Romeo (Italian sports car)	46 "Carmen," e.g.	5 Eventual tulip	28 Long cut	
16 Right angle	50 Spot of land	6 Extended-family member	29 Saxophone range	
17 Cloverleaf feature	53 Suitable	7 What "X" does	30 The red planet	
18 Stylish again	55 Portent	8 "I understand"	31 Rule, in British India	
20 Soak up some rays	56 Boot attachment	9 Jewel	35 Tooth-paste type	
22 VII twice	57 Chaps	10 Mischief-maker	38 Pod occupant	
	58 Ocean motion	12 Wacky screen trio	40 Menagerie	
	59 Periodicals, for short		42 Camel's	

quality

28 Casino patron

32 Broadway platform

33 Winged

34 Play-ground game

36 Luau entertainment

Solution time: 24 mins.

T	U	R	I	N		L	A	U	R	A	
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D	R	U	B		L	A	O		A	P	E
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T	E	C	H	E		S	U	C	R	E	S
S	T	A	N	D		O	B	E	Y	S	

45 Tournament format

47 Send out

48 Start over

49 Differently

50 Doctrine

51 Hot tub

52 LummoX

54 Explosive network?

Saturday's answer 6-26

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