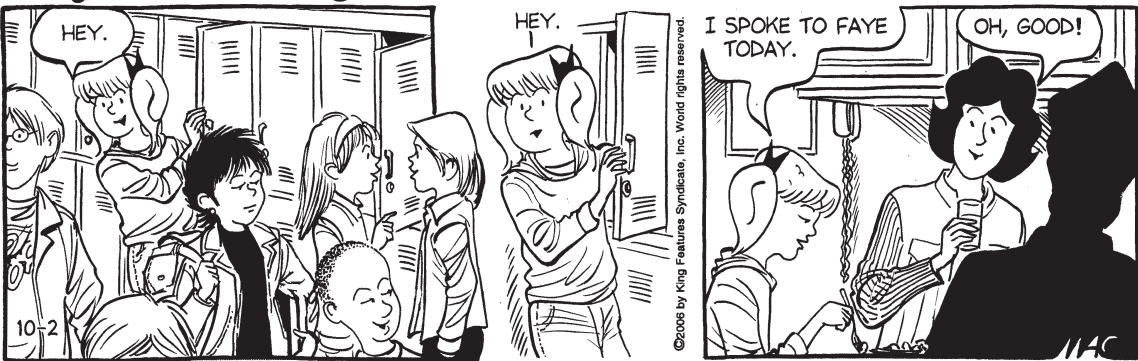
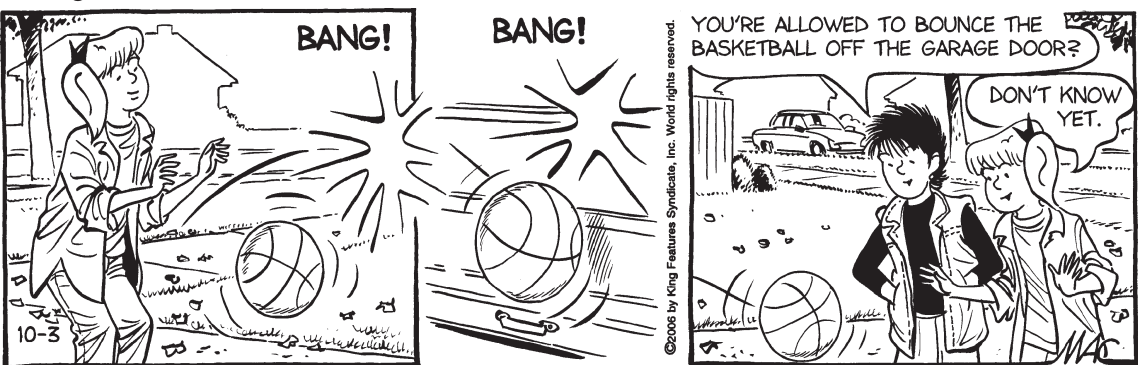


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Cryptoquip

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: SOMEONE ONCE SAID THAT ANY INEXPERIENCED PHOTOGRAPHER MUST TRY TO GET MORE EXPOSURE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals T

# Boss shows no respect for woman

Dear Dr. Brothers: I am a woman of 36 who has worked my way up in my profession. I was able to get through college by working part time every year, and then I started at the bottom in my field as an intern and learned a lot as I earned my stripes on the job. The problem is, now I have joined a new firm at a higher level, and my boss (a middle-aged man) is very cold to me. I can tell he has no respect for my abilities and since we are in the public eye, he thinks I got the job by being a "pretty face." How can I make him like me? I worked hard for this.

— T.G.

Dear T.G.: I wonder if he knows all the facts you've told me in your short letter. Middle-aged men who have to accept at work the competition of "pretty faces," perhaps years younger and of the opposite sex, often feel very threatened. I know he outranks you, but it is very likely that he is continuously looking over his shoulder and feeling resentful and vulnerable when anyone appears on the scene who doesn't seem, to him, to have good reason to be there — and who might be aiming for his job. You must be sensitive to the fragile psyche of the middle-aged man if you are to truly succeed at this new job — and the others you will encounter throughout the years.

Instead of wondering how you can make him like you, try putting the shoe on the other foot. What is there about him that is likable? If you admire his work, let him know. But don't tell him anything that you don't believe — honesty counts here. As for him liking you, let him get to know you and your credentials. Although he has made some assumptions based on your "pretty face," I think you have a good shot at earning his respect by setting the record straight — and of course by doing a great job in your new spot. Ask him to lunch, and get the ball rolling. He'll likely thaw out as he learns who you are.

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Dear Dr. Brothers: My daughter is in fourth grade. She's well-adjusted, has lots of friends and gets pretty good



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grades. The problem is, she's been getting sick a lot this year, and I'm beginning to suspect she's malingering, or just faking it. She has had three or four colds, and has stayed home from school several days each time. And then she occasionally gets an upset stomach and has to stay home. She's injured herself a couple of times as well — nothing serious, but again, enough to keep her out of school for a day or two. I'm wondering if something is going on that she's not telling me about. What do you think?

— D.D.

Dear D.D.: You didn't mention a medical checkup, but I think an annual exam at the doctor is important to schedule this year. If she gets a clean bill of health and there are no problems with her weight and growth, you can have a heart-to-heart with your little girl about what is bothering her. She might be a bit of a hypochondriac — which could signal some anxieties that you might want to pay attention to. The fact that you consider your daughter to be well-adjusted could mean that she is putting on a happy face to the world, while retreating into physical complaints to express her worries.

Girls are maturing at an ever earlier age these days, and your daughter could be upset and anxious about the changes her body might be going through. Rather than voice her real concerns to you, it's easy to fall back on the good old tummyache or extended cold. So this might be a good time for a mother-daughter talk about changes in her body — don't assume she is getting all the information she needs in school. You can also take some control of how long she stays home when ill. A brisk

"Let's go; you're all better" might do wonders for that tendency to malingering.

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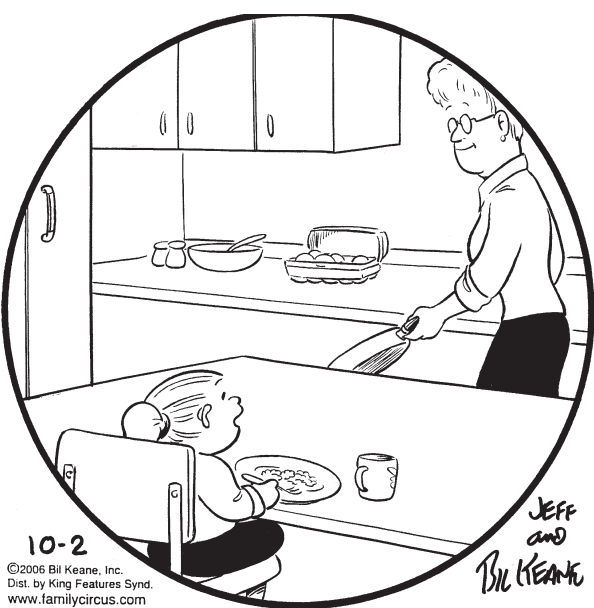
Dear Dr. Brothers: My son, a junior in high school, has few friends and doesn't take part in extracurricular activities. Last year I encouraged him to get a job at the mall, mostly to give him something to do. But now he's gone crazy. He works two nights during the week, and all weekend as well; and he says he can't go on vacation because he has to work — he can't let down his colleagues. I think he's gone overboard. I even suspect he's ignoring some homework, although he says he's keeping up.

— A.C.

Dear A.C.: Congratulations — not many parents have kids who are interested in working at your son's age, or who feel a responsibility to their fellow part-timers at their job. But I agree that going overboard isn't the healthiest way to approach that critical first work experience, and I suspect that your son is using his newfound sense of purpose to fill in holes in his social life and make up for some of the disappointment he might feel in high school. If he is planning to go to college, the admissions officers will love the work experience and all it shows about his character. But if his grades go downhill at the same time, the work experience won't do him much good. So, let's sort this all out.

My main concern is that your son doesn't get sucked in and taken advantage of by an employer who might not find every young worker so enthusiastic. So, make sure there are no labor laws being violated, and then sit down with him and praise him for his maturity. But make sure he understands that he is not responsible for other people's schedules, that the family needs his company on vacation and that his schoolwork cannot be allowed to suffer. Be firm, and once everything is put into its proper perspective, I think you can stop beating yourself up for introducing the boy to the working world.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Grandma, you make the best scribbled eggs!"

Crossword

ACROSS 1 Hemingway nickname 5 Decompose 8 Teensy bit 12 Force 14 Region 15 Doberman — 16 Vocal range 17 Corn spike 18 Rose — (marsh hibiscus) 20 McCartney cohort 23 "Miami —" 24 Hyperventilate 25 Variety of duck 28 Qty. 29 Earthenware pots 30 Conk out 32 Arcade game 34 Dutch South African 35 Tittle

36 Worth 37 PBS dinosaur 40 Sermon subject 41 Ontario neighbor 42 Philippine volcano 47 Dryer collection 48 Wailed 49 Tramp's love 50 Bawl 51 Partner

DOWN 1 Very quietly, in mus. 2 Onassis, familiarly 3 Corral 4 State 5 Rhine feeder 6 Raw rock 7 Depot 8 Ornamental rhododendron 9 Turnpike fee 10 Aware of 11 Cat call 13 Cicatrix 19 Performances 20 Hot tub 21 Pack down 22 Oppositiionist 23 Country estate 25 Odd-looking animal 26 "American —" 27 Stead 29 Reed instrument 31 Before 33 Octogenarian's next milestone 34 Small but feisty 36 Test tube 37 Plath's "The — Jar" 38 Carreras rendition 39 Orange coat 40 Neglect contemptuously 43 U.N. work agcy. 44 Actress Hagen 45 Wager 46 Lyric poem

Solution time: 24 mins.

Saturday's answer 10-2

