

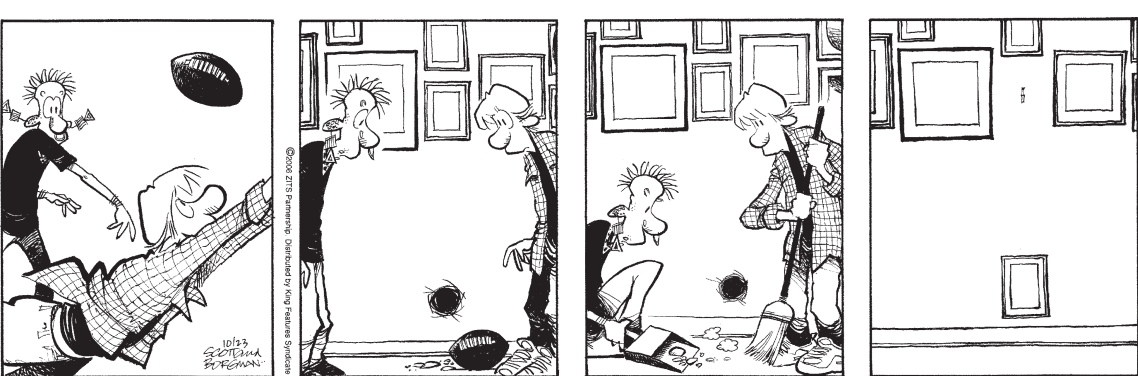
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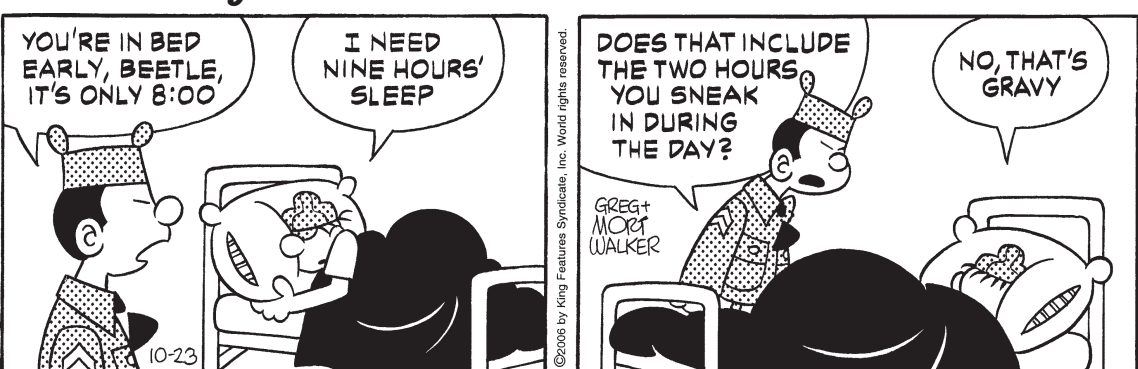
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Cryptoquip

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN TWO RILED GARBAGEMEN BAD-MOUTH EACH OTHER, DO YOU RECKON THEY ARE TALKING TRASH?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals T

War wounds shattering marriage

Dear Dr. Brothers: My husband, the father of my two young children, is home at last from his long, long war service in Iraq.

Two months ago when he returned, I was overjoyed because even though he'd been called back to service after a second go-round there, he was all in one piece.

It was like a true miracle, because he'd seen so much heavy combat and so many of his buddies badly injured and blown apart.

I didn't see the terrible wounds inside his head and his heart at first.

I know it sounds selfish, but I don't honestly know if I can stand it anymore.

What's happened also isn't fair to our children. What can I do? Our marriage is shattered.



Dr. Joyce Brothers

• Ask Dr. Brothers

seek help immediately, as his and your situation can be dangerous if untreated.

Dear Dr. Brothers: My older sister and I were saddened when our 70-year-old father, who's always been so strong and well, suddenly had a serious illness, which has left him a shadow of his former self. We were also panicked about the reaction that his being wheelchair-bound for some time would have on my mom.

Their relationship has never been too great anyway.

We honestly thought this would be the end of their marriage — she'd kill him or he'd rise up and kill her.

Well, a weird thing has happened. Somebody must've dropped a love potion on them.

So far, they're getting along better than at any time we can remember. What happened?

Dear L.R.: Although it sounds strange and weird, it happens more frequently than you might imagine.

People can and do change, especially when there's a sudden shift in power and control.

A man who had always been in charge, making all the decisions in the family, the office and his life, may suddenly realize he's vulnerable, and while initially this shock to his male identity comes as a blow, once he samples a less-aggressive role, he might actually begin to enjoy letting someone else take over.

He may soon discover that this is a new aspect of his wife, one he admires.

The woman may also get a certain satisfaction from her new authority in a role in which she can nurture but also have the opportunity to use her other talents.

She might also see new things to love in her husband and find this less-aggressive husband more attractive, more sensitive.

Dear Dr. Brothers: My 10-year-old son has always liked school and done well. Suddenly, two days ago, he claimed he was too tired to go.

Because this was unusual, and perhaps because I'm a single mother, I allowed him to stay home, but I also set up an appointment with our doctor for that afternoon.

Nothing showed up physically, yet he's still refusing to go. I love him so much that it's hard for me to force him.

This can't go on, but he's still making up excuses. I know they're not true, but what can I do?

He's usually very open and free with me, but something is frightening him. Why won't he tell me what it is? And what can I do?

Dear S.C.: Since you're generally close to your son and have had no difficulty in the past with him being honest with you about things that trouble him, I'm wondering if his problem might involve some kind of sexual molestation, either from a fellow student or someone on the staff — a teacher, a coach or even a janitor.

Any sexual molestation is extremely humiliating for young boys, because they're apt to think it's their fault or a sign of weakness, since they imagine they should've been strong enough to control their attacker.

Bridge

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A
♥ K 10 9
♦ K J 8
♣ Q 9 7 6 4 3

WEST

♠ 7 3 2
♥ 6 5 4
♦ 10 7 6 5
♣ J 10 2

EAST

♠ K Q 10 5 4
♥ J 3 2
♦ A Q 9 2
♣ K

SOUTH

♠ J 9 8 6
♥ A Q 8 7
♦ 4 3
♣ A 8 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1 ♣	Dble
Redble	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	

Opening lead — seven of spades.

Famous Hand

There are plays one might never encounter in a lifetime of bridge.

Most such plays would not be hard to execute if someone rang a bell at the crucial moment to warn a player that his chance to rise and shine had arrived.

Unfortunately, these moments occur so rarely and unexpectedly that the opportunity for brilliance goes unnoticed and quietly passes by.

Here is a case where the player in the saddle rose to the occasion. The deal occurred in a team-of-four championship, and the hero was Billy Eisenberg, well-known Los Angeles star. He got to three notrump, and West led the seven of spades.

Eisenberg won with dummy's ace and made the obvious lead of a low club from dummy.

When East produced the king, Eisenberg followed with the five! Declarer was well-rewarded for his unusual play, since East could now do no better than cash his K-Q of spades and ace of diamonds to hold Eisenberg to three notrump.

Now let's suppose declarer had won East's king of clubs with the ace, which almost anyone else in his shoes would have done. In that case, the contract would have failed.

When South continued with another club to the queen, East would signal with the nine of diamonds, asking partner to return a diamond if he got the lead.

Declarer could not now prevail, whatever he did next.

If he continued with a club, West would win and shift to a diamond, and East would cash two diamonds and two spades to put the contract down one.

And if declarer abandoned clubs, he would not be able to come to nine tricks.

Tomorrow: The science of card-reading.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



Crossword

ACROSS

1 — Romeo (car)
5 Beavers' construction
8 Despot
12 Frobe who played Gold-finger
13 401(k) alternative
14 Enormous
15 Egg
16 Spinal-column part
18 Male escort
20 Dental buildup
21 Reddish-brown quartz
23 Apiece
24 Upright
28 Obi
31 Rage
32 Mephistopheles
34 Prompt
35 Bridge position
37 Amused
39 A billion years

DOWN

41 Lucy's hubby
42 Musket accessory
45 Slanted type
49 One who's sometimes outgoing, sometimes shy
51 Bart's sister
52 "Unforgettable" singer
53 Roman money
54 Snatched
55 Supplements, with "out"
56 Minion of 32-Across
57 Individual
19 — back (mellow)
22 Michelangelo sculpture
24 Compete
25 Historic time
26 Look like
27 Party hearty
29 Seek restitution
30 Common contraction
33 For fear that
36 Colonial loyalists
38 Theater district
40 Thanks-giving abbr.
42 "The Amazing —"
43 Uncontrollable
44 Sandwich shop
46 Cowardly Oz critter
47 Gilligan's home
48 Two-timers
50 Sleep phenom

Solution time: 24 mins.

Saturday's answer 10-23

