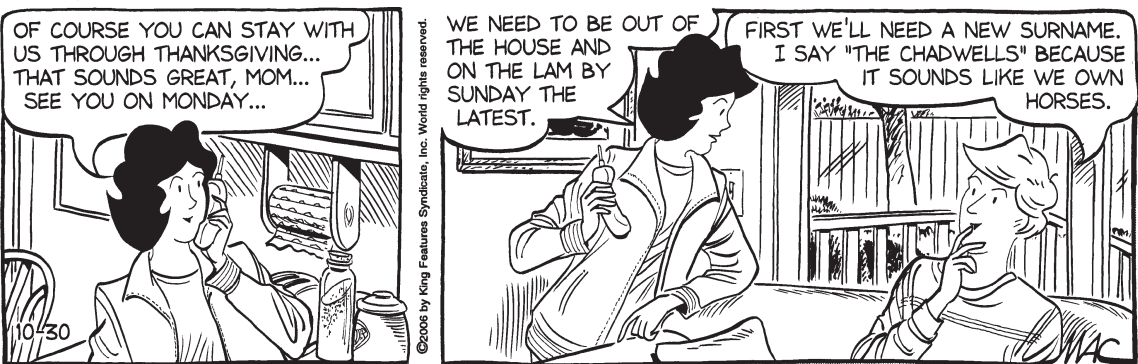
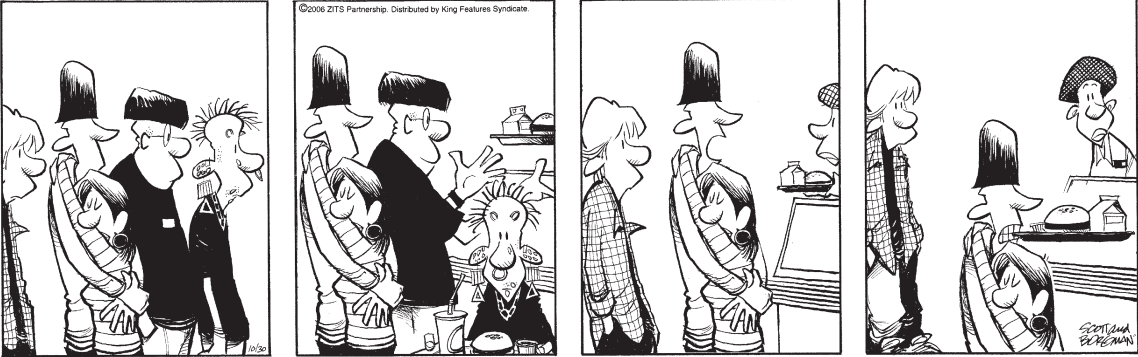


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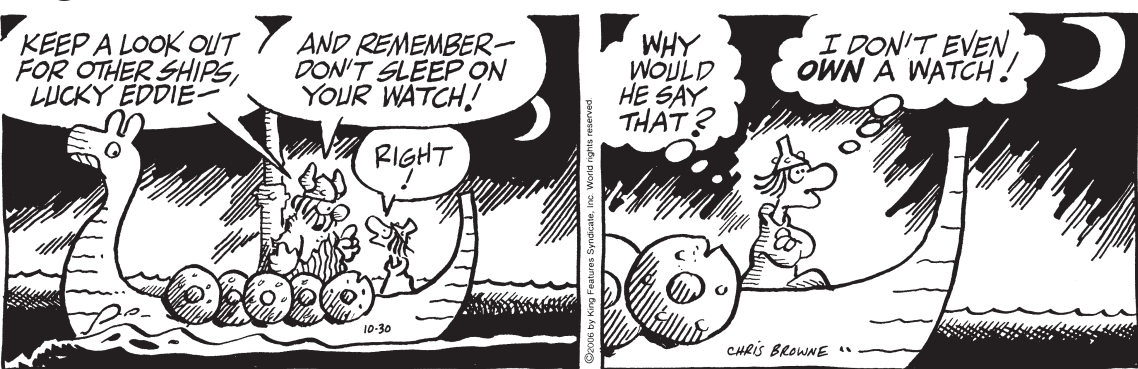
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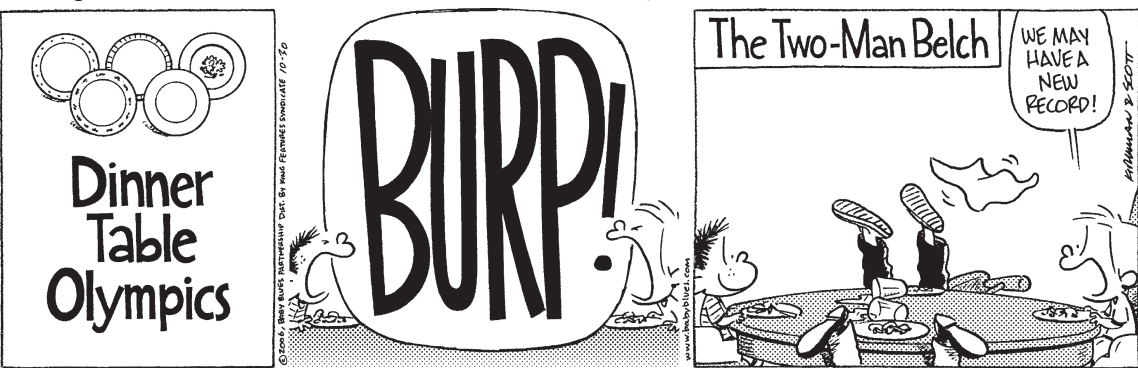
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A NEW YORK BASKETBALLER WERE IN A FAMOUS MAGAZINE, MIGHT YOU CALL HIM THE KNICK OF TIME?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals L

Friend finds new location scary

Dear Dr. Brothers: One of my best friends moved away recently, and she has been calling me frequently with a bunch of complaints about her new area, which is an hour's drive away. She is in what seems to be a nice location (I helped her pick it out), but she says her nights are filled with terror. She is afraid of burglars and is asking me if I think she should get a gun! This is someone who would shoot herself in the foot, so I said definitely not. She has an alarm system but says she is still afraid. What am I supposed to do?



Dr. Joyce Brothers

Ask Dr. Brothers

weighed at school — and then they would be judged and given a “grade” just as though they had taken “obesity” as a subject in school and failed! I can’t understand this, and I don’t like it. Do you think a kid can get a grade based on his weight and not be psychologically damaged?

— H.U.

Dear T.B.: It is not your responsibility to keep your friend safe, although I can see how you would feel somewhat responsible because you helped her settle on the location that she finds so troubling. Perhaps you could pay her a visit and see if you can sort out some of what is bothering her. Take her to the local police station and find out if there is indeed crime in her neighborhood, and ask their advice about home security. See if you can persuade her to get a dog — that might offer her some companionship and a feeling of security. Try to interest your friend in meeting a couple of neighbors, whom she can discuss the situation with; perhaps there is even a neighborhood-watch organization.

Chances are, your friend is a bit overwhelmed by her move and doesn’t do very well with change. This could be a reaction to stress that has little basis in reality, but it is important that she feel safe and secure so she can start enjoying her life again. Don’t ridicule her fears if they seem groundless, but spend some extra time with her, if you can, to ease the transition.

Dear Dr. Brothers: I have been hearing about a couple of states where politicians are proposing measures that would make kids get

Dear H.U.: I agree that for most children, the introduction of a scale into their lives and reporting the results in so public and judgmental a way as to make it part of a school report card is shocking. There should be a great deal more research before anything like this is done, especially if the child is sensitive about his weight to begin with.

Elementary- and middle-school kids are already extraordinarily sensitive about their looks and whether they are going to fit in as their size and shape change. A bad grade in body composition could long stigmatize a kid who is merely getting ready to shed his baby fat. Kids can be cruel.

I am well aware of the problem of childhood obesity, and perhaps this would be a way to force action upon parents for better nutrition and more exercise. But having the parent nagging at a child to change eating or exercise habits can be counterproductive, as anyone with a teen will attest. It could also conceivably lead to the creation of eating disorders, if the child is embarrassed into going on fad diets and/or severely restricting calories.

Dear Dr. Brothers: I work closely

with a colleague in a real-estate office; in fact, we try to co-broker some of our listings, and spend a lot of time together chasing down leads and so forth. I have noticed that she is really neurotic about her cell phone. Yesterday she “lost” her phone — it was found on the floor of the car eventually — and you would have thought the world was coming to an end. I enjoy and rely on my cell too — doesn’t everyone? — but how do you explain these panic attacks whenever my friend is separated from her little piece of plastic? Is she nuts, or what?

— A.A.

Dear A.A.: The latest technological gadgets can contain somebody’s whole life, if that’s how they choose to look at it. And without some kind of backup, the idea of being without all that information and history is enough to send many people through the roof. It is not at all uncommon for folks to keep months’ worth of voice-mail messages, text messages, phone numbers, addresses, names, networking contacts, appointments, directions, e-mail information and who knows what else on that little phone.

The interesting thing is the relationship between that phone (or any other new device) and the customer. Some people are very careless with theirs — don’t really keep track very well of whether they have it with them, or whether it is turned on, or if they answer it when it rings. Others are absolutely fanatical and freak out when they misplace it. I don’t think your colleague is crazy, but she does seem to be at one extreme end of that spectrum. She would probably benefit from having a hard copy of most of her information, and maybe a beeper or finder device to help when it is misplaced. This might help keep anxiety attacks at bay.

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Bridge

South dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
4 ♥	5 ♦	5 ♥	Dble

Opening lead — ace of spades.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred during the 1980 World Team Olympiad in the match between France, which won the title, and Brazil.

The auction at both tables started in identical fashion, South opening with four hearts and West bidding five diamonds. At the table where Brazil was North-South, Pedro Branco made what appeared to be the winning decision when he doubled five diamonds. The defense quickly cashed two club tricks and a heart to score 200 points.

At the other table, the bidding went as shown, the French North quite reasonably electing to bid five hearts over five diamonds. This was doubled by East and seemed destined to go down one, since South apparently had to lose a spade, a diamond and a club.

But one of these losers vanished into thin air. The Brazilian West started by cashing the ace of spades and ace of diamonds, then led another diamond.

Michel Perron, the French declarer, was quick to take advantage of this sequence of plays.

He ruffed the diamond and led five rounds of trumps, producing the following position:

North	
[S]	J 6
[C]	A K 5
West	
Immaterial	
East	
[S]	K Q
[C]	J 8 7
South	
[H]	3 2
[C]	10 6 2

When Perron now cashed another trump and discarded a club from dummy, East was a dead duck.

If he discarded a spade, Perron would cross to dummy with a club and ruff a spade to establish the jack as his 11th trick. If East instead discarded a club (his actual choice), declarer would cash the A-K of clubs, ruff a spade and score the last trick with the club ten.

Making five hearts doubled for a score of plus 650 gave France a net gain of 450 points — 11 IMPs — on the deal.

Tomorrow:

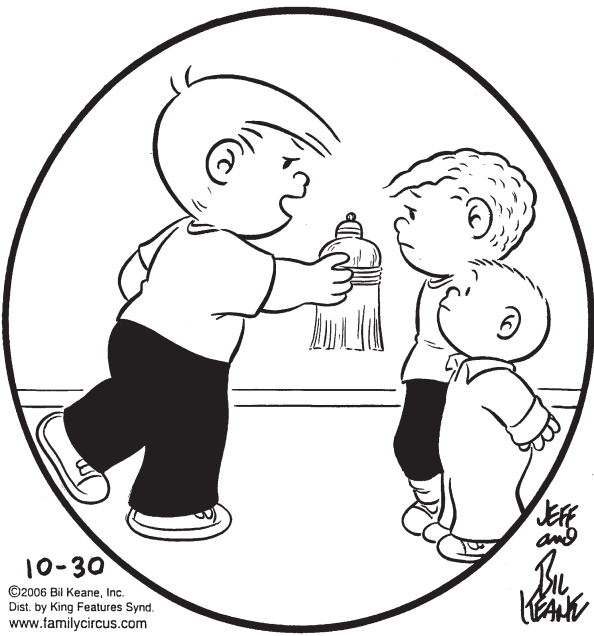
There’s only one way out.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Crossword

ACROSS	DOWN	ACROSS	DOWN
1 “— la Douce”	40 Clear the tables	3 Treasure seeker’s help	20 Chances, briefly
5 You can’t stand having this	41 Chess piece	4 Very nearly	21 Organization
8 Unkempt one	42 Partridge’s place	5 Osculation	22 Prolonged sleep
12 As it happens	47 Abominable	6 “— my brother’s keeper?”	23 Fragrant blossom
14 Staffer	48 City dweller	7 Genealogy texts for nobles	25 Developed in delicate detail
15 Symbol of America	49 “— go brag!”	8 “No Exit” writer	26 Astonished for
16 Check this	50 Yea undoer	9 Place	27 Best-loved
17 — relief	51 Ski lift type	10 Valhalla VIP	29 Recording
18 Corpulent		11 Flex	31 Apiece
20 Take place		13 Rip acronym	33 Bean
23 Hideaway		19 Rembrandt’s equipment	34 Had better refrain from
24 Whodunit basis			36 Emanation
25 Biblical cover-up?			37 Terrier type
28 Total			38 Layer
29 Mah-jongg pieces			39 Con
30 Space			40 Infant
32 Woody Allen movie			43 Historic period
34 Relocate			44 Eve, originally
35 Oil cartel			45 Greek vowel
36 Boring tool			46 Always
37 Phases			

Solution time: 24 mins.

E	A	T	S	C	A	V	E	H	O	P
T	H	R	U	O	W	E	D	I	D	O
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Saturday’s answer 10-30

