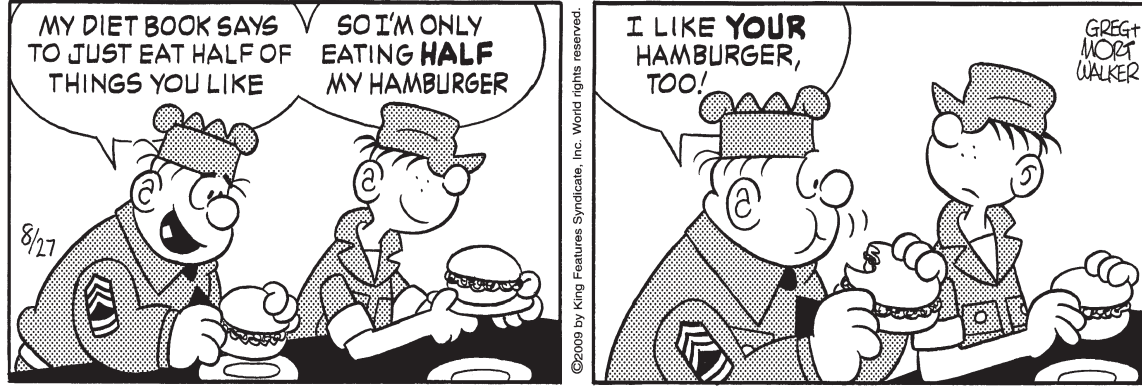


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Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



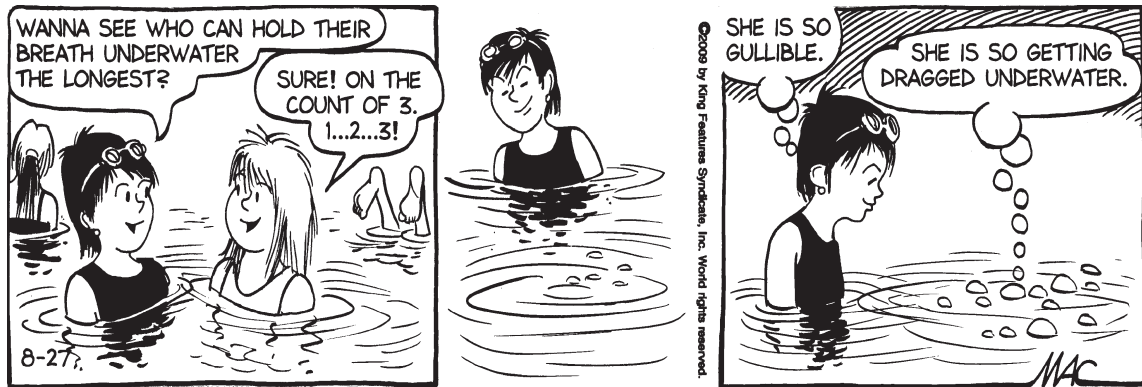
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Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



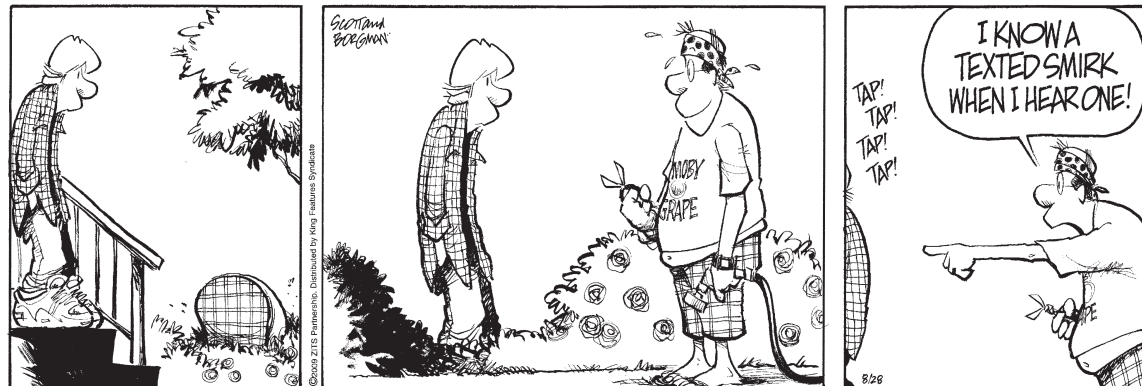
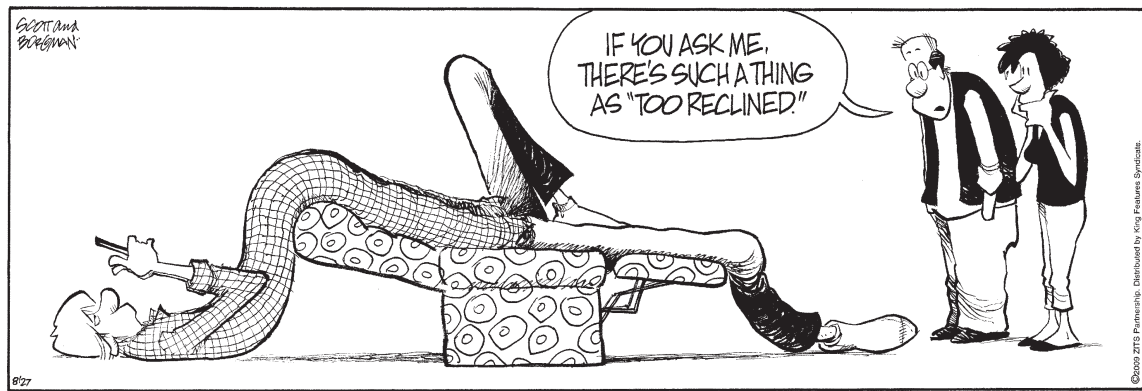
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Dr. Joyce Brothers

• Ask Dr. Brothers

Parent doesn't value internship

Dear Dr. Brothers: After spending megabucks to give my son a college education, I am wondering why he thinks it is OK to go out and get a job for no pay! He has taken a job as an unpaid intern in the movie industry. He has to live at home and can't even pay rent. His mother and I are pretty steamed, but all he says is that "everyone" does it, and "eventually" he'll be paid. How should we treat our freeloading son? — B.W.

Dear B.W.: Wow, I guess you missed the news about a recession and college grads having to work at fast-food joints. And although it was good of you to pay for his education, perhaps instilling the value of a dollar would have encouraged him to have taken on a paying job for college expenses. If he has never worked, it is not so surprising that he has a different outlook on getting a paycheck than you do.

As for his current "job," you might wish to give him the benefit of the doubt. There is a lot of truth in what your son is saying about everybody doing it — especially in the creative fields, where grads face overwhelming competition. Even though he is not getting paid, he's probably learning what he needs to know to get started on his career path. Maybe you can encourage him to get a paying job on weekends just to help with his and your expenses. And set a reasonable deadline for him to either ask for a permanent position or move on to a job with a paycheck. In the meantime, try thinking of his work as an apprenticeship.

Dear Dr. Brothers: I'm torn. My daughter has been presented with an opportunity to do something she's always wanted to do, but I'm not too thrilled. The "something" in question is starting a career as a plus-size model. I don't know how to feel about it — she's 18, and I don't want other kids to make fun of her. I also don't want her getting too comfortable with her weight. What should I do? — S.L.

Dear S.L.: You need to figure out just what it is that bothers you. Your daughter seems to have no problem with her body, so find out why you have reservations. Are you concerned with what her friends think, or what your friends think?

Being comfortable in your own skin is not always easy. Some people spend their entire lives wrestling with a poor self-image. At 18, your daughter seems ahead of the game. Being a plus-size model only will reinforce her already stable sense of self-worth. As her mother, she looks to you for cues as to what is OK. You don't want to dump on her self-esteem by giving her the impression that there's something wrong with being a plus-size model. Kids pick up on their parents' disappointment. Your best bet is to be supportive. Instead of worrying what other people think, get on your daughter's side, and help her to make wise business decisions. A teen will need guidance in navigating the modeling game, and who better to help than you? As long as she's healthy and happy, she has nothing to worry about. And neither do you.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 7
♥ Q 9 7
♦ A J 5
♣ A Q J 10 8 4
WEST
♠ 10 9 8 6 5 4
♥ 6 4 2
♦ 9 7 6
♣ 3
EAST
♠ Q 3 2
♥ K 5
♦ 10 8 3 2
♣ K 9 7 5
SOUTH
♠ A K J
♥ A J 10 8 3
♦ K Q 4
♣ 6 2
The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ NT Pass
4 ♥ Pass 6 ♥ Pass
Opening lead — three of clubs.

Sylvia Has an Accident

I have mentioned before that Sylvia was inclined to be accident-prone, and, in fact, most members of the club were well-aware of this tendency. But what distinguished Sylvia from all the other players in the club was her extraordinary ability to capitalize on this failing and turn it to her advantage.

Consider the present deal where Sylvia held the East cards and South was in six hearts. Had West led a spade, declarer would surely have made the contract. After taking East's queen with the ace, he would have crossed to dummy with a diamond at trick two and attempted the trump finesse, capturing East's king. South later would have tried a club finesse, losing to East's king but making the slam.

However, West led his singleton club instead. South stewed awhile, trying to decide whether or not to finesse, and finally elected to go up with dummy's ace. But Sylvia, who had been expecting declarer to finesse, absent-mindedly played her king on the ace! This naturally led declarer to conclude that West had led the three of clubs from the 9-7-5-3.

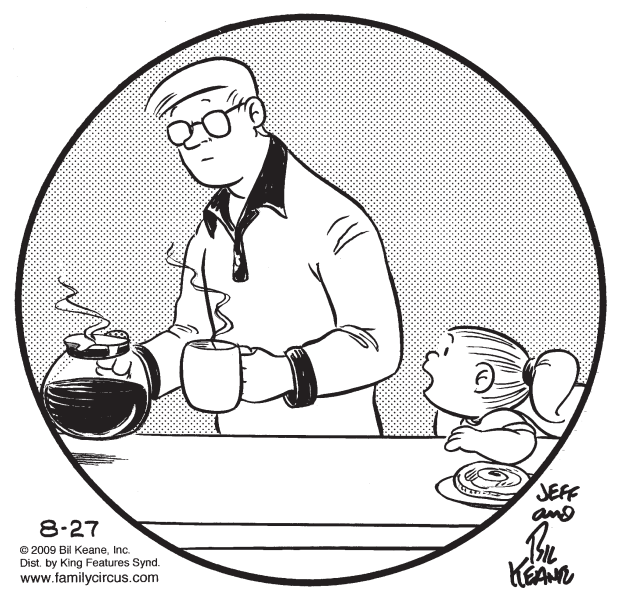
Declarer played dummy's queen of hearts at trick two, and after Sylvia followed low, South went up with the ace. He was understandably worried that West might win with the king and return a club for Sylvia to ruff.

Logical as this play may have seemed at the time, it proved to be South's undoing. When he next led another trump, Sylvia won with the king and returned a club, ruffed by West.

Thus, six hearts went down one as a result of Sylvia's remarkable play of the king of clubs at trick one. Of course, if she had simply played low on the first trick, declarer would have had no reason to fear taking a heart finesse, and would have made the slam easily.

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"When I get older will I have to pretend I like coffee?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

		3	8		2	5		
			6			3		
8							2	4
3	4							6
			7					
6							8	1
1	3							9
		5			8			
		4	5		7	8		

Difficulty Level ★★★

This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

9	1	8	3	4	7	5	2	6
6	2	5	9	8	1	3	4	7
4	3	7	5	6	2	8	1	9
8	4	3	7	2	9	6	5	1
1	5	6	8	3	4	7	9	2
2	7	9	6	1	5	4	8	3
3	6	4	2	9	8	1	7	5
7	9	1	4	5	3	2	6	8
5	8	2	1	7	6	9	3	4

Cryptoquip

MY AGRE VIRSKDL RIDR JO
EGD GJCBD SMXGE FJC
OMYL FJCI PRPF GRKKMQF

KQRFMYX? EGD VIRAQ BKRVD.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A MORTICIAN WERE VERY BUSY, DO YOU RECKON HE WOULD HAVE TO BURY HIMSELF IN HIS WORK?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals B

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Tobacco type
5 Possesses Benedict XVI, e.g.
12 Places of Group of scenes
14 Acknowledges
15 Unoriginal one
16 Geese-in-flight formation
17 Rose or Townsend Shrew
20 Go sight-seeing
22 Accepts the truth
26 Make one
29 Speck morsel
31 Logical
32 Wrestling victory
33 Carvey or Delany
34 Citric drink
35 Pendulum site?
36 Brave

DOWN
1 Balkan native
2 Arizona tribe
3 Big name in desktop PCs
4 He can hold his head high
5 Destruction
6 Black-jack component
7 Cowboy hat
8 — New Guinea
9 Cold-weather gear
10 Cauldron
11 Ram's mate
19 Festive
21 Frequently
23 Archie's wife
24 Catches some rays
25 Remain
26 Mil.
27 branch
27 Zilch
28 Unskilled
32 Eaters' outings
33 Sward-play specialist
35 Man-handle
36 Wilde-beest
38 Mardi Gras "faces"
39 "Peer Gynt" playwright
42 Crazy
43 H H H, in Greece
44 Surveillance
45 Pair
46 Debtor's letters
48 Pair

Solution time: 25 mins.

M	V	P	D	D	T					
G	O	E	R	C	O	U	R	T		
P	A	R	E	A	D	M	I	R	E	
S	T	A	R	T	I	N	G	P	O	I
T	E	L	Z	O	N	E	S	V	A	N
		D	E	N	Y		D	I	C	T
S	O	I	L	S		S	Q	U	A	T
A	L	B	A		R	O	U	E		
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T	R	A	I	N	S	P	O	T	T	I
P	H	R	A	S	E		Z	I	L	C
S	I	S	A	L		A	N	T	E	
S	H	Y				L	A	S		

Yesterday's answer 8-27

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12				13			14				
15				16			17				
18			19		20	21					
		22		23			24	25			
26	27	28			29			30			
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