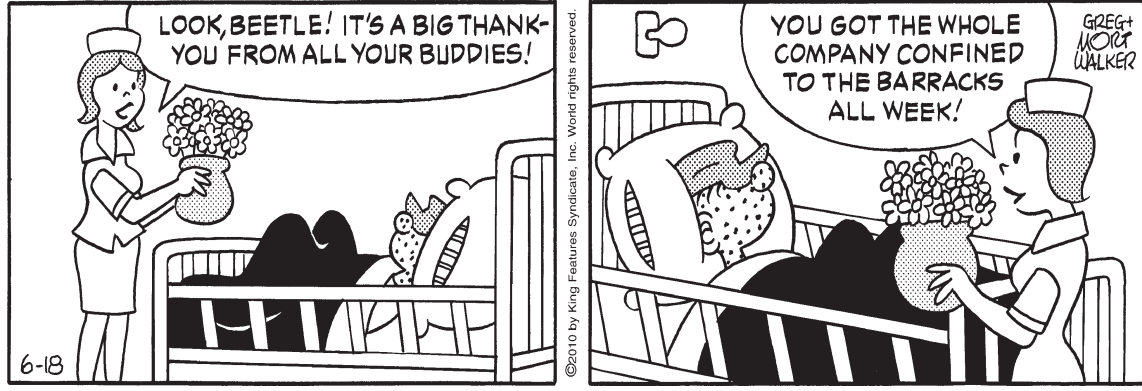


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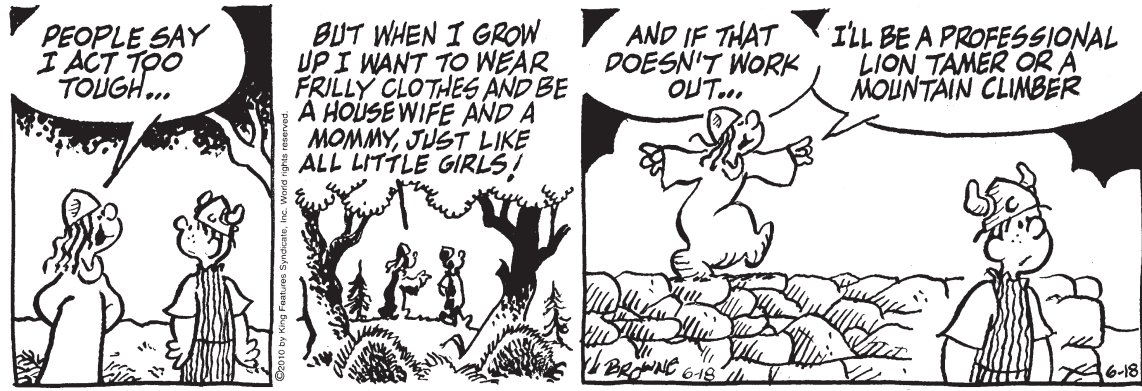
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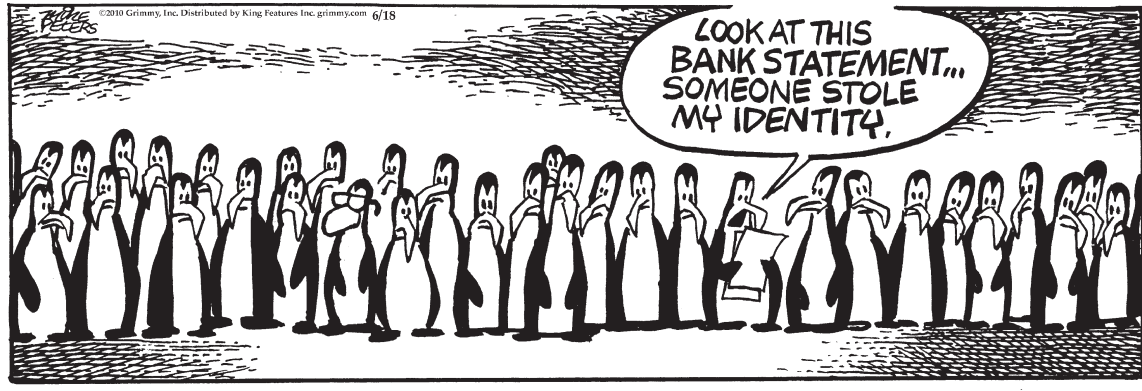
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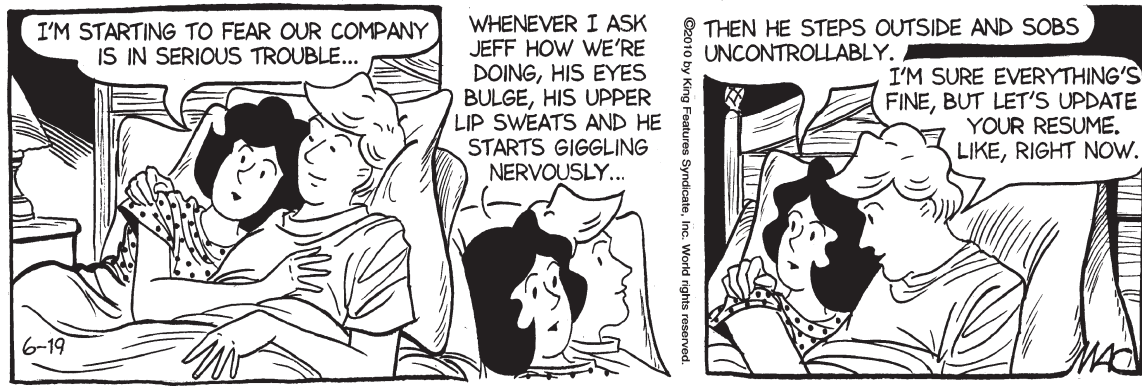
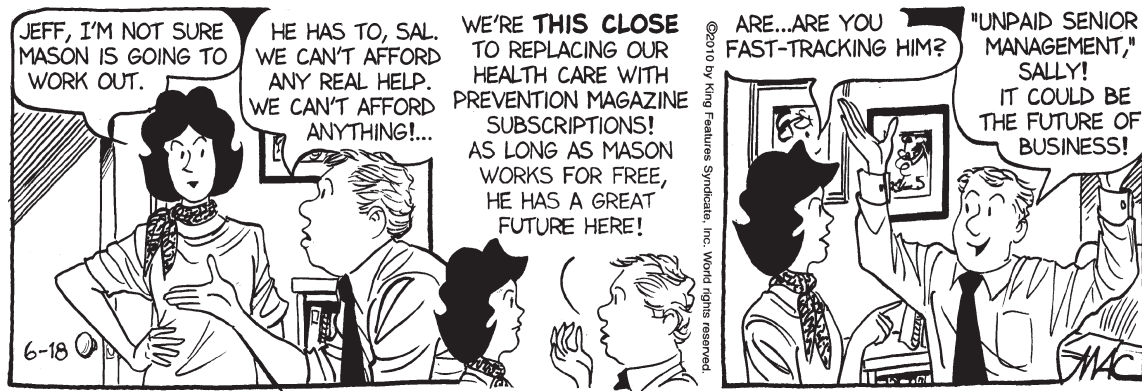
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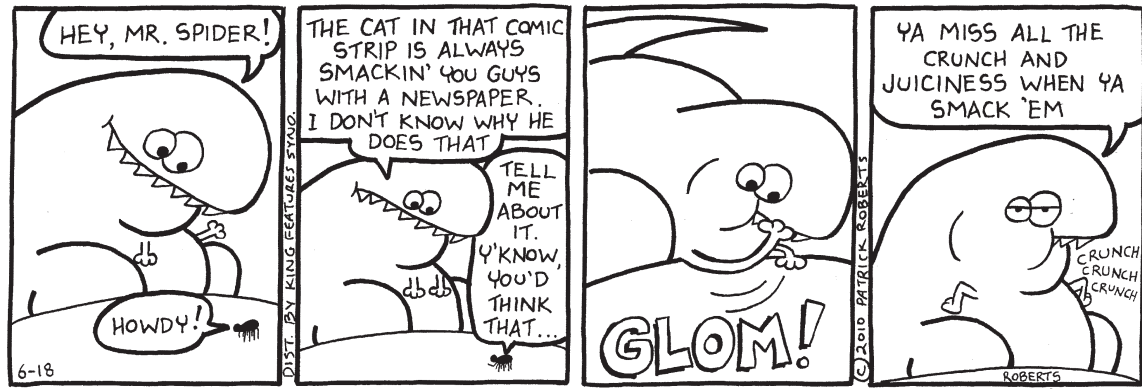
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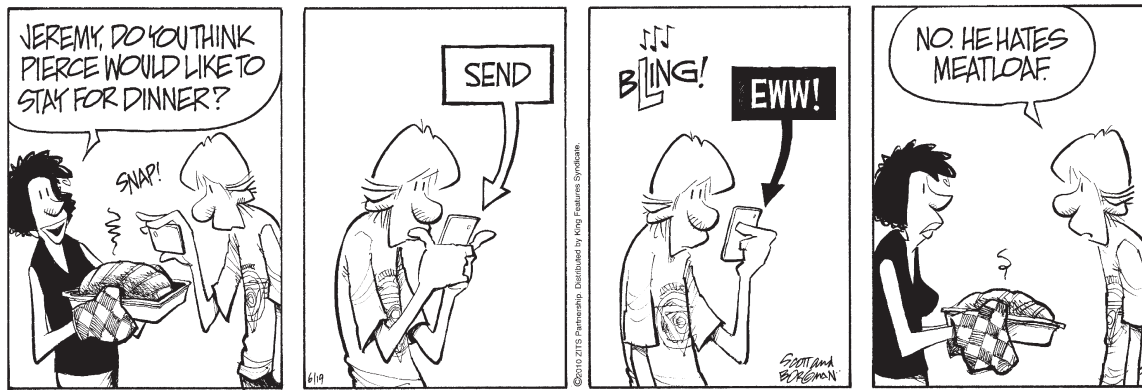
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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Heloise

Hints from Heloise

Plan the load in dishwasher

Dear Heloise: Is there a proper (or improper) way to LOAD A DISHWASHER? – A Reader, via e-mail

You bet there is! I don't know if "proper" is the right word, but there are certain things to do that will allow the washer to work more efficiently. It's always best to check the owners manual, or you usually can find it online at the manufacturer's website.

Here are some basics:

- First, remove big chunks from the dishes. Sauces and gravy don't need to be removed if you will wash right away. However, if you do not plan to run the dishwasher soon, then rinse or wipe off.

- Use the top rack for cups, glasses, bowls and dishwasher-safe items. Place items BETWEEN the rack tines and not over the rack tines (which can lead to breakage and the dreaded water spots). To prevent chipping in stemware, do not let it touch other items.

- For the bottom rack, load plates, serving bowls, soup bowls, casseroles, pots and pans. Again, place items between the tines, or secure large items between rows.

- In the silverware basket, put utensils with some facing up and others facing down to avoid nesting. Always place knives with the sharp point down.

Things to remember: Do not nest bowls, because they will not get clean; make sure pot handles or other large items are not in the way of the rotating spray arm or tower; do not load large pans in the front, where they would block water from reaching the detergent dispenser; and do not load silver or silver-plated utensils with stainless-steel utensils.

Readers, to easily remember these helpful dishwasher hints, cut this article out and place on the refrigerator for the whole family to see and read. – Heloise

NO MORE STAINS

Dear Readers: No one likes to take an item out of the washer or dryer and see that a stain is still there! Knowing how to treat stains will save you time and money, and will make doing laundry an easier chore. I have put together Heloise's Handy Stain Guide for Clothing that is a must to keep in the laundry room, with great information on dealing with all kinds of stains. For a copy, just send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (61 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Stains, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. This pamphlet has information on stains from adhesive tape to wine. It also includes home-style hints and points to remember. – Heloise

A DIAPER FOR WHAT?

Dear Heloise: I had water seeping in from the basement hatchway during heavy rains. I used diapers to soak up the water. They worked great – prevented the basement from getting wet. They are more absorbent than towels, and a row along the hatchway door works wonders. – Gail Larson, via e-mail

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Bridge • Steve Becker

You are the dealer and open One Spade. Partner responds Two Clubs. What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

1. ♠ KQJ52 ♥ AJ6 ♦ K83 ♣ A4
2. ♠ AQJ74 ♥ A8 ♦ 92 ♣ AQ85
3. ♠ K108643 ♥ 10 ♦ AJ ♣ KJ73
4. ♠ AQJ95 ♥ AJ94 ♦ 6 ♣ KQ8
5. ♠ AKJ653 ♥ 3 ♦ A7 ♣ KQ62

Bidding Quiz

1. Three notrump. This indicates a balanced hand that was too good to open one notrump with initially – about 18 or 19 points. A rebid of two notrump would show far fewer points and would therefore grossly misrepresent your actual values. There is a good chance for slam if partner has significantly better than a minimum two-club response, and the most appropriate and descriptive way to arouse his interest in a slam is by jumping to three notrump.

2. Four clubs. In view of your excellent club support and values well above a minimum opening bid, there is a chance for slam here also. Change the ace of hearts to the deuce, and you'd raise two clubs to only three.

3. Three clubs. It is more important to show your club support at once than to rebid your flimsy spade suit. Further action by partner is very likely, in which case you plan to repeat your spades. You lack the high-card values for an immediate jump-rebid in either suit.

4. Two hearts. There is a good chance that the final contract will be in clubs, possibly at the six-level, but you should bid hearts before raising clubs strongly in order to portray the three-suited nature of your hand. Partner will thus be apprised of your singleton diamond. Two hearts is forcing because it is a new suit named after a constructive response on the two-level.

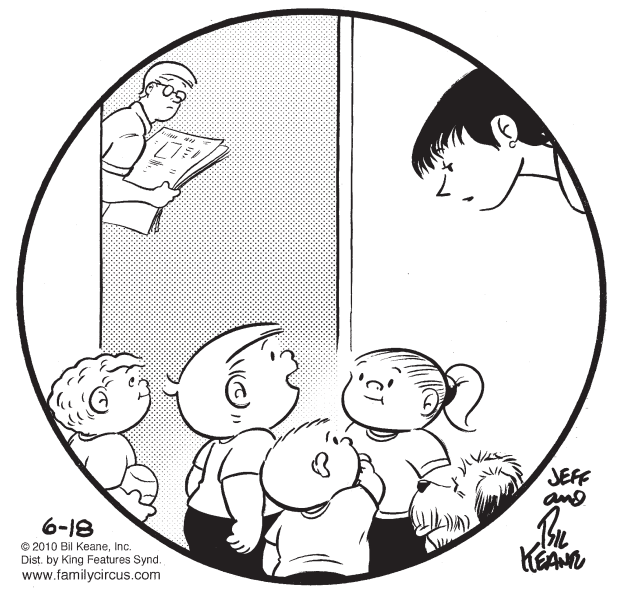
5. Four notrump. This is clearly Blackwood and asks partner how many aces he has. After he replies, you will know exactly how high to go.

Thus, if partner's response to four notrump is five clubs (no aces), you will pass; if he bids five diamonds (one ace), you will carry on to six clubs; and, if he happens to bid five hearts (two aces), you should have no compunctions about jumping to seven clubs.

After partner responds two clubs, you should not be interested in any factor other than the number of aces he has. Whatever he replies will leave you in an ideal position to determine whether to contract for 11, 12 or all 13 tricks.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

	4		8					
5	3				9			
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 6/18

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.

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

Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHO WAS GIVING THE ARMY SERVICEMEN ORDERS ON HOW TO PROPERLY MAKE PICKLES? THE DILL SERGEANT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals B

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN | DOWN | DOWN |
| 1 Center of activity | 41 ACLU concerns (Abbr.) | 1 Fairy queen | 11 1970s music style |
| 6 Commonest English word | 43 Storm center | 2 Blueprint addition | 17 Rhododendron's kin |
| 9 Wander (about) | 44 Individuals | 3 "It should be obvious, ..." | 19 Feel |
| 12 Apportion | 45 Mr. Magoo's problem | 4 Shade of black | 21 Vacationing |
| 13 Razor-billed bird | 47 Household chemical, often | 5 Oil of roses | 22 Melody |
| 14 Blackbird | 49 Available? | 6 Fishing gear | 24 Gridlock component |
| 15 Speak sheepishly? | 52 Coop occupant | 7 Luau entertainment | 26 She's had some bad hair days |
| 16 Splits | 53 Flightless bird | 8 Supplement with "out" | 28 Linguine |
| 18 Pain territory | 54 Biblical verb | 9 MacLeod of "The Love Boat" | 30 Sgt. |
| 20 Galvanizing matter | 55 Pigs' digs | 10 Concerning | 32 Like |
| 21 Rowing need | 56 Triumphed | | 33 Playingthing |
| 23 Kinsman (Abbr.) | 57 Over and done with | | 34 Witness |
| 24 Division of a long poem | | | 36 Rehearsal |
| 25 Movie | | | 38 Lomond and Ness |
| 27 Katmandu's land | | | 39 Cove |
| 29 Poultry purchases | | | 40 Infinitesimal |
| 31 Puts up | | | 42 Fine china |
| 35 "Monopoly" cards | | | 45 Note to the staff |
| 37 Lotion additive | | | 46 Aware of |
| 38 Brightened | | | 48 Just out |
| | | | 50 Chowed down |
| | | | 51 Third degree? |

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 6-18

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