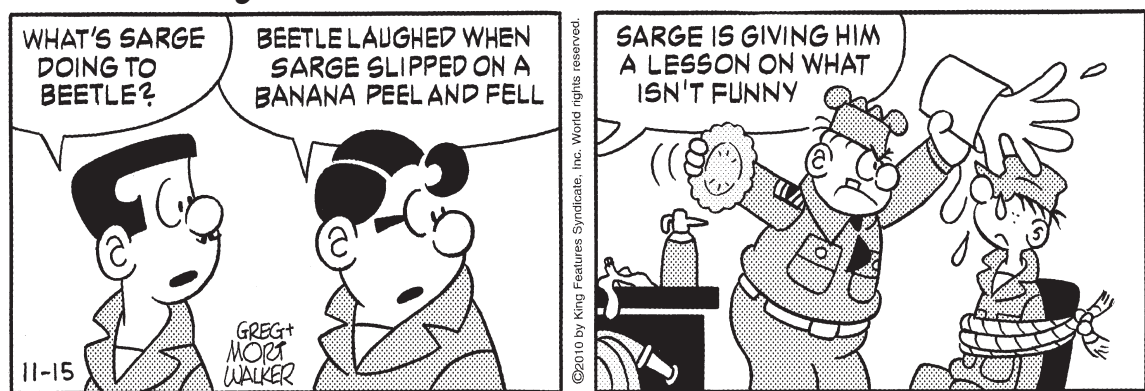


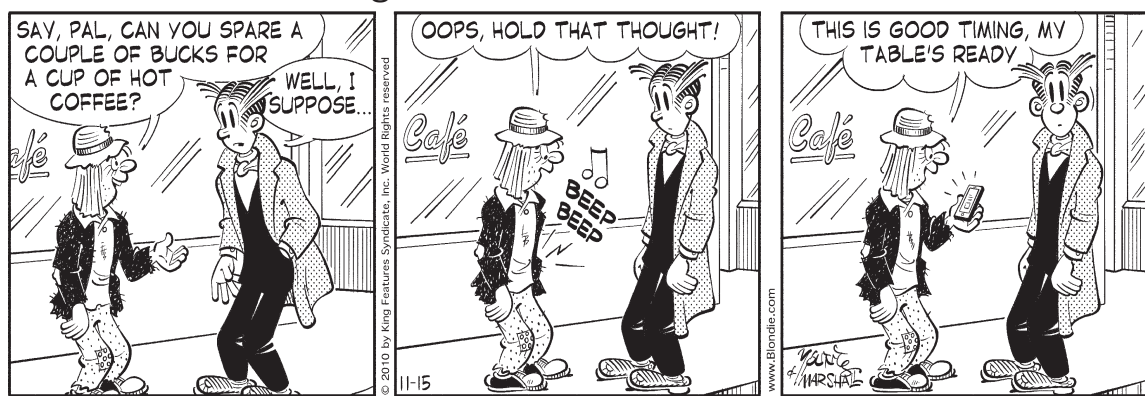
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Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



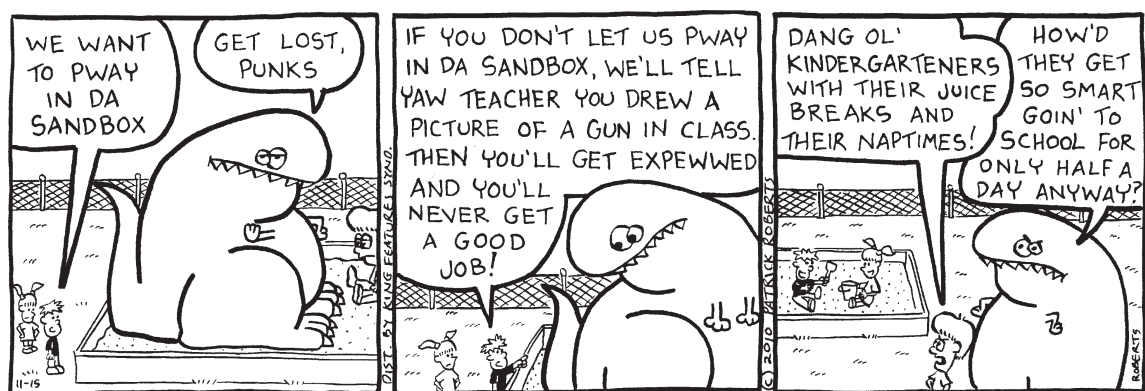
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Dr. Joyce Brothers
• Ask Dr. Brothers
She has trouble with co-workers

Dear Dr. Brothers: No matter what position I start at in any job, I seem to get a promotion and raise in under a year. My strategy is to find the job people cringe at the thought of doing, and do it with a smile. The problem is I never get along with co-workers. It's like they resent my volunteering to do what they would never do. What's wrong? - B.D.

Dear B.D.: It is admirable to do the jobs no one else wants. This helps the company and helps you get ahead. Do you do it for your self-interest, or for the good of the organization? This is the question being asked by those who are standing on the sideline looking at you with suspicion. If they knew where you were coming from, perhaps they'd feel more comfortable. The fact that your work is successful makes it harder to accept!

It boils down to human nature. Washington State University researchers recently did a study, published in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, which showed that employees like you tend to be disliked by those who don't want to do those thankless tasks. The reasons were: It makes others look like slackers, it means the standards are going to be raised for everyone, and you seem to somehow be breaking the rules. On top of that, there is the suspicion you are playing off less selfless workers in a ruthless bid to get ahead. With all of that, you might want to look outside of work to enhance your social circle.

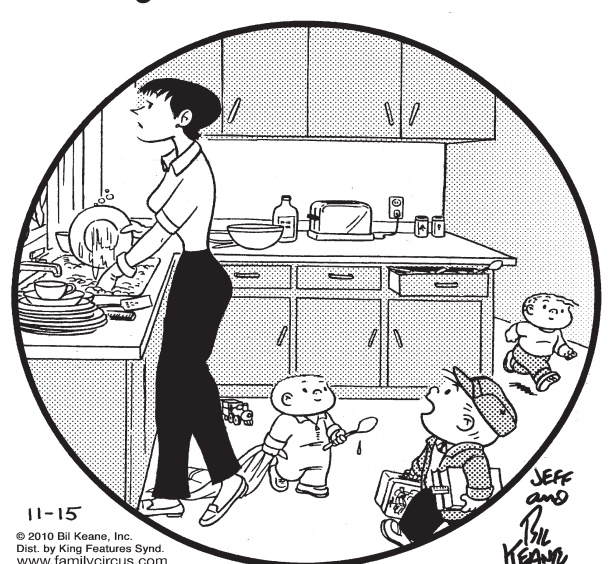
Dear Dr. Brothers: I love my husband very much. But I have a problem - and I can't tell if it's him or me. I get anxious and nervous if I have to say no to him. The few times I have said no, he acted like it was the end of the world. I can't stand to see him unhappy, and get into situations where I'm the one who is miserable. I'm so confused; I don't know what to do. - T.T.

Dear T.T.: Some people dread saying no, and others can't stand to hear it. If they are married to one another, it could lead to an unhealthy relationship. But before we label you, you need to think about why you are reluctant to say no. Is it because of his response, so you are second-guessing your position? Or are you frightened of upsetting him? Have you had trouble saying no in other relationships? Does he seem manipulative? Emotionally fragile?

It may take some reflection to figure out where he is coming from, but it would be worthwhile to talk about this - when there is no conflict. Perhaps you will gain perspective on what is important to him. That way, you will know when your "no" has the power to hurt him and when it is something you could compromise on. Every marriage has give and take - you need to be confident communication is not too scary for either of you. If you want to please one another yet maintain individuality, you'll need to come to terms with the fact you won't always agree.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



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"We're havin' a bake sale tomorrow and I have to bring in 12 cupcakes and a quarter to buy one of them."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 11/15

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.

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

Cryptoquip

HOJY RYCZBJP KFCJ VFHY
HRBO Z WJQD KFCIFY WRQZM
ZEEMRKBRFY, KFGMV DFG
PZD BOZB'P KFY-EMG-JYKJ'

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE THE FELLOW FORGOT TO PICK OUT THE BEST PARTS, I WOULD THINK HE MISSED HIS CULLING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals T

Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ K J 2
♥ Q J 0
♠ A 9 2
♣ A 6 3 2
WEST
♦ 7
♥ A K 8 7 5 3
♠ K 10 5
♣ Q 9 5
EAST
♦ 9 8 5 4
♥ J
♠ Q 8 4 3
♣ J 10 7 4
SOUTH
♦ A Q 10 6 3
♥ 9 6 4 2
♠ 1 7
♣ K 8
The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 2♠ Pass
4♠
Opening lead - five of clubs.

Famous Hand

This was one of the key deals of the 1986 world team championship. It occurred near the end of an extremely close semifinal match between a dark-horse team from Pakistan and a highly favored American squad.

The hero of the deal for Pakistan was the brilliant and irrepresible Zia Mahmood, who held the West hand. His U.S. opponents reached four spades as shown (South's two spades showed a good suit but was not forcing), and Zia then had to choose an opening lead.

When the deal had been played earlier at the other table, the final contract by the Pakistani South was only two spades, and the American West led the K-A and another heart. Declarer ruffed the third heart with dummy's jack, drew trumps and wound up with 10 tricks - five spades, the heart ruff, two clubs, a diamond and the nine of hearts, which became high after the first two tricks.

A large audience watching on Vu-Graph expected that the American pair at Zia's table, having reached four spades, would also make 10 tricks and thus give the U.S. a substantial pickup on the deal. But instead of mechanically leading a high heart, Zia led a low club!

Declarer took the club king, led a club to the ace and ruffed a club before leading a heart. Zia won with the king and promptly shifted to a trump. Dummy's jack won, and the heart queen was led.

It was now up to Zia's partner, Jan-e-Alam Fazli, to do his part, and he rose unerringly to the occasion. Even though he felt certain that Zia had the heart ace, Fazli ruffed the queen in order to return another trump. This left declarer with only one trump in dummy to ruff his 9-6 of hearts.

As a result, South lost three hearts and a diamond to finish down one, losing 7 IMPs instead of winning 10. Pakistan then hung on to win the match by a scant 5 IMPs to gain a place in the final.

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 35 Alpha follower | DOWN | 19 Taj Mahal city |
| 1 Unhappy destiny | 37 Persistence | 1 Un-hearing | 22 Change capital |
| 5 Commercial | 39 Annoy | 2 Norway's capital | 24 Bill |
| 8 Out of control | 41 Latvia's capital | 3 October birth-stone | 25 Adam's mate |
| 12 Catch sight of | 42 X-rated | 4 Innumerable | 26 Across the country |
| 13 Caustic solution | 45 Boil | 5 Unselfish one | 27 Evil |
| 14 Picnic hamperer | 49 Urban home, maybe | 6 Coloring agent | 29 Deposit |
| 15 Winged | 51 Actor LaBeouf | 7 Transmit | 30 Phippen |
| 16 Octopus' arm | 52 Approach | 8 Mideast-ern language | 33 Anger |
| 18 Pertaining to leaves | 53 Female deer | 9 Popular pasta | 36 Vein |
| 20 Reduce in status | 54 War god | 10 Lubricates | counter-part |
| 21 Water (Sp.) | 55 Partner in crime | 11 Leg joint | 38 "Your Show of Shows" star |
| 23 Atmosphere | 56 Blunder | 17 Afternoon social | 40 A Kardashian sister |
| 24 Spiraling stems | 57 Discourteous | | 42 Sicilian volcano |
| 28 Police officers | | | 43 Rod and - |
| 31 Actress Gardner | | | 44 Relinquish |
| 32 Moving about | | | 46 From one end to t'other |
| 34 Eccentric | | | 47 Hastened |
| | | | 48 Facility |
| | | | 50 Neither partner |

Solution time: 27 mins.

MOP	BLIP	QUAD			
ADO	EIRE	URGE			
COLOSSAL	ENGL				
ERSATZ	ILL				
TOT	COLONY				
SHREW	FAX	PEA			
PEER	MEN	PURR			
ERE	BUY	ARSON			
COLORS	ITO				
MAI	SHEARS				
SHOE	COLOMBIA				
PING	AHEM	ELK			
ASEA	LOSE	TEE			

Saturday's answer 11-15

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
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55				56			57				