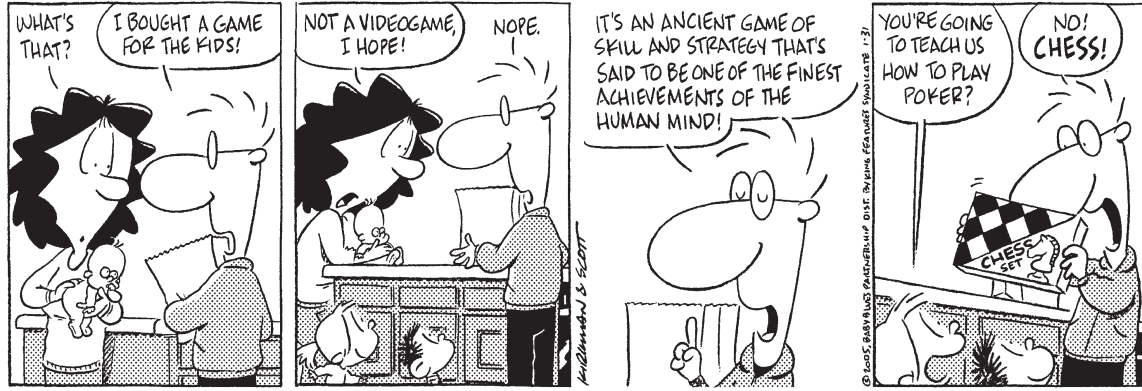


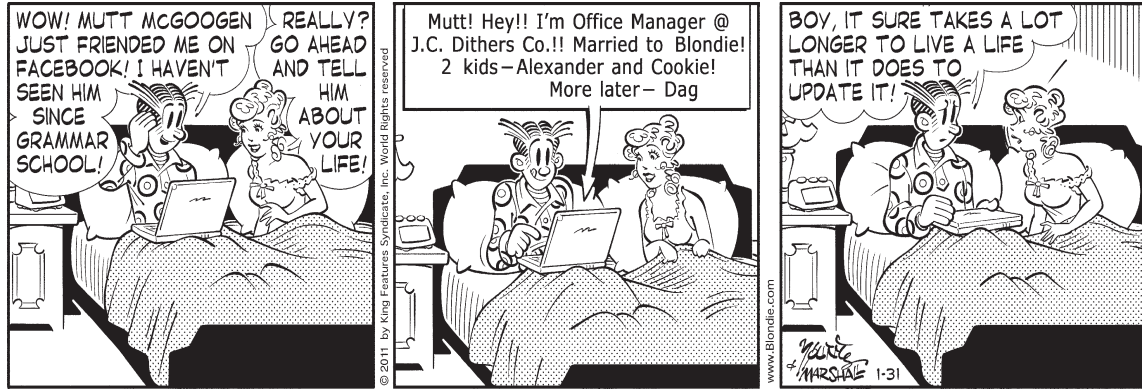
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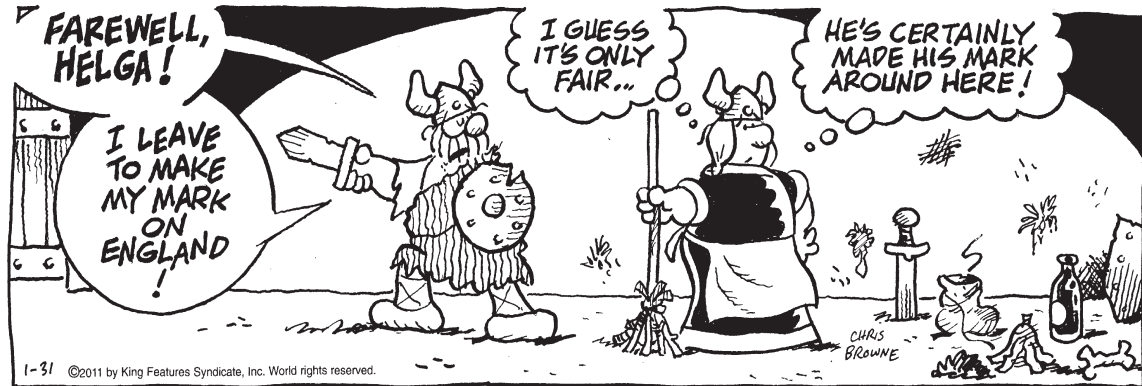
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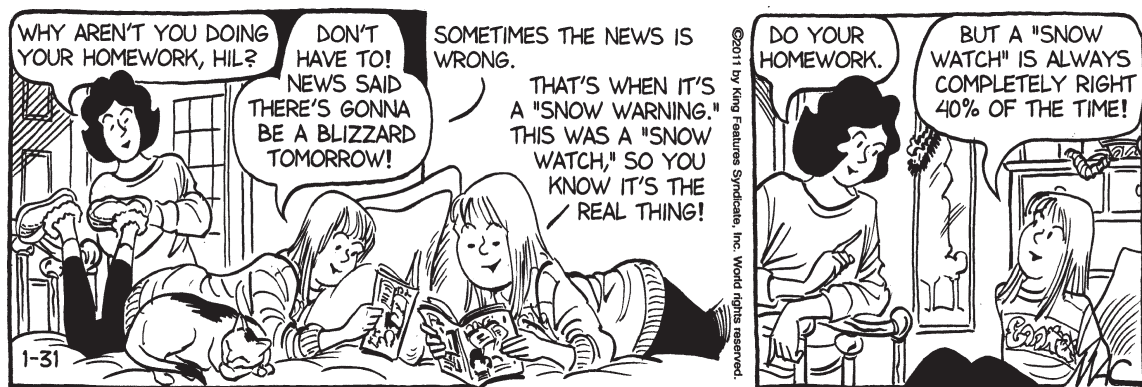
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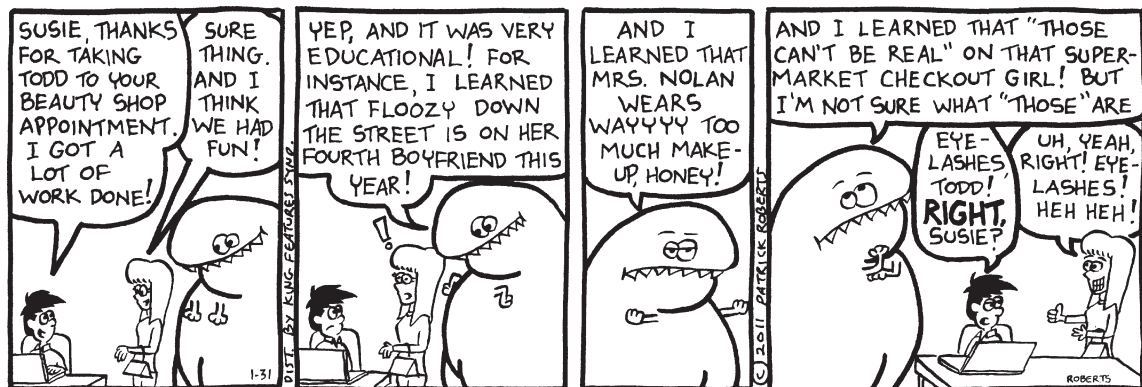
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Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Dr. Joyce Brothers
• Ask Dr. Brothers
Girl in dorm won't stay away

Dear Dr. Brothers: I am a freshman in college, and have adjusted pretty well so far. There is just one problem. My dorm has double rooms, and I get along fine with my roommate. We keep our door open and this girl keeps wandering in. She says she hates her roommate, and hangs out on our beds. I don't care to be her friend, but I don't know how to get rid of her. Sometimes she just comes in and cries, and we don't know what we are supposed to do. Help! - K.H.

Dear K.H.: It is great you are adjusting well to college, but it is distressing to hear about another freshman who isn't having such an easy time. There often is a period when it's possible to change roommates and you might suggest the girl look into it. The time may be over, though, so she might do better to try to get along. She's got a long path ahead where she is going to have to adjust to people. Maybe you can talk to her roommate and see if you can get them to improve. There must be a supervisory person in the dorm - you can ask the girl if she has talked to her. Often there are programs to help freshmen adjust, and your "shadow" should be made aware of them.

Does she have any friends? Rather than reject her or "get rid" of her, you might introduce her to other girls you think may enjoy her company. A lonely or bullied student can go downhill fast in college - don't be part of the problem; be part of the solution. If she were happier, you might even like her yourself. Help her discover the good experience you are having in college.

Dear Dr. Brothers: My husband and I just went through a battle with our son over boarding school. He wants to go away and we want him at home where we can supervise. Now he has materials about being an exchange student in Europe for half the year. He says he wants to do it for educational reasons, but that's just bull. He's smart and a good student, but he's immature. - L.W.

Dear L.W.: It is a shame that you, your husband and your son can't get on the same page about this. I think you need to reflect before another automatic "no." Perhaps there is some merit in his idea, but you need a clearer vision of his motivation for living away from home. And then you need to think about why you feel he needs supervision - other than "because we're the parents." A teen who is smart and makes good grades can still be socially immature, of course - but unless you have seen signs of troubling or dangerous behavior, it might make sense to think about what he could gain from an exchange program.

I can almost guarantee the experience of living with a family in a foreign country would change your son and you would find him much more mature when he comes home. If you are afraid of him getting into unsafe situations, you need to discuss your worries and see if he can set your minds at ease - he may have no clue about the problems you are having with his ideas. If you can show him you are not just trying to control him and that you trust him, your relationship should improve, wherever he is.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 3
♥ AKQ 10 9 8 3
♦ AK 6 5 4
♣ A K 6 5 4

WEST
♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ Q 10 6 5 4
♦ J 10 8 3

EAST
♠ AK 8
♥ 2
♦ AK J 9 8 7 3 2
♣ 9

SOUTH
♠ J 10 6 4 2
♥ J 7 6 5 4
♦ —
♣ Q 7 2

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 2♦ 5♦ 5♥
Pass 6♥ Dble
Opening lead - jack of clubs.

Famous Hand

Freak hands produce freak results, as witness this deal from the World Pair Olympiad many years ago. All kinds of results occurred at the 30 tables where the hand was played, but we report here only those of two American pairs who sat East-West.

At one table, with Robert Jordan and Arthur Robinson sitting East-West, the bidding went as shown. The artificial two-diamond bid by North showed game-going strength but not necessarily diamonds. Jordan then leaped to five diamonds, partly in the hope of making it and partly to jam the bidding.

He later doubled six hearts but wound up taking second money when the Dutch declarer lost only a spade trick and scored 1,210 points. In fact, South would have made an overtrick if Robinson had led a diamond instead of a club.

The other American pair, Marshall Miles and Phil Feldesman, had far better luck. The bidding at their table went:

West North East South
Pass 2♦ 5♦ Pass
7♦ Dble

Here West, after South had passed, added a second pre-emptive bid to his partner's. Over seven diamonds, North, who had not yet shown either of his suits, found himself completely frustrated. He doubled, for want of anything better to do, and everyone passed.

South had to make a blind opening lead and, after great travail, selected the jack of spades. This allowed declarer to score four spade tricks instead of three, and he eventually got rid of his club loser on dummy's seven of spades to make the grand slam for a score of 1,630 points!

This was 2,840 points better than their compatriots had done with exactly the same cards!
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I don't think my eyes were ready to wake up."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 1/31

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

Cryptoquip

Q D R Z P C J R Q D X Q F E R O B Q
R C R X Q R D Z Q J N , Q E
Z Y K T O J P C E J Y C R F P E T R Z P
K P R E O C P B Q D K P Z Z R - X N J P E ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE I TOLD THE FELLOW I WAS WILD ABOUT HIS ELECTRIC CELLS, WAS THAT BATTERY FLATTERY?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals N

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Humpty Dumpty, e.g.
4 Recede
7 Stroller
11 Let fall
13 Pitch
14 Emanation
15 Comical
16 Cassius Clay, now
17 Foot fraction
18 Follows orders
20 Lascivious
22 Help
24 Understand
28 Self-indulgent spender
32 Cohort of Brahma and Vishnu
33 Owl's call
34 Auction offer
36 Always
37 Draw a conclusion
39 Clothing fasteners

DOWN
1 Taro root
2 Snatch
3 Vanished
4 Greek vowel
5 "I Love Lucy" star
6 Concise
7 Bore an expense
8 Scoot
9 Curved line
10 -jongg
12 "Listen up!"
19 Madam's counterpart
21 Existed
23 Society new-comer
25 Bees' home
26 Finished
27 Fourth planet
28 Caprice
29 Top-notch
30 Couch
31 Claiborne of fashion
35 Quick swim
38 - de Janeiro
40 "The Raven" writer
42 American bird
45 Rotary phone feature
47 Time-consuming
48 Norway's capital
49 Timid
50 Visibility hindrance
51 Under the weather
52 "Curse you!"
54 Phys. ed. venue

Solution time: 27 mins.

Saturday's answer 1-31

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
28	29	30		31		32			
33			34		35		36		
37			38		39		40		
41			42		43				
		44		45		46		47	48
50	51	52		53		54		55	
56				57				58	
59				60				61	