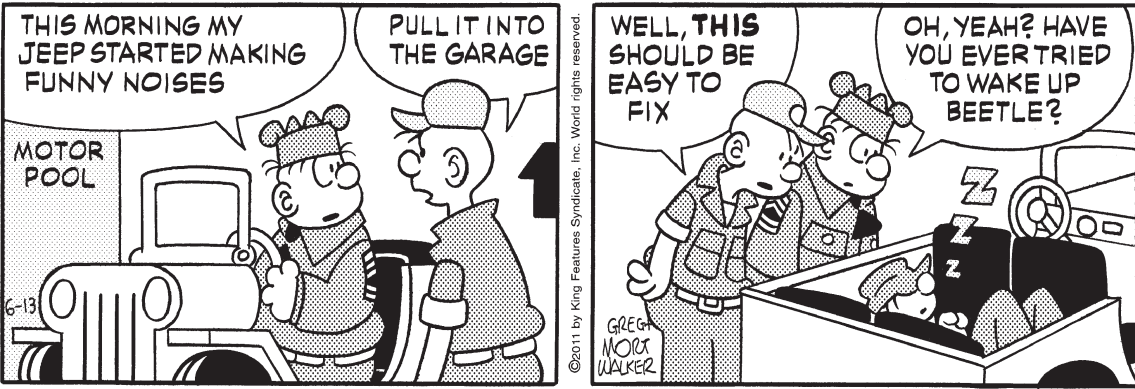


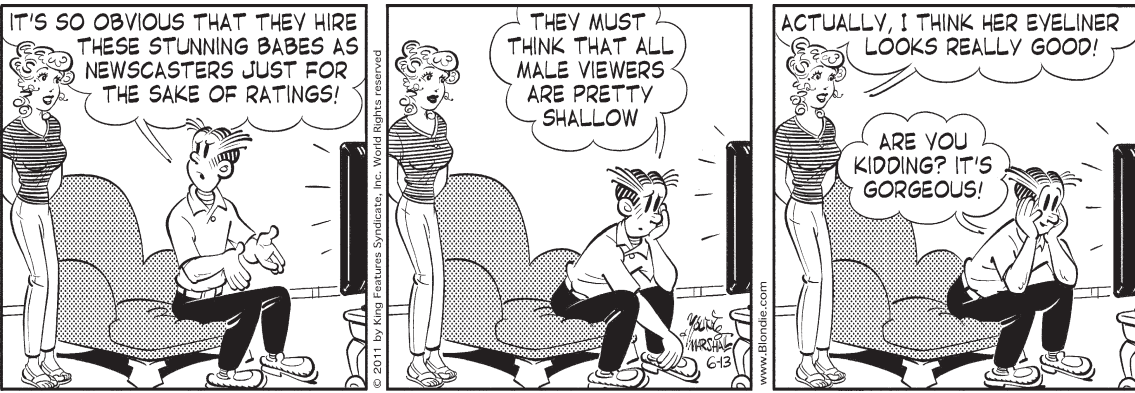
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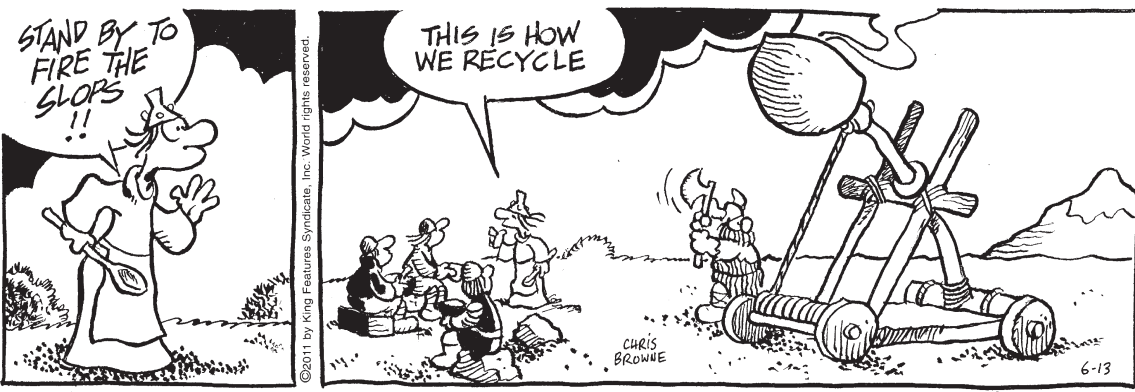
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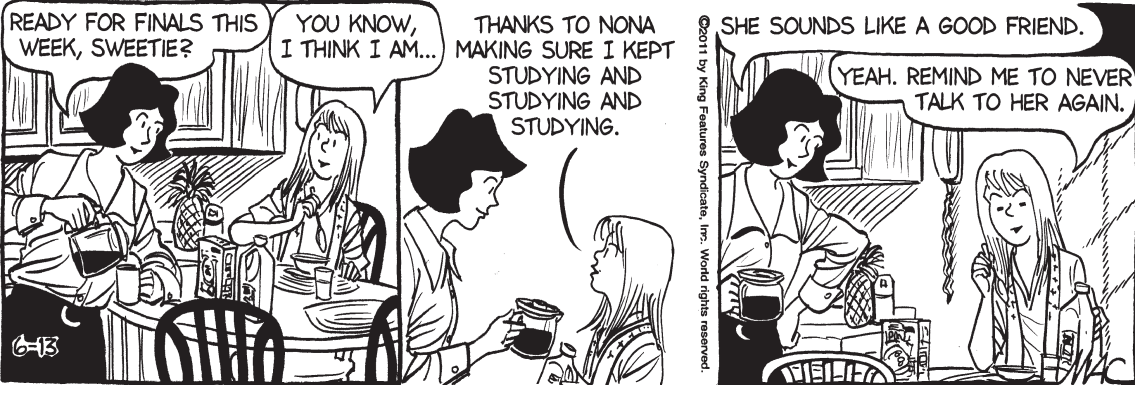
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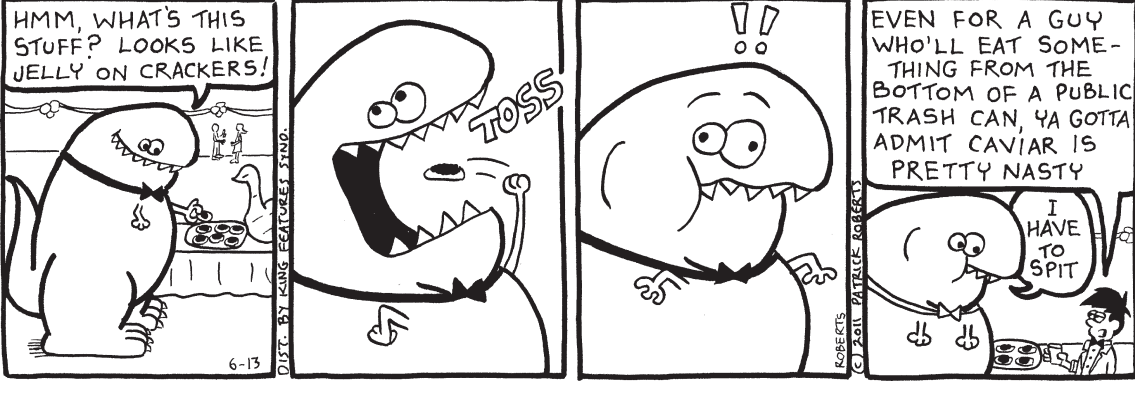
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Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Dr. Joyce Brothers

• Ask Dr. Brothers

Should he take mailroom job?

Dear Dr. Brothers: I recently lost a job I liked very much. It involved the copywriting and advertising I am hoping to someday specialize in. In the meantime, I've been able to get a foot in the door at a big ad agency, but only as a mailroom guy. My plan would be to get to know the bigwigs as I deliver the mail every day, and then ask for a job on the staff. My buddies think I am insane. What do you think? — P.C.

Dear P.C.: I think you are a creative person, but it might be a good idea to do some research on this particular ad agency and find out how career paths there work. The mailroom can be a good vantage point for learning how the company works, and who wields the real power. We've all heard stories of people working their way up from the mailroom to the corner office, and there are places where this is possible. But is this ad agency one of them? That's the question you need to answer before you try your plan.

Another approach might be to pick a person who has a reputation you admire, and approach him or her directly and ask for a job or internship. Or work for a temp agency that puts people into jobs in your industry. Subscribe to the advertising publications that make a difference, read blogs and try to keep up to date. Then if you have to take a job elsewhere, you at least can stay abreast of what's happening until you return. Don't let your friends discourage you from looking outside the box. You'll probably do very well because of your willingness to do what it takes. Just make sure you know what that is.

Dear Dr. Brothers: I am really bummed out. One of my roommates has lost his job, and the other one is moving in with his girlfriend. I can't afford to keep the apartment, and I can't find anyone I want to live with or move in with. So I am going to have to move back with my parents. They usually hate my friends and don't let me have any freedom. If I pay them rent, can I just ignore their rules and do my thing? — N.S.

Dear N.S.: I don't know exactly what your "thing" is, but I understand how frustrated you are about moving back home. The loss of freedom is always difficult, especially for young people who are beginning to spread their wings. But I don't think planning to ignore your parents' wishes in their own home is a wise course. It may be easier than working on your relationship with your folks, but it won't get you very far when you start butting heads. If you want to be able to use the house as more than just a crash pad, you need to come to a mutual understanding.

Lots of young people are in your position, and there may be ways to get a group together for a new apartment. So keep looking. In the meantime, let your parents know you are concerned about living your own life while respecting their space and acknowledging their rules. Revisit areas that need revising now that you're an adult, point out where you would like to replace some rules. Paying rent will get you only so far—the rest is up to you to negotiate in a mature way.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 6
♥ K Q
♦ A 6 3
♣ K 9 7 5 3 2

WEST
♠ A K 8
♥ 9 8 7 5 3
♦ K 7 5
♣ A 4

EAST
♠ J 9
♥ J 10 4
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ Q J 10 6

SOUTH
♠ 10 7 5 4 3 2
♥ A 6 2
♦ Q J 10
♣ 8

The bidding:
West North East South
1♥ 2♣ Pass 2♦
Pass 3♣ Pass 4♣
Opening lead — nine of hearts.

Famous Hand
This deal occurred in the U.S.-Italy world championship match in 1959. When an American pair held the North-South cards, they got to four spades as shown and went down one after West led a heart. Declarer won the heart in dummy and played a low trump, covering East's nine with the ten and losing to the king. West led another heart, and declarer eventually lost the ace of clubs and two more trump tricks to West's A-8 to go down one.

However, South should have made the contract. He should have reasoned that his only real hope was to lose only two trump tricks, not three, and he should have proceeded accordingly, even though his chances were relatively slim. The low trump lead from dummy at trick two offered no possibility of success.

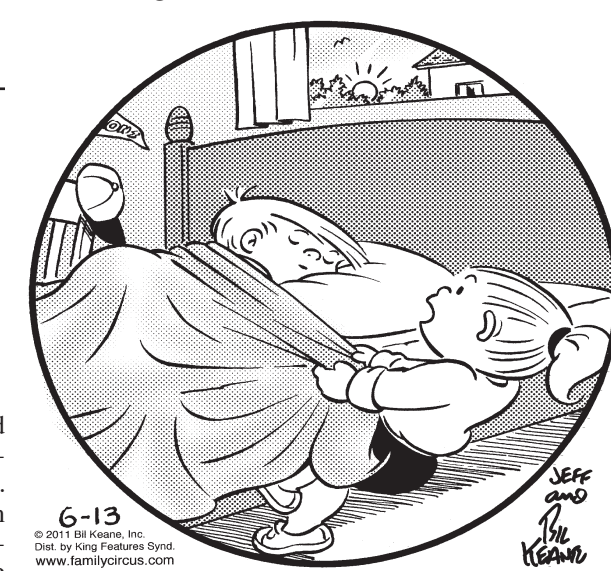
Declarer should instead have led a low club from dummy at trick two to create a subsequent entry to his hand. East presumably would have won the club and returned a heart. South would win in dummy, ruff a club and lead a spade toward the Q-6. Once he did this, the defense could not win more than two trump tricks and a club, and the contract would come marching home.

This method of play succeeds whenever West's spade holding is A-J, K-J, A-K-9, or A-K-8. Declarer must assume that one of these four combinations was dealt, as they are the only ones that offer a chance to make the contract. To ignore these possibilities is equivalent to conceding defeat.

When the Italians held the North-South hands, they stopped at two spades, making three for 140 points. At this table also the trumps were mishandled, but since the Italians were only in a partscore, the proper play in the spade suit was not critical.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



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"C'mon, Billy! You don't wanna sleep through your whole summer vacation!"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

Cryptoquip

H MDW TURY UJ JPA
PATUDWHAX RMN QDAAUA
KNVMDKY ONQDPYN H XUR
YPQM D OHX QMDVXN UPR UJ HR.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE SINGLE WOMAN NARROWED DOWN HER GROUP OF COMPETING SUITORS TO FOUR COURTER-FINALISTS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
1 Gorilla fully
4 Year-end visitor
9 Col. Sanders' chain
12 Droop
13 Up to the point that
14 Ultra-modernist
15 Tennessee city
17 Cheerios ingredient
18 Moving truck
19 Makes into law
21 Revealing swimsuit
24 Polio vaccine pioneer
25 Director Howard
26 Explosive letters
28 Leaf pore
31 Teensy bit
33 A Gabor sister
35 Get an effort
- DOWN**
36 Consume
38 Priestly vestment
40 Work-week end (Abbr.)
41 Weeded, in a way
43 Rented
45 Wild horse
47 Anti-quoted
48 Have a bug
49 It's all in your head
54 Hockey surface
55 "What's in —?"
56 Rowing need
- 57 —
Angeles
58 Acquires
59 Resort
20 Can. prov.
21 Scottish hillside
22 Greek vowel
23 Flaws in lumber
27 Dam org. of 1933
29 Additional one
30 Sahara-like
32 Unstable particle
34 "May I do that for you?"
37 Eat like a bird
39 Scarlett O'Hara and her ilk
42 Karan of fashion
44 Citrus beverage
45 Jump (out)
46 Puerto follower
50 Erstwhile acorn
51 Two, in Tijuana
52 Space
53 Historic time

Solution time: 27 mins.

THY	GEL	OPERA			
HOE	ALE	LEGIT			
RUM	BOARD	ROOM			
ERE	SIDES				
WINK	SSE	CAPPO			
	EVE	FLAGON			
CHARLI	ELOPE				
AWAY	EDU	XRAY			
	AORTA	ERA			
BOARD	WALK	HEX			
UNDUEN	PEI	ANI			
DOZEE	PERN	BANS			

Saturday's answer 6-13

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12			13						14	
15			16						17	
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