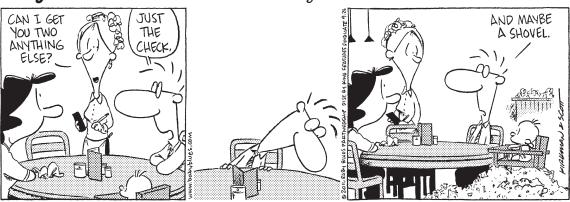
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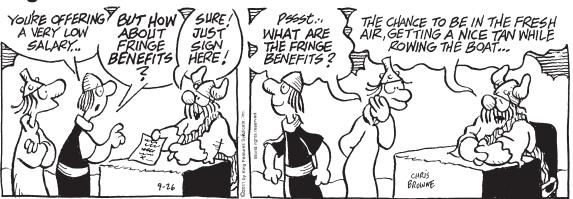
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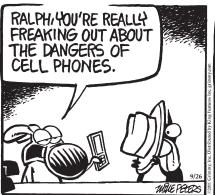




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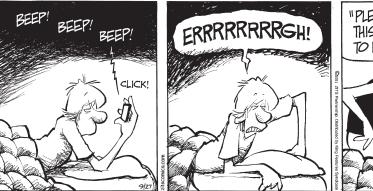


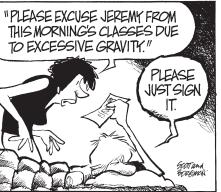
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Dr. Joyce **Brothers**

Ask Dr. Brothers

Social media affects her work

Dear Dr. Brothers: I have a co-worker who's online all the time, on social-networking and career-related websites. She says she's being productive and maximizing her opportunities, but to me it seems she's wasting time. She spends time taking continuing-education online, and I think that's the only useful thing. What other activities might leave her more connected? – K.M.

Dear K.M.: Surprisingly, it may actually be good for your friend's productivity and her social life to spend a small part of her day "procrastinating" with activities like Facebook or Linkedin. Giving your brain time to rest and recharge can help you concentrate better when you start working again. But don't use this as an excuse to spend seven of your eight hours at work watching YouTube videos – limiting online time to an hour each day can increase productivity in the other seven, but anything more is wasting time. And while a quick message or post will never take the place of a face-to-face conversation, using socialnetworking sites to make plans or send notes can help your social life and career connections.

When it comes to using Internet resources to advance your career, there are sites that offer everything from educational seminars to job-hunting advice. These can increase your motivation and help you perform better. While your friend shouldn't be spending her time at work looking for a different job, focusing on an interest outside her specific area of expertise can help her think creatively and stay passionate about her work.

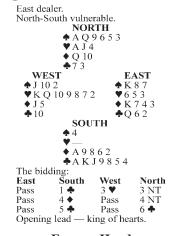
Dear Dr. Brothers: I have this weird, compulsive desire to try to help everyone with any small problem or challenge they have, and it's exhausting. For instance, I learned a co-worker recently became single, and started thinking of who I could set her up with for a rebound relationship. I'm sure people find it annoying, but I don't know how to stop. What can I do to keep my need to help at a reasonable level? – J.M.

Dear J.M.: This seems to be a common issue **Cryptoquip** that women, especially single, successful women, struggle with. You feel the need to nurture, but also to micromanage social connections as though it were your job. The good thing is that the first step is recognizing not only that you're exhausting yourself, but that other people may find your suggestions unhelpful or downright annoying. Unsolicited advice, even if helpful, can rub people the wrong way. Admitting this is a problem can be the hardest part, and you've already surmounted this obstacle.

Your plan now is based on self-control. You can use tricks to stop your compulsion before you start, and after a while it won't be so necessary. One is to offer help only if you're asked. That means if your officemate solicits dating advice, you can start making a list of eligible bachelors. But if she just mentions that she's starting to date, take a deep breath and keep that list in your head. Try pauses before you react with a helping hand, like a breathing exercise or rereading an email before hitting "Send," and you'll find your advice taken more to heart in no time.

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Bridge • Steve Becker



Famous Hand

This deal accounted for nearly a third of the margin by which Brazil defeated the United States in the 1989 world team championship.

When Mike Lawrence and Kit Woolsey of the U.S. held the North-South hands, the bidding went as shown. Woolsey's bidding implied a strong two-suiter with better clubs than diamonds. After Woolsey bid five clubs, Lawrence judged that his two aces and Q-10 of diamonds would provide just what his partner needed for slam, so he carried on to six. The slam had reasonable chances of making,

but failed when Woolsey, despite West's preemptive bid, elected to play the clubs normally, cashing the A-K. After that, he had to lose a club and a diamond for down one. When Ricardo Janz and Carlos Camacho of

Brazil held the North-South hands, the bidding went:

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of a club, solving declarer's problem in that suit. Camacho then crossed to dummy with a spade and played the queen of diamonds, ducked all around. The ten of diamonds was led next, and when East again followed low, Camacho went into the tank. Should he allow the ten to ride in case East started with the K-J-x-x? Or should he put up the ace, playing for a 3-3 break or for West to have started with the J-x of diamonds?

Eventually, Camacho played the ace and was rewarded with the fall of the jack. He then conceded the nine to the king and scored the rest of the tricks, giving Brazil a 16-IMP pickup on the

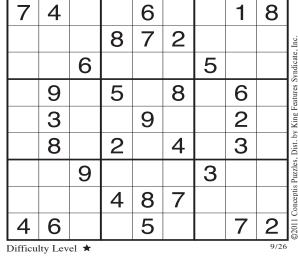
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"How much dirt is PJ allowed to eat before it spoils his dinner?

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



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.

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