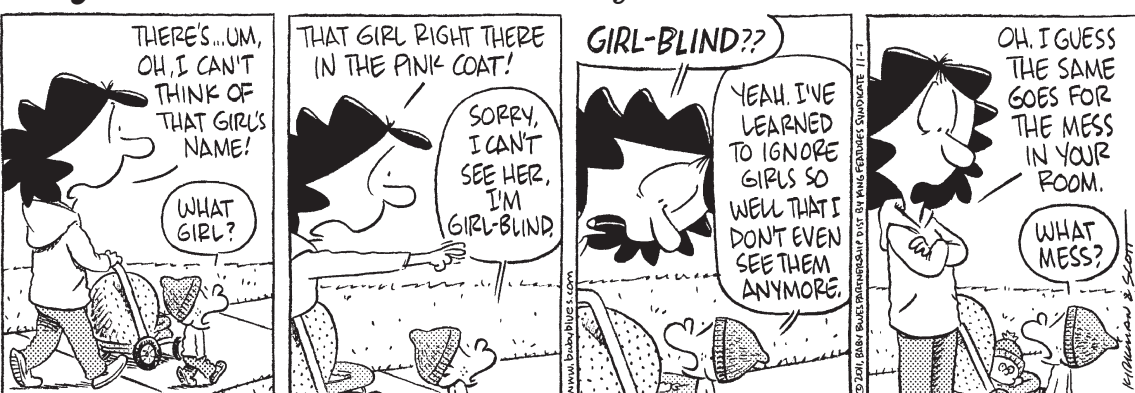
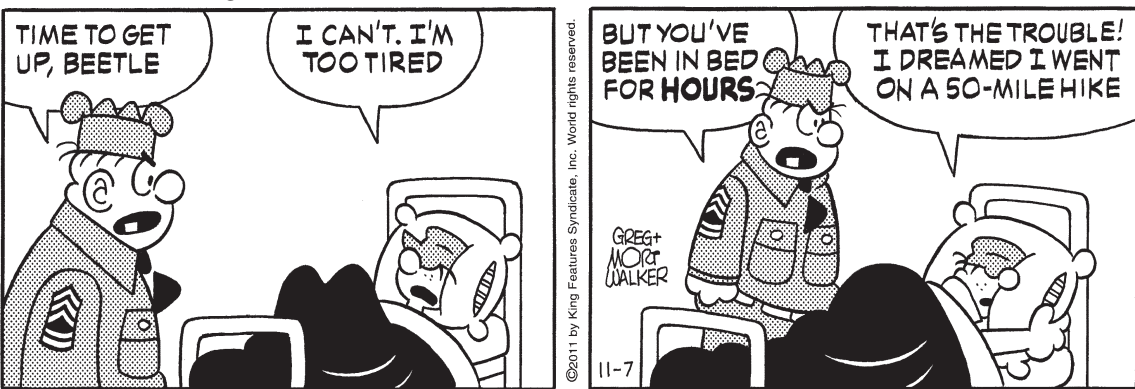


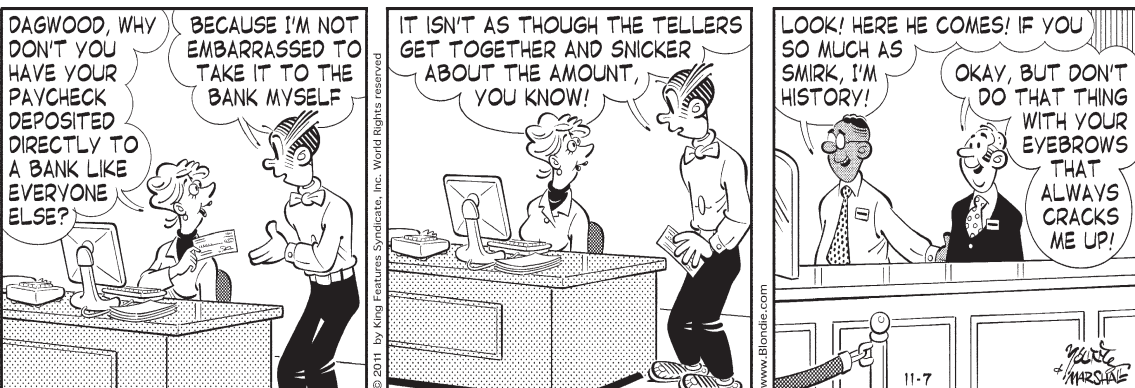
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**Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



**Blondie** • Chic Young



**Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne



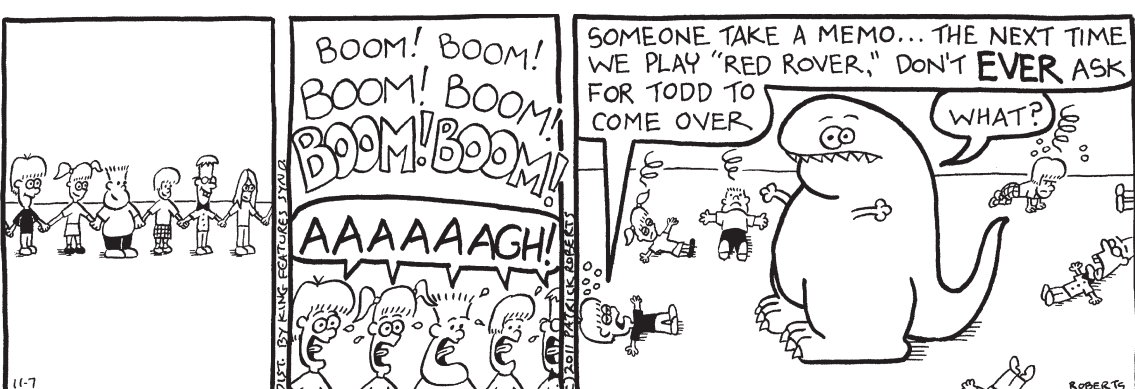
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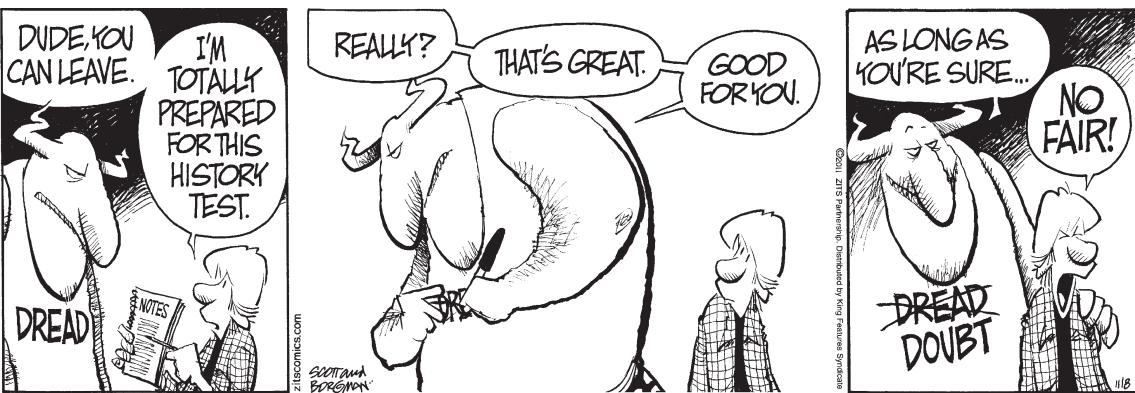
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**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Dr. Joyce Brothers**



• Ask Dr. Brothers

**Social network may not help her**

**Dr. Brothers:** I'm a woman looking for work, and a male friend I used to work with was hired for a job I was interested in, in an informal process. I talked with him and his advice was to make more connections with the people who might be able to get me an "in." This frustrates me, especially because I'm more qualified than he is. Should I try to follow his advice anyway? – N.V.

**Dear N.V.:** It can be tough to see someone less qualified hired for a job you were interested in. But in the world of hiring, it may be hard to generalize. It's possible his connections got him the job, but it's also possible he had something else the employers were looking for. Regardless, there's no use being bitter. Rather, you can use his suggestion as your jumping-off point: If he thinks you should be making more connections, you can start with him. Your good will in the face of disappointment will reflect well on you.

Your frustration with the manner in which he was hired is understandable when the role that "networking" plays in the hiring of women versus men is considered. According to a study in *Social Science Research*, finding work through social contacts really only happens for men. While experience in a field can build social connections between men that might lead to one being hired, the same is not the case for women. There are exceptions. You can try to buck this trend by pursuing those connections, but be aware you may be fighting an uphill battle.

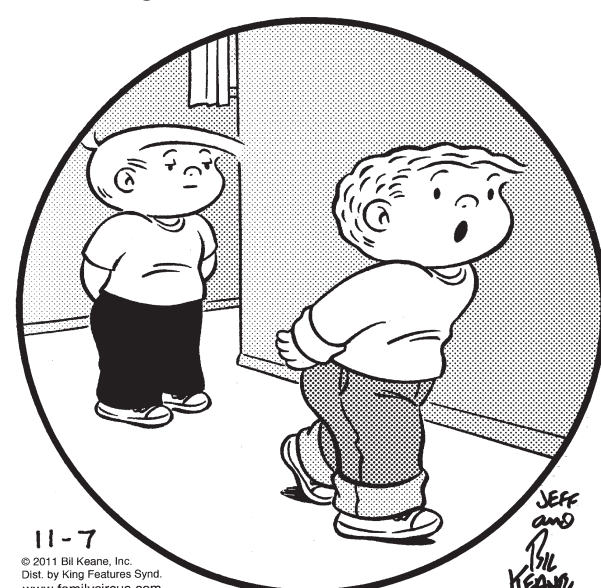
**Dear Dr. Brothers:** My next-door neighbor is starting to lose her memory, and without family close by, it's fallen on my family to keep an eye on her. She's not the most gracious about asking for or receiving help, so we're looking for ways we can help without being intrusive. Are there tips to help her remember things, like where she put the keys or how to get to the store? – C.M.

**Dear C.M.:** It's generous of you to help out your neighbor, especially if she's resistant to the idea that she needs help. In fact, there are a few memory-sparing tricks you can institute for your neighbor that might help her. These tips can help those who have early symptoms of dementia, but they also wouldn't hurt for anyone looking for easy ways to get organized.

One investment that can make traveling, even around town, less complicated is a global positioning navigation system for the car. These are simple to use and can be better than written or verbal directions. For around-the-house items, consider placing a small basket in an accessible location for easily misplaced but important items – keys, wallet, reading glasses or even the TV remote. Encouraging your neighbor to carry a pocket-size notebook can help, so that she can jot things down when she remembers them. Lastly, a large wall calendar in a conspicuous place can help organize daily activities. Your neighbor can get into the habit of looking at it and add or remove things from her schedule.

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**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★

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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.

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

**Cryptoquip**

WTAJMIMJC LHPNXJ LND TVD

FMJINOVDA NL H JXWWEA

NL DHDV FVINDHCMOV

HDCMIEVJ: PHDMV IXDMN.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT COULD SOMEONE CALL SPECIAL DIPLOMAS IF THEY WERE MODERATELY TALL? DEGREES FAIR IN HEIGHT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals F

**Bridge** • Steve Becker

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠K  
 ♥9 6 4  
 ♦1 9 7 3 2  
 ♣K Q 10 6

**WEST**  
 ♠A 3 2  
 ♥K 5  
 ♦8 6  
 ♣A 9 8 5 3 2

**EAST**  
 ♠10 8 7 6 5  
 ♥8  
 ♦K Q 10 5  
 ♣J 7 4

**SOUTH**  
 ♠Q J 9 4  
 ♥A Q J 10 7 3 2  
 ♦A 4  
 ♣—

The bidding:  
 West North East South  
 2♠ Pass 1♦ Pass  
 Pass Pass 3♥ Pass  
 Dble Redble Pass Pass  
 Opening lead — eight of diamonds.

**Famous Hand**

One of the rarest birds in all of bridge is the redoubled contract. While doubled contracts are quite common, one can go months or even years without playing or defending against a contract that has been redoubled.

Today's deal provides a doubly rare specimen. It occurred in the playoffs to determine the U.S. representative to the 1989 world team championship.

The bidding shown took place in a semifinal match. After East opened with a semi-psyche one diamond, North-South, Lew Stansby and Chip Martel, reached four hearts as shown. South's second-round jump to three hearts promised about a nine-trick hand, and North had no trouble raising to game.

West, holding three "sure" tricks opposite a partner who had opened the bidding, doubled, and Martel, demonstrating complete faith in his partner's bidding, redoubled. Stansby lost the obvious three tricks – a spade, a heart and a diamond – to chalk up the unusual score of 1,080 points (including 100 for making a redoubled contract).

At the second table, the bidding went as follows:

West North East South  
 Pass Pass Pass 1♠  
 2♣ Pass 2♦  
 Dble Redble 4♥

Here, South's (Eric Rodwell) one-club opening was strong and artificial. When he leaped to four hearts at his second turn, West doubled, and North (Jeff Meckstroth) redoubled on essentially the same grounds as his counterpart at the other table. Declarer lost the same three tricks to finish with the identical score of plus 1,080, so the deal was a standoff!

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**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
 1 Wrigley product  
 4 Cleopatra's snake  
 7 Highway start  
 11 From the start  
 13 Zero  
 14 Loosen  
 15 Peru's capital  
 16 Genetic evidence  
 17 Gas in signs  
 18 Coral ring  
 20 Potter's oven  
 22 Youngster  
 24 Rid of frost  
 28 Custodian terminal  
 32 Battery ending  
 33 Prayer ending  
 34 Card player's call  
 36 Stefani Germanotta, a.k.a. Lady

**DOWN**  
 1 Big party  
 2 Troop group  
 3 Note slangily  
 4 Moreover  
 5 Go under  
 6 Tartan pattern  
 7 Feature near the door of a really old car  
 8 Indivisible or almond  
 9 Commotion  
 10 Get dressed in  
 12 Cane or Nugent  
 19 Torched  
 23 Pooch  
 25 Furnace fuel  
 26 Rim  
 27 Darling  
 28 Coffee, slangily  
 29 Surrounded by  
 30 Uncool sort  
 31 Cage component  
 35 Pecan  
 38 "— Town"  
 40 Atlas page  
 42 Suggest  
 45 Grow weary  
 47 By way of, for short  
 48 Rip  
 49 Show boredom  
 50 "Family Guy" daughter  
 51 Gorilla  
 52 Whopper  
 54 Crimson

Solution time: 27 mins.

B	A	S	I	C	I	S	M	F	D	A	
A	L	A	M	O	N	E	O	E	R	R	
H	E	M	A	N	S	A	M	U	R	A	
O	M	E	L	E	T	S	A	W	S		
J	O	Y	S	A	C	T	U	L	L	E	
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M	E	D	D	L	E	U	N	E	S	C	
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W	E	D	G	E	X	I	I	M	A	D	
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E	L	D	N	A	S	H	E	R	D	S	

Saturday's answer 11-7

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