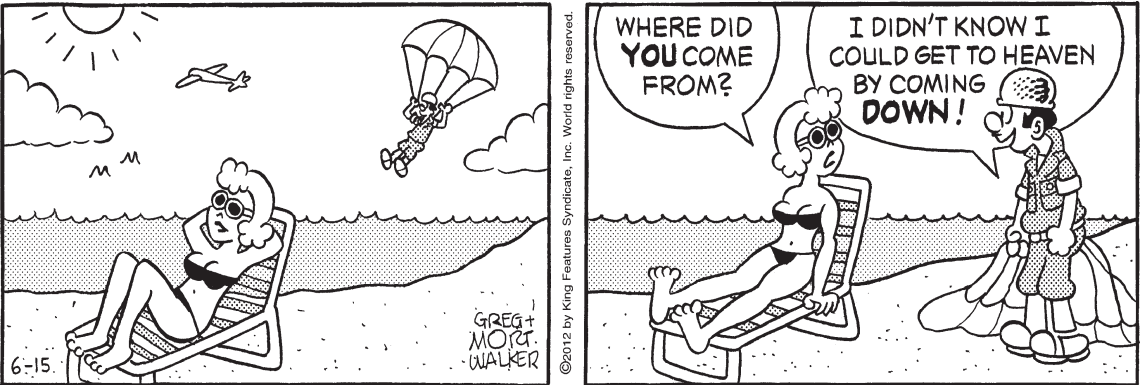


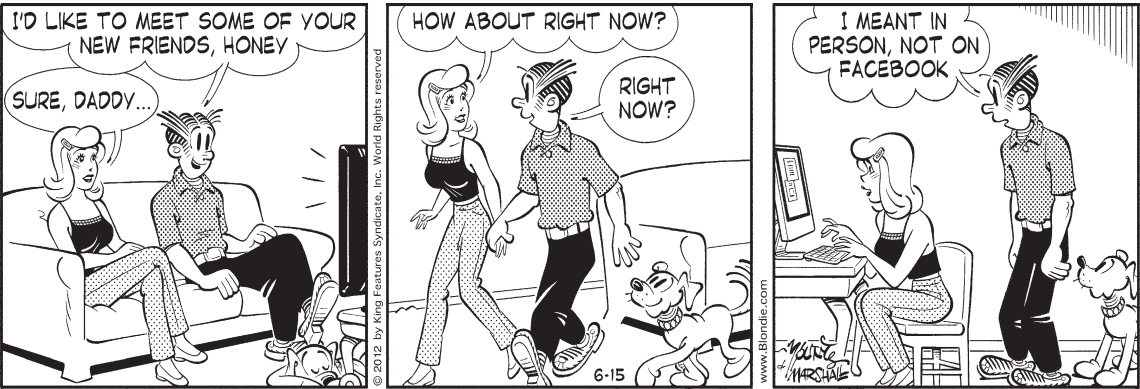
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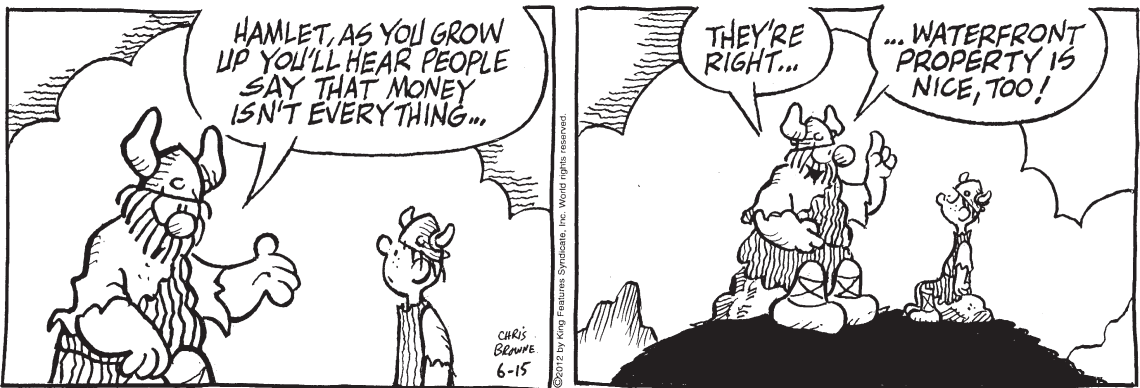
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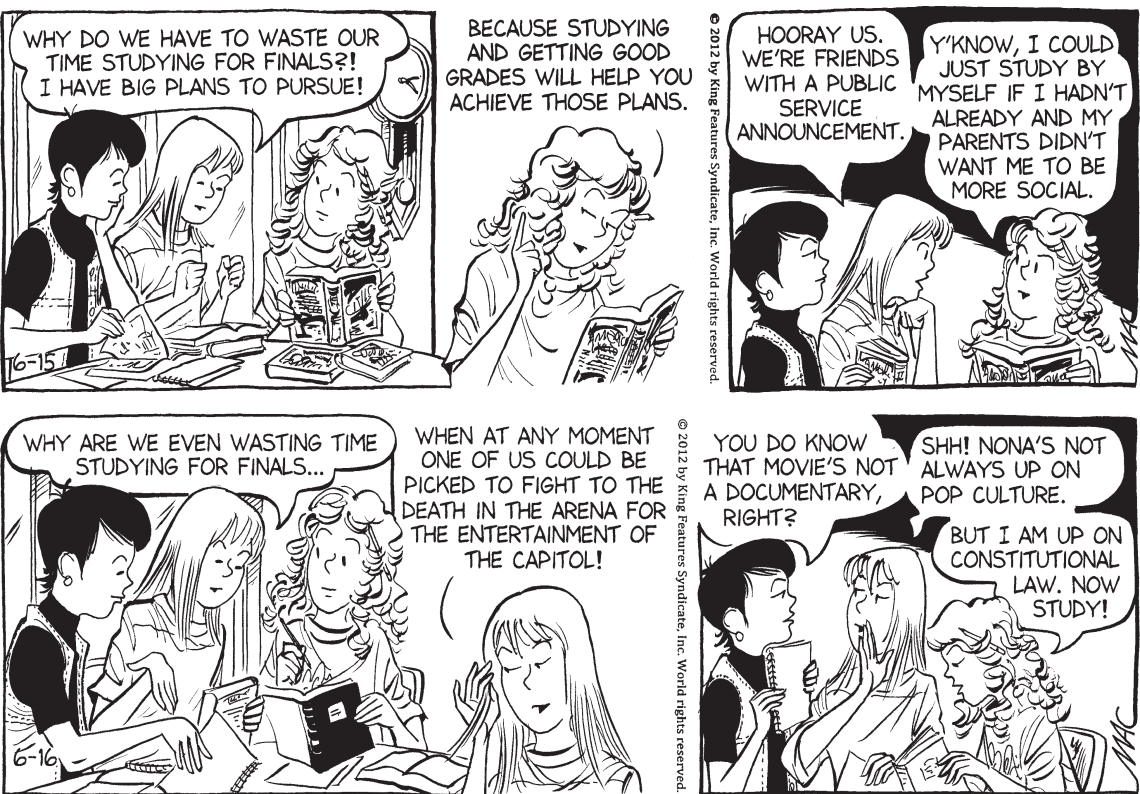
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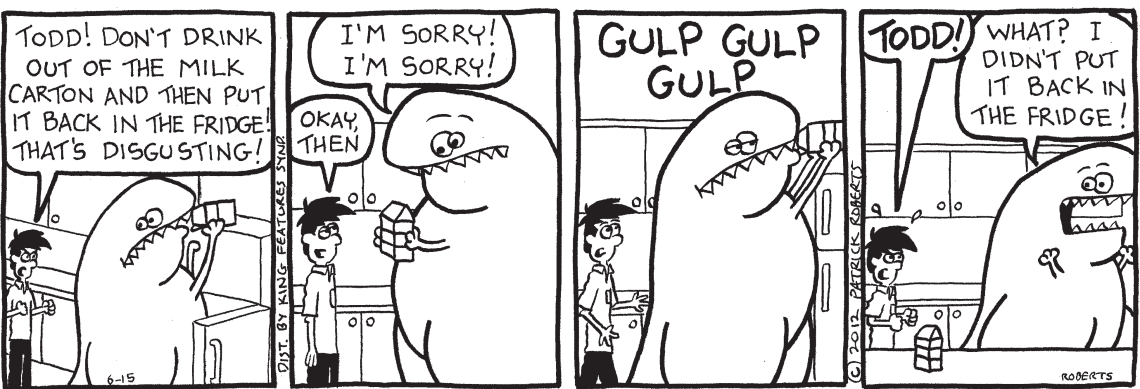
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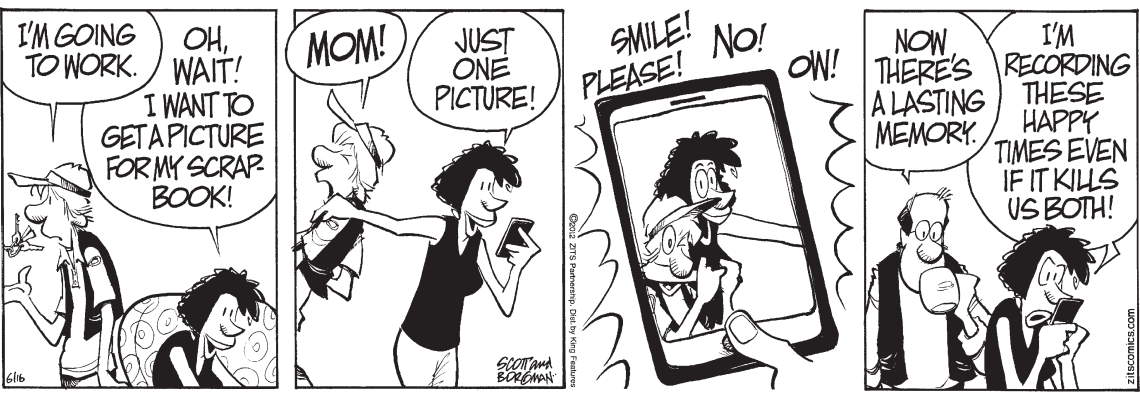
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Heat packs help make flight right

Dear Heloise: I recently went on vacation to Hawaii, an 18-hour plane/ airport trip for me. Because I have trouble with my back when sitting for long periods, I decided to try heat packs on the trip. I bought a package that lasts for eight hours and put it on my back for the last/longest leg of the trip, and I had no pain problem on the trip or when I arrived!

I took the same thing in my luggage for my return trip. Not only did my back not “freeze up” on me, but my body stayed warmer on the plane! – M.B. in Florida

As a “road warrior” myself, I think your hint is super. A Transportation Security Administration agent said that yes, these heat wraps are permitted in carry-on and checked luggage. They suggest waiting to apply the patch until after you go through security. If you are wearing the patch and go through the advanced imaging, it could show as an anomaly, which might lead to a pat-down. Happy flying! – Heloise

P.S.: Visit my website, www.Heloise.com, for links to my Facebook and Twitter pages – hints, fun facts and more! Come see photos and check out what’s happening.

FATHER’S DAY

Dear Heloise: The kids have a hard time coming up with gifts for their dad on Father’s Day. They get tired of always giving him ties and shirts. This year we came up with an alternative. Each child gave him an IOU for things like washing his truck and raking leaves. It is a great way to get the kids involved around the house, and Dad sure does appreciate the help! – Claire in Florida

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COMPUTER HINT

Dear Readers: Do you have a million files and documents on your computer and have a hard time finding things when you need them? Here is an organization hint for your computer: Create folders. When in the documents library, for example, you can create subfolders for things like “important documents,” “work documents,” “trip information,” etc. That way, you only have to go looking in one folder.

Here’s how to do it:

1. Go to Start (usually in lower left-hand corner) and click on “Computer.”
2. Double click on one of your libraries (documents, for example), usually located on the left-hand side of screen.
3. At the top of the screen, click on “New Folder.”
4. A new folder will appear, which you can title whatever you want.
5. Once created, click and drag files into that new folder.

Hope this handy hint helps! – Heloise
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Bridge • Steve Becker

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	?	

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠ AJ83 ♥ QJ9 ♦ J72 ♣ KQ6
2. ♠ J9852 ♥ 10 ♦ KJ4 ♣ AQ97
3. ♠ AQ754 ♥ KQ5 ♦ 83 ♣ 942
4. ♠ K976432 ♥ AQ8 ♦ Q7 ♣ 5

Bidding Quiz

1. Three notrump. This is clearly a game-going hand, since you have an opening bid facing an opening bid. The only question at this point is whether the best contract lies in spades or notrump. Having already told partner about your spades, you should now suggest game in notrump as a possible alternative.

Partner might have a relatively balanced hand and only three spades, in which case he will pass three notrump. With a hand better suited for trump play, he will retreat to four spades.

2. Four spades. Standing by itself, this hand would not rank as an opening bid, but it quickly assumes that status the moment the spade fit is discovered. In fact, this hand – with only 11 high-card points – probably offers a better chance for game than the preceding one with 14 high-card points. Distributional values and suit fits are often more important than high-card points.

3. Three spades. There’s no way of knowing at this point whether or not you have a game in spades. So you ask partner, by bidding three spades, whether he has a maximum or a minimum for his first two bids. If he has a minimum (13 points), he passes; if he has extra values (a good 14 to 15 points), he carries on to game.

Thus, partner would pass three spades with 1 ♠ K1092 ♥ 84 ♦ AK96 ♣ Q85,

but would raise to four spades with the same hand if the queen of clubs were the ace.

4. Three hearts. Even though you have only 11 high-card points and partner has only a minimum opening bid, you should give thought to the possibility of a slam. Very heavy weight must be accorded your seven-card suit and singleton club. Partner might have either of these two hands, or or facsimiles thereof: ♠ A1085 ♥ J4 ♦ AKJ83 ♣ 84, or ♠ Q1085 ♥ 102 ♦ AKJ5 ♣ A83, and could show his

maximum values by jumping to four spades with the first hand or by cuebidding four clubs with the second hand. In both cases, after using Blackwood to make sure that partner has at least two aces, you could confidently bid six spades.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



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“Get one that says Happy Daddy’s Day ‘cause we have a Daddy not a father!”

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★★

Cryptoquip

PBXYXRXM C SFTFZX KGTXNBCYZ

CY F KBMQWWE PFKNXDFYS,

CN’K FDPFEK UGRXMXS WE

TE BXFNB CYKQMFYUX.

Yesterday’s Cryptoquip: I BECOME VERY ANXIOUS IF I’M STUCK TAKING A TAXI. I GUESS YOU MIGHT SAY I HAVE CAB-IN FEVER.

Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: C equals I

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 1 Throws 6 Golfer Ernie 9 Recipe meas. 12 Actress Sevigny 13 Diving bird 14 Greek H 15 Memorial rockpile 16 Straw hat 18 Wee 20 Chooses 21 Drone 23 Noshed 24 Got up 25 Raw minerals 27 Refrain syllables 29 Madden 31 Diminish 35 Miami stop on the PGA tour 37 “Get lost!” 38 Decorative novelty

41 Prune 43 B&B 44 Change for a five 45 Stuff tossed overboard 47 Michael Phelps, e.g. 49 Wit 52 Coffee break hour 53 Favorite 54 “Rolling in the Deep” singer 55 Billboards 56 Storefront sign abbr.

17 Swamp 19 Say 21 Weeding need 22 Grecian vessel 24 Hearty brew 26 Cruelty 28 Appor-tion 30 Stickum 32 Shine softly 33 A billion years 34 Rouen refusal 36 Warn-ings 38 — Rica 39 Single 40 Jockey’s handful 42 “Poppy-cock!” 45 Scoff 46 German car 48 Speed-ometer stat 50 Bullring bravo 51 Crimson

DOWN 1 Junk bond rating 2 “Eureka!” 3 Thinner 4 Ms. Spelling 5 Cathartic drug 6 Time for an egg roll? 7 Darth’s kid 8 Tackle moguls 9 Beat 10 Undoes deles 11 Analyze grammar

Solution time: 25 mins.

Yesterdays answer 6-15

