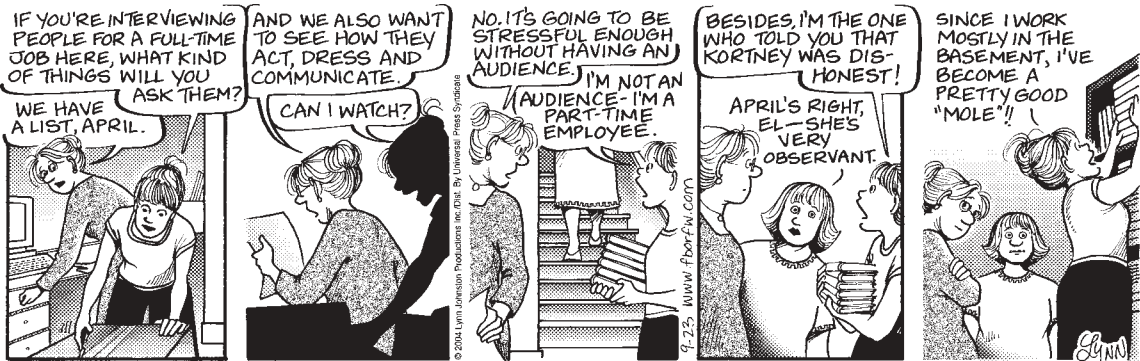
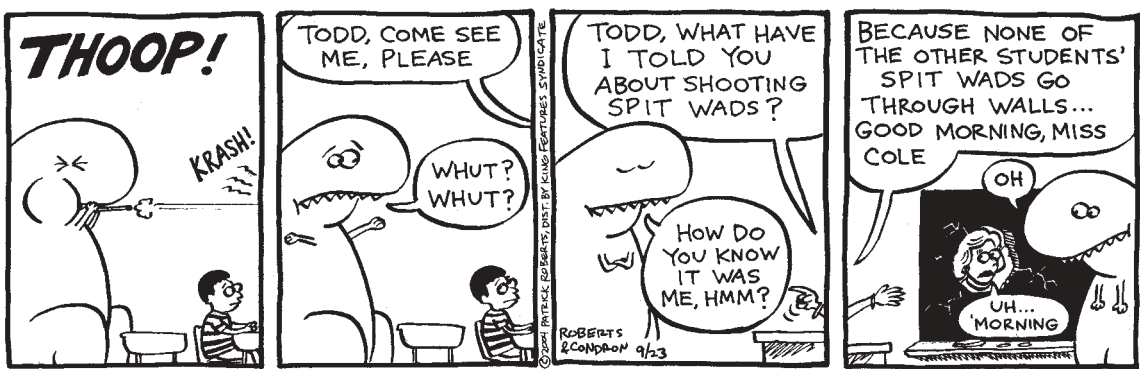


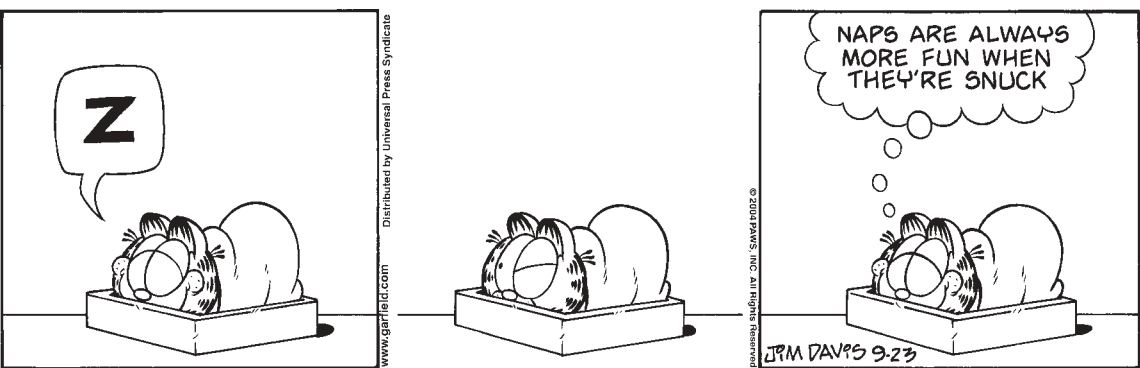
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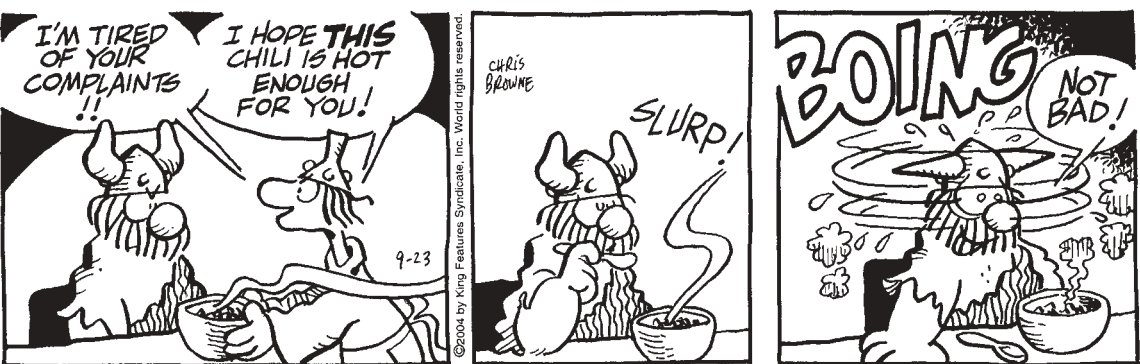
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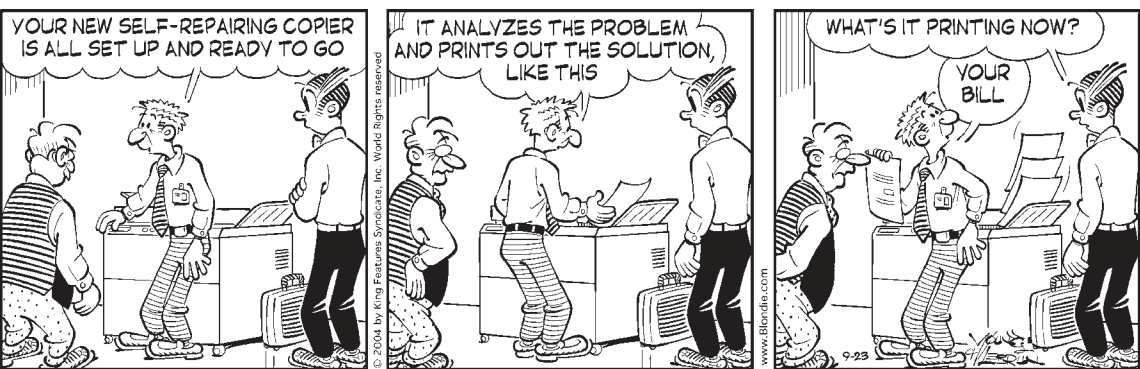
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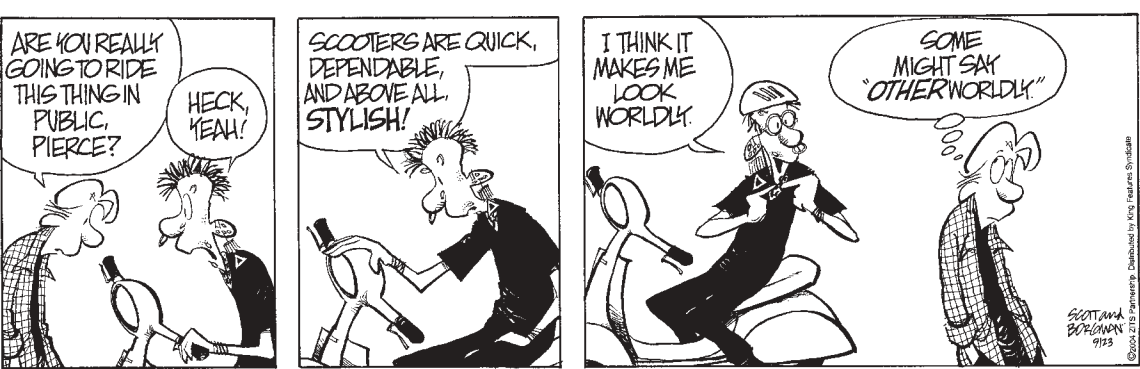
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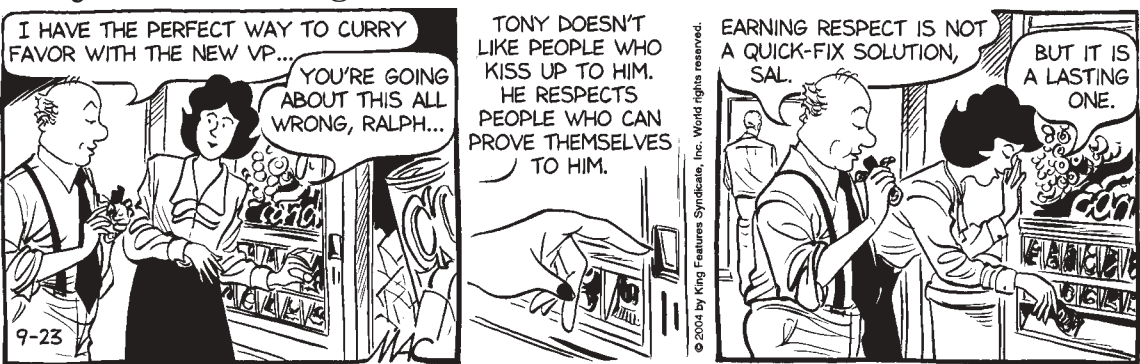
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Cryptoquip

WS KNC RYYO ELYHVWXD  
BTHB KNC'LY BHRWXD  
H QVHJJ ELWXR, WQ BTHB  
H SLYCEWHX QWO?  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I BET THAT A NEW DRAMA CONCERNING SIDE DISHES MIGHT BE CALLED "SLAW AND ORDER."  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals S

Solution found regarding pool rules

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Desperate in Kansas," about uninvited guests showing up to use their new swimming pool, I had to write.

Here's how my wife and I solved the problem when neighborhood children started showing up at all hours.

First, we decided that rules would have to be set — and enforced.

We began by having a sturdy fence and locked wrought-iron gates installed around the pool area. Then we increased the homeowner's liability limits on our insurance.

We asked our attorney to draw up a "liability waiver" to be signed by the parents of the children in our neighborhood and returned to us personally by the parent or guardian. If there was no signed waiver, the child was not permitted to swim.

We allocated two evenings a week, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., when the neighbors' children were welcome to use our pool.

These were evenings when my wife and I would be home to sit on the patio and watch and referee the children.

No swimming would be permitted at any other time unless by special invitation.

"Desperate" should try our method. Her neighbors will respect her for it.

— EXPERIENCED IN YUMA, ARIZ.

DEAREXPERIENCED: Consider yourself fortunate that your neighbors abided by your rules. Since I printed that letter, I have heard some horror stories. Read on for a sample:

DEAR ABBY: You suggested that "Desperate in Kansas" put a stop to the drop-ins by becoming assertive, installing a flagpole or signs to indicate when the pool was open, increasing the amount of homeowner insurance, and suggesting the pool be fenced. I don't think you went far enough.

When I was in college, part of a constitutional law course I took covered the subject of torts and liability.

One particular case we studied stands out in my memory. It involved a family whose swimming pool was surrounded by a 6-foot-high locked fence.

While the family was away on vacation, several youths scaled the fence and went swimming.

Unfortunately, one drowned, and the owners of the pool were convicted of negligent homicide!

The ruling stated that the owners of the pool should have contacted each neighbor and informed them of their plans because a pool is considered an "attractive nuisance." I would urge "Desperate" to contact an attorney who can advise her about local law and liability.

Bridge

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♦ K J  
♥ K 5 4  
♦ Q J 5 4 2  
♣ Q 6 4

**WEST**  
♦ 6 5  
♥ J 10 9 7  
♦ A 7 6  
♣ J 10 8 3

**EAST**  
♦ A Q 10 9 2  
♥ 6 3 2  
♦ 8 3  
♣ 9 7 2

**SOUTH**  
♦ 8 7 4 3  
♥ A Q 8  
♦ K 10 9  
♣ A K 5

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead — jack of hearts.

Positive and Negative Signals

Signals are either positive or negative. Thus, if your partner on defense leads the king of a suit and you have the A-7-2, you can ask him to continue the suit by signaling positively with the seven, or to discontinue the suit by signaling negatively with the deuce.

Similarly, if you are void of a suit that is being led, you can signal positively or negatively by the size of your discard in some other suit. Such signals are essential for the proper conduct of the defense.

In general, a positive signal, telling partner which suit to lead, is more illuminating than a negative signal, which merely tells him which suit not to lead. At the same time, however, a combination of negative signals can add up to a positive signal, as illustrated in this deal.

West leads the jack of hearts, dummy winning with the king as East follows with the deuce. Declarer then plays a low diamond to the king, followed by the ten and another diamond, West winning with the ace on the third round.

East has an opportunity to discard on the third diamond, and his choice of plays is critical to the defense. If he signals with the nine or ten of spades, it costs him the contract even though West shifts to that suit. South's eight becomes a stopper on the fourth round, and he makes three notrump.

But if East discards the club deuce on the third diamond, West should shift to a spade. When he does, South goes down two.

The spade shift by West is not difficult once East has expressed disinterest in hearts and clubs by playing the deuce of both suits, inferentially suggesting a spade lead. All West has to do is to obey his partner's suggested line of defense.

Tomorrow: Test your play.



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

At the very least, she should place a "No Trespassing" sign on the lawn, install a locked fence, and send a card to the neighbors explaining the rules.

The cost of these measures is minuscule compared to a potential liability suit.

— CHRIS IN PELHAM, ALA.

DEAR CHRIS: Thank you for the warning.

One of my readers sat on a jury for a wrongful death suit with similar circumstances and urged me to inform "Desperate" as well as other pool owners that uninvited children using a swimming pool without permission or parental supervision should be reported to the police for trespassing.

Better to have it on record than to risk being held liable for an accident.

DEAR ABBY: I was recently at a youth sporting event.

Later that evening, one of the coaches and several of the parents were sitting around the hotel pool talking. Some joking sexual comments were made.

The coach told one of the other fathers that he had a picture of himself as a youth. He pulled it out of his wallet, and it was passed around the group.

It was a picture of a 7- to 10-year-old boy, completely naked, that had been "altered" to exaggerate the size of the boy's you-know-what.

Not a single parent voiced any objection to this picture.

The coach later handed the picture to me (after one of the other parents

laughingly told him he should show it to me).

When I expressed disgust ("I really don't appreciate you showing this picture ..."), the coach made me out to be the bad guy.

Do you think this picture is appropriate for a coach of adolescent boys to carry in his wallet and show to others?

It struck me as child porn.

— AMAZED AND DIS-

GUSTED DAD IN MICHIGAN

DEAR AMAZED AND DIS-

GUSTED: The incident should be

reported to the league authorities.

For the coach to have shown the

picture was a juvenile display of

bad taste and poor judgment. For

that reason I am not sure he is re-

sponsible enough to be supervising

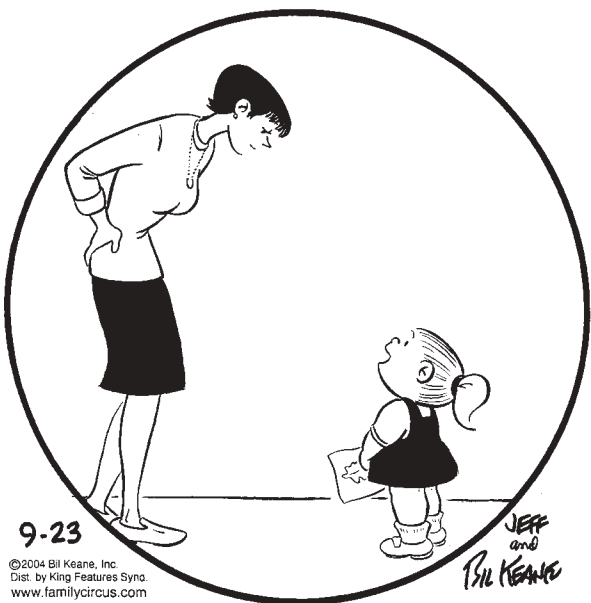
young boys.

QUOTE FOR THE DAY: "How many people on Earth serve people? And how many people on Earth serve the Earth? The difference in the numbers must be enormous. It would reveal that the Earth is definitely not the primary concern of the human species. This might be fatal both to the Earth and to humanity. Please, leaders of the Earth and the nations, wake up to this potentially fatal disparity."

— ROBERT MULLER

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Con game  
5 Dickens, for ex.  
9 Insult (Sl.)  
12 Sites  
13 Hang laxly  
14 Praiseful piece  
15 Simon duo  
17 Benicio — Toro  
18 Prevent a touch-down, maybe  
19 Go biking  
21 Wilbur's horse  
22 Clan emblem  
24 Host  
27 Lanka lead-in  
28 Lane co-worker  
31 Miss Piggy's word  
32 Have a bug  
33 Melody  
34 Jab  
36 Aviate  
37 One way to stand by  
38 Arts supporter?

**DOWN**

1 Fit into the schedule  
2 Last several notes  
4 "High Voltage" band  
4 Disney-land fave  
5 Professor Plum's game  
6 Infield bounce  
7 Every last crumb  
8 Pulled a Van Winkle  
9 Famed publishing house  
10 Notion  
11 Broker's advice  
16 On in years  
20 "A mouse!"  
22 Warble  
23 Unctuous  
24 Equipment for 3-Down  
25 Aussie leaper  
26 Movie producer once wed to Liz Taylor  
27 Secure  
29 Zilch  
30 Have a go at  
35 Chow down  
37 Mississippi River source  
39 Vision  
40 Pub brew  
41 Stroller  
42 John's Rice collaboration  
43 Unimprovable place  
44 "When the Frost — the Punkin"  
45 Pixar clownfish  
46 "Sports-Center" venue  
49 Reaction to fire-works  
50 "CSI" evidence

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

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W	A	G	S	K	E	Y	S	C	A	B

Yesterday's answer 9-23

