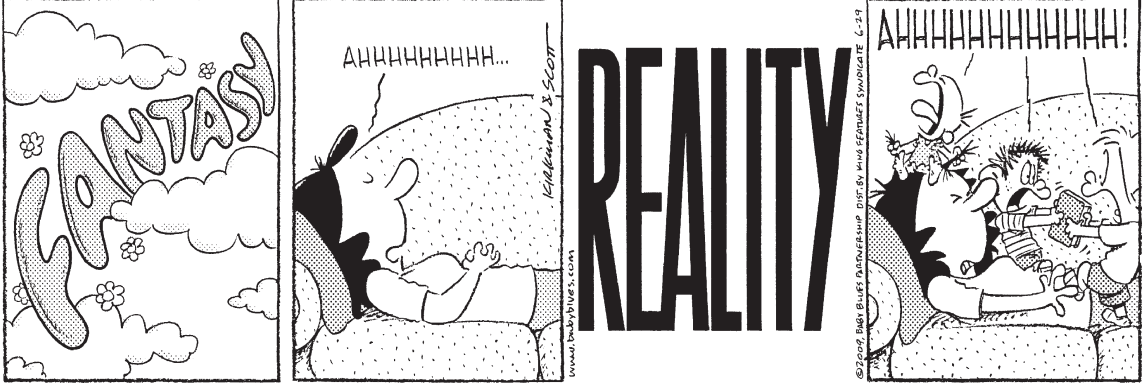


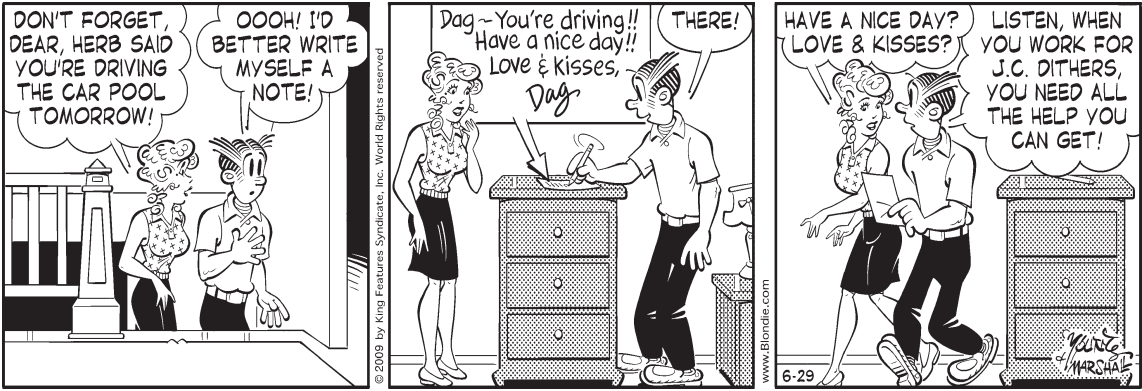
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Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



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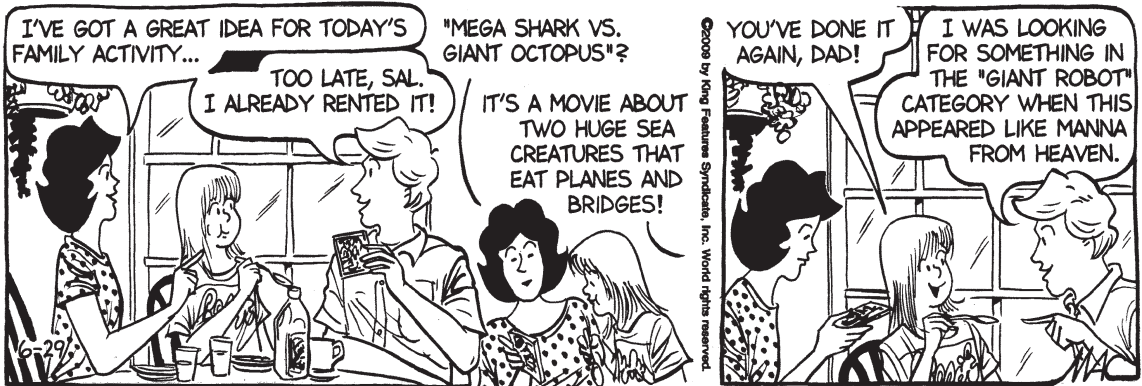
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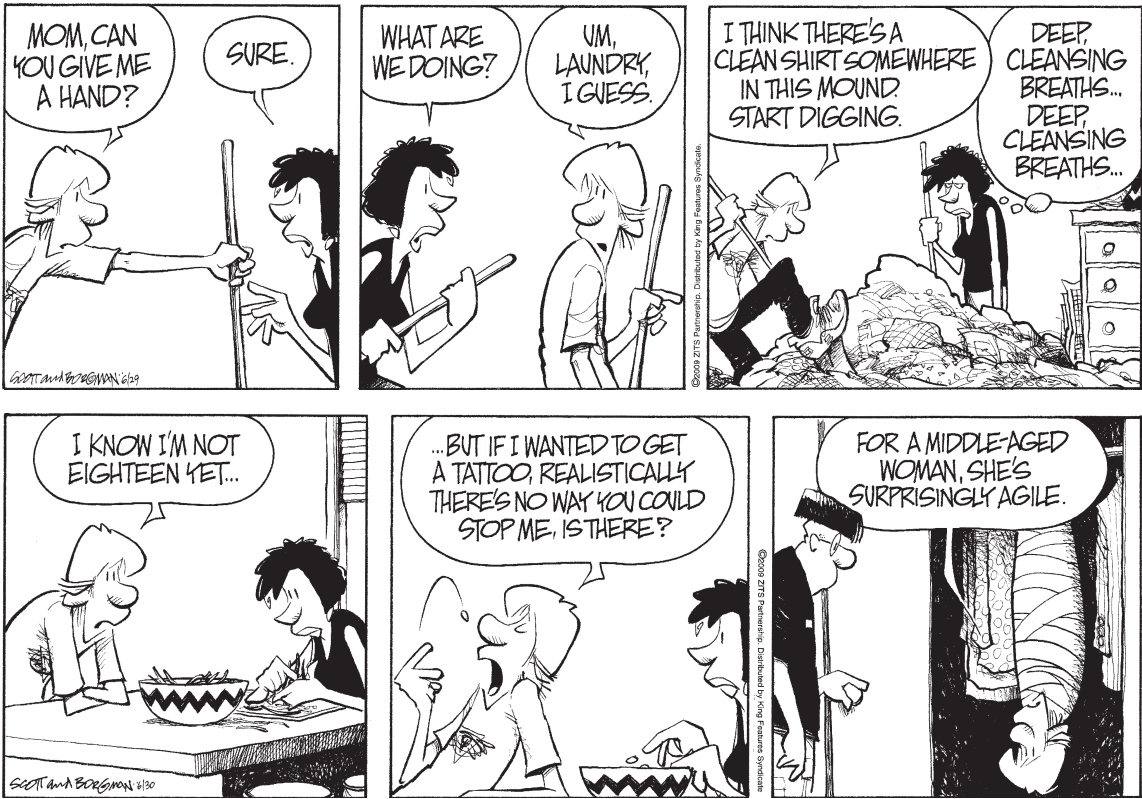
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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott





Dr. Joyce Brothers

• Ask Dr. Brothers

Students neglect tipping waitress

Dear Dr. Brothers: I am working my way through college by waitressing. I've had a few different jobs in restaurants in this college town, and I am now at one that is fun and has a great staff, but I'm encountering large groups of students who order tons of stuff and then leave a paltry couple of dollars for a tip. I know everyone is trying to live cheaply in college, but I am getting so mad. Each time this happens, I want to scream or slap somebody. Any advice? – L.T.

Dear L.T.: I think you have two issues: One is your need to make more money at your job, and the other is your sincere desire not to let your emotions run away with you. First things first. There is really little you can do, other than give excellent service, to make college kids cough up more of their precious coin. Even then, you may be going the extra mile for nothing!

Perhaps you could find a job at an establishment that caters to adults who are more likely to follow the 20 percent guideline. It might not be as "fun" a place, but you have to decide what is most important. If you don't change jobs, you'll probably continue to be stifled, and you will need to find an outlet for your anger. Turn it into a smart motivation to change things. See if you can get the management to add a service fee to large orders – in other words, make it your employer's problem instead of yours. This way, you can help out all the servers, and the restaurant will solve a problem – staff quitting for a more lucrative job!

Dear Dr. Brothers: Maybe you can help me decide how and when to ask for a raise when the economy is tanking. It's my first job, and I took it knowing I wouldn't be able to live on the paltry salary for long. I can barely pay my rent and buy groceries. Now that six months have gone by, I want to ask for a raise, but I don't want to make my boss mad. I know the economy stinks, but why should I be punished? What are some raise-getting tips? – B.E.

Dear B.E.: You've done well to land a job, and it must be very stressful to wonder if you are going to be able to keep it, much less make it pay. Ordinarily, you could count on getting more responsibility, then some power and a raise. But in this economy, you already have shown that you are brave by trying to live on so little salary without going into debt. So, know that you have what it takes, but be prepared when you go to sit down with your boss. Timing and preparation are key.

First, you'd better take your needs out of it – the firm doesn't care if you have to go live in your mother's basement. What counts is what they perceive as your value to the company. Spend some time listing your accomplishments, checking out the salaries of similar jobs in your industry so you know what is realistic, and making yourself a valuable member of the team. Then make sure you approach your supervisor when he or she is doing well, so that he or she is in a position to spread the wealth, if there is any to spread. If your boss has to go to a higher-up for approval to increase your salary, give him or her plenty of ammunition to work with. If you're turned down, find out when you can ask again, and use the time to build up your confidence. Go for it!

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Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♦ Q 10 2
♥ 8 5 4
♠ A 6
♣ J 10 5 3

WEST

♦ 8 6 5 4
♥ K
♠ K 10 9 8 4 2
♣ 9 4

EAST

♦ A
♥ A J 9 7 3 2
♠ J 5 3
♣ 8 6 2

SOUTH

♦ K J 9 7 3
♥ Q 10 6
♠ 7
♣ A K 7

The bidding:
East 1♥ Pass
South 2NT Pass
West 3♣ Pass
North 3NT
Opening lead — king of hearts.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred more than 60 years ago at a New York tournament. The form of scoring was total points, in which the primary goal is to make or defeat the contract, just as in rubber bridge.

West led the heart king against three notrump, and East, Morrie Elis, was immediately faced with a crucial decision. South's two-notrump bid promised a heart stopper, which could only be Q-10-x, so West's king had to be a singleton. Since Elis had only one side entry, there would be no way to establish and then run the heart suit.

So Elis decided to look elsewhere for a way to defeat the contract, and concluded that the best chance was to play West for the K-10 and length in diamonds. He therefore overtook the king of hearts with the ace, even though this established a second heart trick for the declarer, and shifted to the three of diamonds.

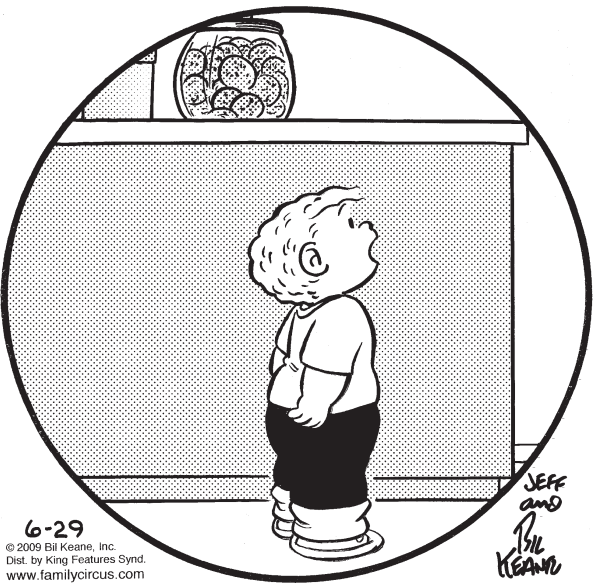
South put up the queen, and when West produced the king, it was allowed to hold the trick. West then continued with the diamond ten to dummy's ace, on which Elis carefully unblocked the jack.

After this stellar defense, declarer was helpless. He had only eight tricks -- five clubs, a diamond and two hearts with the aid of a finesse. If he tried to establish a ninth trick in spades, the defense would grab the ace and run the diamonds for down three. So he did the best he could by cashing his winners to finish down one.

Elis' apparent generosity at trick one was well-judged. He placed his partner with a holding that would allow defeat of the contract, and proceeded accordingly. The outcome was well worth the extra heart trick he gave away in the process.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Cryptoquip

GTIZYNT HWY RZUZATK BZLVUA

MVLT IBVPKJTU VU WUT

GVJDB, HWY XYZPVMH ZN

DBT XYVUD-TNNTUDVZP RWR.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HAVE YOU HEARD THE LEGENDARY STORY ABOUT THE TWO BEER BREWERS IN LOVE? IT HAD A HOPPY ENDING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals M

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Recedes
5 Mandible
8 "Airplane"
12 Goose
13 Yoko of
14 Cornfield
15 Authentic
16 Football
18 Aft
20 Got
21 Stereo
23 Wilde-beest
24 Interim
28 Therefore
31 Donkey
32 Navy elite
34 Sawbuck
35 Grand
37 HBO rival
39 Also
41 Blue
42 Teeming
45 Diamond
49 Work-

DOWN

1 Poet
2 Honey
3 Neighbor's
4 Grave
5 Hospital
6 Literary
7 Three
8 Gasoline
9 Brahma,
10 Heavy
11 Didn't
17 Visibility
19 Deteriorates
22 Nebraska
24 West
25 Kreskin's
26 So to
27 Silver-tongued
29 Jewel
30 Individual
33 Has
36 Whee-
38 Record-
40 Table
42 Frizzy
43 Be
44 Soybean
46 Notion
47 Paper
48 Catch
50 Atlas

Solution time: 27 mins.

OWN	EAST	INTO
PEA	GLEE	MOOD
UP	STREAM	PROD
STARER	PIE	
	EST	UPLINK
BARN	SRO	DON
EKED	CPA	SLOE
TIE	JOY	SCENE
ANDHOW	APR	
	ASH	BRASSY
JAZZ	AWAY	GAME
OBOE	NOSE	TUG
TOOL	DOER	EGG

Saturday's answer 6-29

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13			14			
15				16			17			
18				19		20				
21				22		23				
24	25	26			27		28		29	30
31			32			33		34		
35		36		37			38			
39			40		41					
42	43		44		45		46	47	48	
49				50		51				
52			53			54				
55			56			57				