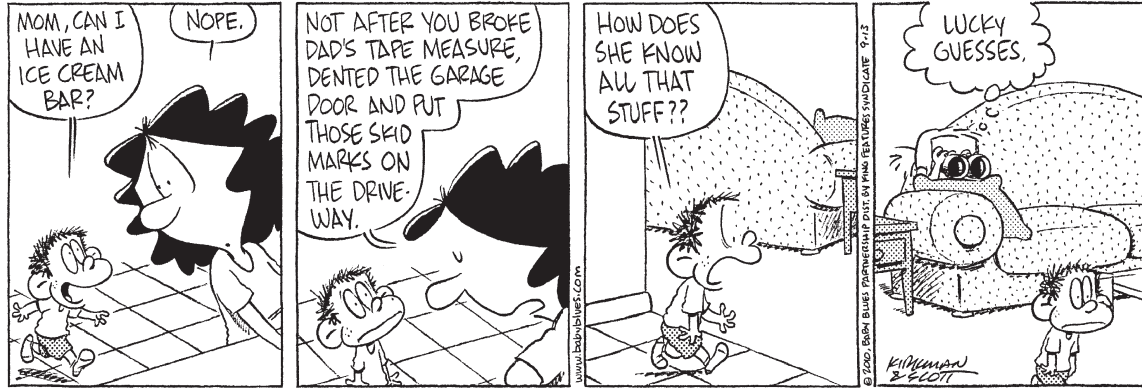


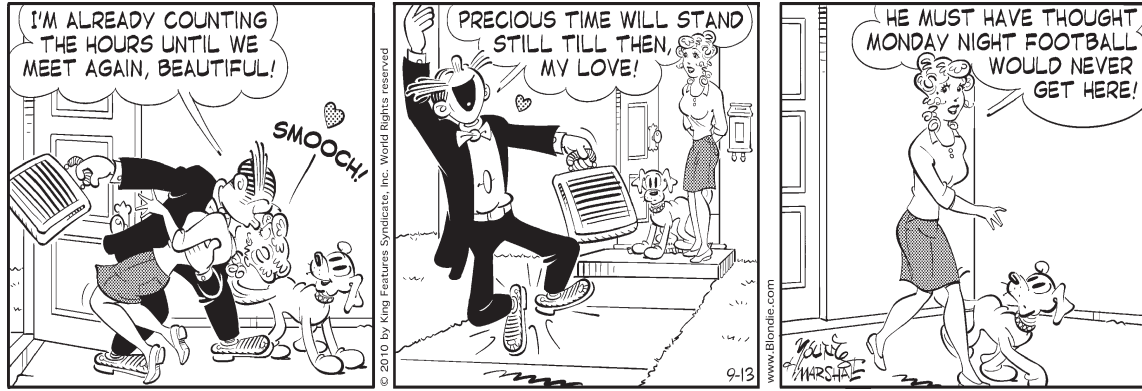
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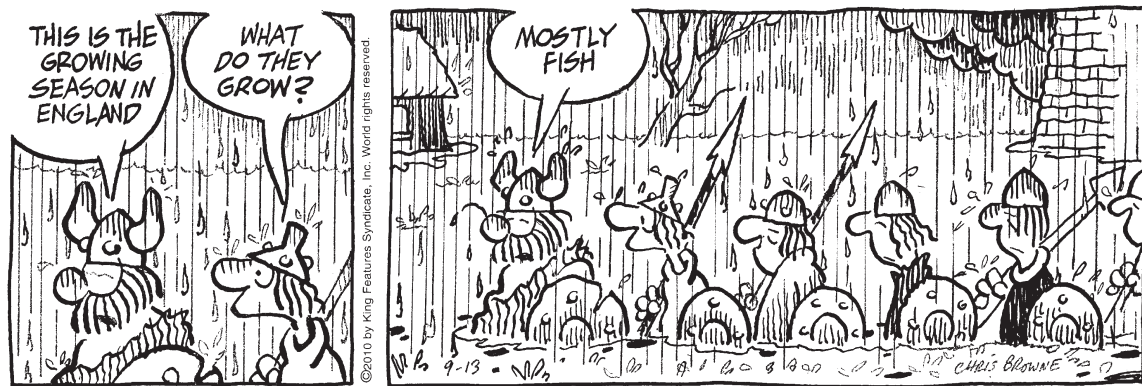
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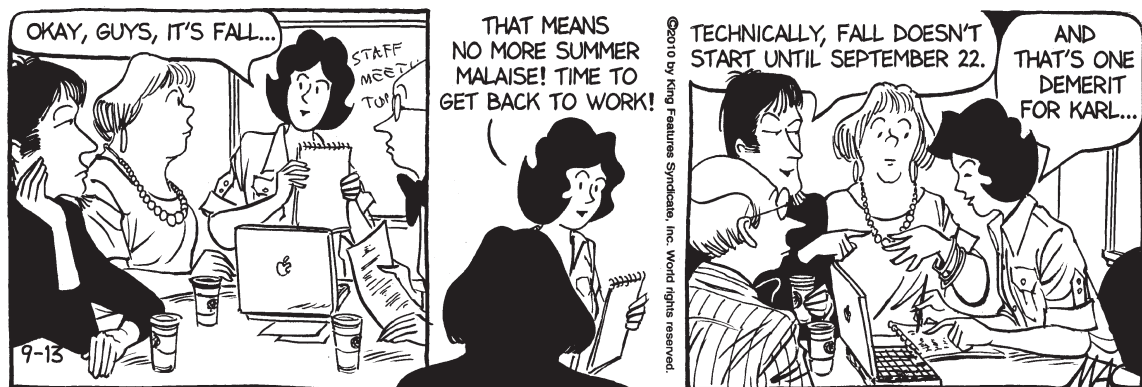
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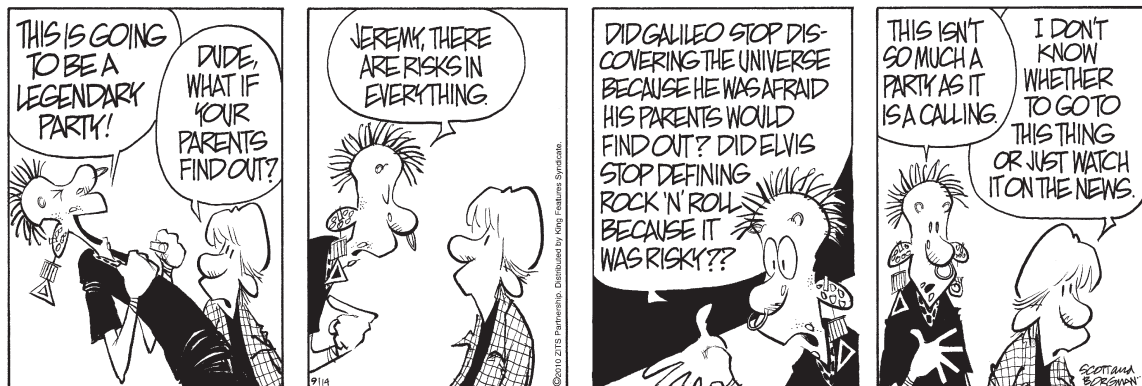
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Dr. Joyce Brothers

• Ask Dr. Brothers

Friend steals office supplies

Dear Dr. Brothers: I have a good buddy at work. We joke around and go to lunch, and have collaborated on projects. He's a neat dude with a lot of talent and is going to move up the corporate ladder, so I am basking in his reflected glory. Anyway, he has one bad habit: He takes stuff home from the stockroom. It's just office supplies and stuff, and he gives it to his kids, but I wonder if I should tell him that's not cool. — S.K.

Dear S.K.: Wow, you should tell him that's not cool before someone in authority finds out and tosses him out, or calls law enforcement. In today's economy, businesses find it hard to protect the bottom line, and your buddy is not acknowledging that petty theft makes a difference. If he is not careful, his job could be eliminated to make up for costs in office supplies! Even if he doesn't see it as a dollars-and-cents issue, he should think about what it says about him. I'm sure you don't think his actions fit with the image of a rising superstar, and you should tell him so.

The other thing you might try — if your opinion doesn't count as much as you would like — is to ask him to consider what this behavior says to his children. They must know their dad is bringing home stuff from his office for them to use. They will think this must be OK since they look up to Dad, and that will become part of their own ethical background. Later, they will realize what he was doing was wrong. That should help stop the pilferage, if nothing else will.

Dear Dr. Brothers: My friend qualifies as a real racist! I was shocked to hear she has never been exposed to other races. We are in college, and she comes from up North, where I thought people were more sophisticated. She has all these stereotypical comments about blacks — how they are lazy and stupid. Should I dump her? — L.D.

Dear L.D.: It sounds like a case of someone who has not had much exposure to other races and has heard the stereotypes and believes them. If your friend has no experience to contradict what others have told her, it becomes more understandable that she would show up at college with unreasonable attitudes. This does not excuse them, though, and I doubt she will get through her education without someone setting her straight. The best way would be to gain exposure to the people she is maligning, so she can see what they are like as individuals. This will influence her opinion of them as part of a group.

What you can do is make some introductions, and let her see people from other ethnic groups as friends. Her bad attitude stems from ignorance, and the best way to counter that is to give her relationships with people who are different from her so she can see how her thinking has been influenced by others. Don't dump her unless she is unwilling to expand her social circle or change her views. If you want her as a friend, help her move forward.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠	Q 6	♠	A 2
♥	5	♥	9 8 6 4 2
♦	A J 10 6	♦	8 4
♣	10 8 7 6 4 2	♣	J 5 3

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	4 ♠	4 NT	5 ♣
Dble			

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred at the 1984 World Team Olympiad in the semi-final match between France and Denmark. The French won the 64-board battle by the relatively narrow margin of 15 International Match Points, and most of that came from this hand.

When Michel Perron and Paul Chemla of France were North-South, the bidding went as shown. West's four-notrump bid was explained by East as showing both minor suits, and after North raised four spades to five, the Danish East doubled.

Chemla ruffed the club opening and led the queen of hearts to West's ace. West returned a trump to his partner's ace, and East continued with a trump to prevent South from ruffing a heart loser in dummy. However, even these efforts proved to be fruitless.

Declarer won the spade return in his hand, ran all his trumps, cashed the king of hearts and king of diamonds, then led a diamond and finessed the jack. As a result, he made the contract for a score of 850 points.

At the other table, with a Danish pair North-South, the bidding went:

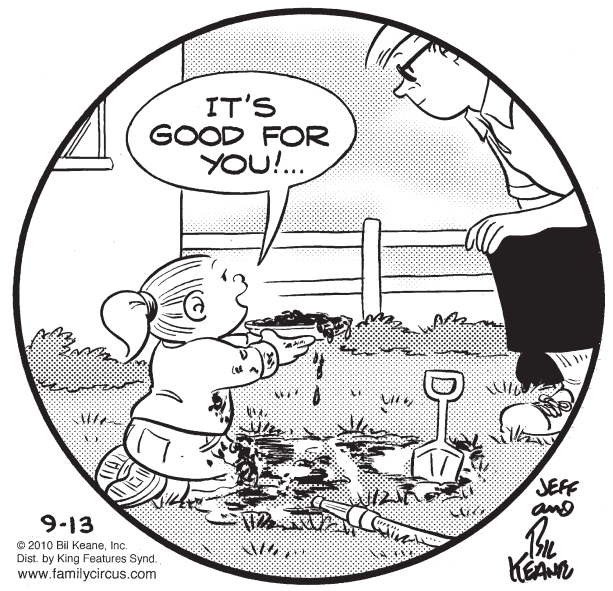
East	South	West	North
Pass	4 ♠	4 NT	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass !!

North's meek pass of five clubs, holding six trumps and an ace, was probably generated by the fear that a double might chase the enemy into five hearts, where they seemed likely to do well. In fact, with best defense, five hearts goes down only two, so North was at least partly correct. But since West had already indicated a minor-suit hand, it is doubtful that either opponent would have run to hearts.

As it was, five clubs undoubled went down five — 250 points — leaving Denmark 600 points short of the French score at the other table. This gave France a gain of 11 IMPs on the deal, nearly all of the margin it eventually won by.

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"...It has no sugars and is all natural ingredients."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

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

Cryptoquip

OUBB-STNOT NBG MFGUN
HQLU CUQRWAFTH Q HWJ
KAUKQAFTH LQTJ PWFRIQPUP
CNA RAQMUB: KQIS-LQT.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHICH SHARP KITCHEN TOOLS COULD GET USED TO CUT THINGS INTO TWO HALVES? PAIRING KNIVES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals L

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS		DOWN	
1 Lived	43 Com-muters' choice	1 Power measure	25 Advance
4 Sprite	44 Dazzle	2 Rue the run	26 Ca-booze's position
7 Rum cake	46 Praise	3 Put an end to	28 Addition sign
11 Performances	50 Lotion additive	4 Chow down	29 Parks of civil rights fame
13 Melody	53 Yule fuel	5 Stead ahead	30 Help in mischief
14 PC pronoun	55 Greek vowel	6 Swiss money	31 Taste the wine
16 Earl Grey, e.g.	56 Satan's purchase	7 The altogether	3 Expert
17 Peruse	57 Witness	8 Expert	9 Constrictor type
18 Luke-warm	58 Ballerina's frill	10 Moreover	12 "Go right ahead"
20 One	59 Click through the channels	19 Payable source	21 Debtor's letters
22 Clunky boat	60 Shade figure, for short	23 Lingerie item	47 Decorate
24 Stick together			48 Bart Simpson's school bus driver
28 They usually end "amen"			49 Author Bellow
32 Milk dispenser?			50 Donkey
33 Timber wolf			51 "Skip to My —"
34 Intention			52 "— Town"
36 Culture medium			54 Jewel
37 Exhaust Team members			
41 Subordinate bureaucrat			

Solution time: 27 mins.

BOOTH	ARF	SAM
RAMIE	COO	AVE
ARENA	CARAMEL	
LETTER	SORE	
ALE	HOD	PHASE
PATH	NEVER	
ROSBARY	APACHE	
NASAL	MAIN	
BEAST	RUB	MME
ERGO	PIERCE	
ENAMELS	ALLAY	
FIT	FREE	NILOBE
SEE	TAN	DOTES

Saturday's answer 9-13

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11			12				14		
15			16				17		
18			19		20		21		
			22		23		24		25
28	29	30			31		32		
33			34		35		36		
37			38		39		40		
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			44		45		46		47
50	51	52			53		54		55
56					57				58
59					60				61