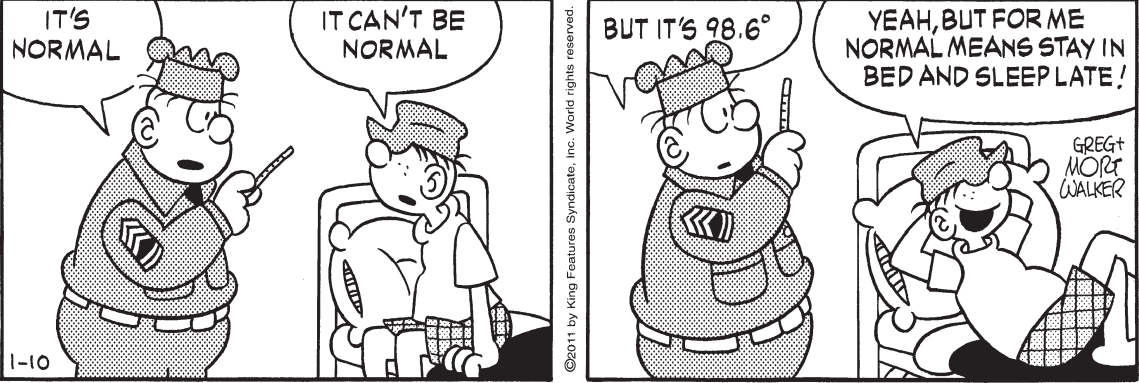


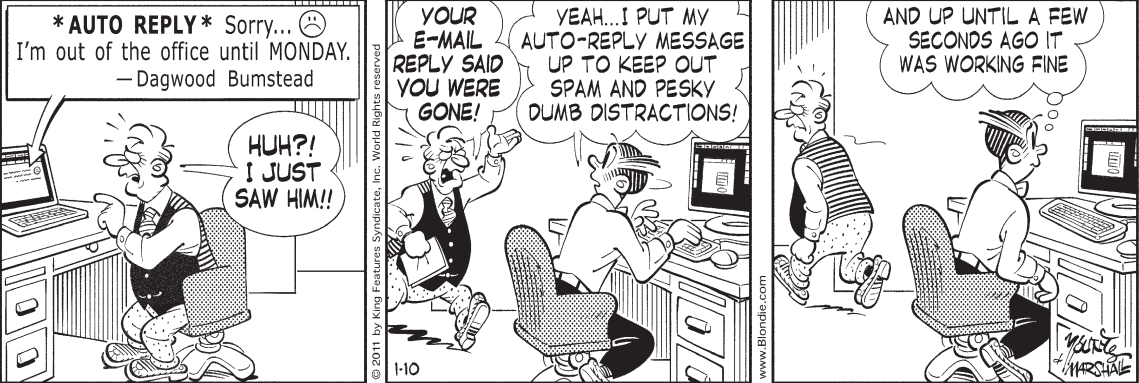
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Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



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Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



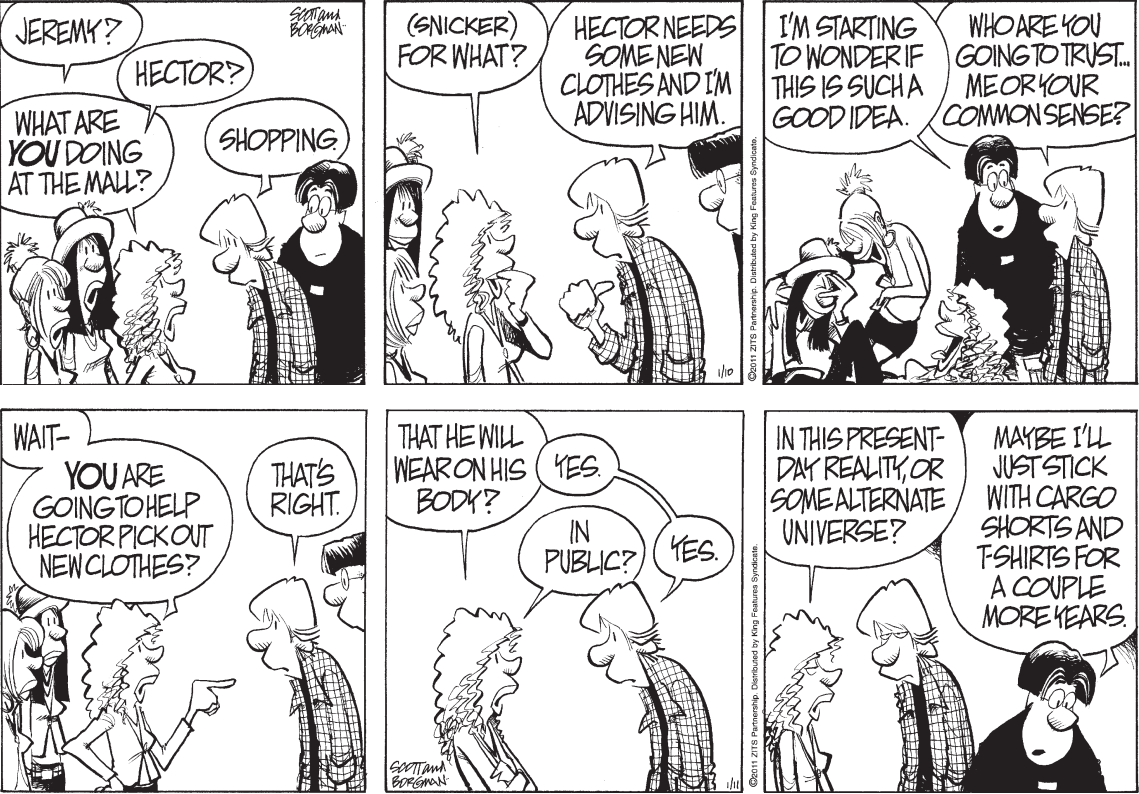
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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Dr. Joyce Brothers • Ask Dr. Brothers

Senior citizen hates discounts

Dear Dr. Brothers: I hate senior citizen discounts! Actually, I hate being old enough to use them and pinched enough to need them. What I would like to do is ignore them, because they make me feel old. Most of the time, I am not offered discounts, because people don't think I am over 65. But since my 67th birthday, people have been offering them more often. How do I come to terms with this? – R.H.

Dear R.H.: It is difficult being in that sort of twilight zone between middle age and "older." Look at the senior citizen discount itself. It can kick in anywhere from age 55 to 65, and be advertised with big signs. But it also can be accompanied by embarrassed clerks asking your age – they want you to get that discount if you deserve it, yet are afraid to assume you qualify you for reduced prices. What an awkward predicament!

Similarly, you're trapped between wanting the savings and pretending you are not anywhere near the eligible age! At some point, something's gotta give. You may be approaching that "tipping point" now, the one in which you make the age cutoff (even the high ones) and look as though you make the age cutoff (even the high ones). This can be a blow to the ego, but it's something for you to work on gracefully accepting. Just pocket the discount and don't look back. Time marches on, so you might as well buy some sensible shoes and join the parade.

Dear Dr. Brothers: I'm happy that my 7-year-old daughter got into a great private school when we moved. She was thrilled when a little girl invited her for a play date. The next day the child told my daughter that her mother made her play with her because she was new. Now she is upset, and thinks no one likes her. How can I help her build confidence and make friends on her own? I don't want to be a pushy mom when I have just moved here. – A.C.

Dear A.C.: I don't think you have to view looking out for your daughter as pushy, and any attempts you make to integrate yourselves into the new community and school probably will be viewed with enthusiasm by the locals. Neighborhoods and school systems are always looking for new people with fresh ideas to help with projects. So don't give that a thought. What you do need to do is spend some time analyzing the social scene at school. Make a point of getting into the class as a volunteer and understanding the dynamics and culture. Find out which children your daughter would especially like to make friends with, and invite the moms to coffee.

As your social circle grows, you will have more opportunities to have your child get together with the kids she finds fun and comfortable to be with. You can help her build friendships as you build yours – remember, these are the people you're going to go through school with, so you might as well get to know them from the start. The more plugged in you can be, the better for your daughter. At home, keep communication open to make sure she is making the transition smoothly. At her age, she is likely to tell you what is bothering her, and that's good. Let her know you'll work things out together.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

WEST

EAST

SOUTH

The bidding:

East South West North

Pass 1 ♦ Pass 2 ♦

Pass 3 ♠ Pass 6 ♦

Opening lead — ace of hearts.

Famous Hand

As played by the experts, bridge can at times be a very scientific game, but you'd never prove it with this deal played in the 1962 world team championship by Italy and the United States.

At the first table, Giorgio Belladonna, playing the Roman Club system, opened one diamond (artificial and forcing). Walter Avarelli responded two diamonds, whereupon Belladonna showed his true colors by jumping to three spades.

Without further ceremony, Avarelli jumped to six diamonds, which became the final contract. It was not a good slam, but whether it was the fault of the system or the players is not known.

West elected to lead the ace of hearts and thereby handed Belladonna the contract. He scored five spades, five diamonds, a heart and a club for 1,370 points. Without a heart lead, the slam would have gone down one.

At the other table, with an American pair now North-South, the bidding went:

East South West North

Pass 1 ♠ Pass 1 NT

Pass 3 NT

With North as declarer, this was certainly not the best contract either. Played by South, three notrump was cold with any lead, but played by North, the defense could have collected the first six tricks with a heart lead.

However, the Italian West had such an attractive lead against three notrump that he opened the queen of clubs – out of turn! The U.S. declarer decided to accept the lead, which was his privilege, and finished with 11 tricks for a score of 660 points. The Americans still lost 710 points on the deal, but it could have been much worse!

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★

1/10

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Cryptoquip

DRQSQAQK ZLTWT'P ABHQ

YKQPBFSU DTBUP EZK URQ

YQKEQHU WZWQSU UZ THU,

BP RQ LBFQS RBP UBWQ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WOULD YOU HAVE TO CALL EACH STUDENT ATTENDING AN OSLO UNIVERSITY A NORWEGIAN COLLEGIAN?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS
- 1 Eastern potentate
- 5 Knock
- 8 Wash
- 12 Bolly-wood costume
- 13 Id counterpart
- 14 Alkali neutralizer
- 15 Raindrop sound
- 16 Unsolved mystery, maybe
- 18 Martial arts instructor
- 20 Not so quietly
- 21 Aleutian island
- 23 Away from WSW
- 24 "Price Is Right" jackpot
- 28 Bullets, for short
- 31 Cushion
- 32 Coasters
- 34 Author Fleming
- 35 Came to land
- 37 Piece of luggage
- 39 Rowing tool
- 41 "Nerts!"
- 42 Pieces of work
- 45 Salary
- 49 Potential prece-
- 51 Swear
- 52 Capri or Wight
- 53 Scratch
- 54 Take out of context?
- 55 High-protein beans
- 56 Sullivan and McMahon
- 57 Picnic invaders
- 11 Linda of Broad-way
- 17 Female deer
- 19 Extras (Abbr.)
- 22 Exhaust
- 24 Resort
- 25 Actor Linden
- 26 With malice
- 27 Enlight-eners
- 29 More (Sp.)
- 30 Individual
- 33 Dazzle
- 36 Flavors
- 38 Locust
- 40 Fun and games
- 42 Elevator man
- 43 Mexican money
- 44 Un-changed
- 46 Micro-wave, e.g.
- 47 Lose feathers
- 48 Rams fans?
- 50 Despon-dent

Solution time: 27 mins.

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A	B	C		C	R	Y		S	E	N	S	E
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W	H	I	P		H	O	O	S	E	G	O	W
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O	N	L	Y		R	E	N	T		I	N	N

Saturday's answer 1-10

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