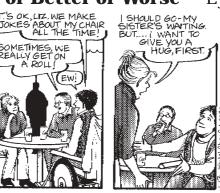




For Better or Worse • Lynn Johnston









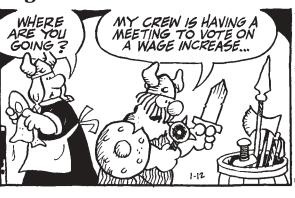
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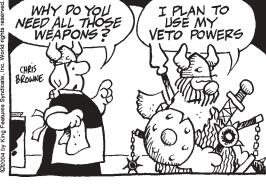






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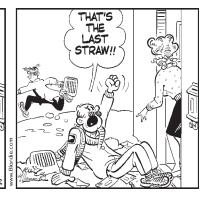




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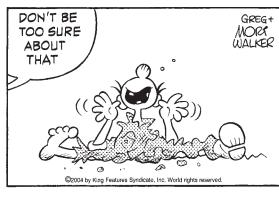






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Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A VERY TALL GUY GOES INTO A BARBERSHOP, WILL HE RECEIVE A CUT ABOVE THE REST?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals P

Small claims case is a big deal

DEAR ABBY: I received a small settlement because of an injury. My stepdaughter, who works as a teller at my bank, asked if she could borrow \$300. I agreed. She took \$400 instead and promised to pay me back out of her income tax refund.

Over the next several months, without my consent, she transferred \$2,000 from my account to hers. She always had an excuse and promised to repay me.

After a year and a half, I told her if she didn't arrange to pay me back, I would have to take her to court. She and her husband stopped talking to my husband and me, so I filed a claim.

To my amazement, I was invited to present my case on television in a courtroom show. Well, my husband refuses to go

with me. He agrees that I am right, but he will not publicly take my side against his own daughter.

Abby, I need his support. He's the only witness I have. I didn't want things to turn out this way, but they did. What do you think? — FOOL FOR FAMILY

DEAR FOOL FOR FAM-ILY: What happened to you was criminal, and frankly, it should have been reported to the police in the first place. Your husband's daughter is an embezzler, and she certainly shouldn't be working in a bank. Now it's time to get a lawyer involved.

Since your husband appears to be camera-shy, ask your lawyer if there's a judge who will hear the case without a

Abigail Van Buren

Dear Abby

go with you. You have my sym- the phrase was coined.

all these unfortunate women who have out-of-wedlock pregnancies and bad relationships? Most men don't have these problems and don't mention them if they do.

To these women: If you'd get and rude? to know your partners and a little about their past, stuff like this wouldn't happen.

have the right bait, they are easy to lure in. Once you've sampled back. I'm not saying I'm like this, but I have seen it. If the fish were

smart enough to see the hook, then they wouldn't get caught! So, Dear Abby, please tell me why some women think they are so smart? P.S. By the way, I'm in the

ninth grade.

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people of either sex become Calif. 90069.

camera present. If your hus- emotional about a love interband still refuses to support est, they often think with their vou, call your local district hearts and not their heads. attorney's office and ask if you Have you heard the old saying, can get a victim's advocate to "Love is blind"? It's the reason

DEAR ABBY: There's an up-DEARABBY: What is up with roar at our office concerning potlucks. Is it acceptable for people who don't contribute to the luncheons to help themselves when the food is served? Some of them even fill a plate to take home! Isn't this inconsiderate

— POTLUCKS

DEAR POTLUCKS: For Women are like fish. If you someone to knowingly help him- or herself to other people's food without it being the goods, then you throw them offered is not only rude but also presumptuous. I'd say shame on them, but people who do it are shameless. Perhaps when the announcement of the potluck is issued, it should be clearly stated or written that in order to participate, a person must bring a dish.

Editor's note: Dear Abby is —FISHERMAN IN NEW- written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, **DEAR FISHERMAN: Wo-** Pauline Phillips. Write Dear man aren't fish, and it isn't a Abby at www.DearAbby.com or question of intelligence. When P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles,

Bridge

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH **AK4** ♥98 96532 WEST 🕈 Q 10 7 3 **♥**62 **♥**J753 ◆ A K 8 7 4 ◆ Q J 10 105 SOUTH 8652 AKQ104 The bidding: West North South Pass 1 NT Pass Pass **Pass** 3 NT Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

Famous Hand

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

This remarkable hand appears in "Spotlight on Card Play," a book by Robert Darvas and Paul Lukacs that illustrates the type of thinking that lies behind good card play. Declarer was the Hungarian star Geza

The contract was four hearts, and West led a diamond.

It's not easy to make 10 tricks, even with all 52 cards in view. Declarer apparently needs a 3-3 trump break as well as a 3-3 division in one of the black suits in order to establish a 10th trick.

It might therefore seem that, as the cards lie, South can make only five trump tricks and two sets of A-K's. But Ottlik scored 10 tricks by adopting an ingenious line of play that made him a strong favorite for the contract.

He decided to play for six trump tricks instead of the obvious five and accomplished his goal in the following manner:

After ruffing the diamond lead, he entered dummy with a spade and ruffed a second diamond.

He then returned to dummy with a spade and ruffed a third diamond.

Next came a club to the king and another diamond ruff, followed by a club to the ace and a fifth diamond ruff with his last trump. By this time, Ottlik had scored nine tricks

— five ruffs in his hand and both of dummy's black A-K's.

Dummy still had the 9-8 of hearts and was bound to score a 10th trick with one of them. The maneuver described here is known

as a dummy reversal, which is a method of play that is hard enough to recognize even under ordinary circumstances. But it is infinitely more difficult to spot

when dummy has only two trumps and declarer has five.

No other line of play is as promising as this one, nor, in the actual hand, does any other approach succeed.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I'm going to make my dollar pretty like the new 20-dollar bills."

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conclusion 24 Om, e.g 28 Linus calmer 32 Small firecracker opera

33 Verdi 34 "Joan of Arcadia¹ figure

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Solution time: 24 mins.

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