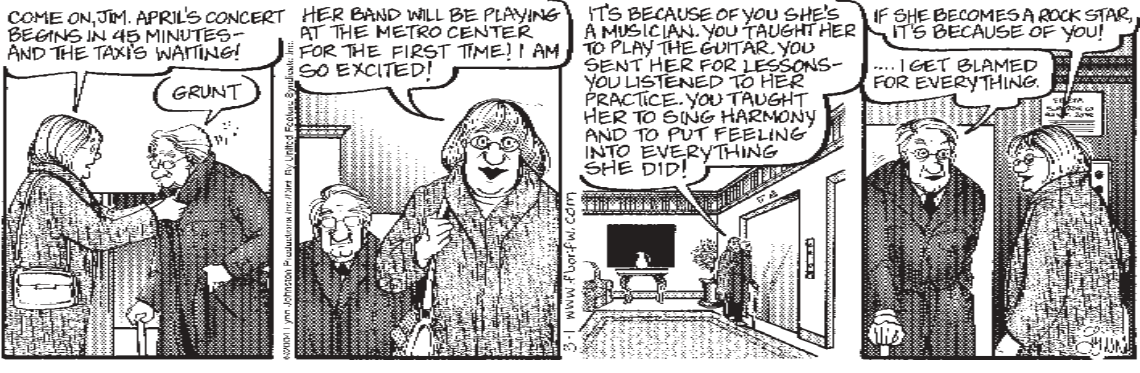


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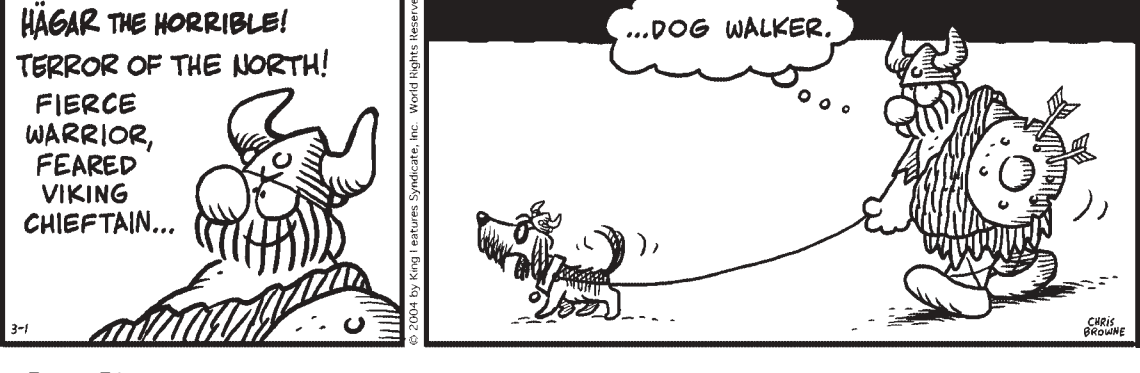
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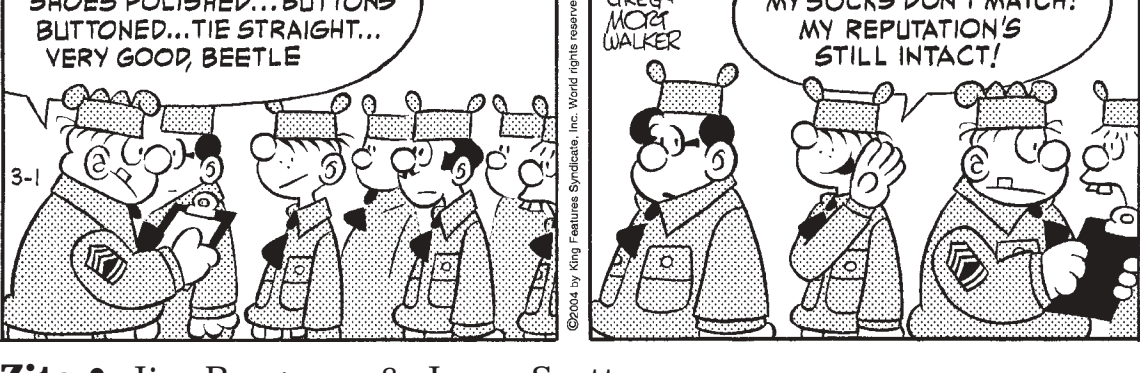
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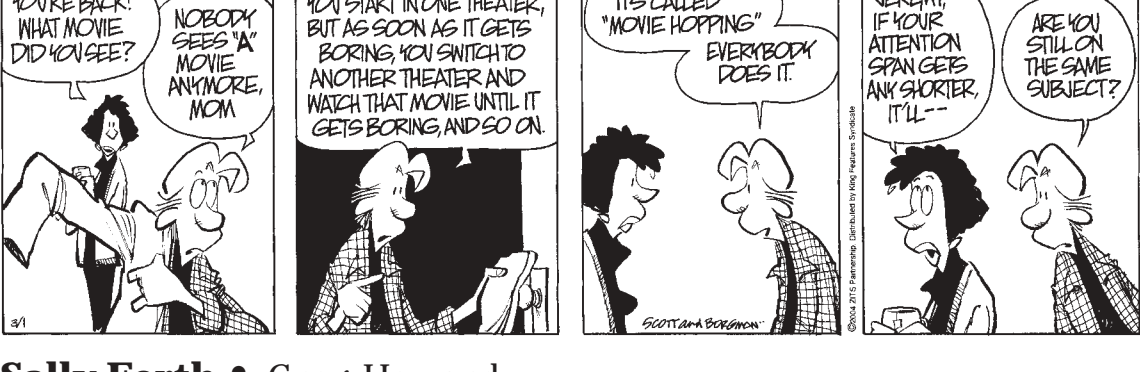
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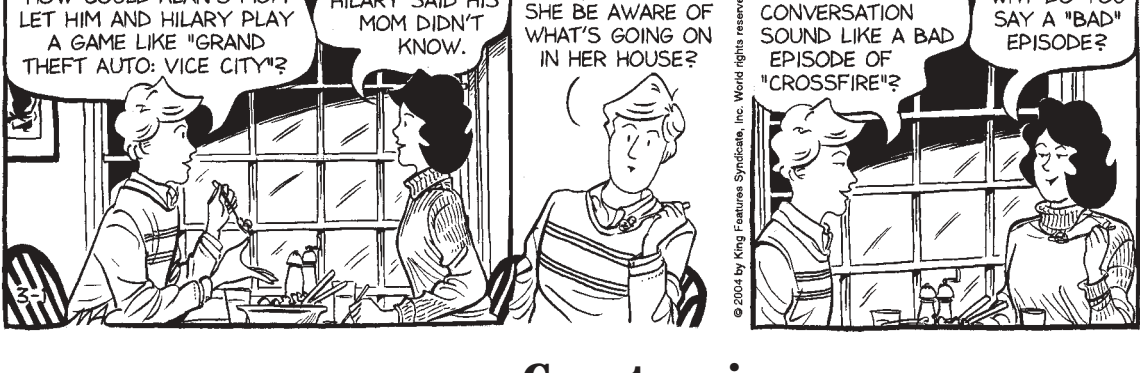
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Cryptoquip

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BRXG'TX UFFBXP BRX YWII.
 Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A PIECE OF FILMING EQUIPMENT IS ALL SUGAR-COATED, I GUESS IT'S CANDIED CAMERA.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals I

Wife misses 'fantasy' after vows



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Seven years ago, I met the man of my dreams and was lucky enough to marry him. "Mike" is intelligent, caring, loving, witty, romantic and a great father. Every day he tells me he loves me and that I'm beautiful.

So what's the problem? Mike weighs 80 pounds more than he did when we met. I thank God for him every single day, but the "zing" is gone.

Don't get me wrong. We're still intimate, but I miss the "butterflies" I used to feel just looking at him.

I am also worried about his health and the effect his eating habits have on our children. This has seriously damaged his self-esteem, too, and that is the hardest thing for me to deal with.

If life gets in the way, and intimacy goes by the wayside for a couple of weeks, Mike accuses me of purposely avoiding him, looking for someone new, never taking the initiative, etc.

Abby, I love my husband. I've done everything I can to help him with his weight problem — to no avail. In fact, if I mention it, he tells me saying something only makes it worse.

I take good care of my own health and try to teach the kids to do the same, even when they ask why Dad doesn't take care of his.

Am I being petty when I tell you I'd give anything to have my slimmer, sexier, healthier husband back?

I miss his energy and confi-

dence and the respect I had for him. Abby, are my feelings valid? Or should I just get over it and be happy with all of his good qualities?
 — FEELING WEIGHTED DOWN

DEAR WEIGHTED: You are not being petty. You are being human. Ask your husband to make an appointment with his doctor for a complete physical or make the call for him. The lecture about diet and health should come from the doctor.

Your husband is not alone in his problem. It's one that is shared by millions of people in this country.

The solution lies in a willingness to make lifestyle changes. Since you are already providing healthy meals at home, please consider a physical activity you and your husband can enjoy together to help him burn those extra calories.

(If he's reluctant, remind him that it will put him in better shape for lovemaking.) Reward any progress with compliments and praise. If all else fails, make sure his life insurance is up-to-date and enjoy him as long as you can. Nobody's perfect.

DEAR ABBY: In our office

we often send cards and gifts as a group to anyone who has a birthday, new baby, etc. Usually everyone signs the cards. We are a big department, so there are a lot of names.

What is the etiquette on group sympathy cards? Should everyone sign it, or is that too flip-pant? Should it read, "Your friends in the department"?
 — CURIOUS ABOUT ETIQUETTE

DEAR CURIOUS: Either one is proper — however, for each person to sign it would be much warmer and more personal.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married just over a year, and we are not ready to have children for another year or so.

How can I get the message across to well-meaning family and friends that it is none of their business when we are planning to have children?

I have endured enough personal questions. I would love to hear your advice.

— NOT READY FOR CHILDREN

DEAR NOT READY: Here it is. Say with a smile, "Thank you for your interest, but we're waiting to see if the marriage works out."

Bridge

Famous Hand

East dealer.
 North-South vulnerable.
 NORTH
 [S] A Q 9 3
 [H] 9 7 5 3
 [D] 7 4
 [C] K 7 4
 WEST
 [S] 4 2
 [H] Q J 10 8
 [D] K 9 8
 [C] A Q 10 8
 EAST
 [S] 10 6 5
 [H] —
 [D] 10 6 5 3 2
 [C] J 9 6 3 2
 SOUTH
 [S] K J 8 7
 [H] A K 6 4 2
 [D] A Q J
 [C] 5
 The bidding:
 East South West North
 Pass 1 [H] Pass 3 [H]
 Pass 3 NT Pass 4 [H]
 Opening lead — four of spades.

This deal occurred in the final of the 1989 Vanderbilt Team Championship.

When Peter Weichsel of the winning squad was declarer, he reached four hearts as shown. (North's three-heart bid was a "limit" raise, and South's three notrump showed interest in slam.)

With the trumps divided 4-0 and the king of diamonds offside, it might seem that this contract is destined to fail, but Weichsel proceeded to prove otherwise.

He won the opening spade lead with the jack and cashed the ace of hearts, revealing the terrible trump split.

A club was now led, and West took the ace and returned the queen of hearts.

Weichsel allowed this to hold and won the heart continuation.

Dummy was entered with a spade, the king of clubs was cashed, and a club was ruffed, creating this position:

North
 [S] A 9
 [H] 9
 [D] 7 4
 West
 [H] 10
 [D] K 9 8
 [C] Q
 East
 [S] 10
 [D] 10 6 5
 [C] J
 South
 [S] K 8
 [H] 6
 [D] A Q

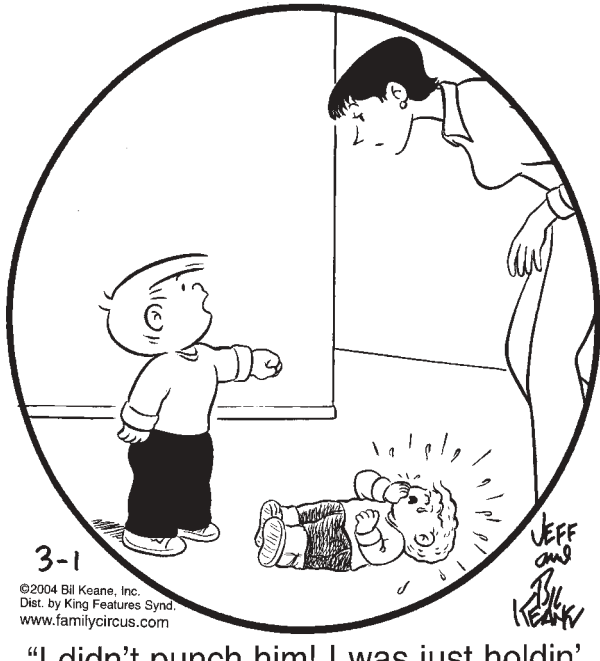
Weichsel led a spade, and West was helpless. If he ruffed, he would be forced to return a diamond or concede a ruff-and-discard, handing South the contract.

If instead West discarded his club, declarer would lead a heart to force a diamond return into the A-Q.

So West decided to put declarer to a guess by discarding the 8-9 of diamonds on the two high spades. If South now tried to throw West in with a heart, the queen of clubs would set the contract.

But Weichsel had not come this far to be denied. Playing for West to have blanked the diamond king, he laid down the diamond ace, caught the king and made the contract to record a big pickup for his team.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I didn't punch him! I was just holdin' my fist out and he ran into it."

Crossword

ACROSS
 1 Watering hole
 4 "Get lost!"
 9 Chic, to Austin Powers
 12 "The Greatest"
 13 Auto-mobile style
 14 "Hail, Caesar!"
 15 It's symbolized by the sapphire
 17 Tandoori bread
 18 Kin of "mono-"
 19 In full measure
 21 Outpatient facility
 24 Old portico
 25 Hustled
 26 Urban transport
 28 "— story goes"
 31 Picnic invaders
 33 Gossett or Gehrig
 35 Remain
 36 Hardwood tree
 38 Qty.
 40 Expert
 41 Insurrection
 43 April 1 goings-on
 45 Former frog?
 47 Place-kicker's prop
 48 MGM emblem
 49 Star
 54 Listening device
 55 One of the Arch-angels
 56 By means of
 57 Billboards
 58 Tubular pasta
 59 Ever-green variety
DOWN
 1 — -relief
 2 Pub potato
 3 Make into confetti
 4 Offering a nice view
 5 Funny
 6 Massage
 7 Mimics
 8 Earns
 9 Minuit's purchase
 10 Elliptical
 11 Say it isn't so
 16 Wine cask
 20 Doves' vocabulary
 21 Grouch section
 22 Highway
 23 Decorator's domains
 24 Feathery neckwear
 29 Subpar writer
 30 Sight-seers?
 32 Check bar codes
 34 A kajillion
 37 Breathe spasmodically
 39 Increase threefold
 42 Tractor man John
 44 — Lingus
 45 Entreaty
 46 Patronize the book-mobile
 50 Vietnam Memorial designer, Maya
 51 Wall climber
 52 Father's Day gift
 53 Go off course

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Saturday's answer 3-1

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