

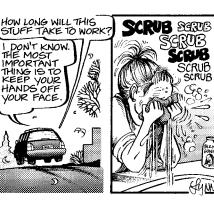


For Better or Worse • Lynn Johnston

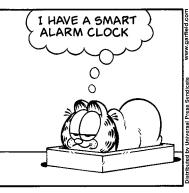




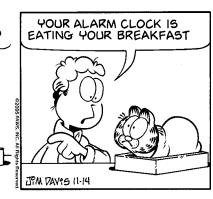




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Cryptoquip

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IU WU Y TURQK-MFKTU? Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN SOME VERY VALUABLE ITEM GETS SHATTERED, I TAKE IT YOU'D HAVE BREAKING NEWS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals E

Student eager for dad to get a job

DEAR ABBY: I'm a junior in high school. My father has been unemployed for almost two years. My mom is deceased, and Dad constantly mentions how the money is running short. However, he hasn't gotten a new job nor has he explained why. I think it is a bit out of line to tell him to get his life back in order, since I'm his son and because I don't know much about the workplace.

I'm going to college next year, and I'm afraid that I won't be able to go somewhere good because my dad can't afford it. I'm sure other relatives will help out, and there's financial aid, but my dad's happiness matters, too. He has told me that the jobs he finds don't pay nearly as much as his previous job did, but wouldn't ANY money be better than NO money?

I don't understand what he's thinking. What should I say to him? — CONFUSED IN NEW **JERSEY**

DEAR CONFUSED: You would be doing your father a favor to tell him that because of his difficulties in finding work, he should contact the unemployment office because the people there can sometimes offer counseling to people in his position. Your father may be holding out, hoping to find another job that will pay him as much as the last one. However, by now he should have realized that it may never happen. You would be doing yourself a

big favor to visit your local library and start researching what scholarships might be available to you. It could make you less beholden and more independent of your relatives when tuition time rolls around. A counselor at your school might also steer you in the right direction. Please don't wait. **Do it now. You seem like a bright** their anniversary? young man, and I wish you the best of luck.

Both sides vulnerable.

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Abigail Van Buren

Dear

Abby

DEAR ABBY: How should I react to a couple who repeatedly drop in at our house to visit - unannounced? I feel this is very rude, and they're trying to catch us off guard and see us at our worst. I have thoughts about doing the same thing to them. What do you think?

- DISGUSTED

DEAR DISGUSTED: You can try doing it to them, but I doubt it will have the desired effect. These people may have never learned that it is impolite to drop by without calling first to see if it's conve-

Try this: The next time they show up, tell them firmly that you're too busy to entertain them, and in the future they should call before coming over. If that doesn't stop their impromptu visits, repeat the message or don't answer

DEAR ABBY: Could you please settle something for us? My father is currently married to his third wife. His second wife died, and his first marriage has been annulled by the church. Dad and his wife were married by a justice of the peace, but now he wishes to be remarried in a Catholic church. My father insists that, because he

considered his third. Also, when all is said and done, which date would be considered

was already married by a justice of

the peace, that this will, in fact, be

his fourth wedding. I say it is still

— WONDERING IN WOR-

eyes of the church, when a marriage is annulled, it is as though it never existed — so scratch the first one. And because not all churches recognize civil ceremonies. I'm not sure the civil ceremony would count either. So, if your father married his second wife in the church, his next church wedding will be his second — and he would logically measure his anniversary from the time he and his bride take their vows.

DEAR ABBY: While vacationing at a resort last month, I ran into the brother of a girl I went to school with. I hadn't seen "Sean" or his sister "Meghan" for several years, so I asked how he was doing, and then proceeded to ask about Meghan. His face turned pale and he said, "She's dead."

I had never heard that Meghan has passed away. I was mortified. I had no idea what to do next. I mumbled a clumsy "I'm sorry," and he continued to give me a withering stare. I have since learned that his sister died of a drug overdose, and that's why it wasn't mentioned in the newspaper. It is inevitable that we'll cross paths again, and I feel guilty for bringing up his sister as it caused him such obvious pain.

I don't want to ignore him, but I really don't know what to say.

– MORTIFIED IN MAINE **DEAR MORTIFIED: Don't** wait until vou see the man. Write him a short note telling him again how shocked and sorry you were to hear of his sister's death. Mention that it was obvious your question blindsided him and caused

Let him know that wasn't your intention when you asked it. Then, when you see him again, the subject will have already been dealt with. Please don't feel guilty you CESTER, MASS. did nothing wrong.

Family Circus • Bil Keane **Bridge** East dealer.

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"Thanks for coming into my dream last night and scaring off those monsters!'

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Famous Hand

Opening lead — queen of spades.

This deal occurred during the 1980 World Bridge Olympiad in the match between Italy and Ireland. With Lorenzo Lauria and Benito Garozzo North-South for Italy, the bidding went as shown.

Against four hearts, the Irish West led the queen of spades, taken by dummy's ace. With the contract all but assured with normal breaks, Garozzo decided to try to protect himself against a poor trump division. Accordingly, without playing any trumps, he cashed the A-K of clubs, discarding a spade, and ruffed a club in his hand.

He then led a low diamond to the queen, taken by East with the ace, and East cashed the king of spades before continuing with the jack. Garozzo wisely ruffed with the ace of trumps — West discarding a diamond — then cashed the king of diamonds, producing this position with declarer needing four of the last five tricks: North

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Garozzo led the seven of diamonds, West ruffing with the six and dummy with the nine. Next came the king of hearts, and when East showed out, the hand became an open book. The eight of clubs was led from dummy, but after East played the queen, Garozzo discarded his ten of diamonds, forcing West to ruff and return a trump from the J-8 to declarer's Q-10. Thus, despite West's five trumps, Garozzo

made four hearts, scoring the ace of spades, A-K of clubs, king of diamonds and six trump tricks.

The only tricks he lost were a spade, a diamond and a trump.

Tomorrow: Usually does not mean always. (c)2005 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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