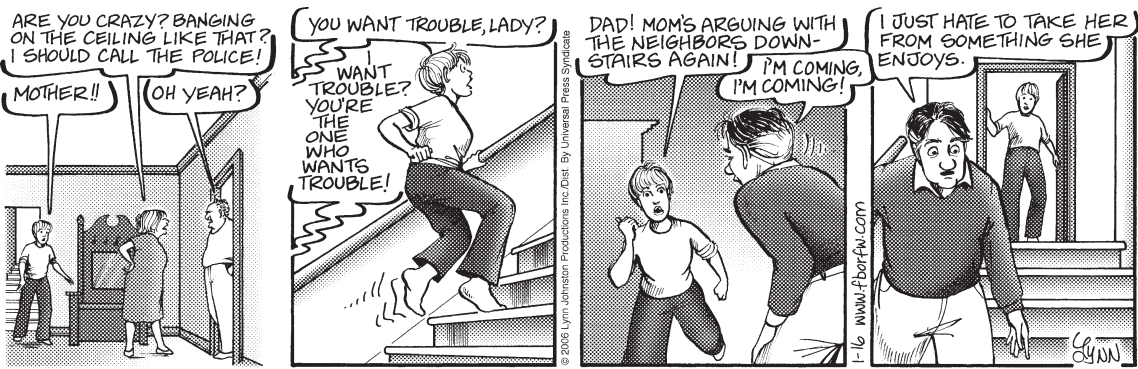


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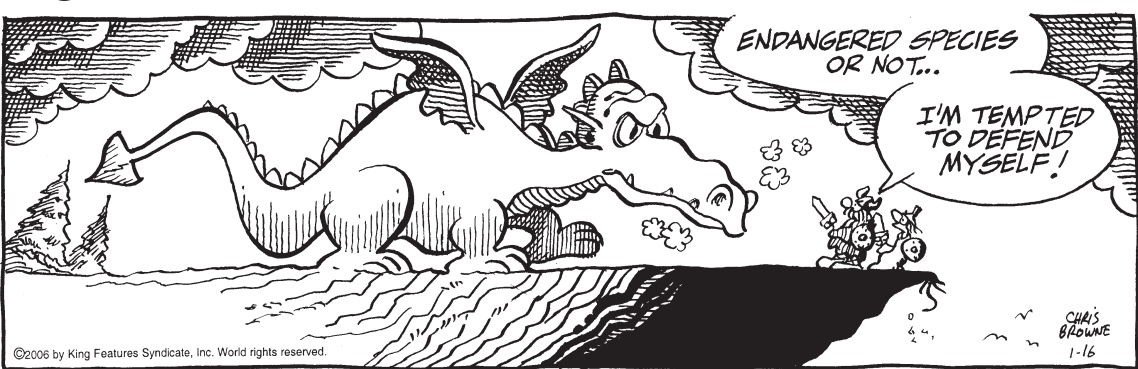
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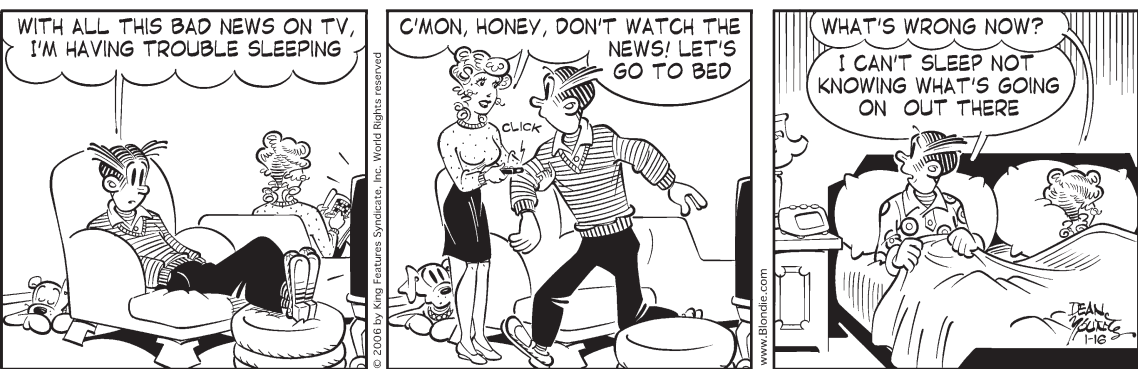
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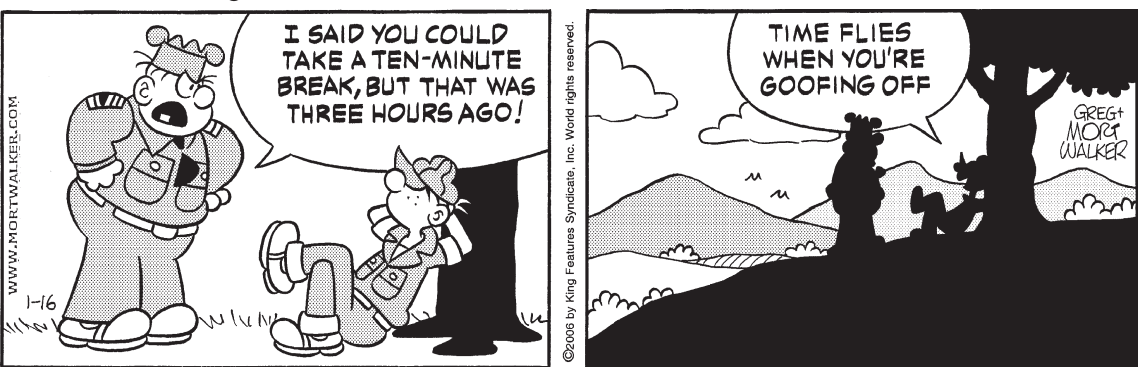
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Cryptoquip

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: TV DRAMA SHOW ABOUT A GUY WHO TENDS TO NEVER LEAVE ANYTHING OUT: "OMISSION IMPOSSIBLE."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals T

Rules for communion revisited

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, you wrote that only practicing Catholics may receive Communion in a Catholic service. That is not entirely correct, Abby.

Canon law allows members of the Orthodox churches, the Assyrian Church of the East and the Polish National Catholic Church to receive Communion during a Catholic service if they choose to take it.

— CATHOLIC READER

DEAR READER: Thank you for pointing it out. I suppose it's time to drag out the old wet noodle, because mail poured in from readers pointing out that Communion is a sacrament practiced by many Christian denominations, not just Catholics.

The person whose letter I was answering had written that she was a non-Catholic who, at her Catholic grandfather's funeral in a Catholic church, had been urged by a family friend to approach the altar and take Communion. It was my understanding that only someone who has been to confession — and is in a "state of grace" — may partake of Communion in a Catholic church without its being sacrilegious. However, I did not communicate my thought clearly. Mea culpa!

When visiting a house of worship, whether it is Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Bahai, etc., if you want to be absolutely "correct" in your department, the wise thing to do is check beforehand with the clergy person. For questions regarding the rites and sacraments of the Catholic Church, consult the chancery of the local Catholic diocese or archdiocese and someone can provide the correct information.

DEAR ABBY: A couple of months ago, I got a call from an ex-boyfriend's attorney informing me that he had passed away. He said that



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

I'd been left something in "Luke's" will, and told me the date, time and place of the reading. A close friend and I attended.

I was flabbergasted to learn that Luke had left me a ring that had been in his family for years. At the reading, I also found out that he had married and had two sons and a daughter.

My problem: Luke and I dated back when I was 18 and very immature. (I am now 32.) I knew at the time that Luke was head over heels about me, but I was not at all serious about him — and I let him know it from the beginning. Our relationship ended badly.

I don't believe I deserve this ring. I talked it over with a couple of friends.

One says I should keep it because Luke wanted me to have it. Another thinks it would be a good idea to give it to his wife. But she was extremely offended that he left me the ring in the first place. What do you think about this, Abby?

— UNDESERVING

DEAR UNDESERVING: It would be interesting to know what was going on in your ex-boyfriend's mind when he decided that the ring should go to you. It appears that you always had a piece of his heart that he was never able to reclaim.

Because the item inspires guilt in you instead of pleasure, it might be better if it remains in Luke's family. Feeling as she does about the situation, his wife may not want the ring for herself. However, it would be gracious to offer

it back, explaining that because it's a family heirloom, his daughter might like to have it when she's grown.

DEAR ABBY: I had my first child eight weeks ago — a beautiful baby boy. I would like to let him stay with my parents; however, my mother refuses to clean her house. The place looks like it has been ransacked. There are piles of old newspapers, old magazines and old mail everywhere.

It's not uncommon to find dirty dishes and utensils under the couch and on the floor. There are TV tray tables stacked 6 to 10 inches high with papers.

Abby, my baby's safety comes first. I'm not germ-phobic, and I know a little dirt won't hurt. But all those rubber bands and paperclips left on the floor could hurt.

Mom acts offended that I won't allow my baby to be left at her home without me. My sister says I'm over-reacting since her child "survived" all his visits.

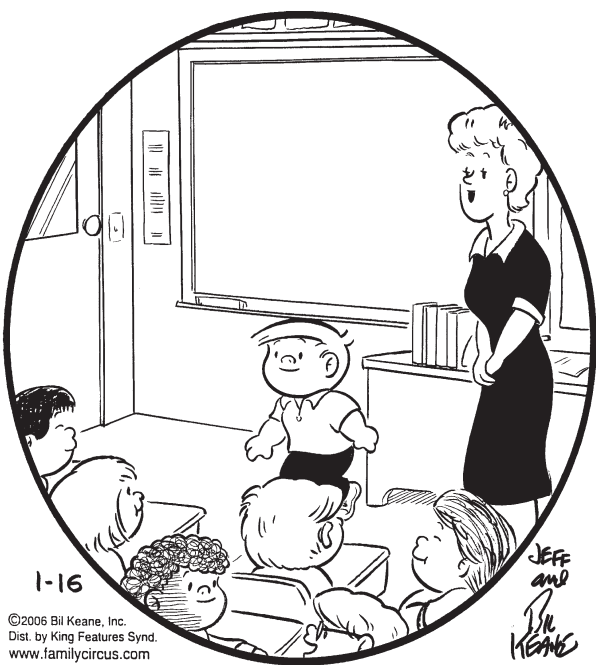
— APPREHENSIVE

DEAR APPREHENSIVE: When I began reading your letter, I thought you might be. Then I reached the part about the dirty dishes, rubber bands and paperclips left on the floor and realized the place could be a health hazard not only to your baby, but also to your parents, who could trip on the debris and injure themselves. Have you considered volunteering to help your parents clean the house, or treating them to a cleaning service?

I'm pleased your sister's child has "survived" his visits to his grandparents'. However, to leave your child unattended there could be considered child endangerment, so I'm voting with you.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



East dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 ♣	1 ♠	Dble
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 NT

Opening lead — six of clubs.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in an early round of the 1992 World Team Olympiad. It features Bob Hamman of the United States, who victimized his Estonian opponents with a typically workmanlike display of card-reading and sound technique.

Hamman's opening one-club bid promised 17 points or more, and North's double showed modest values. The bidding thereafter was natural.

West's opening club lead rode to declarer's ten, and Hamman played a low spade toward dummy. West put up the king and shifted to a heart, ducked to East's jack. East returned a club, taken by Hamman with the king.

Many players at this stage would have been strongly tempted to try to establish dummy's diamonds by cashing the A-K.

If the diamonds were divided 3-2, declarer would cross to dummy's queen of spades and play a third diamond. The suit would then be good, with the ace of hearts as an entry.

But Hamman was virtually certain from the bidding and play to this point that West, who had overcalled in spades but led a club, had started with five cards in each black suit.

Hamman was also convinced that West had a doubleton heart and therefore only one diamond, which meant that the diamond suit could not be established. Indeed, cashing the top diamonds would have led to defeat.

So at trick five, Hamman led a low spade toward dummy, winning with the queen after West played the ten.

To test his theory about the red-suit division, he then led a low heart from dummy, East winning with the queen and returning a third club.

The opposing distribution was now an open book.

After taking the club ace, Hamman cashed the ace of hearts and A-K of diamonds, leaving West with the J-5 of spades and club queen as his last three cards. Hamman then led the nine of clubs, carefully discarding dummy's nine of spades to unblock the suit as West won the trick. This forced West to lead a spade from the J-5 to South's A-7, and the game was home.

Tomorrow: When to bid a grand slam.

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Crossword

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Goblet part	1 Bulgarian, for one
5 Commonest English word	2 Prepare to take off
8 Shed feathers	3 Eternally
12 Volcanic outflow	4 California surfing mecca
13 Drone	5 Like screws, as
14 Medley	6 Opposed to nails
15 Figure-skating jump	7 Shade
16 String around your finger, e.g.	8 Austen heroine
18 Manly	9 "The Seven Year Itch" star
20 BB	10 Con-servative members
21 Shooter	11 Ripped
22 Shaft of light	
23 Debtor's letters	
24 Thrash wildly	
28 Bridge position	
31 Actress Ullmann	
32 Automobile style	
34 Pi follower	
35 Tarzan's entourage	

37 Tackle, sometimes	17 Midafter-noon, on a sundial
39 Geneticist's abbr.	19 Camera necessity
41 Frizzy hairdo	22 Jason's helper
42 Eucharist trays	24 Ga. neighbor
45 Brought out	25 Back talk
49 Waste	26 Prelude
51 Donated	27 "Baker Street" singer
52 Irrational number	29 The girl Gerry
53 Illustrations	30 Ander-son's "High —"
54 Prayer ending	33 Dweeb
55 Haberdashery rackful	36 Kin of golfer Sam
56 Crucial	38 Nutty confec-tion
57 Bivouac structure	40 Raggedy —

Solution time: 24 mins.												
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Saturday's answer 1-16

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