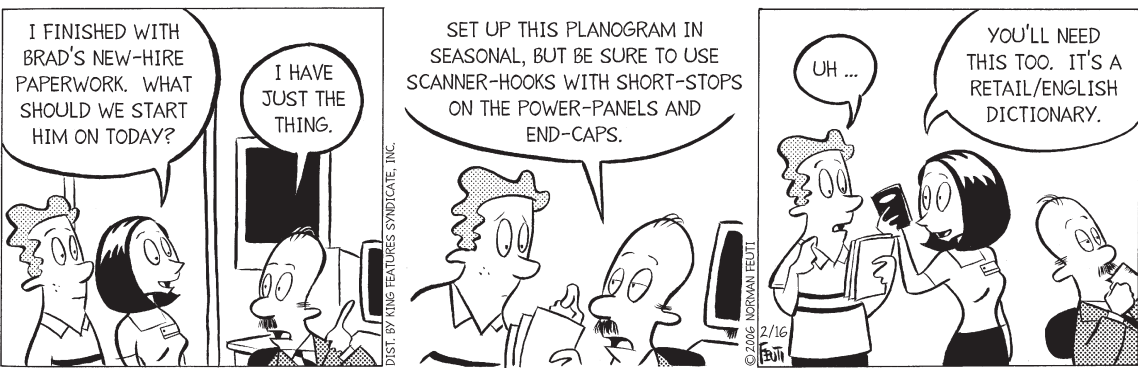
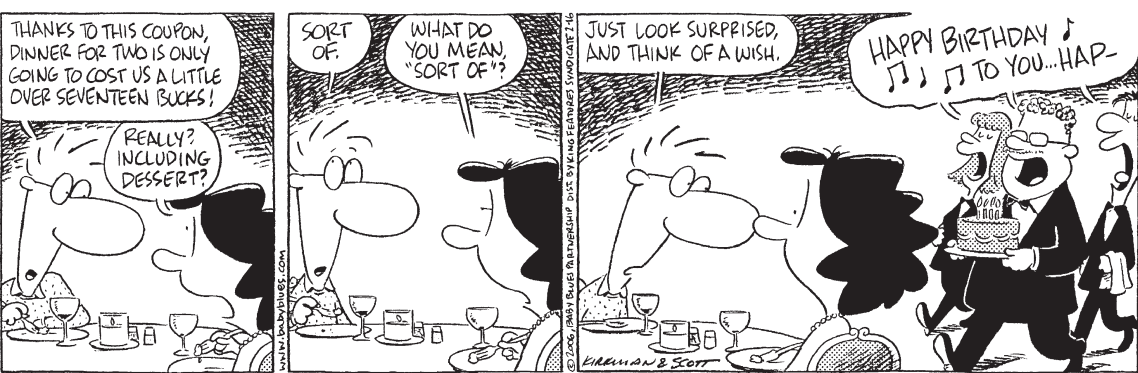


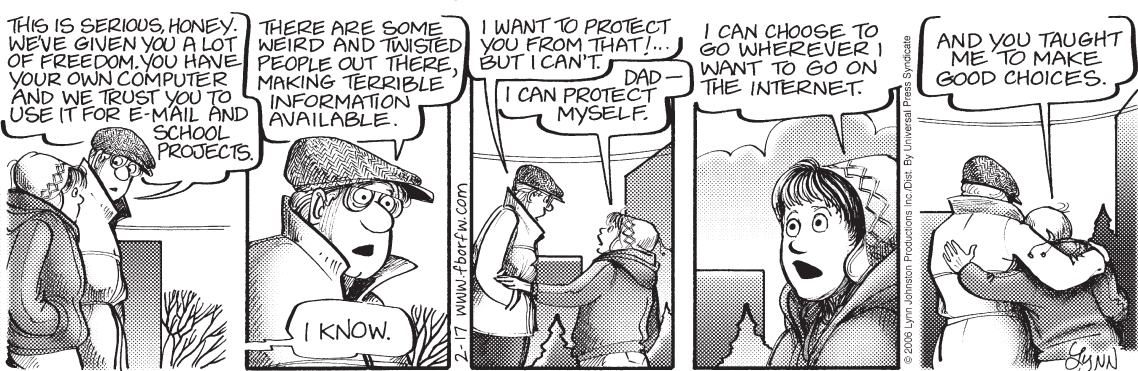
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**Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott (Sample)**



**For Better or Worse • Lynn Johnston**



**Garfield • Jim Davis**



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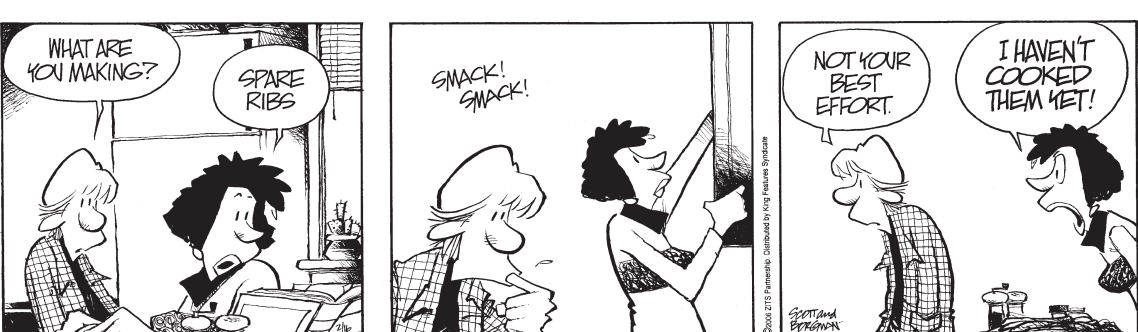
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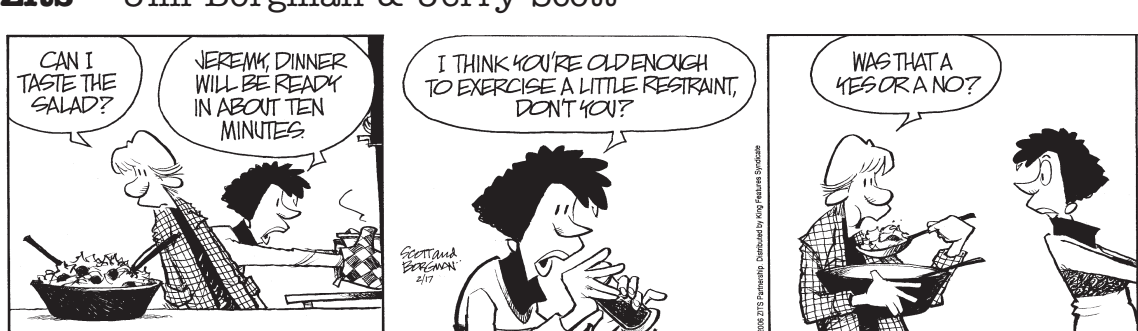
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**Sally Forth • Greg Howard**



**Revisiting Alzheimer's patient**

DEAR ABBY: "Torn in Framingham, Mass." wrote that her mother suffers from an Alzheimer's-like dementia. Her personality has changed from polite and socially correct to losing the checks and balances that prevent her from saying whatever comes to mind. She went on to say that her mother sometimes acts up in public places — like restaurants — and asked how to explain the situation to the restaurant staff without embarrassing her mother.



**Abigail Van Buren**  
Dear Abby

helpful suggestions and advice. My oldest sister died recently at 79 after a 10-year-battle with Alzheimer's, and my youngest sister has recently been diagnosed with it. I have recommended this book to many people. Those who took the time to read it find it very helpful. — HORACE

I work as a server in an upscale restaurant. As a party was being led to my section recently, a woman from the party left the others and handed me a business card. She smiled and asked me to read it before coming to the table. I went to the server station and did so. It was printed with information about her spouse having Alzheimer's. It was tasteful and informative. Most important, she did not have to say anything in front of her husband that might upset him. I thought it was a great idea. I shared the card with our hostess and the cashier so that no misunderstanding could occur there, either.

**DEAR ABBY:** How kind of you to write. Since that letter appeared, I have received mail from readers coast to coast telling me that cards such as the one you were handed are available through the Alzheimer's Association. Typically they read: "The person with me has a disease called Alzheimer's or a related disease. Please be kind and understanding. Thank you." Readers, if there isn't a chapter of the Alzheimer's Association in your community, contact the National Alzheimer's Association. The toll-free number is (800) 272-3900. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** "Torn in Framingham, Mass." should bring her mother's inappropriate displays to the attention of the woman's physician. As a board-certified geriatrician, I often see families with similar problems. Many of these disruptive behaviors can be controlled with the proper medication or other forms of therapeutic intervention.

**DEAR ABBY:** Your advice to "Torn in Framingham" was good, but please go one step further and advise family members, caretakers and other associates of dementia sufferers to contact the Alzheimer's Association and ask for the book "The 36-Hour Day." It is filled with

Being the caregiver for an Alzheimer's patient can be a stressful, 24-hour-a-day job. Help is available, and the assistance and compassionate understanding of professionals can keep the Alzheimer's patient a loving part of the family.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, normally a very gentle person, has Alzheimer's. When we are going out to eat, I always call the restaurant and inform them of his condition. I ask if there is a time when they are not busy, and request a table in the far corner. In this way, I avoid what could be an unpleasant situation for both the server and my dear husband. I have found if they know ahead of time, they will make every effort to accommodate us. I have even had servers accompany him to the restroom and bring him back to the table. I always leave a generous tip for these servers who go out of their way to make our evening an enjoyable one.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My father-in-law in another state insists on sending inappropriate gifts to our daughters. For example, he sent our oldest daughter an expensive doll on her first birthday.

The doll was designed for children ages 3 and up. We thanked him for the gift and stored it away for later use, since we were unable to return it without incurring significant shipping charges.

For Christmas, my father-in-law sent our 10-day-old baby a similar gift from the same store. I hate to see him continue this pattern and waste money on dolls that a newborn won't be able to enjoy for three years. I feel my husband should speak to his father about choosing age-appropriate gifts. However, I don't want him to think my husband and I are ungrateful, so we are hesitant to mention the issue to him. Please advise what, if anything, we should do about these gifts.

**DEAR NOT UNGRATEFUL:** Use the personal approach. Call your father-in-law and thank him for his thoughtfulness and generosity. Then explain that the beautiful dolls he has been sending cannot be given to your daughters yet. Tell him that not only could the children hurt the dolls, the dolls could come apart and hurt the children. Your father-in-law may be clueless that very young children need special cuddly toys that can't hurt or choke them if they should come apart. You'll be doing both him and your daughters a favor.

**Bridge**

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:  
South 1 ♣  
West Pass  
North 3 ♣  
East Pass  
Opening lead — jack of hearts.

**An Optical Illusion**

The expert's chief stock in trade is his ability to reason well. His logic is seldom the deep sort, but rather the kind of logic that can be more accurately described as plain common sense.

Consider this deal where it would be easy to go wrong. West leads the jack of hearts, covered by the Q-K-A.

If South now plays the queen of clubs and finesses after West follows low, East takes the king and returns a heart to put the contract down one.

But this would not be the right way to play the hand. The correct method of play brings the slam home.

The key to the winning approach lies in recognizing that the trump finesse — tempting though it is — jeopardizes the contract with out increasing the chances of making it.

Even if the finesse worked, the outcome would still hinge on a spade finesse.

What it all boils down to is that if East has the king of spades, the slam is made, while if West has the king of spades, the slam is lost. Taking the trump finesse is an optical illusion, because the location of the king of trumps has nothing to do with making the slam.

Declarer should therefore lead the queen of clubs at trick two and go up with the ace after West follows low. He then returns the queen of spades, planning to finesse. Whether East covers the queen or jack with his king makes no difference.

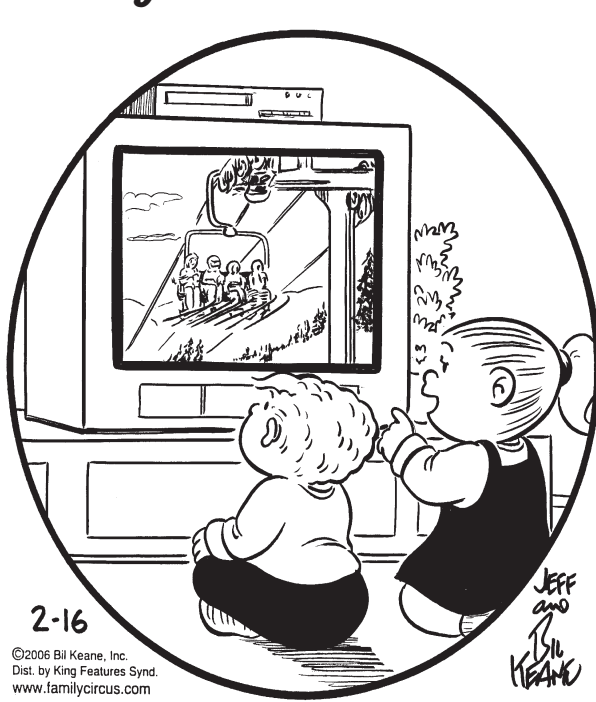
Whatever East does, declarer cashes three spade tricks as soon as possible, discarding a heart from dummy, and all he can lose from that point on is a trump trick.

**Cryptoquip**

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VHLOHIFNI KHOTF CN  
VTKHZTG XTNXKT RTFFQATF

FDT LQKFF QIAHT-N-AGQRF.  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF I TELL YOU THE LAWN IS VERY WET THIS MORNING, I'M DEFINITELY GIVING YOU DEW WARNING.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals P

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"That's the funnest part of skiing."

**Crossword**

- ACROSS: 1 Cruising name, 5 Easy mark, 8 Gilligan's home, 12 Reindeer herder, probably, 13 Japanese airline, 14 Check, 15 Mideast monarch, 16 Spasm, 17 — and letters, 18 Write again, 20 Winslet or Beckinsale, 22 Ritzy NYC street, 26 Breakfast meat, 29 Census stat, 30 Pismire, 31 Hollywood clasher, 32 Tramcar load, 33 Icelandic saga, 34 Detergent name, 35 Hibernia (Abbr.), 36 Cookie-jar fill, 37 Yosemite employee, 40 Penn or Astin, 41 Demosthenes, for one, 45 Help a hoodlum, 47 Peregrinate, 49 "See ya!", 50 Vertebra neighbor, 51 Right angle, 52 Surmounting, 53 Candle circler, 54 Crafty, 55 Encounter, DOWN: 1 Winglike, 2 Unaltered, 3 Grand-scale tale, 4 Suitable, 5 Dionysus' attendant, 6 Violinist, Kafavian, 7 UPS delivery, 8 Enraged, 9 Wooer's rendition, 10 Torched, 11 Type units, 19 Bad review, 21 "Hail, Caesar!", 23 Actress Black, 24 Loosen, 25 Greek vowels, 26 Gridlock sound, 27 Taj Mahal city, 28 Least refined, 32 Florida products, 33 Proof-reader's catch, 35 A Gershwin brother, 36 "— the fields ...", 38 Yawl's kin, 39 Divine, 42 Recording, 43 Nebraska county, 44 Carry on, 45 Navy boss (Abbr.), 46 Story of a lifetime?, 48 Every last crumb

Solution time: 25 mins.



Yesterday's answer 2-16

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