

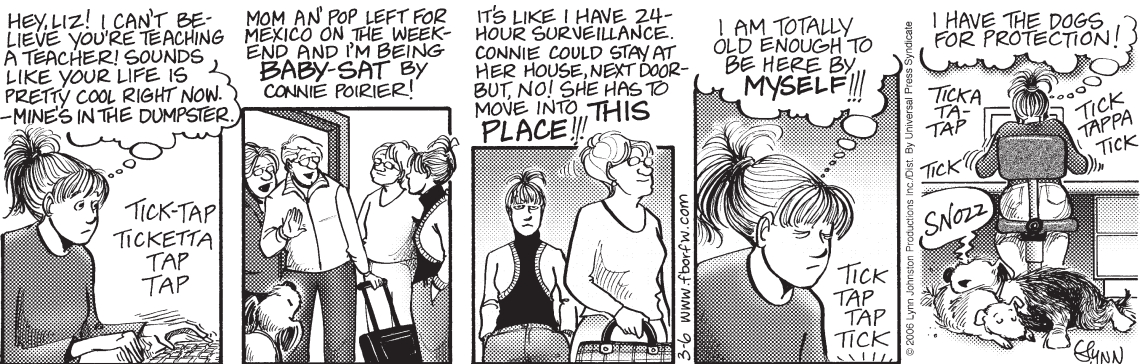
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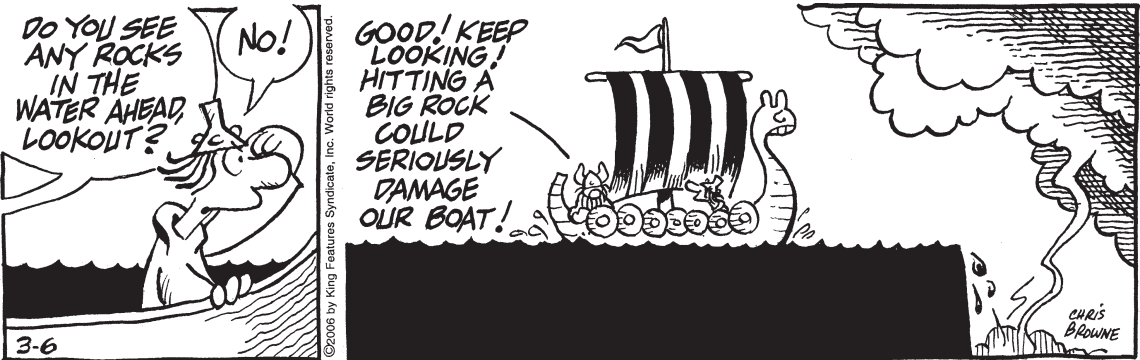
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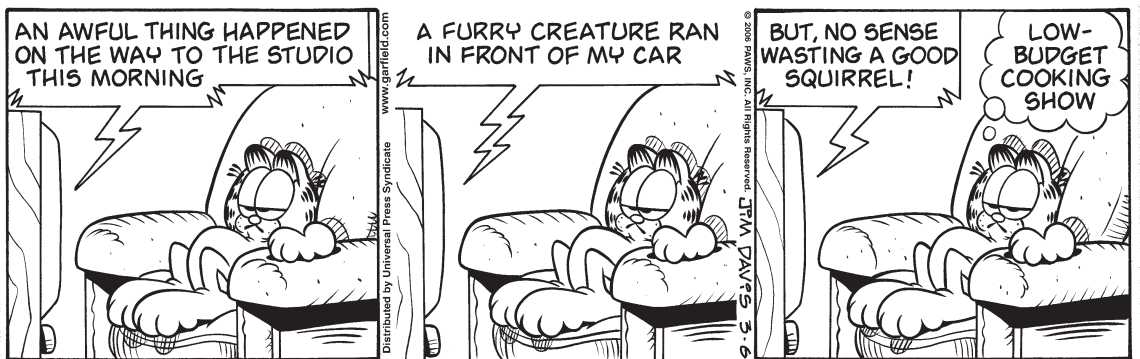
For Better or Worse • Lynn Johnston



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Garfield • Jim Davis



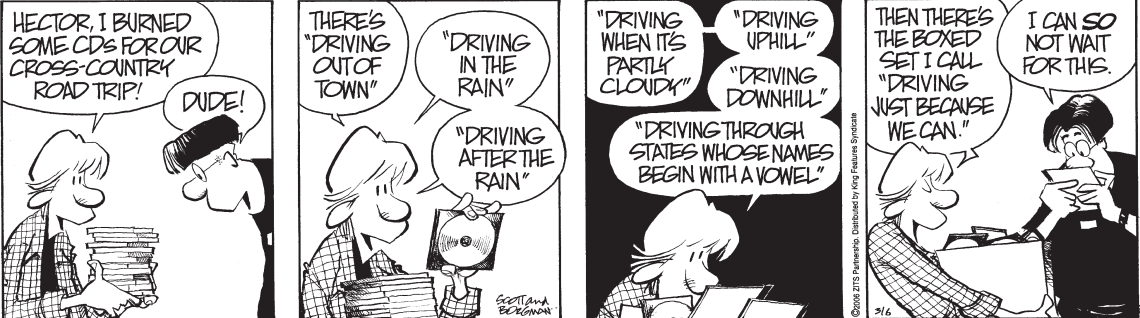
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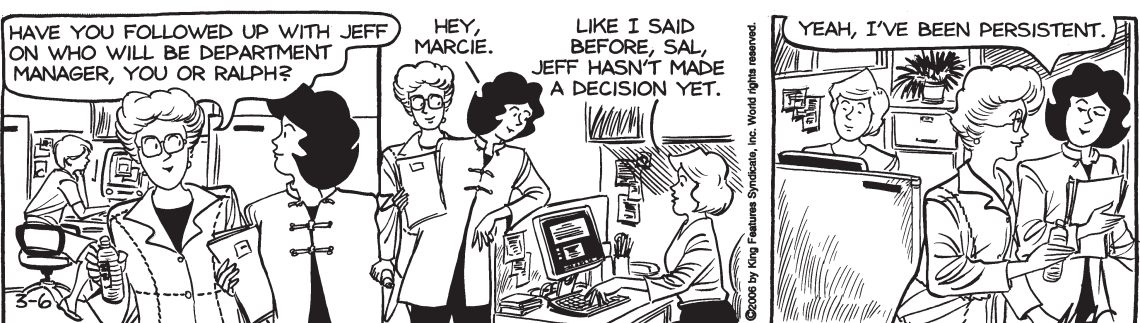
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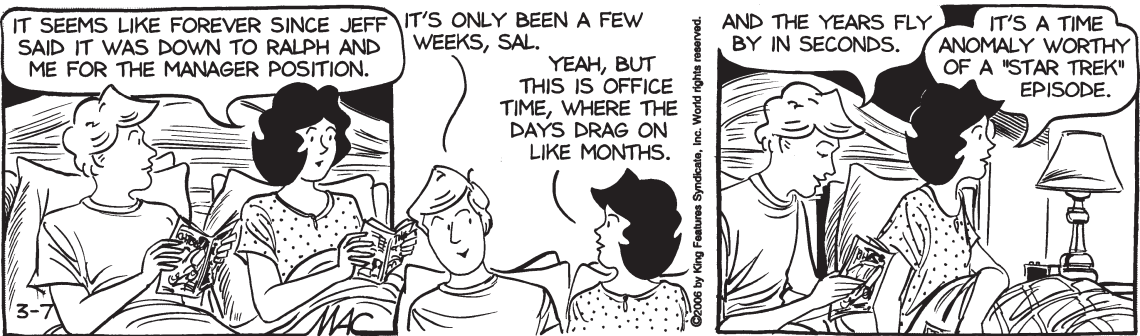
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Sally Forth • Greg Howard



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Husband caught sleeping with wife's brother

DEAR ABBY: After 23 years of what I thought was a happy marriage, I came home and caught my husband, "Wes," in bed having sex with my brother. It was a shock, to say the least.

That evening, they had gone to a bar and drank heavily. Someone gave them a pill of unknown origin. Wes says he doesn't remember anything until I walked in and started slapping some sense into him.

We have stayed together. We haven't made love, however. I can't seem to get the picture out of my head. I feel like my life has been shattered.

I love Wes and want us to have a productive life. How can I forget?

— SHATTERED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR SHATTERED: One thing is certain, you won't be able to "forget" until you get the whole truth about what happened that night. I find it highly questionable that both your husband and your brother would accept a "magic pill" from a stranger that suddenly rendered two presumably straight men bisexual.

The question you should be asking isn't how you can forget, but how long their affair has been going on. You need honest answers, and you also need to understand that you are not alone with this problem.

You and your husband are overdue for marriage counseling, and for your own sanity, please contact the Straight Spouse Network. The members of this unique organization are current or former heterosexual spouses/partners of gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender mates and mixed-orientation couples. They offer, from the vantage point of experience, personal, confidential support and



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

resource information that can help you. The Web site is www.straightspouse.org. Please don't wait to contact them.

DEAR ABBY: Regarding your reply to the "Confused Bride" who asked if she is obligated to invite her co-workers to her wedding if they gave her a wedding shower at the office, I disagree with your advice. You told her that if co-workers throw a bridal shower, "good manners" dictate they be invited to the wedding.

Abby, at my office we have many wedding showers, and almost all are impromptu affairs a week or two prior to the wedding. How could any bride invite the 20 or so people — along with guests — at such a late date? By then all of the final plans have been made. Also, some of the showers at my company are quite large.

Not everyone who attends is a close friend of the bride (or groom). Some attend just to sample the cake.

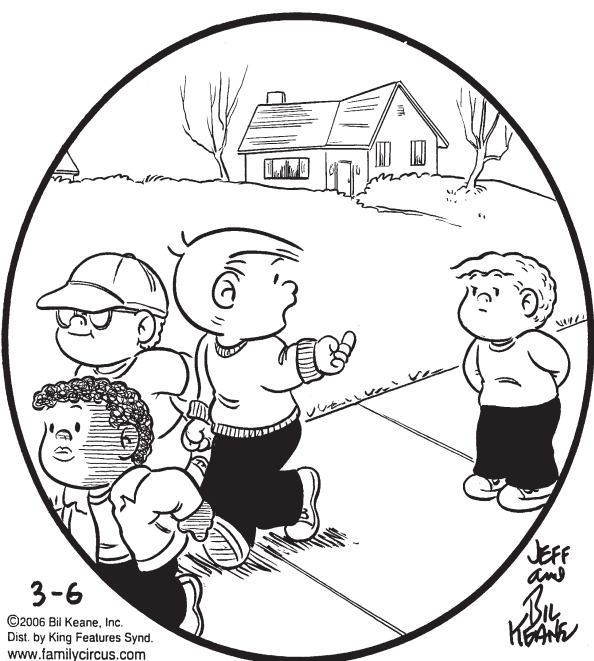
— LESLIE A., MORRISTOWN, N.J.

DEAR LESLIE A.: Your letter is one of many I received from readers who vehemently disagreed with my answer.

This should teach me never to disagree with Emily Post — an important lesson. My advice was well meant, but impractical, so I take it back. Sorry, folks.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter,

Family Circus • Bil Keane



Bridge

North dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♥	3 ♦	3 ♠	5 ♦
5 ♠	Pass	Pass	6 ♦
6 ♠	Dble		

Opening lead — eight of diamonds.

Famous Hand

This highly dramatic deal occurred during the 1983 European Championship in the match between France and Israel.

At the first table, with France North-South, Michel Lebel opened one heart, the Israeli East overcalled with three diamonds, and Philippe Soulet eventually landed in six spades doubled on the sequence shown.

The Israeli West, hoping to get a heart ruff at trick two, led the eight of diamonds to his partner's presumed queen. Alas, this masterful stroke failed miserably when South produced the queen and claimed the slam with an overtrick for a score of 1,860 points.

At the second table, with an Israeli pair now North-South, the bidding proceeded:

North	East	South	West
4 H	Pass	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 D	5 H	Pass
Pass	6 D	Dble	

West's four-nortrup bid asked East to choose a minor suit. After East's modest five-diamond response — he had ample values for a jump to six diamonds — South decided to compete with five hearts. This proved to be a disastrous miscalculation when East belatedly bid six diamonds, which was doubled and made with an overtrick for a score of 1,190 points.

Actually, seven diamonds is an excellent contract with the East-West hands, although it's true that in this case the grand slam can be defeated with a club lead by South. Oddly enough, although the suit was never mentioned at either table, seven clubs was ice-cold.

It is rare indeed for a team to gain 3,050 points on one hand, but the French team accomplished that feat on this deal. France then went on to capture the 1983 European Championship.

Tomorrow: Keep your eye on the ball.
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Cryptoquip

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VXQO-ZITZFQYL ANMM: "WNI

VXNJ DXG AGCCG DNQCM."

Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN ACTRESS STEENBURGEN HAS TO BE SOMEPLACE ELSE, I SUPPOSE SHE GOES ON HER MARY WAY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals E.

Crossword

ACROSS	39 Deteriorate	DOWN	23 Gripe
1 Mas-seuse's workplace	41 Olio	1 Ollie's pal over	25 Fellow
4 Symbol of intrigue	43 LummoX	2 Rid of rind	26 Medal earner
7 Hardly hirsute	44 Squared	3 Haley or Van Halen	27 Formerly, formerly
11 Bath powder	46 Wood tissue	4 Humorist	28 Soothing agent ...
13 Gorilla	50 Zinger	5 Grand-scale	29 ... and an ingredient therein
14 Basin accessory	53 Unruly group	6 Sired	30 Pull apart
15 Neighborhood	55 Unctuous	7 Tony Bennett	31 "Little Women" woman
16 Showbiz job	56 Culture medium	8 Piercing tool	35 Cattle call
17 Satiated	57 Id counter-part	9 Zodiac feline	38 Gun the engine
18 Link	58 Abbr. on old Eurasian maps	10 Parched	40 Levy
20 Pop choice	59 Vanished	12 News-making legal case	42 Sanaa's country
22 Sermon subject	60 Promptly	19 Half a dozen	45 Canceled
24 Fencer's call	61 Shell-game need	21 Bud's partner	47 Sylvester's impediment

Solution time: 24 mins.
L A C K S C L A I R
M I N U E T L A T T E R
A N G E L A O C T A V E
R E L P R O S E L E A
G A E L T I E B I R D
E R R O R L U L L A B Y
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A P R I O R I S E D A N
M O O S E L F D I V E
A P T A D L I B C I O
T A T A M I R A T T A N
I R E N I C S T O U T S
T R Y S T T H E M E

Saturday's answer 3-6

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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