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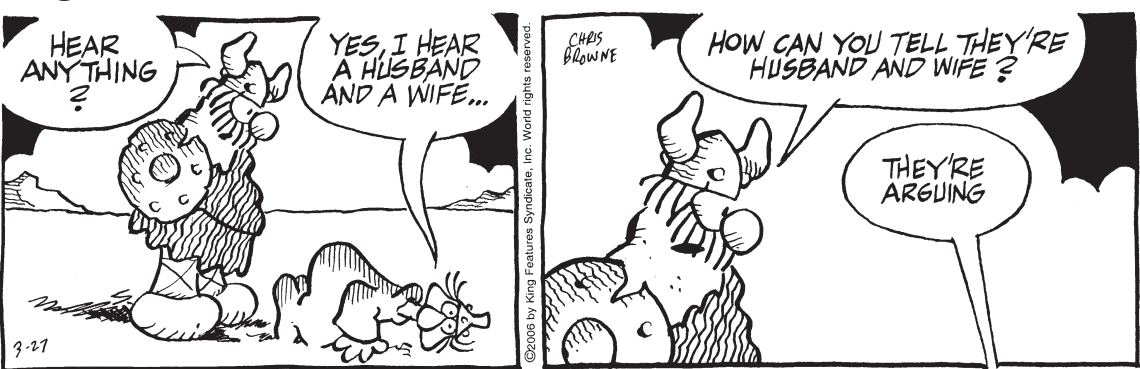
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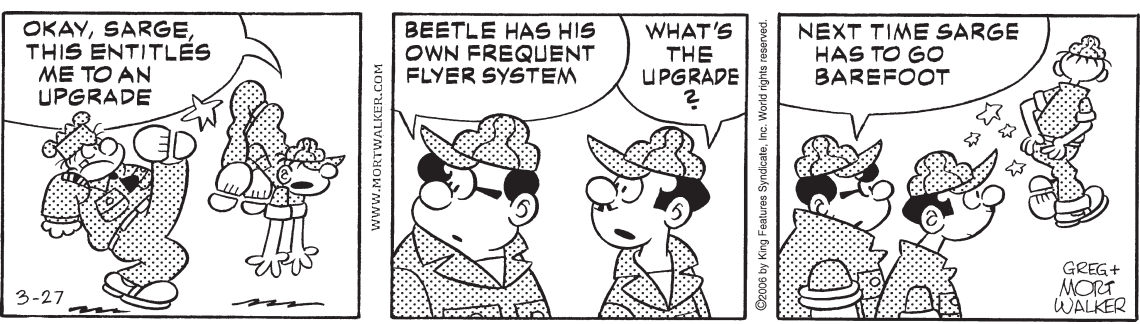
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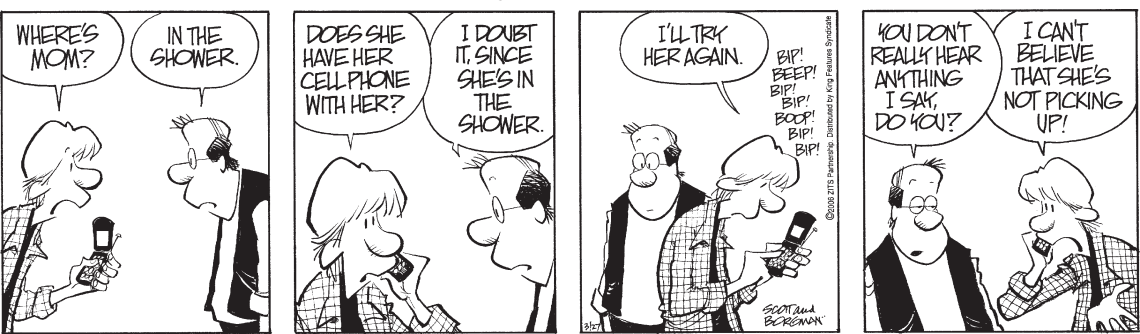
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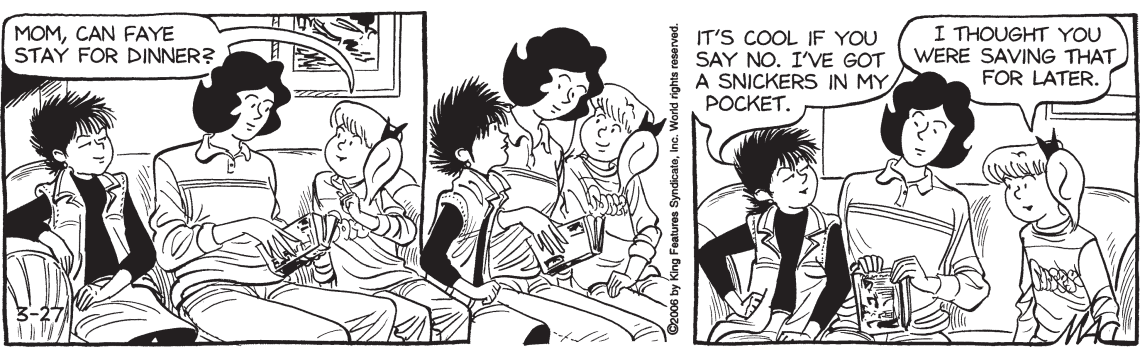
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Co-worker's remarks deserve management's notice

DEAR ABBY: A new co-worker seemed to be a nice person and potential friend when she was hired. However, after a few months, she began making comments to me or about me in front of others. Sometimes they are good-natured, but more often they are insulting — although presented as a “joke.” I feel this is inappropriate, especially in the workplace.

I have heard that this is a type of bullying where, if the victim objects, then the perpetrator belittles him or her as being “over-sensitive,” thus adding salt to the wound. I have noticed that people who play this little mind game on others can dish it out but can’t take it when someone retaliates. I’ve seen this happen in families where one sibling is scapegoated and picked on.

I don’t want to waste energy playing games, but I don’t want to be a victim, either, so I have decided to ignore the comments and/or interrupt her by changing the subject or making an excuse to leave the room. Have you any other suggestions? — NOT A VICTIM

DEAR NOT A VICTIM: When someone is ridiculed in the workplace, it usually isn’t intended to be a joke, nor is it funny. It is intended to make the person appear less effective. I do have another suggestion. Report it to your supervisor or office manager, and explain she is making you uncomfortable. If her “witticisms” fall under a



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protected category (gender, religion, race, sexual orientation), she could be creating a hostile work environment and management needs to be made aware of it.

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for two years and am now dating a lady I’ll call Heidi. I have tickets to a rock concert in Las Vegas. I work and earn a modest income. Heidi works and also makes a modest income. Heidi thinks I should pay for her airline ticket or not go to the concert.

I want to go, and I want her blessing, but I can’t afford her airfare. Is she being jealous and controlling? Are there any single women out there who would like to go and pay for their own airline ticket? Help! — STUCK IN VIRGINIA

DEARSTUCK: The answers to your questions are yes and yes. However, if another woman accompanies you to that concert, you will no longer have to concern yourself with whether Heidi is jealous or controlling — because I predict she will be history.

DEAR ABBY: I am the youngest of four children. My eldest brother died when he was an in-

fant. But in our family it is like he never existed. My father always describes us as his three children, but my mother will talk about him a little.

Is it something I can mention when asked, “Do you have any siblings?” Can I mention my invisible brother? Should I say I am the youngest of four and leave it at that, or should I go with what my parents have always said — the youngest of three? — UNSURE IN BREMERTON, WASH.

DEAR UNSURE: It would be less confusing if you were to reply the way your parents do — that you are the youngest of three children. When you get to know people better, to the point that you get to know their family history, you can then discuss the tragedy your parents faced when they lost their first child.

P.S. I am guessing that your parents do not discuss their firstborn because the subject is still painful.

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Bridge

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

This fascinating hand appears in “Spotlight on Card Play” by Robert Darvas and Paul Lukacs. West leads the king of hearts, East following suit with the five, and the question is how declarer should proceed so as to give himself the best chance of making three notrump.

Let’s first assume that South takes the king with the ace and tries a diamond finesse. East wins and returns a heart, and South goes down one.

Let’s next assume that South ducks the king of hearts, playing the three on it. If West leads another heart, South easily makes four notrump. But if West gives proper weight to his partner’s play of the five of hearts — the lowest heart available — he does not lead another heart, realizing that South has the A-J.

West instead shifts to the queen of spades and continues the suit even if declarer ducks the queen and jack. In this case, South also goes down one, eventually losing a heart, three spades and a diamond.

It might therefore seem that declarer is doomed no matter what he does on the first trick, but that is not quite so. In fact, he stands a very good chance of misdirecting the defense if, at trick one, he drops the jack of hearts on West’s king. West would have to be truly inspired to stop leading hearts after this extraordinary play, since he would naturally assume that South started with the A-J alone. This would be consistent with East holding the 6-5-3 and signaling mildly with the five.

West would almost surely play another heart at trick two to force out the ace. South could then afford to win with the ace and attempt the diamond finesse, guaranteeing the contract whether or not the finesse succeeded.

Cryptoquip

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FCQ ZEDCOLT UEJZ,

FJWOLT FX TQF E MJQFFW

ZEGDQK FX DMQEB FX COG,

DEOZ “FEKB, X UQKKQ!”

Saturday’s Cryptoquip: FAMOUS PLAY ABOUT A BIZARRE ZOO THAT’S OPEN ONLY TO YOUNG GIRLS: “THE LASS MENAGERIE.”

Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: F equals T

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“You have to keep going to school until they run out of things to teach you.”

Crossword

ACROSS										DOWN									
1	Wander (about)	35	Church section	55	Use tool	11	Answer an invitation	16	Youngster	1	Solidify	17	Khan title	27	Astronaut	32	Hearth dust	34	Pertain-ing to motion
4	Smaller plateaus	36	Center of emotions	57	Susan of “L.A. Law”	20	Columbia athlete	21	Swedish car brand	2	Two, in Tijuana	28	Therefore	29	Externally	37	Bread	39	Menorah
9	Evergreen	38	Com-mand to an attack dog	58	Comic-strip cry of pain	22	Hodge-podge	23	Hillary or Barbara, e.g.	3	The Complete Angler” writer	4	Pulver-ized	5	Baltic Sea nation	6	Madam’s mate	7	Second President
12	Vanity	40	Yen fraction	41	Comman-deered	24	Gun the engine	25	Use a shovel	42	Jack (cocktail)	43	Title providers	44	Two	45	Tinker-bell’s handful	46	Lotion additive
13	Remark to the audience	42	Yen fraction	43	Title providers	26	Use a shovel	27	Comedi-an nicknamed “Lone-some George”	47	Bambi’s aunt	48	Chicken — king	49	Now or never (effort)	50	— Diego	51	Quaker posses-sive
14	Bartenders check them (Abbr.)	44	Comman-deered	45	The Complete Angler” writer	28	Comedi-an nicknamed “Lone-some George”	29	Walk des-tination?	52	Bill’s partner	53	Chop down	54	Affirma-tive action?	55	Saturday’s answer	56	Sunday’s answer
15	Back breaker?	45	The Complete Angler” writer	46	Two	30	Photog’s choice	31	Ostenta-tious display bird	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66
17	Gun the engine	47	Bambi’s aunt	48	Chicken — king	32	Hearth dust	33	Pertain-ing to motion	34	Pertain-ing to motion	35	Bread	36	Menorah	37	Bread	38	Menorah
18	Cry of dis-covery	49	Now or never (effort)	50	— Diego	39	Menorah	40	Jack (cocktail)	41	Tinker-bell’s handful	42	Lotion additive	43	Lotion additive	44	Lotion additive	45	Lotion additive
19	Country singer Ronnie	51	Quaker posses-sive	52	Bill’s partner	53	Chop down	54	Affirma-tive action?	55	Saturday’s answer	56	Sunday’s answer	57	58	59	60	61	62
21	Cushion	56	Sunday’s answer	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72
24	Fit of peevish-ness	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77
25	Foreman rival	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87
26	Use a shovel	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97
28	Comedi-an nicknamed “Lone-some George”	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107
31	Ostenta-tious display bird	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117
33	Diving bird	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127

