

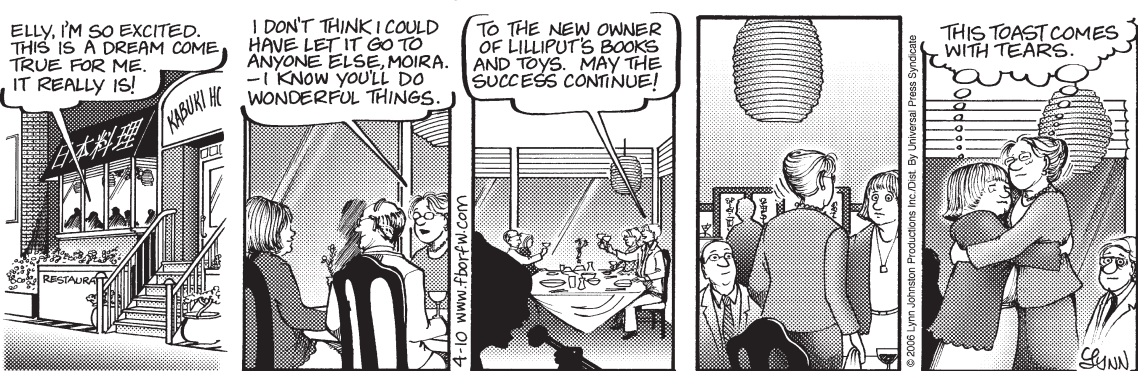
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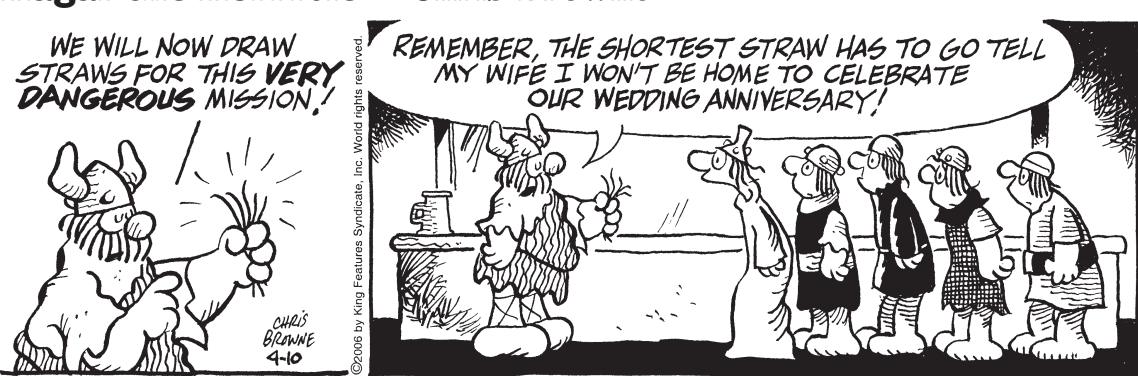
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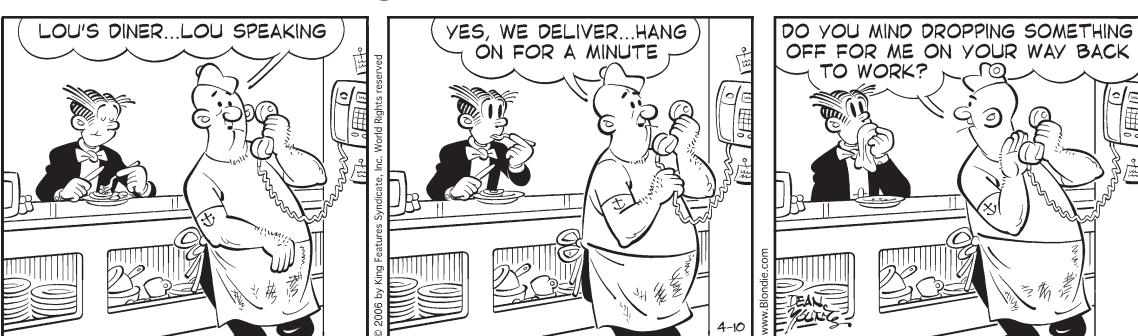
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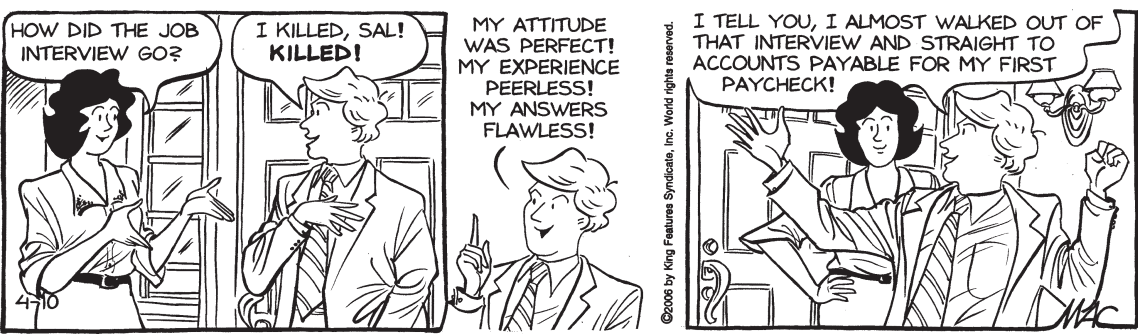
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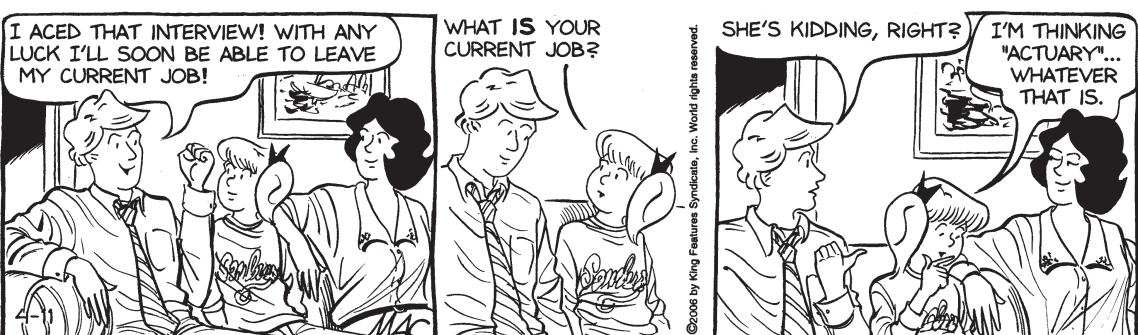
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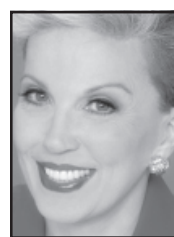


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# Lawyer's lies cause couple to trip on road to marriage

DEAR ABBY: My darling and I were married six weeks ago. His lawyer told him that his divorce from his first wife was final, and he was just waiting for the papers to come back, so we went ahead and got married.



**Abigail Van Buren**

Dear Abby

Now it turns out the lawyer did not even submit the papers to the judge until a couple of days ago!

What do I do? Who do I talk to?

We want to be remarried as soon as possible. Does the marriage need to be voided through the courthouse, or can we just redo the ceremony? I have no clue even where to begin.

I cannot ask his lawyer because the last time we did, he said he would "take care of it."

I no longer trust him. I think he is just telling us what he thinks we want to hear.

— MARRIED? IN ARKANSAS

**DEAR MARRIED?:** You are right not to trust him. Your "husband's" lawyer could be guilty of malpractice.

He has turned the man you "married" from a law-abiding citizen into a bigamist.

The place to begin is your state bar association. Contact it and request a referral to an attorney who's on the up-and-up. I'm sure the association will be glad to provide one — and to know that one of its members is a disgrace to the profession. Please don't wait; do it now.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married 17 years. Over the past 13 of

them, my husband, "Sam," has had 15 different jobs, and he's currently unemployed again.

Every time we almost dig our way out of debt, he picks a fight with management.

In 2004, Sam had four jobs in one year. I have no more nest egg left. Our credit score is a shambles.

Sam's biggest concern has always been his golf game.

We have a 15-year-old son and a 13-year-old daughter. They are hurt and embarrassed by our financial condition. I have a good job, but I have a heart condition that could disable me at any time.

Why on earth would a 41-year-old man not care about his family enough to make a living for them? Should I leave Sam to prove a point? Every time I try to leave, he threatens suicide.

— RUNNING IN CIRCLES IN ARIZONA

**DEAR RUNNING IN CIRCLES:** Since I don't know your husband, I can't offer an explanation regarding why he started his golfing holiday instead of continuing to work — right at the time your children started arriving. Should you leave him? I think so, because the stress of supporting three "children" could

explain the reason for your heart condition. As to his threats of suicide, they are classic examples of emotional blackmail. I'm sure if you go — if only for a while — you'll be amazed at the strength of his survival instinct once he's off the gravy train.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single woman in my 20s and would like to know a good way to decline a man's request for my telephone number at a party or social situation. I'm not crazy about saying that I don't give out my number, because the truth is, if I was interested in the guy, I would give it to him. Too often I end up giving my number and then feeling guilty when screening my calls and not returning his.

Please don't tell me I should "give the guy a chance" — some of these men are 20-plus years older than I am.

— SCREENING MY CALLS IN SAN DIEGO

**DEAR SCREENING:** It's not hard to refuse to give out your phone number. When someone says, "May I have it?" all you have to say is, "Why don't you give me yours?" Then you can follow up — or not. It's a tried-and-true technique men have practiced for years.

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**Bridge**

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. North-South partscore of 40. East-West partscore of 60.

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

The bidding: South 1 NT, West 2 ♠, North Pass, East Pass; 3 ♥, North Pass, East Pass; 4 ♥, North Pass, East 4 ♠; 4 NT, North Pass, East Dble; 5 ♥, North Dble, East Pass. Opening lead — king of spades.

**Famous Hand**

This deal from a rubber bridge game was reported by the distinguished French writer Jose Le Dentu. With everybody vulnerable and on score, South started with a whimsical notrump bid.

The bidding proceeded at a merry pace until it died at five hearts doubled. West was apparently taken in by all the pyrotechnics, as evidenced by his double of five hearts. East-West could have made six spades.

West led the spade king and continued with the queen. Declarer saw he was faced with a two-trick defeat, since he had a spade, a diamond and two clubs to lose. But he also saw there was no harm in trying to steal the hand, so he discarded his diamond on the queen of spades. West, failing to appreciate the significance of this play, led another spade, and the fat was now in the fire.

Declarer ruffed with the nine of hearts, led the seven of trumps to the eight and played the king of diamonds, covered by East with the ace. South ruffed high and led the four of hearts to dummy's five. He then discarded a club on the queen of diamonds and trumped a diamond high again, felling West's jack and establishing dummy's 10-6. The heart deuce to dummy's three then allowed South to discard his remaining club loser on the diamond ten, and the contract was made.

We hold no brief for West's failure to shift to a club at trick three. He should have known what was going on and discontinued spades. Obviously, declarer had to have a singleton diamond, because it would have made no sense for him to discard a diamond if he held two, three or more diamonds. But a full measure of praise is bestowed on South, who gave West a chance to go wrong and reaped the maximum reward for his effort.

**Cryptoquip**

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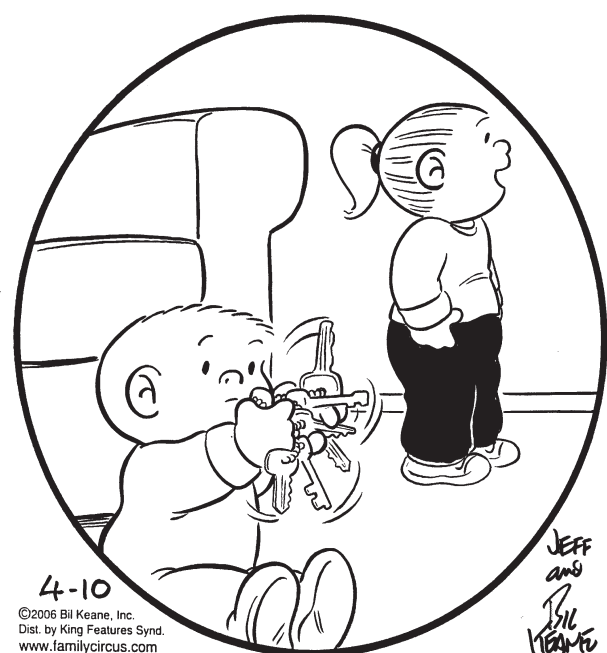
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DWXKEPC "ZDDO UDOEPUDN!" Saturday's Cryptoquip: DO YOU SUPPOSE GEOMETRY AFICIONADOS MIGHT GET A THRILL OUT OF SEEING A TOTAL ELLIPSE?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals S

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**Crossword**

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
1 Low poker hand	35 Rosary component	1 Overly proper one	17 Book-keeper (Abbr.)
5 Pocket watch chain	37 Running shoes	2 Emanation	19 — Fifth Avenue
8 Liniment target	39 Miler Sebastian	3 "American —"	22 Hum
12 Discourteous	41 Deserve tribe	4 Fame	24 Bowl format
13 —	42 Missouri	5 Trawler gear	26 Item by item
14 "Take — Train"	45 Revolt participant	6 Hooter accessories	27 Administers an oath to
15 Press	49 Picket line group	7 Feathery	29 Always, in verse
16 Unambitious types	51 Story	8 Diet doctor	30 —
18 Half a winter twosome	52 Tardy Actor McBride	9 Bed-spread fabric	33 Wrap of India
20 Piano style	53 Mine diggings	10 Roll-call reply	36 Orphaned cattle
21 Tinkerbell's handful	54 Authentic	11 Bridge position	38 Complex, as a problem
23 Black bird	55 Mine diggings		40 "A mouse!"
24 Sails near the stern	56 Heavy weight		42 Norway's capital
28 Coaster	57 Egg part		43 Celebrity
31 Lubricate			44 Denomination
32 Packs cargo			46 Poi base
34 Shelter			47 Hebrew month
			48 Stench
			50 Pi follower

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Saturday's answer 4-10

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