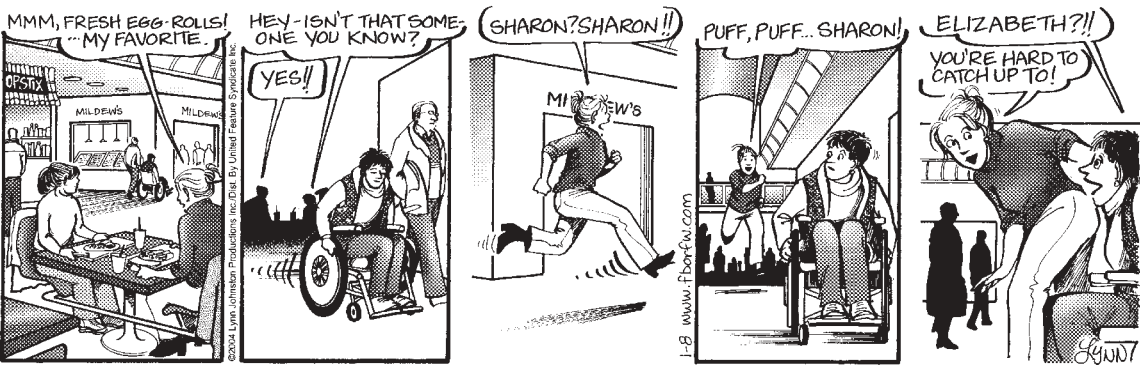
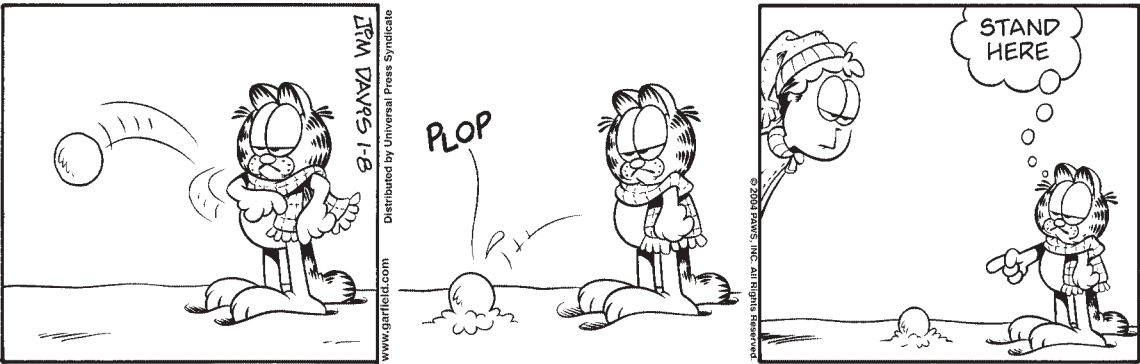


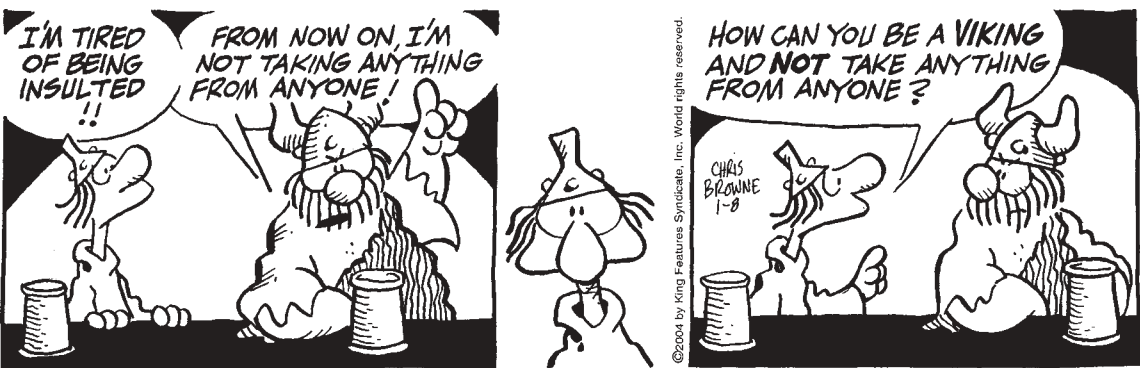
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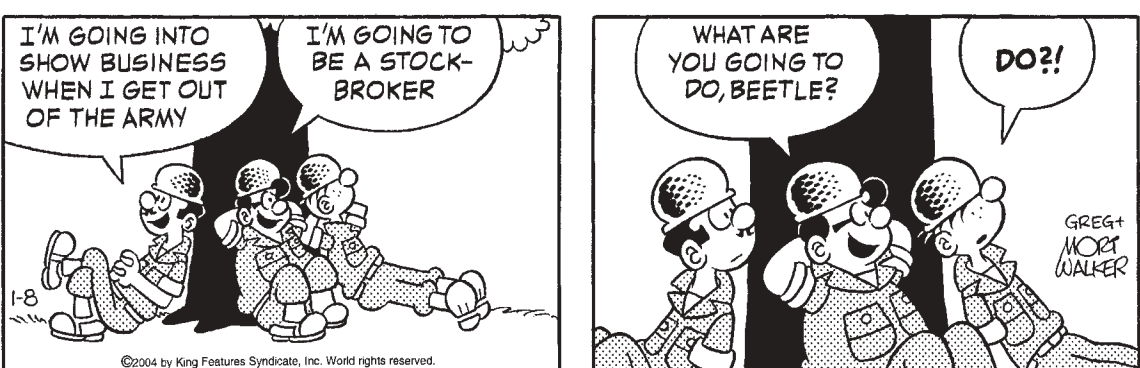
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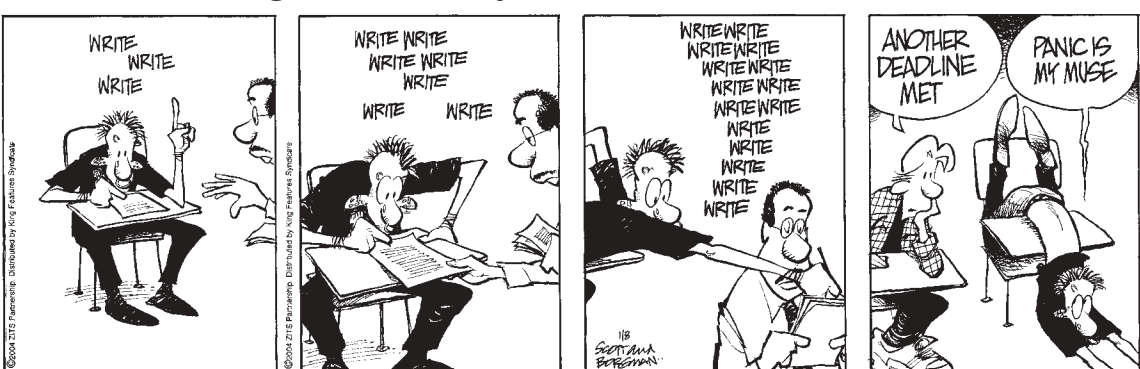
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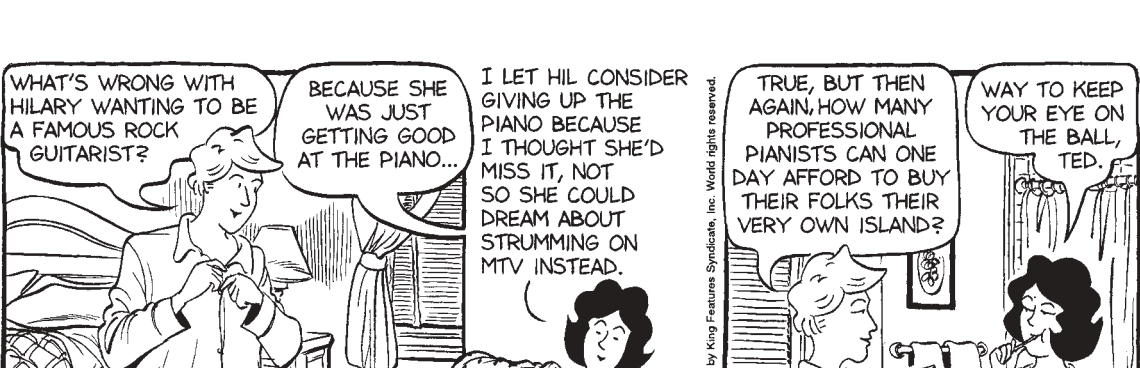
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Cryptoquip

Q G R C L X R A E B C Z B R E M B

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E K X X B E R G R Q T S S F R

K E T C Z S R U R A - L Z R .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I BELIEVE IT'S TRUE THAT A TREASURER'S WORK IS INVOLVED WITH CHECKS AND BALANCES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals O

Wife suspects husband is cheating

DEAR ABBY: A while back you listed clues to look for if you suspected your husband of being unfaithful. I'd like to add to that list: a bronzed body from a tanning salon.

My husband, "Jerry," and I are called the "ideal" couple. We're both physically active and in good condition. We've been married 46 years.

Jerry brings me coffee, fruit and the newspaper in bed every morning.

He has also seduced, or tried to seduce, my sisters, some of my closest friends and business associates.

When I confront him, he tells me that I have a problem and that I need help — not him! I am in therapy in order to decide what to do with the rest of my life.

Please print this list again for those who might have missed it.

— SUSPICIOUS NO MORE

- DEAR SUSPICIOUS NO MORE: You are a strong lady. I'm sure you'll make the right decisions about your future. I'm also pleased you're getting professional support, because therapy can be helpful regardless of age.
- And now, the list:
- (1) A sudden change in manner of dress and grooming.
 - (2) Secretiveness.
 - (3) Unexplained absences.
 - (4) Unfamiliar charges on credit card or phone bills.
 - (5) Hang-ups on your home phone.
 - (6) More business trips than usual.

Bridge

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q J 5 2
♥ 9 6 5
♦ J 4
♣ J 7 4

WEST
♠ 9 7 6 3
♥ 8 4 2
♦ 10 8 6 5 3
♣ 10

EAST
♠ 10 8
♥ A
♦ K Q 9 7 2
♣ A 9 8 6 2

SOUTH
♠ K 4
♥ K Q J 10 7 3
♦ A
♣ K Q 5 3

The bidding:
South 1♥
West Pass
North 1♠
East 2♦

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

The Trump Echo

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

The trump echo is a signal by which one defender tells the other that he started with three trumps.

There are times when this knowledge is critical, as illustrated by today's deal.

West leads a club, which, given the bidding, East should assume is a singleton. He takes the ace and returns the deuce, his lowest club, to tell West to return the lower-ranking of the two remaining side suits, diamonds.

West ruffs with the four — beginning a trump echo to indicate three trumps — and shifts to his fourth-best diamond, the five.

Declarer takes East's queen with the ace and plays the king of trumps, West following with the deuce as East wins with the ace.

If there were no such animal as a trump echo, East might make the mistake of trying to cash the setting trick by playing the king of diamonds.

He would have no way of knowing that West started with five diamonds and South the singleton ace.

But, thanks to the trump echo, East knows his partner has another trump, so he leads another club for West to ruff, and South goes down one.

There are positive and negative inferences associated with the trump echo. In the present case, for example, East can tell from West's ruff with the four, followed by his later play of the two, that West has a third trump.

By the same token, if West had started with the doubleton 4-2, he would ruff with the deuce at trick two.

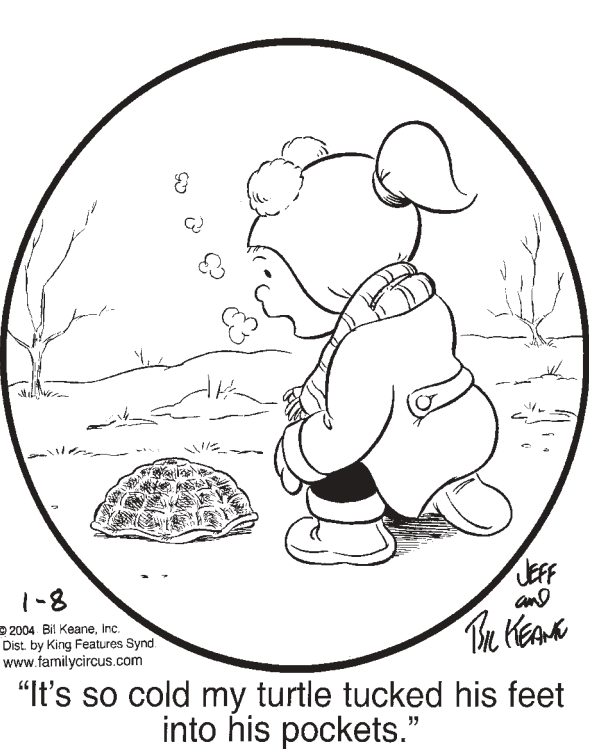
When he later played the four, East would draw the negative inference that West had no more trumps, and he would try to cash the king of diamonds at trick five as his only hope of stopping the contract.

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Dear Abby

- (7) Stops confiding in you or asking your advice.
- (8) Sets up a new e-mail account and doesn't tell you.
- (9) Mutual friends start acting strangely toward you. (They either knew about the cheating or have been told stories about what a horrible wife or girlfriend you are.)
- (10) Refuses to let you take him to the airport when he's leaving town.
- (11) Carries condoms even though you are on the pill.
- (12) Deletes incoming phone numbers from caller ID.
- (13) Leaves the house in the morning smelling like Irish Spring and returns in the evening smelling like Speed-stick.
- (14) Becomes accusatory, asking if you are being true to him, usually out of guilt.
- (15) Raises hypothetical questions such as, "Do you think it's possible to love more than one person at a time?"
- (16) Buys himself new underwear.
- (17) Insists that the child seat, toys, etc., are kept out of his car.
- (18) Stops wearing his wedding ring.
- (19) Supposedly works a lot of overtime, but it never shows up on the pay stub.
- (20) Suddenly wants to try new love techniques.
- (21) Has unexplained scratches or bruises on his neck or back.
- (22) Has a sudden desire to be helpful with the laundry.
- (23) Picks fights in order to stomp out of the house.
- (24) Shows a sudden interest in a different type of music.
- (25) Has a sudden preoccupation with his appearance.
- (26) Spends an excessive amount of time on the computer, especially after you have gone to bed.
- (27) Works long hours on weekends, but is never at his desk to answer the phone.
- Then calls back later with a reason, such as, "I was working in the conference room where there is more space."
- (28) Has lots of "emergency errands." Then comes home empty-handed, saying, "They didn't have what I needed."
- (29) And the telltale sign of a cheating spouse?
- Having to ask the question in the first place. Listen to your gut!
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Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Cronies
- 5 Frenzied
- 8 Puts on a show
- 12 Public disturbance
- 13 In the manner of
- 14 Foolproof
- 15 Stench
- 16 Midafternoon on a sundial
- 17 Pivot about
- 18 Lower in status
- 20 Muffet's bugaboo
- 22 Continue talking
- 23 Sugar suffix
- 24 "Casa-blanca" role
- 27 Pragmatic types
- 32 Comedian Philips
- 33 — Darya
- 34 Leave slack-jawed
- 35 "Damn the torpedoes" man

DOWN

- 1 Incite to action
- 2 Staffer
- 3 Appear ominously
- 4 Talked along a blue
- 5 Traffic mecca
- 6 Will Smith biopic
- 7 Speaker's
- 8 St.
- 9 Francis' home
- 10 Dead end
- 11 Verifiable
- 12 Prognosticator
- 19 Commercial
- 21 D.C. honcho

Solution time: 25 mins.

A	C	M	E	P	A	M	A	B	A	D
C	H	I	N	A	G	O	L	A	L	O
H	A	N	D	I	C	A	P	I	C	O
E	N	D	O	R	S	O	C	K	E	T
J	A	M	S	W	A	I	L	W	E	N
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B	U	N	T	S	E	W	O	W	E	D

Yesterday's answer 1-8

