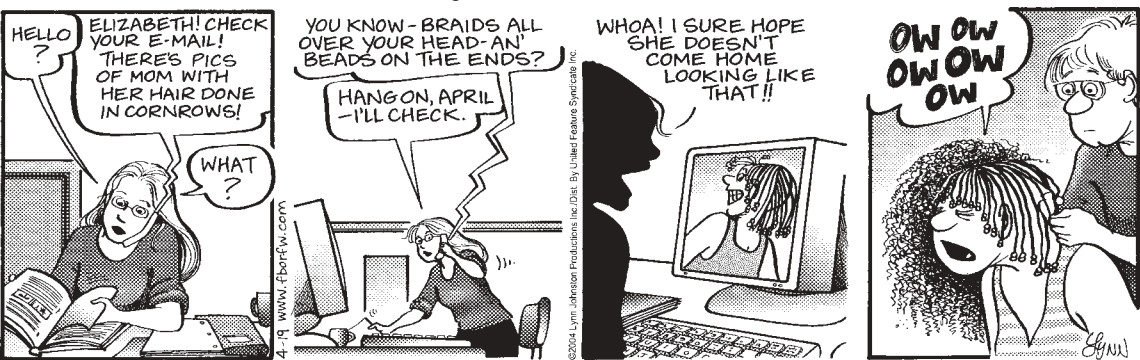


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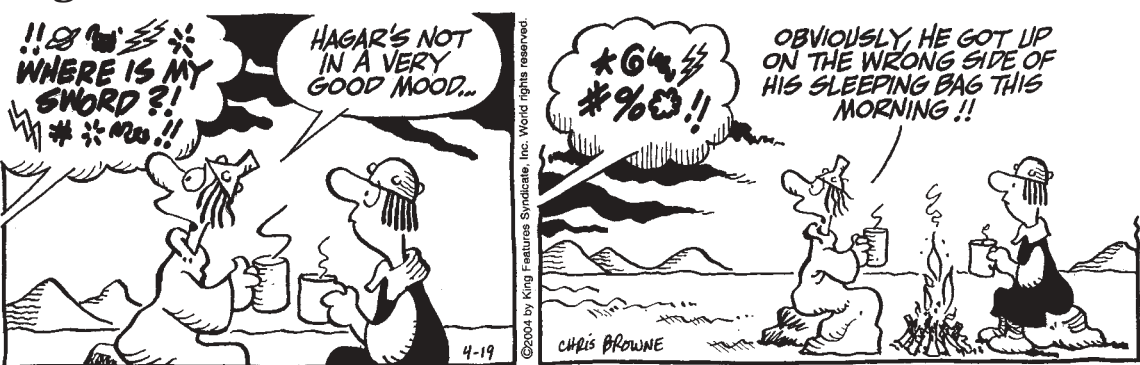
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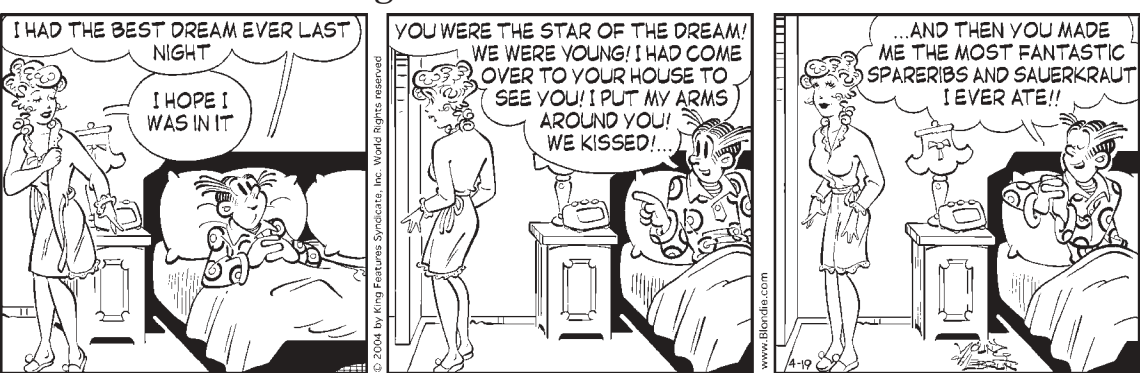
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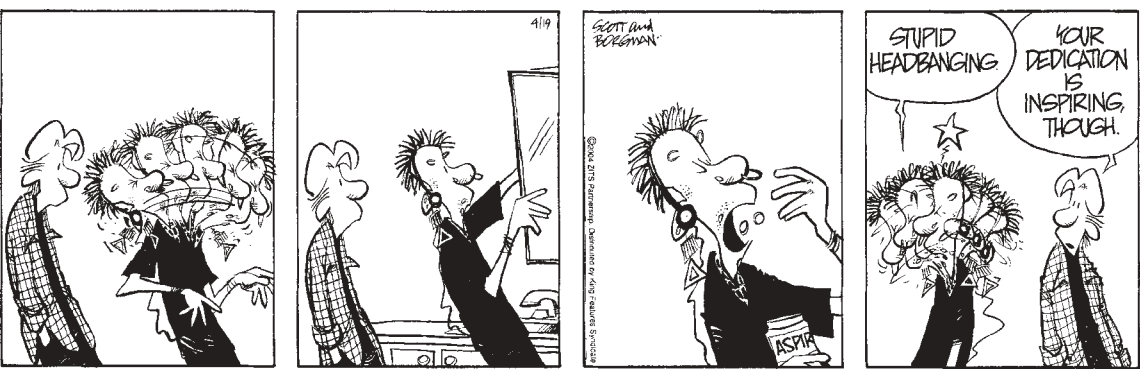
Blondie • Chic Young



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Cryptoquip

KN ZNS QIRYM V DFBZ

WSYW-IN WNXUFB LNSXK

IVDF QIVQ UVRBLVZ XNNM

RY IRT FZFT?

Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF AN ELEVATOR CABLE SNAPPED IN HALF, I SUPPOSE THE RIDERS WOULD BE DOWNCAST.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals Y

Talk leaves deaf guest out of loop

DEAR ABBY: I was at a dinner party recently. One of the guests, who was totally deaf, was completely ignored. Not once did anyone attempt to include him in the conversation. I don't know how he stood it.

After dinner I talked to him. He told me he is used to being ignored by hearing people at parties and hated attending them. He was there to please his wife, who is not deaf.

He spoke well and was good at lip-reading. He was intelligent, knowledgeable, and has a good job. He told me he would bring a good book to these gatherings if his wife didn't think it'd be rude.

Abby, how would you have handled this? I'm going to send your answer to every person I know.

— SHOCKED BY THE RUDENESS

DEAR SHOCKED: A gracious hostess tries her best to assure that all of her guests will have a good time, and facilitates conversation. If I had been the hostess, I would have spoken with the couple in advance and elicited some interesting facts about the man. Then I would have shared them with the rest of my guests, as well as the fact that he could lip-read.

The alternative would be to "casually" mention that he is distantly related to Warren Buffett or Bill Gates, or that he's connected in the motion picture business. But then you'd probably have to hire police protection to keep the other guests from mobbing him. (Only joking!)

Bridge

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
3 ♣ (!)	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠	

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

Famous Hand

Complicated conventions often lead to disastrous partnership misunderstandings, but there is no doubt that now and then they produce sensational results.

For example, take this deal played during the 1981 World Championship in the match between Pakistan and Australia.

When Munir Ata-Ullah and Jani Fazli held the North-South cards for Pakistan, the bidding went as shown.

The Pakistani pair were using a system called SAAPP (Stone-Age Acol with Pakistani Pre-empts).

The opening three-club bid by Fazli was artificial and indicated one of seven different types of hands! The actual nature of the hand would presumably be described later on by the three-club bidder.

Ata-Ullah responded artificially with three hearts, aware that if Fazli's three-club bid was based on a long, solid suit, it could not be hearts.

Fazli thereupon jumped to four spades, indicating a powerful eight-card spade suit, one ace and also a void in an unspecified side suit!

Ata-Ullah's five-club bid showed first-round control of that suit, and Fazli's five-diamond bid identified his void in diamonds.

This was all North needed to know, and he jumped to six spades, closing the bidding.

There was nothing to the play. Declarer ruffed the diamond lead, cashed the A-K of trumps and king of clubs, then led a heart, easily making the slam for a score of 1,430 points.

It was a magnificent triumph for the SAAPP system.

The identical deal was played at four other tables, and at each of them the South player opened the bidding with four spades.

This was followed by three passes at each table.

Perhaps we would all do well to learn SAAPPASAP!



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

unwilling to cooperate, the two of you should make special plans of your own on Father's Day.

DEAR ABBY: This question is very important to an elderly friend of mine, and I don't have the answer. Abby, if you are born on Feb. 29, what day do you celebrate on the years that are not leap years? No one I've asked seems to know.

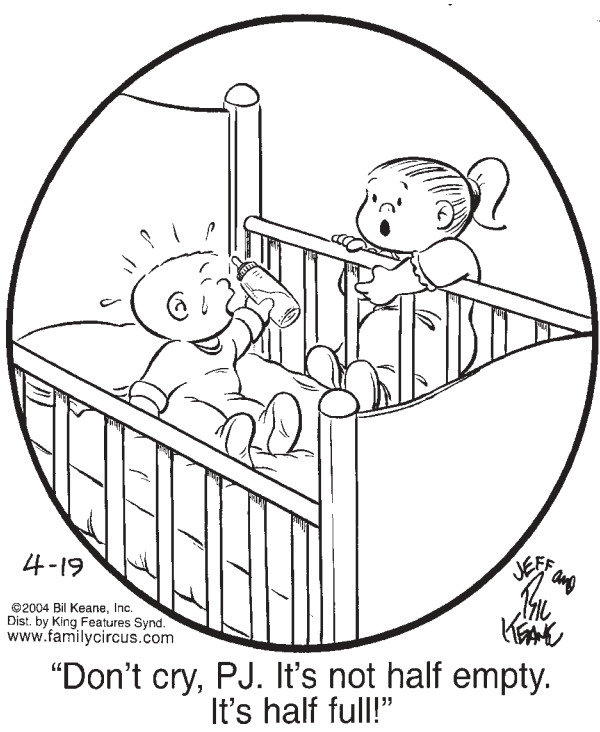
— LULA IN LAKE CHARLES, LA.

DEAR LULA: There are several ways to deal with it. Celebrate the big day on Feb. 28 or March 1 — or if he or she would prefer to age more slowly, celebrate the birthday only every four years!

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Crossword

ACROSS				40 Relatives				6 Spoon-				25 Like			
1	African	41	Sulker's	7	bender	26	Fuller's								
5	gully	look	Geller	27	dome	31	—								
8	"— Town"	42	Hurry	28	Modify	32	"Ameri-								
12	Make	47	Jason's	29	a mecha-	33	—"								
14	muffins	ship	nis-	34	anism	35	—"								
15	Casserole	48	Simon &	36	Esiason	36	The								
16	dishes,	Garfunkel	of	37	of	37	O'Hara								
17	e.g.	song	football	38	estate	38	—								
18	Spoken	49	Disarray	39	Speedy	39	Impale								
20	Persist	50	Flatfoot	40	steed	40	West-								
21	Bireme	51	Not	41	Marx or	41	heimer								
22	supply	pizzicato	subject	42	Malden	42	—								
23	"Yuck!"			43	Different-	43	Snaps								
24	Talk inco-	DOWN	ly	44	Carry	44	Lady of								
25	herently	1	Stir-fry	45	on	45	Spain								
26	Subside	2	pan	46	Since	46	Philbin's								
27	Prescrip-	"Hail,	Caesar!"	47	Police-	47	co-host								
28	amount	3	Ruby or	48	alert	48	Unwanted								
29	Asset	Sandra	initials	49	—	49	e-mail								
30	Take your	4	Feeds a	50	Mediocre	50	Rent								
31	best shot	database	21	Car	51	Carpeting									
32	Dracula,	5	Testimony	22	Andrea	52	Dole's								
33	some-	preceder	—	23	—	53	1996								
34						54	running								

Solution time: 24 mins.

A	W	O	L	M	O	W	S	C	C	L
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Saturday's answer 4-19

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