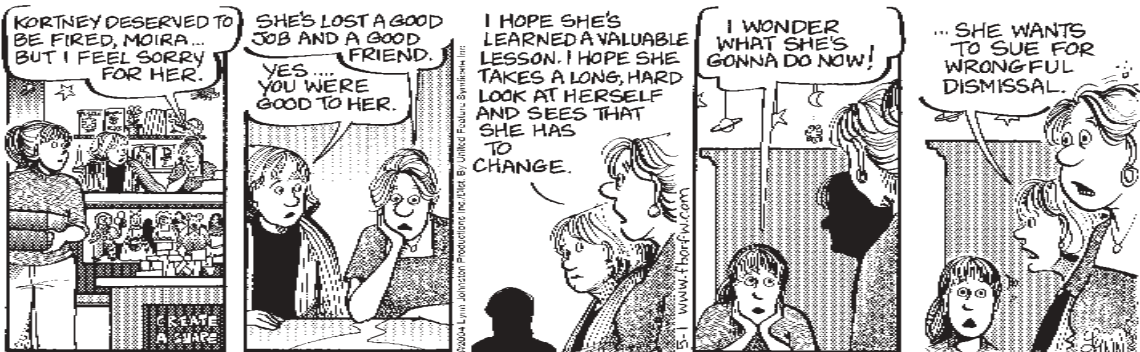
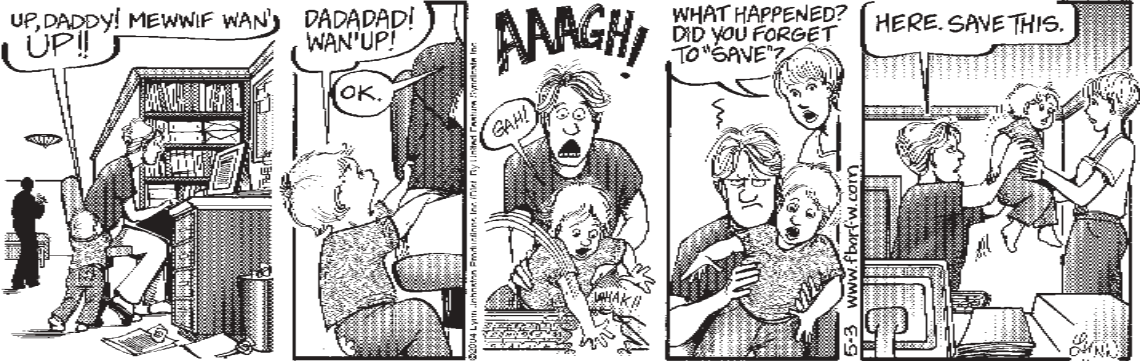


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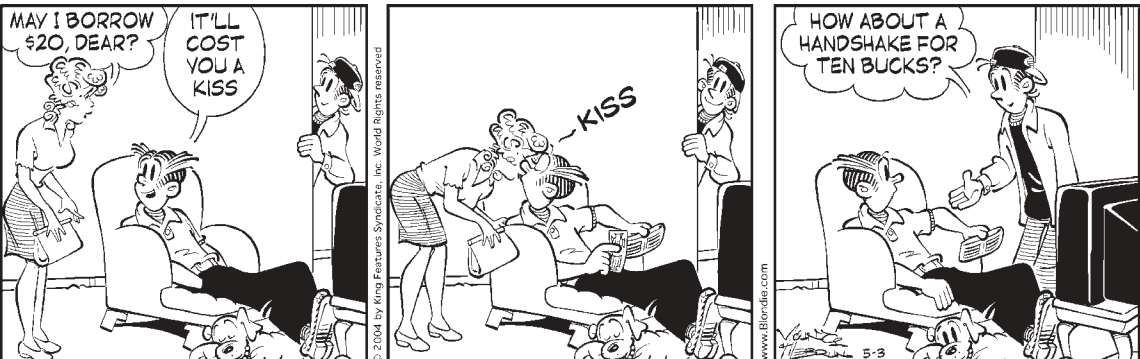
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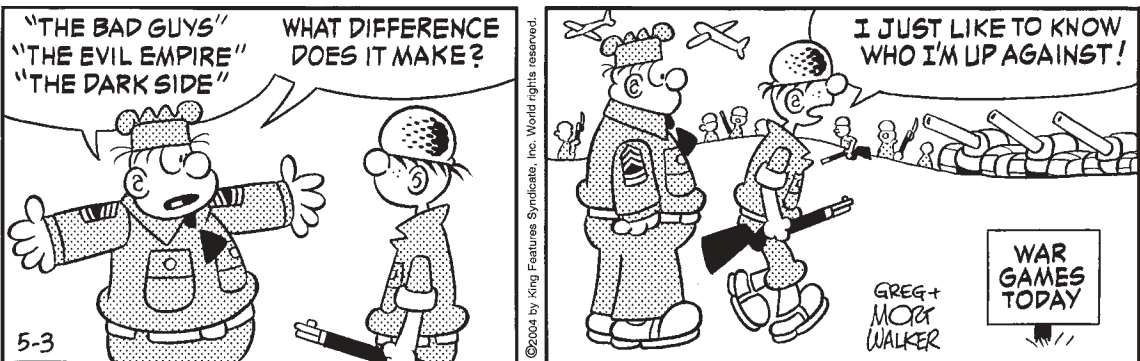
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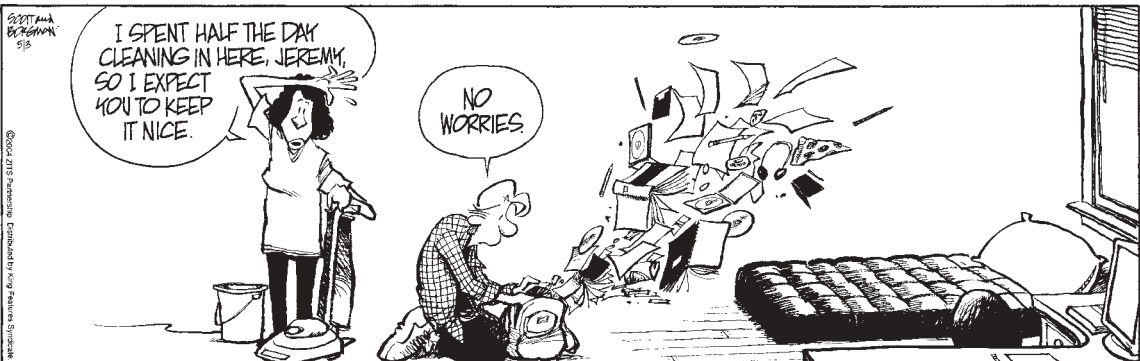
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Cryptoquip

X M W M Q A Q R R M A J C X M S

R M Q Y X U Q V V M U W C R R F Y S

A N G C W A F A C B N Q C V V W C

Q A J X B Q G V M N ?

Saturday's Cryptoquip: I ONCE SAW A VERY HUGE DEBRIS STACK AND SANG "NOBODY KNOWS THE RUBBLE I'VE SEEN!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals P

Teen told she must move on in life

DEAR ABBY: A year ago I was placed in an emergency shelter for seven months, until I graduated from high school. I turned 18 three weeks ago. Because of state guidelines, I was forced to leave the shelter and went to a foster home for a week.

The shelter has a policy that there be no contact between the staff and clients for 18 months, but I was allowed to call there. Last week, I got a call from the director of the shelter, saying I "needed to stop calling and move on with my life." My problem is, before I went there I had no positive support or role models, and now, when something good happens, I want to call and talk to one of them because I got real close to them.

Do you have any advice on how to move on with my life?

— LOST IN ALABAMA

DEAR LOST: It is unconscionable that children are dumped from the system with no skills, no one to confide in, and no one to mentor them.

Contact the foster youth program in your state. Ask to speak to a social worker and inquire about transitional counseling and support. You should also contact the YWCA and see if they provide mentoring. You have reached a point where you must decide where you want to go in life. Have you considered a vocational school or college? Their financial offices can provide suggestions about part-time employment while you're completing your education. Once you're enrolled, you'll meet other young people with positive goals and make friends.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old high school student. My friend "Denise" has an almost insane crush on a friend of ours. Denise is so ob-



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

sessed with him that she has hysterical fits of crying and rage if he pays attention to another girl. She talks about suicide if she can't be with him.

I know this is not normal, but I don't know what to do. I'm concerned Denise will hurt herself or someone else.

— CONCERNED FRIEND IN CALGARY

DEAR CONCERNED: Tell your parents, a teacher, or a counselor at school about her behavior, her threats and your concerns. Your friend has gone off the deep end and may need to be psychologically evaluated.

DEAR ABBY: "Krista in Jacksonville" complained that her husband sneaks up behind her when she's alone in the house and scares her. He also appears out of nowhere when she's in the shower. You advised her that his behavior is childish and a touch sadistic — and told her to hang bells on her door frames and lock the bathroom door.

While your answer was good, you may have overlooked something. Sneaking up on someone, especially a spouse, could be considered a precursor to an abusive relationship. The person doing the sneaking has the control and is doing it to scare the other person. I think Krista and her husband should get marital counseling.

— SEEN IT BEFORE

DEAR SEEN IT BEFORE: While I did not consider the husband's behavior to be ominous, your point is worth considering.

Bridge

East dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	5 ♦
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdble
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♠
Dble	Rdble	All Pass	

Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

Famous Hand

Nearly all of the attention to the United States' victory over Italy in the Bermuda Bowl last November has been focused on the last two deals, which saw the U.S. overcome a 21-IMP deficit to win by 1 IMP.

But another remarkable deal that made a critical difference in the outcome was this one from earlier in the 128-board match. The Italian pair of Norberto Bocchi and Georgio Duboin held the North-South cards in the auction shown. North's two-club response was artificial and asked South to further describe his hand. A series of relay bids ended with North-South in six spades redoubled.

Bob Hamman, West, led a diamond, the suit his partner had doubled on the five-level.

Duboin put up dummy's ace, led a heart to the ace and played a second heart, planning to ruff a third round of hearts in dummy, if necessary, and so make the slam.

Hamman won the second heart with the jack and, knowing what Duboin did not know — that the trumps were divided 4-0 — cleverly continued with the king of hearts.

Duboin ruffed with dummy's jack to forestall a potential overruff by East and then cashed the ace, learning that he had to lose a trick to Hamman's ten for down one.

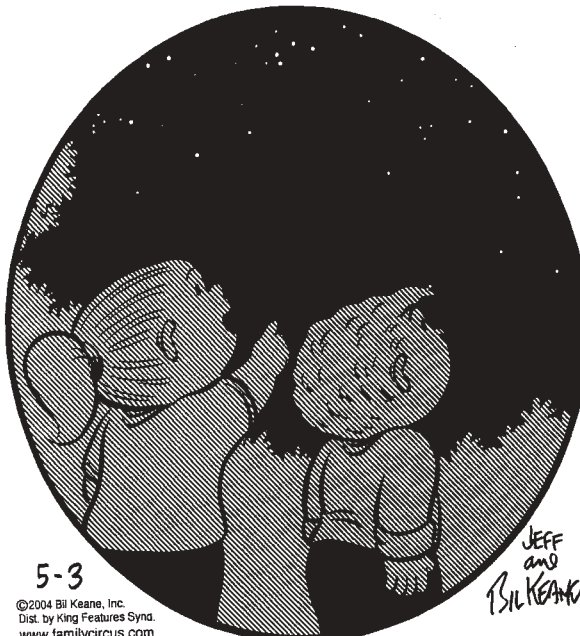
Had Duboin cashed the ace or jack of spades before starting the hearts, he would have uncovered the trump situation and would have had an easy time making the slam.

At the other table, the U.S. North-South pair stopped conservatively in four spades, making five for a score of 450 points. This, added to the 200 gained at the other table, gave the U.S. a pickup of 12 IMPs. Had Duboin played a high trump from dummy at trick two, however, Italy would have gained 15 IMPs and would have won the world title by 26.

Family Circus • Bil Keane

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Know what? There's a dog named Rover on Mars sniffin' around for water."

Crossword

ACROSS	DOWN	DOWN	DOWN
1 Symbol of intrigue	39 Go off on a tangent	1 Sharpen	21 Abbott's first baseman
4 Undergo recession	41 In direct opposition	2 Continental coin	23 Boxer Oliver Twist's request
7 KFC enhancer	43 LummoX motions	3 Radar image	26 Cribs
11 Luau entertainment	44 Com-motions	4 First lady	27 Fateful day at the Forum
13 By way of 14 Vicinity	46 Eldrick Woods' nickname	5 George W.'s predecessor	28 Long, deep cut
15 "Brockovich"	50 Astronaut Arm-strong	6 One who's rolling in dough?	29 Hold sway
16 Wapiti	53 Compete	7 In large amounts	30 Met melody
17 Almost black	55 Mediocre	8 Mound stat	31 Blue
18 November birthstone	56 Sheet of glass	9 Gun the engine	35 Story of a lifetime?
20 Risque	57 Work unit	10 Inlet	38 Pantheon member
22 Snoopy's genre	58 Acmes	12 Big expense	40 Roscoe
24 Squashed squares	59 Ladder feature	19 Use the remote	42 Original
28 Dolphin variety	60 Virgo neighbor		45 Paddock papa
32 Egg-shaped	61 Turn blue?		47 Suitable
33 Emanation			48 Catch sight of
34 Tie up the phone			49 Kennedy matriarch
36 Sea eagle			50 "Car Talk" venue
37 Throw, as in mud			51 Perfume-label word

Solution time: 24 mins.

S	O	N	I	C	B	R	A	S	H
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M	A	D	R	I	D	A	N	K	A
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T	E	M	P	S	T	R	E	A	D

Saturday's answer 5-3

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