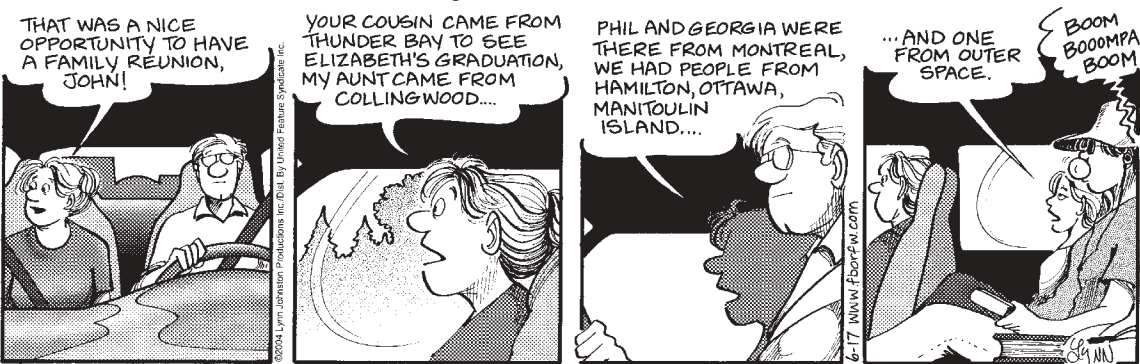


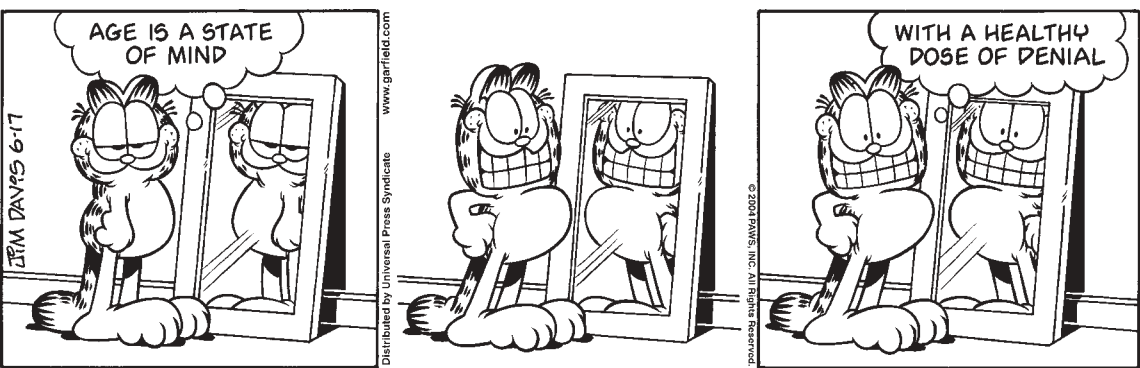
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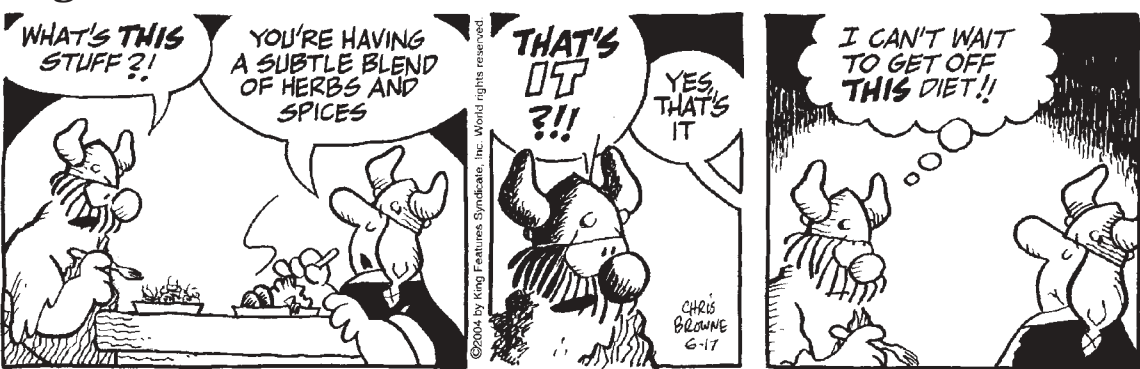
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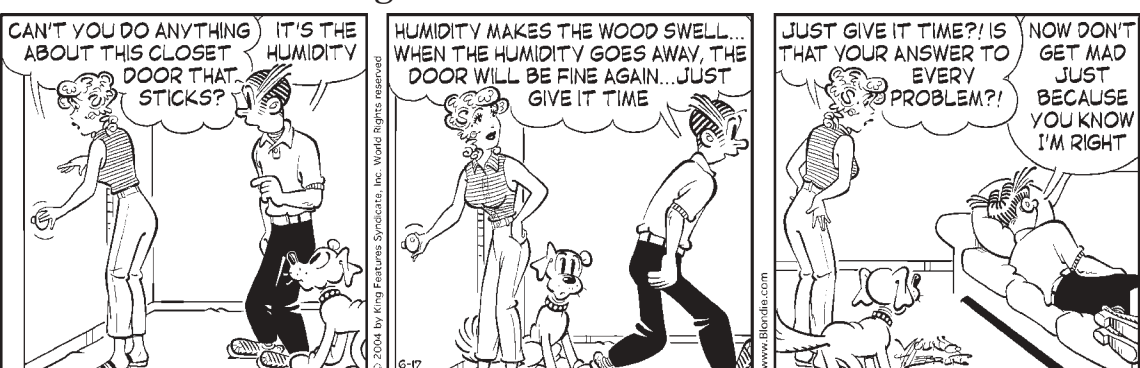
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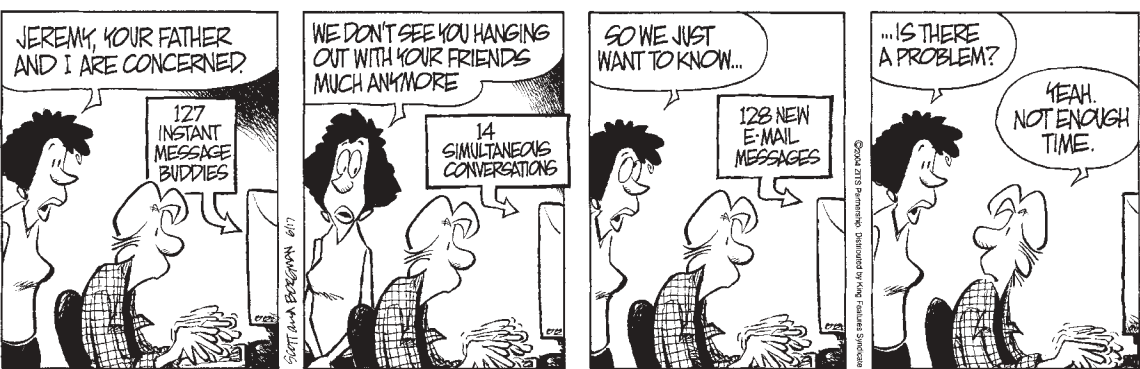
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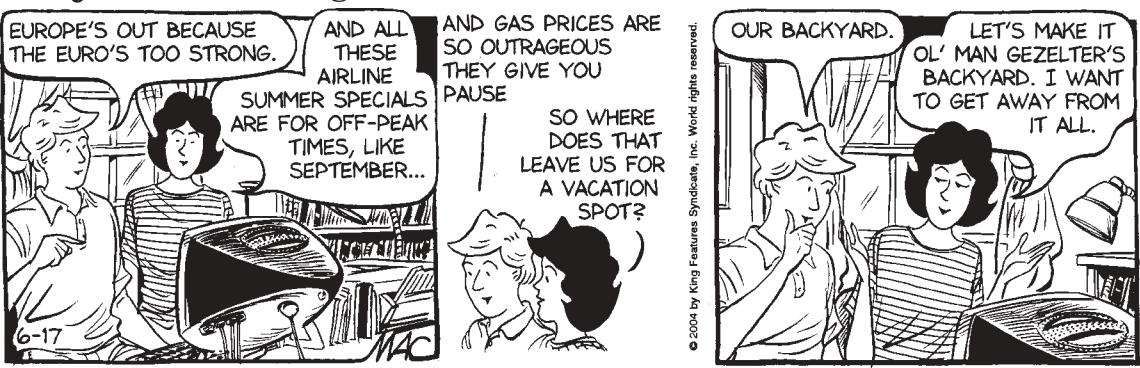
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Family tries to put on brave face



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am a male, retired from a major West Coast law enforcement agency.

I generally agree with your advice, but I have a mega-problem with your answer to “Needs an Answer,” the lady whose hubby, “Cliff,” is incarcerated. She asked what to say when people she meets ask where her husband is.

You advised her to tell people they are having a “trial separation.” Sorry, Abby, but a lie is a lie no matter how you package it. You should have told the lady to tell the truth.

— BLOWN AWAY IN MAUI

DEAR BLOWN AWAY: The fact that a relative is in prison isn’t something that some families want to publicize. While many are open about the fact that a family member is incarcerated — and it is probably healthier to be upfront about it — not all are willing to be. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: “Needs to Know’s” children must be able to talk about their father and be proud of him without worrying about what other people think.

Their mother should set the tone for this. What is important is their relationship with their father, not what the neighbors think. Keeping secrets and behaving as though their dad is someone to be ashamed of will only hurt her boys in the long run. That woman needs to forget what everyone else may think, and say and do whatever is the most healing for her children.

A family therapist may be able to help the family navigate through their discomfort and allow the boys to feel good about him — regardless of the reason he is in jail.

— DEALT WITH IT IN DELAWARE

DEAR DEALT WITH IT: Your suggestion of a family therapist is a good one. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My son, “Rod,” is also in prison, and I, too, often feel uncomfortable revealing his whereabouts. I usually say he’s an optician living in Southern California. (He is, having received his certificate while in prison.)

When I confide in a close friend or colleague where he actually is, people are usually understanding (and curious).

But I’ve never experienced any criticism or negativity. After almost 10 years, it still hurts to talk about it. But knowing my son has made progress in his rehabilitation helps to ease the pain.

— JOAN IN LOS ANGELES

DEAR JOAN: Your son was wise to make the most of the time he has spent in prison. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My husband is serving 15 years to life. Although shame and guilt are normal reactions, they can be harmful to the family of an inmate. The isolation that comes from living a lie only causes more harm in the long run. We tried it.

A better approach is to be honest, reach out to people and admit how painful it is. Once we did, we found that many other families in our area also have a loved one behind bars. The ridicule and scorn we expected never happened.

Instead we were supported and encouraged.

— DIANE IN AUBURNDALE, FLA.

DEAR DIANE: I agree that liv-

ing a lie is unhealthy. Thank you for sharing your personal experience.

There are ministries and programs whose mission is to help the families of prisoners. One which has been mentioned in this column before is the Osborne Association, which offers a list of resources online at [www.osbornenyc.org](http://www.osbornenyc.org). Also available from the National Institute of Corrections is a printable version of its “Directory of Programs Serving Families of Adult Offenders,” at [www.nicic.org/pubs/2002/017081.pdf](http://www.nicic.org/pubs/2002/017081.pdf).

DEAR ABBY: My best friend, “Wanda,” is in trouble. We’re only in sixth grade, and I don’t want her to ruin her life. I found out she is doing drugs. I know Wanda needs help, but I don’t know where to start.

Should I tell her I know? I think the first step to helping her is to get her to admit she has a problem. Am I right?

— CONCERNED FRIEND IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR CONCERNED: Admitting one has a problem is the first step in helping ONESELF. If you try to get her to admit she has a problem, the first thing she will probably try to do is deny it.

Your first step to helping Wanda should be to tell your mother what you have learned. It is important that your friend’s mother know what her daughter is doing, so she can have the girl tested and find professional help for her. Do not put it off.

Bridge

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 NT Pass 7 NT All Pass  
Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

The Guess That Went to School

Guessing situations arise quite often, but a player is expected to guess right most of the time.

There is nothing extraordinary about being right more often than not; it is largely a matter of approaching each problem, as it arises, in a rational fashion.

Assume you’re in seven notrump and West leads a diamond.

You can count 12 top tricks, and the problem is to find a 13th.

If you could see where the queen of clubs was located, your task would be simple, but, since you’re not playing with glass cards, you must try to figure out which opponent has the queen, or at least is more likely to have it.

There is not much information available at the start, so you try to learn everything you can about the opponents’ hands before attempting a club finesse in either direction.

Accordingly, you cash four diamond tricks and four spade tricks.

In the process, you learn that West started with four diamonds and three spades, and that East started with two diamonds and three spades.

You still can’t be sure about the queen of clubs, but you should play East for the missing lady.

Why?  
Because West was dealt six unknown cards that might include the queen, while East was dealt eight unknown cards that might include the queen.

The odds are therefore 8-6 that East has the queen, so you should lead the ten of clubs from dummy at this point and finesse.

As it happens, the percentage play succeeds, and you make the grand slam.

It would not be fair to call this just a lucky guess. It would be much more accurate to call it an educated guess.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Regis' employer  
4 Mosque bigwig  
8 Complain  
12 Actor Stephen  
13 Auditor's hope  
14 Atlas datum  
15 Pizzeria offerings  
17 Ms. Turner  
18 A long time  
19 Degree of excellence  
21 Koestler's "Darkness —"  
24 Bracketed word  
25 Deity  
26 Affirmative action  
28 Instrumental's opposite  
32 Blacklisting org.  
34 "— the Dog"  
36 Heroic account  
37 Imposing setup

**DOWN**

1 Lob's path  
2 Co-star with Betty, Rue and Estelle  
3 Its days are numbered  
4 Apply an elbow patch  
5 TGIFer's dread  
6 Novelist Waugh  
7 Southwestern formations  
8 Blotched critters  
9 Spirited steed  
10 Painter Magritte

**11** Carson predecessor  
**16** Menagerie  
**20** Ms. Ullmann  
**21** Ottoman official  
**22** Sightsee  
**23** Promptly  
**27** Hudson co-star  
**29** Poison ivy lotion  
**30** Culture medium  
**31** Easter entree  
**33** Slander  
**35** Tie up the phone  
**38** Thanks-giving veggie  
**40** Stopper  
**43** Praline ingredient  
**45** Mongrel  
**46** Male swans  
**47** Declare  
**48** Moth variety  
**49** Stuffed tortilla  
**53** Grazing site  
**54** Moray  
**55** Sauce source

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

F	E	E	O	M	E	N	L	L	
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Yesterday's answer 6-17

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE NUDIST CAMP'S MEMBERS CAME UP WITH A GOOD SLOGAN: "PLEASE BARE WITH US."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals T