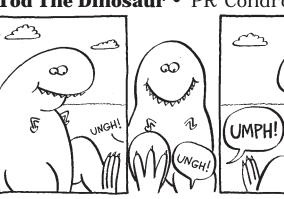
## For Better or Worse • Lynn Johnston YOU SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO MISS PATTERSON THIS IS HER HOME. YOU'RE INVAD-ING HER PRIVACY. OK, EVERYONE-GET DOWN FROM THAT WINDOW! SORRY, MR.CRANE.



### **Tod The Dinosaur** • PR Condron



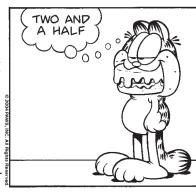


## Garfield • Jim Davis





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Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne





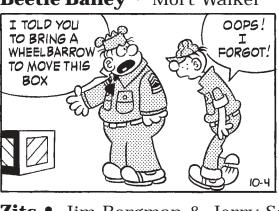
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WOZ ANN NAWZJGWZ? Saturday's Cryptoquip: THE MOST FAMOUS ALCOHOLIC BÉVERÂGE OF ANY GREAT COMPOSER? SURELY BEETHOVEN'S FIFTH!

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals L

# Grandma discovers son is cheating

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Will," is married with three beautiful children. One evening a few weeks ago, I baby-sat my grandchildren at their house. A strange car kept stopping in front of the house, and when I went to the window, it would drive

Will and his wife, "Eve," both work. He returned before she did, and I left. However, I was suspicious, so I drove up the street and let? parked in a dark area. A few minutes later, the car pulled up again, and my son ran out of the house and got into the car. I drove slowly by the car and saw my son and a strange woman talking.

Should I tell Eve what I saw? A yourself is, which is worth more to few people have told me to butt out. you — the friendship or the jew-I strongly suspect that he is having an affair with this woman. What should I do?

— WORRIED MOM IN **MISSOURI** 

**DEAR WORRIED MOM:** Talk to your son. Give him a chance to explain. Warn him about how much he has to lose if he is involved with another woman or doing something illegal. But do NOT carry tales to your daughter-in-law without first talking to your son — if then.

DEAR ABBY: About four years ago, a woman I know, "Cathy," gave me a beautiful matching ring and bracelet. She told me at the time that she couldn't wear them because they were too small. Cathy said she knew I loved jewelry and wanted me to have the set because she didn't know anyone else who would enjoy it as much as I would. I accepted the items and wear them frequently. I love them.

Cathy has since had gastric bypass surgery and lost nearly 150 pounds. She recently came into the office where I work and told me that since she has lost so much weight,

## **Abigail Van Buren**

## Dear Abby

she wants the jewelry back as she pointing out that what I considcan now wear it.

Should I return the ring and brace-

— UNDECIDED IN ALA-

**BAMA DEAR UNDECIDED: Once a** gift is given, it belongs to the recipient to do with as she (or he) wishes. The question you must ask

elry? Only you can answer that.

from her elderly Aunt Millie, I would suggest that she contact Millie's children or someone who is involved in her day-to-day life before cashing them. Aunt Millie may not remember that she has already sent a check, or she may be arbitrarily sending checks to numerous people and charities.

Someone closer may be able to tell the writer to relax, enjoy the money and just thank Aunt Millie, or appreciate being alerted to monitor her checkbook and keep an eye out for other problems that may need to be addressed.

Gift-giving is often a way of staying in touch or seeking more contact. The niece and her children might write, call or visit Aunt Millie more often and give her the gift of their

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ered to be generosity might instead be a sign of dementia in Aunt Millie. If you are correct, contacting someone close to her could avert a big mess.

DEAR ABBY: I am a detective specializing in crimes against children in a central Florida sheriff's department. If the father acts this way when he is being observed, I can only imagine what goes on when the mother isn't present. The DEAR ABBY: Referring to the fact that the mother referred to the woman who is receiving checks man as "my husband," not as the girl's father, raises more red flags.

> Had this been reported to me in my jurisdiction, I believe I would have probable cause for an arrest on charges of lewd and lascivious molestation. "Uneasy" should contact local

law enforcement and child welfare agencies and report her husband. If she doesn't, she could be charged with failure to protect her child. -FLORIDA DETECTIVE

**DEAR DETECTIVE: Several** other members of law enforcement around the country offered similar sentiments. However, pediatricians are mandated to report child abuse if there is evidence — and that is why I recommended the mother first talk to her child's physician.

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## **Bridge**

West dealer.

Neither side vulnerable. **NORTH** 

♠ A 10 7 4 3 **♥** 10 9 6 2

**EAST** 

**♦** Q 2

**♦** 6 5 ♣K Q WEST

**♠** J 9 6 **♥**QJ54

**♦** J 9 7

◆ A Q 8 4 3 2 **♣**10 7 5 **♣**J9864 **SOUTH** 

> ♠ K 8 5 ♥AK873

**♦** K 10 ♣A 3 2

The bidding: West East South North Pass Pass 4 •

## **Famous Hand**

Opening lead — seven of diamonds.

This deal occurred in a match between the United States and Australia at the 1979 World Championship.

The American East at the first table opened four diamonds, over which the Australian South (Andrew Reiner) bid four hearts.

West won the opening diamond lead with the ace and returned a diamond to South's king.

The contract appeared easy to make, but when declarer played the ace of trumps and East showed out, Reiner realized he had a tough assignment on his hands.

Undaunted, he cashed the K-Q of clubs, king of spades, ace of clubs and ace of spades, then exited with a spade to West's jack, producing this position:

North S 10; H 1096 West HQJ5

East Immaterial; DJ South H K 873

West did as well as he could by returning the jack of diamonds. But Reiner ruffed in his hand with the three,

returned the seven of trumps and thus lost only one trump trick to bring in the contract. At the second table, the U.S. South also got

to four hearts, and the play to the first three tricks was identical. But here, after playing the ace of hearts, de-

clarer cashed the king of clubs, overtook the queen of clubs with the ace, ruffed a club in dummy, led the ten of trumps and followed low. West won with the jack and returned the nine

of spades. Declarer covered with dummy's ten, won East's queen with the king, led the eight of spades and finessed, thus also making the con-

proved that there's more than one way to skin

Tomorrow: Super-duper defense. (c)2004 King Features Syndicate Inc.

## Family Circus • Bil Keane



"You're only a two-wheeler. I'm an EIGHT-wheeler."

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