

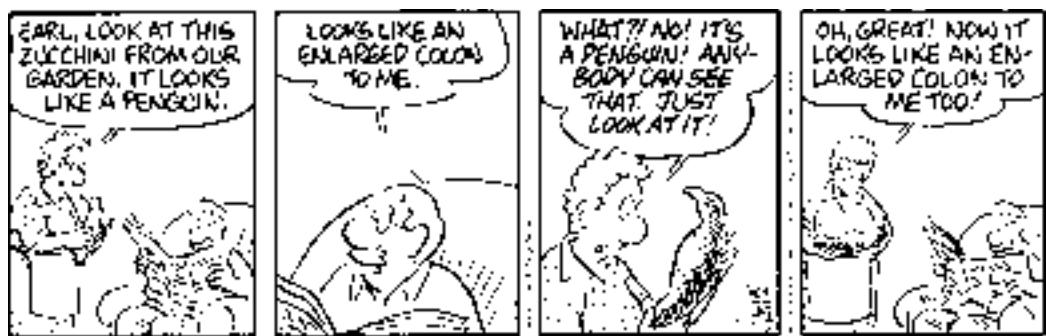
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### Blondie



### Pickles



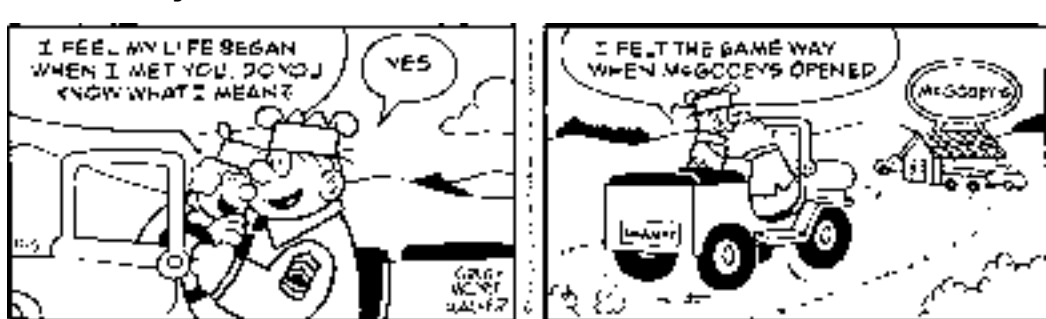
### Garfield



### Classic Peanuts



### Beetle Bailey



### Baby Blues



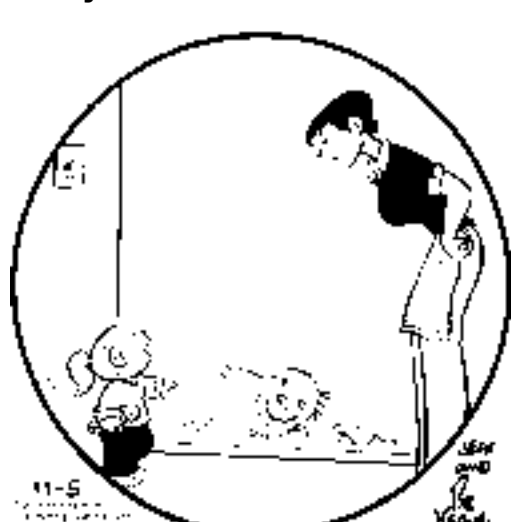
### For Better or for Worse



### Zits



### Family Circus



### Rubes



## 'Trophy wife' deserves respect

**Dear Annie:** My husband is an amazing man. He is selfless and has uncompromising integrity. He is well-known and well-respected in our small community. I am proud to be his wife.

I am 19 years my husband's junior, and this, along with his well-deserved reputation, casts a huge shadow over me. I understand some of this can't be helped, but why must people treat me as though I am some kind of accessory? I am a fairly intelligent woman, and although I am attractive, I don't present myself as a bimbo. The real problem, however, is that my husband not only doesn't seem to notice or care when his "fans" treat me rudely, it's almost as if he goes out of his way to be extra nice to these very same people.

I have accused him of building his ego by making me feel inferior. Am I crazy? He claims I am overreacting. His own brother said to me, "You were a nobody until you

### ANNIE'S MAILBOX



Your Problems

married my brother." How do you think my husband should react to these situations? — Mrs. Nobody

**Dear Mrs.:** He should make it clear that he is also proud of his wife. There is often an assumption when Mr. Big Shot marries a much younger woman that she is simply a trophy wife. Your husband either agrees or likes to give that impression. Women in these marriages have to work quite hard to establish an independent identity. People don't know you. So get on the boards of some charitable foundations. Volunteer at your church. Start a literacy program or a food drive.

If you want to develop a reputation as a smart, capable woman, you must do something to promote it instead of relying on your unsupportive husband to do it for you.

**Dear Annie:** Every year you print a letter from someone complaining about glowing Christmas newsletters. Tell people to read between the lines.

I didn't put in the newsletter that my son dropped out of school and spent time in the hospital for depression. I also left out the years when I considered divorce and the time my other son was arrested for possession of marijuana. I'd rather sift through the events of the year in order to bring to light the few blessings that did occur. — Focusing on the Blessings

**Dear Blessings:** That is a lovely idea for others to keep in mind, but it is also important that these newsletters not become brag sheets regardless of the reason.

## Test-drive your grocery cart

**Dear Heloise:** Here's a way to cut down on your chances of getting stuck with wobble-wheeled grocery carts. Pick up a cart in the parking lot and "test-drive" it to the store entrance. If it rides straight and true, keep it. If it wobbles or veers off in one direction, exchange it for one at the door, and at least you've saved the courtesy clerks one cart pickup in the lot. — Cathy L. from California

Good advice! Not only are you making your trip easier, you are doing a good deed by taking a cart in. — Heloise

**Dear Heloise:** When

### HELOISE



Hints

replacing your furnace filter, use a permanent marker and, on the outside border of the new filter (the edge that shows after the filter has been installed), write the date the filter was installed. This will enable you to determine when it should be replaced. — Bill in Nebraska

**Dear Heloise:** Don't lose those pierced studs in a jewelry box. Instead, stick the posts of two pair through the holes on a medium- to large-size button and attach the backs. This will help keep them visible, and they'll stay together, too. — Mona, via e-mail

**Dear Heloise:** My husband has a problem with colorblindness.

I write the color with a permanent marker on the inside pocket of his trousers. The pockets usually are white.

This makes it much easier for him to select pants and match with shirts. — May P., Universal City, Texas

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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5 Gasoline	2 Aviation-
6 Old card	3 Rock
12 Parisian	4 Red sh-
13 Debtor's	5 Cone
14 Nare's	6 Lulu
15 Persal	7 Wide g r
16 Up to, for	8 Sla-
17 Couple,	9 Top
18 Gate	10 Sheltered
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**Solution time: 25 mins.**  
Yesterday's answer: 11-5

## Coming Up This Week



**Amber Wood**  
Friday  
What's Going On



**Martin Hawver**  
Friday  
At The Rail



**Jim Hightower**  
Friday  
Hightower Lowdown



**Audrey Lintner**  
Saturday  
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