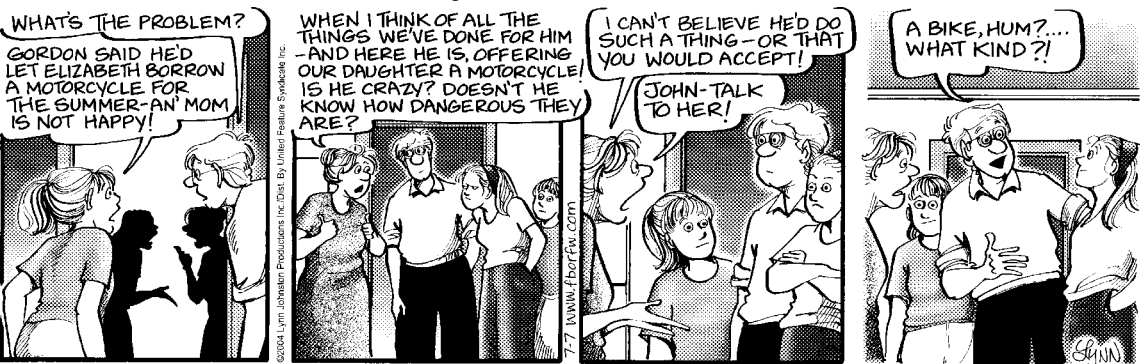
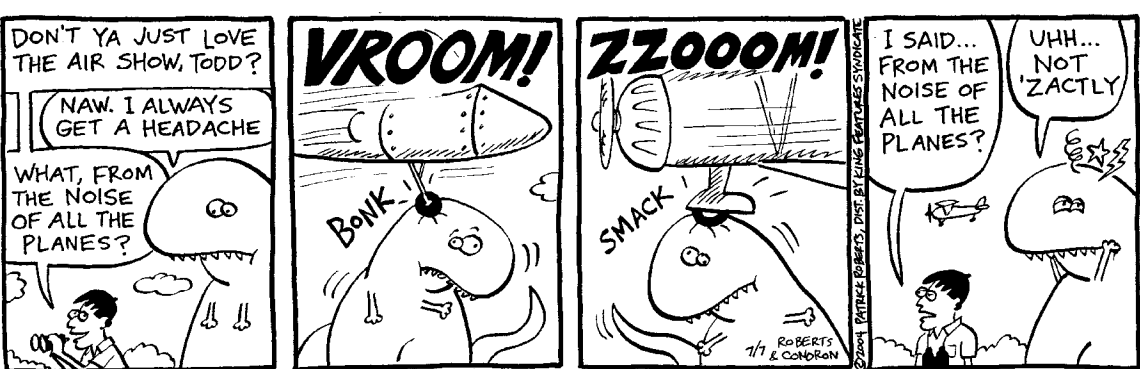


For Better or Worse • Lynn Johnston



Tod The Dinosaur • PR Condron



Garfield • Jim Davis



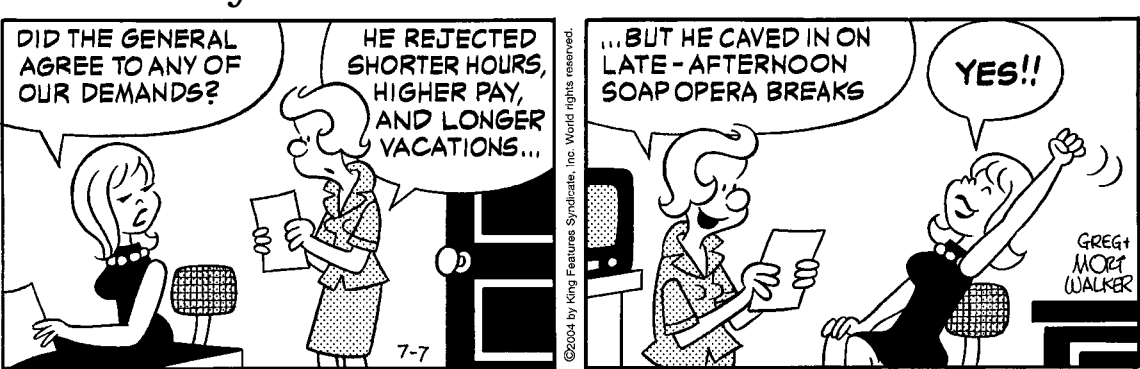
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Blondie • Chic Young



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Cryptoquip

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BMW JTRJDDMWBTJHSW

YFMSJ PUHQSJ, MW BJ

CPMHC LPU RQUPYFJ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WOULD A BLOKE WHO'S ALWAYS STARING RUDELY AT OTHER PEOPLE BE KNOWN AS KING LEER?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals R

Returning home has disadvantages

DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-year-old, single college student. I live on my own and work two jobs in order to make ends meet. I recently told my dad I want to move back home, because working two jobs and going to school is wearing me out — not to mention reflecting badly on my grades. My dad is very excited at the prospect.

The reason I moved out was my stepmother. I can't stand her. She is very controlling, and we have never gotten along. I have tried to make peace with her since I left, but she is still the same. She tells me what time I should be home at night when I go out with my friends!

Abby, at this point I am used to being on my own and not having to account to anyone for my time. How am I going to make this drastic change?

—TROUBLED

DEAR T. in T.: By gritting your teeth and recognizing that there's no free lunch. Instead of paying rent for a roof over your head, you will be sacrificing some of your freedom. Once you accept that this is an exchange — and that it will help you achieve a goal — you'll adapt.

However, if you can't accept the terms, I advise you to stay where you are, because moving back will only cause aggravation for all concerned.

P.S. Your stepmother's insistence on a curfew may have to do with not wanting to be worried about you until all hours nor be awakened in the middle of the night.

DEAR ABBY: My parents watched two of my younger children last week while my husband and I took our older children on vacation. Today, while helping my 5-year-old daughter visit a Barbie Web site, I discovered someone had used my computer to extensively visit a pornographic Web site.

We have three computers, and my father had access only to this one. Our other computers were unaffected. I know these Web sites were not on my computer when we left.



Abigail Van Buren

• Dear Abby

Our family has always joked with my dad about the amount of time he spends on computers, but we assumed it was for work.

Should I tell my parents what I found? I'm disgusted that Dad would use my computer this way and that my children were exposed to pictures of naked women. The bottom line is I do not want this material in my house, nor do I want someone around my kids who engages in this behavior. Please advise.

—NOT IN MY HOUSE

DEAR NOT: Tell your parents what you found and let your father know that you feel he betrayed your trust. To ensure that it doesn't happen again, either install parental control software on your computers or discuss it with your Internet service provider so access to these sites can be blocked.

Once that's done, I see no reason to keep your children from a loving grandfather as long as he views his adult material in his own home, in private.

DEAR ABBY: My fiancé and I are being married in a few months. It's the second time around for both of us. Only our parents and children will attend. We would like to send announcements to the rest of the family afterward to share our joy, but we worry that it might be considered a bid for gifts.

Is there a proper way to put something like "No gifts, please" on the announcements?

—WANTS TO DO THE RIGHT THING IN RENO

DEAR WANTS: Wedding announcements carry no obligation regarding gifts — and no reference should be made to gifts when sharing your happy news. If you are contacted and asked

about gifts, that is the time to verbally state that no gifts are necessary or expected.

DEAR ABBY: "Distancing in Washington" wrote that after 10 years of marriage and two daughters, she and her spouse are on the verge of divorce. You recommended Marriage Encounter. Abby, her difficulty appears to be a bit beyond the scope of Marriage Encounter. Marriage Encounter is for marriages in good shape looking to improve.

I suggest she check into Retrouvaille.org. This international program was developed in 1976 by Marriage Encounter couples in Quebec, Canada, for the purpose of addressing serious marriage problems. Let me give you an analogy: Marriage Encounter is a "tune-up" for marriages NOT in crisis. Retrouvaille is an overhaul for marriages in danger of falling apart.

Retrouvaille places strong emphasis on the communications techniques needed to repair hurting marriages, including 12 post-weekend sessions of about two hours each. My wife and I have been involved in both programs. (All the people involved in Marriage Encounter and Retrouvaille are volunteers.)

The steps in Marriage Encounter are romance, disillusionment and joy. In Retrouvaille, the steps are romance, disillusionment, misery and hope.

—G.H. FROM ARIZONA

DEAR G.H.: Thank you for straightening me out. I would like to add that although Retrouvaille is a program under the umbrella of the Catholic Church, Catholic theology is NOT part of the program and a couple's religion (or lack of religion) is never a factor — nor is anyone's financial status.

Bridge

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.			
NORTH			
♠	6 2	♥	—
♦	K 5 3	♣	—
♣	K Q 9 7	♦	—
♠	8 4 3 2	♥	—
WEST			
♠	—	♥	—
♦	Q J 10 9 7 6	♣	—
♣	6 5 4 2	♦	—
♠	A Q 10	♥	—
SOUTH			
♠	A K Q 10 9 7 4	♥	—
♦	—	♣	—
♣	A J 10 8 3	♦	—
♠	5	♥	—

The bidding:
South 1 ♠, 4 ♠, 6 ♠
West 2 ♥, 5 ♥, Pass
North Pass, 5 ♠, Pass
East 4 ♥, 6 ♥, Dble
Opening lead — queen of hearts.

Kerchoo!

There are 30-point tricks and there are 300-point tricks. To lose 30 points is of little consequence, but to lose 300 points is a matter of more serious concern.

This deal occurred in a team-of-four match. At the first table, South got to six spades doubled on the sequence shown, and West led a heart.

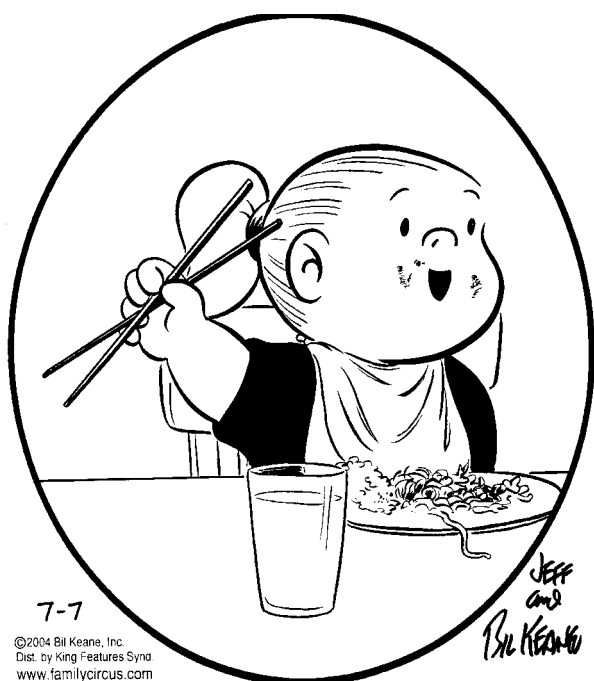
Declarer ruffed and cashed the ace of spades, on which West showed out. The 4-0 trump break appeared to be no more than a temporary inconvenience, so South led a diamond to dummy, planning to take a trump finesse next. But East ruffed, returned a club to West and then ruffed another diamond to beat the contract two tricks — 500 points.

Six spades doubled was also the contract at the second table. Again West led a heart, ruffed by South, and again declarer played the ace of spades, West showing out. But at this point declarer displayed unusual foresight. He recognized that an immediate diamond lead was not urgent, and he played a club instead.

As a result, he saved 300 points. West won and returned another heart, which declarer ruffed. A diamond lead to dummy permitted East to ruff, all right, but that was the end of the line. Thanks to South's earlier club play, East could not negotiate a second diamond ruff, so South went down 200 points instead of 500 at this table.

Not many declarers would have led a club at trick three to protect against the possibility of East's being void in diamonds. But the fact is that South had nothing to lose by the play, and something to gain if it turned out that East had no diamonds. After all, 300 points are not to be sneezed at.

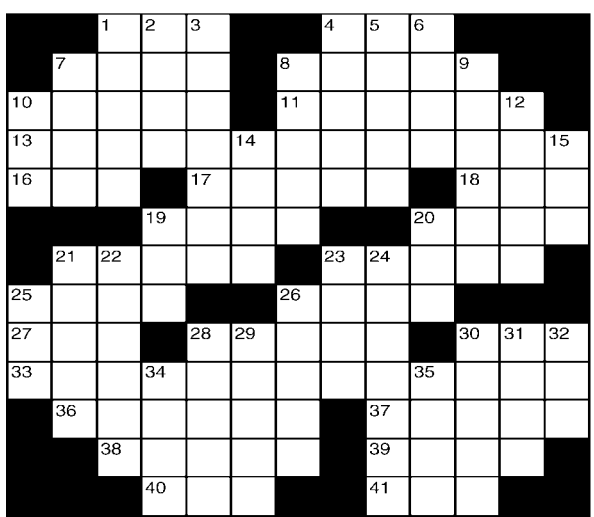
Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Did you know they wrote a song about chopsticks?"

Crossword

ACROSS	26 Put into words	41 Stallone nickname	12 Author — Maria
1 Ball in a gym?	27 Blackbird	28 Master, in India	14 Architect — van der Rohe
4 Dr. Frank-N-Furter's work-place	30 Oscar Wilde's sine	31 Want in vain	15 Ultra-modernist
7 Big rig	33 1950s sitcom	34 Paramour	19 An Every brother
8 Earring sites	36 Narrated anew	37 Made comfortable	20 Flop
10 Unadorned	38 Crou-piers' tools	39 Gifford successor	21 Proprietor
11 Fly	40 Neighbor of Leb.	41 Omega precursor	22 Frost remover
13 Neil Diamond song			23 Poker holding
16 Picks out of a lineup			24 Equal-rights seekers
17 Narrow inlet (Var.)			25 Peregrinate
18 Compete			26 Lean-tos
19 Active one			28 Like many casinos
20 Erte's style			29 More competent
21 Frangrances			30 Frail
23 Luxurious			31 Concept
25 Pop singer Stefani			32 Actor McGinley
			34 Greek vowels
			35 Bar



Crossword Puzzle Answers from Saturday, July 3

S	A	L	A	D	C	L	E	F	T	S
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T	I	E	R	S	I	Z	E	P	E	G
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: PAPA WAS A REALLY HUGE FAN OF NEW ORLEANS PARTIES. HE RENAMED HIMSELF MARTY GRAU.