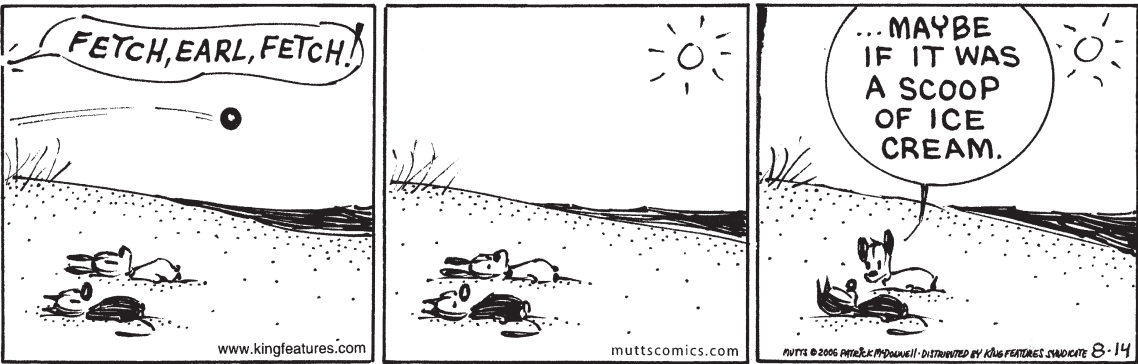


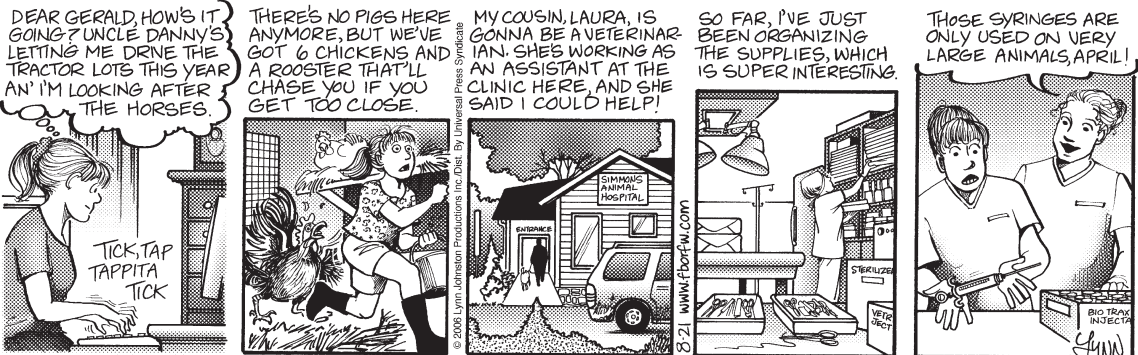
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For Better or Worse • Lynn Johnston



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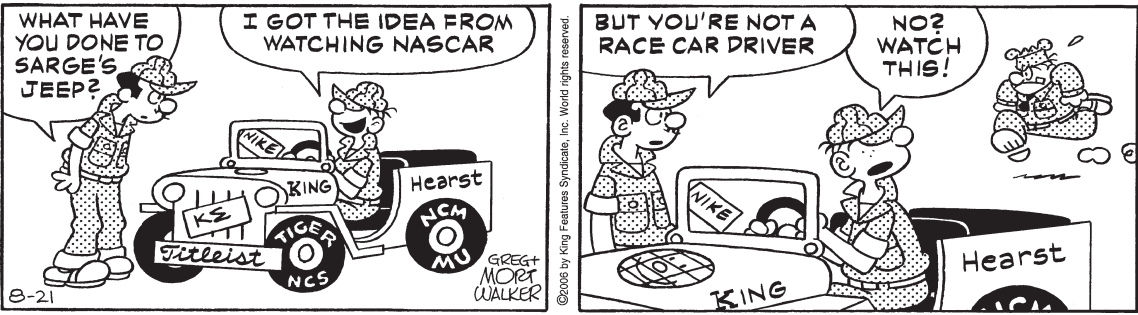
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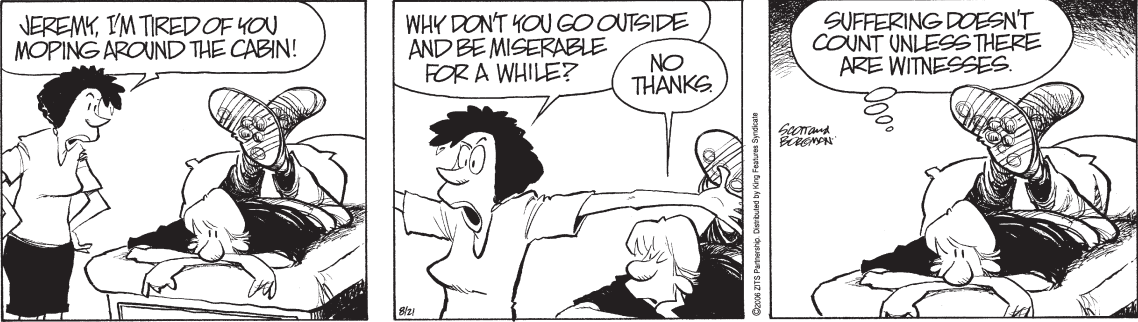
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Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



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Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Youth has summertime blues at camp

DEARABBY: I live at a camp in the north woods of Wisconsin. A staff member's kids spend the day at our camp. The kids are annoying, nasty and whiny.

One 8-year-old girl has attached herself to my 7-year-old sister and is pulling her away from our family. She comes up to our house whether or not my sister invites her, and usually makes a mess. She also invites my sister to stay down at the lodge late at night, which makes my sister tired and crabby.

Her 11-year-old brother attaches himself to my 5-year-old brother, and then pushes him around.

I miss spending time with my sister, and I don't like her change in behavior. I have tried to do something about it, but to no avail. If I go out and tell them, they might hate me. What should I do?

— TICKED OFF IN WISCONSIN

DEAR TICKED OFF: Talk to your parents. How do they feel about this? Eleven-year-old boys are too old to play with 5-year-olds. And when the older child pushes the younger one around, it is considered bullying, which should not be tolerated. It's up to your parents to put a stop to it. As to your sister's friendship with the girl, if the time they spend together and the "messes" she creates don't seem to bother your parents, then I guess it's permissible.

Because you miss spending



Abigail Van Buren

Dear Abby

time with your sister, you need to fill it with something else. Camp activities or making friends with some of the other campers your age would be fun, and make you less dependent upon her for company. Please consider it.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's stepsister, "Melanie," visits us from Alabama for five days every year. When Melanie stays with us, she expects to make us a "Southern dinner" one night during her stay. Before she arrived, I told my husband, "Lawton," that I didn't want her making dinner because she goes through my kitchen drawers and cabinets without asking where anything is. She just takes over my kitchen!

I don't mind if Melanie helps herself to something in the refrigerator, gets a plate and silverware or something of that nature. But for her to come in and take over my kitchen and root through every drawer and cabinet truly upsets me.

Lawton went against my wishes and told Melanie it was OK to make the dinner. Abby, I couldn't even

stand to be in my own kitchen while she was preparing it. I felt I couldn't say one word in my own home.

Lawton accused me of being "hostile" to her and a spoiled brat. He also let me know it is his home, too, and when his stepsister comes to visit, she's allowed to do whatever she wants.

Am I wrong in feeling the way I do? If I am a guest in someone's home (even my sister's), I never do anything without asking. I was brought up to respect another person's home. I feel my husband should have complied with my wishes. Am I wrong? Please enlighten me.

— UPSET WIFE, POTTS TOWN, PA.

DEAR UPSET WIFE: Your feelings are understandable, and many people — of both sexes — feel as you do about their kitchens. However, since "preparing a Southern dinner" has become traditional when Melanie visits, my advice is to ask her what equipment she will need before she starts the preparation, so you can have it sitting on the counter ready for her. That will minimize the amount of "rooting" she has to do, and you will feel less invaded. Bon appetit, y'all!

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Bridge

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 NT	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
6 ♥			

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

Famous Hand

There are two sides to a coin, as any numismatist will tell you, and there are also two sides to a bridge hand, as any bridge player will tell you. This is especially noticeable in team-of-four events, where the same hand is played at two different tables.

Consider this deal, which occurred at the 1980 World Bridge Olympiad in the match between Yugoslavia and the United States. Nothing much happened at the first table, where, with Yugoslavia North-South, the bidding (with East-West silent) went: 1 [H]-1 [S]-2 [H]-4 [H]. West led a diamond, taken with the ace, and declarer cashed the ace of trumps, on which West showed out. South then entered dummy with a spade, finessed the jack of hearts and eventually lost a trump trick and a club to score 650 points.

At the second table, Ira Rubin and Paul Soloway, North-South for the U.S., got to six hearts as shown in the diagram. The Yugoslav West started with the ace and another club.

You might think Soloway would go down one, but he managed to make the slam by presenting East with a chance to make a mistake. Instead of leading a low trump to his ace at trick three, he led the nine of trumps.

East covered with the ten, a mistake many defenders might make, and this impulsive action ultimately proved fatal. Soloway won with the ace and, after West showed out, had an easy time trapping East's Q-8-5 of trumps. The only trick Soloway lost was a club, and he scored 1,430 points for making the slam.

Leading the nine of trumps instead of the three was a play that could cost declarer nothing, but it had the enormous advantage of inducing a defensive error by East.

Tomorrow: A step-by-step process.
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Cryptoquip

AKPNSVK GEK PENXPKV NTK

HJJZ LJS'DD JXK ZNL

AK N GESH, W TKPUJX

LJS'TK N DWUKDL EJJZ.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF ACTRESS ANN OFFERS PEOPLE GREAT SOLACE, ONE MIGHT REFER TO THAT AS SOTHERN COMFORT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals L

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I wanna see where Al Capone lived, where the Valentine Massacre was and Eliot Ness' headquarters ..."

Crossword

ACROSS	43 Earth (Pref.)	DOWN	21 Old French coin
1 Columbus Day mo.	44 Clone	1 News-paper page	23 Sphere
4 Pouch	46 Neck-wear	2 "The Da Vinci —"	25 Troubadour's
7 News, briefly	50 Saxophone range	3 Forum garb	accompaniment
11 "Winnie-the- —"	53 CSA soldier	4 Bawl	26 Winged
13 Bob of CBS News	55 Therefore	5 Deserlike	27 Back talk
14 Deposited	56 Amateur-night	6 Frog noise	28 Suitable
15 Rim	57 Sticky bell	7 "Maybe"	29 Mideast gulf
16 Life story	58 Have coming	8 Yea canceler	30 Fork-tailed bird
17 Ancient instrument	59 Sgt. Snorkel's dog	10 Tribute in verse	31 "— your old man!"
18 Handed out hands	60 Conclusion song	12 Classic Jim Reeves	35 Peruke off course
20 Morse symbol	61 Spelling contest	19 Links prop	40 Afternoon affair
22 Writer Buscaglia			42 Mournful music
24 Eucalyptus eaters			45 Night light?
28 Mid-June honorees			47 Grouch
32 Throat dangler			48 Storybook villain
33 Notion			49 Color quality
34 Arrow launcher			50 Past
36 Greek vowels			51 Sodom evacuee
37 Brash			52 Blasting stick
39 Temporary caregivers			54 Physique
41 Group of nine			

Solution time: 24 mins.

P	S	H	A	W	D	A	U	B	S		
C	H	A	I	S	E	O	G	L	I	N	G
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H	A	R	A	S	S	I	N	D	E	N	T
T	E	N	T	S	R	E	T	R			

Saturday's answer 8-21

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