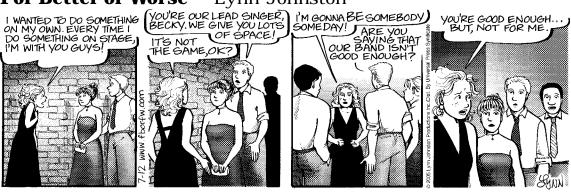


#### For Better or Worse • Lynn Johnston



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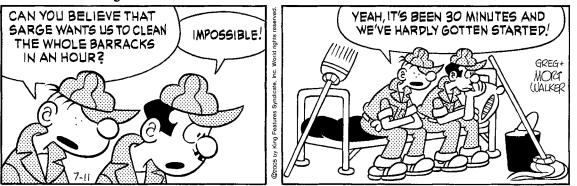
#### Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



#### Blondie • Chic Young



## Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



# Husband thinks he is unimportant

DEAR ABBY: My wife spends all her spare time with a female friend I'll call "Cassandra." Last August they went to Nicaragua for two weeks, at Cassandra's expense. They are planning a trip to Puerto Riconext month. Again, Cassandra is footing the bill. They spent a week together in Louisville at a churchsponsored activity. They give each other oil massages in our bed and make frequent bets with each other with the massages as the payoff.

They spend as much as three hours a day communicating, whether it be via phone, e-mail or textmessaging. They see each other a minimum of once a week, plus at church, and we live 50 miles apart.

When they're together, I can repeat a question four times or more and never be acknowledged. They make special dinners and buy each other gifts. The items my wife receives are many times what we can afford. When they're on the phone or e-mailing, dinners have been burned and normal things that should be done around the house don't get done.

Do you think there is something I should be concerned about here?

- WONDERING IN ILLI-NOIS

DEAR WONDERING: Yes, I do, because you do not appear to be first on your wife's list of priorities. You and she — and probably her girlfriend — are overdue for a long and very frank talk.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I expect our first child in three months. His mother is already pressuring us to let her baby-sit, and eventually have the child for summers and vacations. The problem is, her negligence and poor judgment while raising her own children led to them both being physically and sexually abused.

She continues to be friendly with anyone who will be friendly with her, including the family members

## **Bridge**

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Abigail Van Buren Dear Abby

ering that Jan was not even speak-

ing to her father at the time of her

marriage, it's presumptuous of

her to be hitting her father up for

a reception now. A cash gift would

be more generous; and a "wed-

ding reception" under these cir-

cumstances would be a charade.

divorced from an alcoholic. At the

time I filed, he said he would get his

own place and move the furniture he

wanted out of my home. (Some of it

is hand-me-downs from his family.)

stages, he still hasn't saved any money and shows no sign of getting

a place of his own. He's staying with

friends and has very limited space.

ment, we have settled all property

disputes, and whatever each has in

his or her possession belongs to him

orher. I have a lot of his possessions

still says he wants some of it and

expects me to hold it indefinitely. I

be nice and have been repaid with

- TRYING TO MOVE ON IN

DEAR TRYING TO MOVE

to charity or put in storage under

**FLORIDA** 

I don't want or need this stuff. He

- mostly furniture.

According to the divorce agree-

Now that things are in the final

DEAR ABBY: I am about to be

who abused her children.

There is no way I'll ever let her be alone with my child. My husband supports my feelings. But we don't know how to tell her that her services are not needed or wanted without causing hurt feelings.

- SETTING LIMITS **DEAR SETTING LIMITS:** 

When she asks to baby-sit, tell her nicely that you already have made other arrangements. Ditto for extended vacations. Explain that she's welcome to visit when it's convenient for all of you. However, if she insists on knowing why she can't take the baby, repeat exactly what you have told me. Your child's safety is more important than your mother-in-law maintaining the fantasy that her children's upbringing was normal.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for three years. His 27-year-old daughter, "Jan," wants him to give her a wedding reception because at the time she was am ready to move on with my life, married, two years ago, they were and can't do it in a house filled with not on speaking terms. (She was married by a justice of the peace all of his belongings. I have tried to with no family present.)

alcoholic rampages. What should I Jan now has two small children. I do about his belongings? think at this late date, a wedding reception would not be appropriate. I have suggested we give her a generous cash gift as a belated wedding gift — and she can do what she ON: Discuss this with your lawwants with the money, including yer. Have your lawyer contact his throwing herself a party. My huslawyer, and give him a date after which the furniture must be out of band dreams of giving her the memories of a reception with her your house. Make it plain that if it isn't out, it will either be donated dad. What do you think?

-AGAINST IT IN ILLINOIS DEAR AGAINST IT: Consid- his name and at his expense.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



## Sally Forth • Greg Howard





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The bidd	ling:	10	
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 🕈	Pass
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Opening	lead — t	hree of spa	ades.

#### **Famous Hand**

This deal was played in the match between Argentina and the United States in 1961. Oddly enough, the bidding and opening lead were exactly the same at both tables.

Two clubs was artificial and asked South to bid a four-card major if he had one. After South denied a major by bidding two diamonds, both Norths elected to conceal their five-card heart suit and went directly to three notrump.

When the Argentine South was declarer, he ducked the spade lead, East w inning with the aueen.

East shifted to a club, and when declarer finessed the queen, West won and led another spade. Again declarer finessed, losing to the king, and when East played another club, South's ten lost to West's jack.

By this time, the Argentine declarer had tried four finesses and lost them all!

West returned a spade, and even though the diamonds were favorably divided, South finished down one.

When Peter Leventritt of the United States held the South hand, the contract was made. The Argentine East won the spade lead with the queen and also returned a club.

But Leventritt, alert to the danger of allowing West to gain the lead for another spade play, went up with the ace of clubs in order to get started on establishing dummy's heart suit.

Accordingly, after taking the club ace, he led a diamond to the queen followed by a low heart to the eight.

West took the jack and returned a spade, but Leventritt rose with the ace and ran his hearts and diamonds to finish with 10 tricks.

As a result, the U.S. team gained 730 points on the deal.

Leventritt did not allow himself to get caught in the series of crisscross finesses that undid the Argentine declarer.

Instead, he relied on the strong likelihood that dummy's hearts could be established and run before the defenders could score enough tricks to defeat him.

Tomorrow: A stunning victory.

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"Wow! Now there's something you don't see every day!"

## Crossword

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