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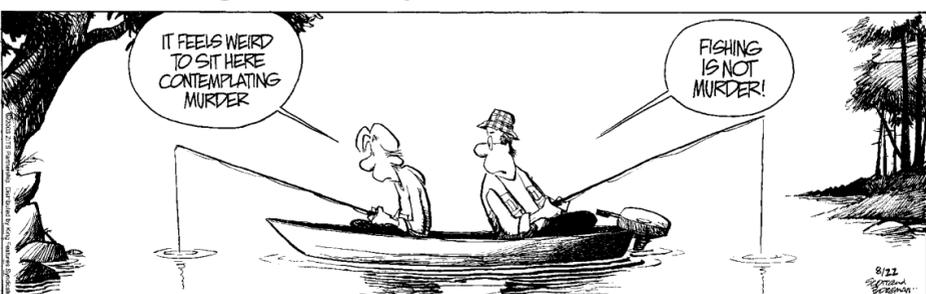
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Children's healthcare a necessity

DEAR ABBY: As a practicing physician, a mother, and CEO of the nation's largest health foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, I care deeply about the 45 million Americans who lack health insurance — especially the 8.4 million uninsured children.



Abigail Van Buren
• Dear Abby

These kids often do not receive needed medical care for sore throats, earaches and asthma. However, many of them are eligible for programs that provide low-cost or free health-care coverage, even if their parents work and earn only modest incomes. These programs exist in every state and the District of Columbia through Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program. Eligibility varies by state, but families of four earning up to \$38,000 a year or more may qualify. The programs cover doctor visits, hospitalizations, prescriptions and more.

Making sure our children have health-care coverage is an investment in their healthy future as well as our nation's. Thank you, Abby, for helping America's kids by printing this.

—RISA LAVIZZO-MOUREY, M.D., PRESIDENT AND CEO
DEAR DR. LAVIZZO-MOUREY: Thank you for the important heads-up. That a country as rich and powerful as the United States does not have a comprehensive national health program protecting all of our children is a national embarrassment.

Readers, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation sponsors a program nationwide called "Covering Kids and Families," and encourages parents of noninsured children to call (toll-free) 877-543-7669 (877-KIDS-NOW) to find out if your children are eligible.

The need is great, so please

don't wait to place that call.

DEAR ABBY: I am engaged to be married. The problem is that "Todd" and I come from different religions. I'm a Catholic and he is a Baptist.

Todd refuses to even consider being married in a Catholic church and, because he won't, I won't get married in his. I really want a church wedding, and my mother doesn't want me to be married in any other church. (I don't attend church on a regular basis.)

—CONFUSED
DEAR CONFUSED: That depends upon what you consider a "perfect wedding." If it involves being married in a Catholic church, you will have to break this engagement and find a nice Catholic boy. If it's marrying Todd, you will probably have to change religions.

Because this is a subject about which neither of you seems willing to compromise, I strongly recommend that the two of you get premarital counseling. It appears there are many important subjects you need to discuss — including in which religion you plan to raise your children.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I rent a house from her mother. I run a home-based business and use our bedroom as an office. On several occasions I have returned to the house and found my business documents rearranged.

I suspected someone was going through the house in our absence,

so I set up my camcorder and left it running one afternoon. When I came home later, I played it back and saw I had caught "on tape" my mother-in-law going through our personal belongings and my private papers.

I'm afraid if we confront her she might evict us.

—DISAPPOINTED
DEAR DISAPPOINTED: Do not confront her. Install a dead-bolt lock on your bedroom/office door and keep it locked whenever you're away from the house. And as soon as you can save enough to rent or buy another place, get the heck out of there.

DEAR ABBY: Most of your responses I agree with, but the one you gave to "Hurt and Offended," who was with her fiancé in a restaurant when a man she works with approached and asked, "What's your bra size?" was somewhat "off." You told her to report it at work.

Abby, it happened in a public place — not at work. I agree, the question was rude and out of line. (Maybe the guy is a jerk and thought he was being funny.)

But it can't be sexual harassment if it happened outside the workplace. Rather than report him, I think she should drop it unless it happens again.

—JAMES S. IN WISCONSIN
DEAR JAMES S.: You didn't read the woman's letter closely enough. In the second paragraph she went on to say, "I have seen these men every day and had work-related discussions with them."

Two of them have made reference to the incident, but neither has apologized." By referring to the incident at work, the men HAVE "brought it into the workplace."

Bridge

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

The bidding:
North 1♣ East 1♠ South 3♥ West 4♠
Pass Pass 5♦ 5♠
6♦
Opening lead — five of spades.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in the quarterfinal match between Italy and the United States at the 2004 World Team Championship in Istanbul last fall. The Italians defeated their long-time rivals by the slender margin of 12 IMPs in the 80-deal clash, and then went on to win the world title by downing the Netherlands in the final. Russia finished third, and China fourth.

The Italy-U.S. confrontation was an up-and-down affair, with the lead changing hands many times over the five 16-board segments. Today's deal helped put the Americans into the lead at the end of the second set.

The bidding shown took place when Norberto Bocchi and Giorgio Duboin were North-South for Italy.

Duboin ruffed the opening spade lead and had to decide how to broach the trump suit. West's four-spade bid indicated a distributional hand with few high cards, so it would seem that declarer would do best by leading a low diamond from his hand to see whether West had a singleton honor.

In the actual case, this would have resolved the issue immediately. If an honor did not appear, declarer would play the king, and if it lost to the ace, he would have to decide whether to finesse East for the jack when the suit was next led from dummy.

Instead, Duboin crossed to dummy with a club at trick two and led a diamond to the queen. When this lost to the singleton ace, he had to go down one.

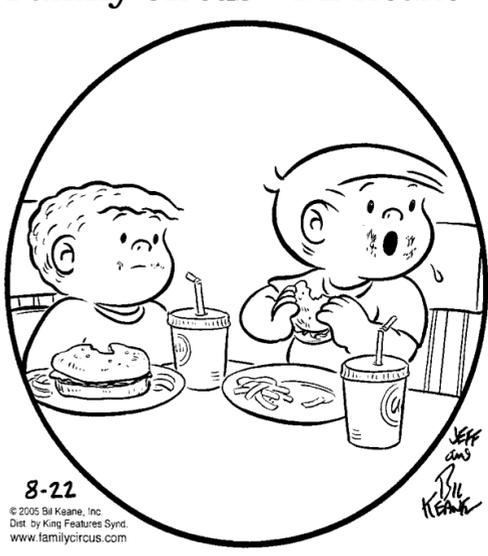
At the other table, where Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein of the U.S. held the North-South cards, they also reached six diamonds and got a spade lead.

Here, too, the Italian West had leaped to four spades at his first turn.

Weinstein considered his first play in the trump suit very carefully and found the winning line by leading low from his hand at trick two.

The appearance of West's ace gave the U.S. a 16-IMP pickup on the deal. Tomorrow: The rationale of good defense. (c)2005 King Features Syndicate Inc.

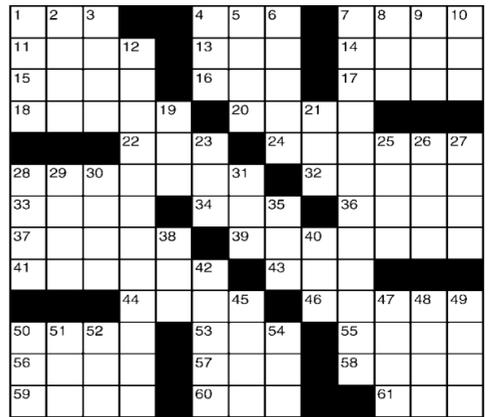
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Crossword

ACROSS
1 "Rumble in the Jungle" contender
4 Hatchback, e.g.
7 Leave at the altar
11 Pt. of speech
13 "So that's it, eh?"
14 Hexagonal state
15 Comment to Brutus
16 Go up and down
17 Capital of Togo
18 Pilfered
20 Boo-Boo's mentor
22 Under the weather
24 Froot Loops spokesperson
28 1-Across' opponent
32 Kansas river
33 Notion
34 Method
36 Staff
37 Marie's brother
39 Processions
41 Worn down
43 Chart format
44 Incursion
46 Song of praise
50 Sherlock trademark
53 Leprechauns' dance
55 Neighborhood
56 Acknowledge
57 Eggs
58 Michelle Kwan's arena
59 Coloring agents
60 Bottom line
61 Citric cooler
19 Shade provider
21 Moo — gai pan
23 "The Practice" senator
25 Ask for ID
26 "Let Us Now Praise Famous Men" writer
27 Information
28 Bona follower
29 Smell
30 Nevada city
31 Siesta
35 Shril bark
38 Verily
40 Rend
42 Mustard variety
45 Jackknife, for one
47 Met melody
48 Give temporarily
49 Put together
50 Cushion
51 Trellis twiner
52 "The Raven" poet
54 Roscoe



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R X Z L K D A W S L Q X W B S L A
O I D D K , X ' Y Z K D T U T I H

B K H "GAUQLG UIXRL!"
Saturday's Cryptoquip: I'M GUESSING THAT THE WORLD'S MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PODIATRIST WAS PROBABLY PAUL BUNION.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals D