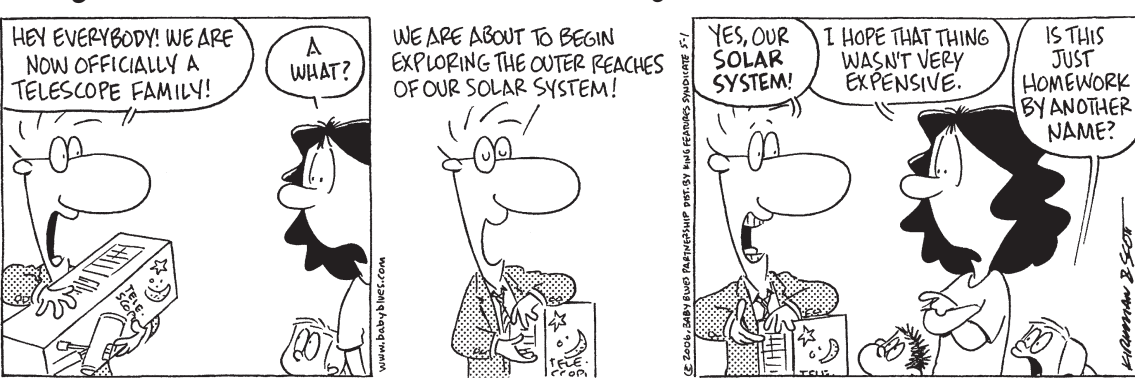


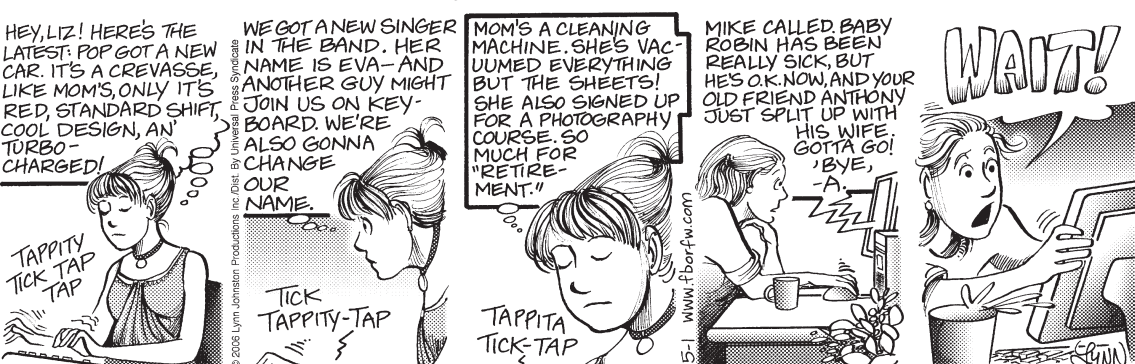
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For Better or Worse • Lynn Johnston



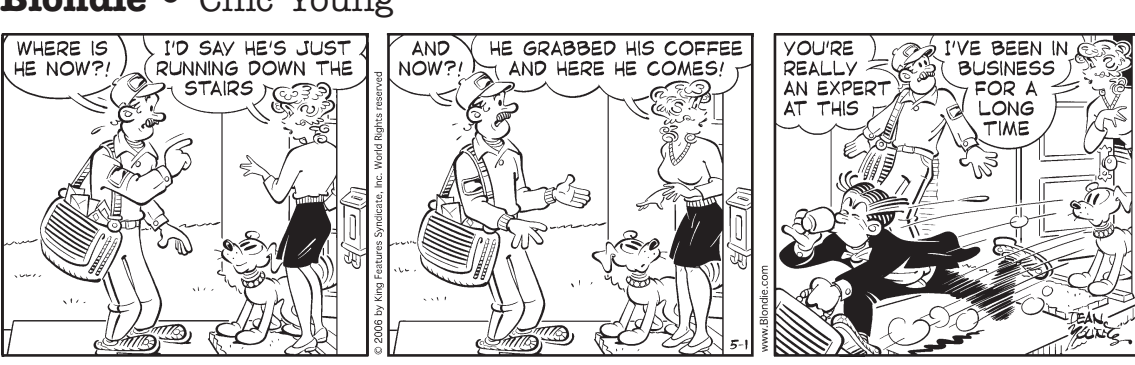
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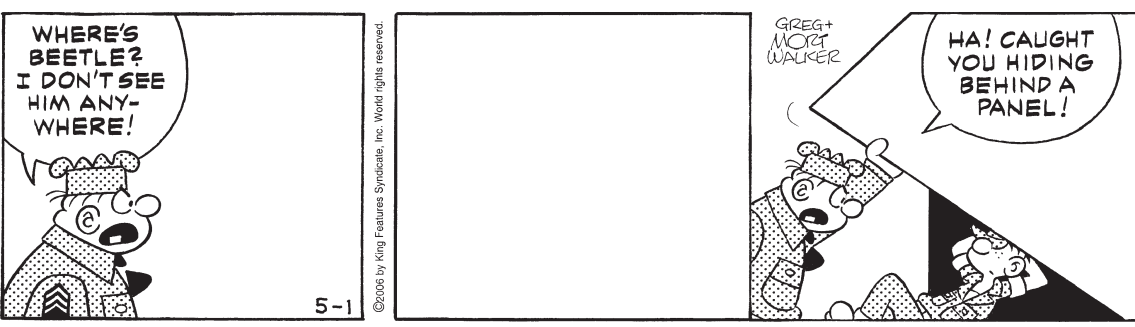
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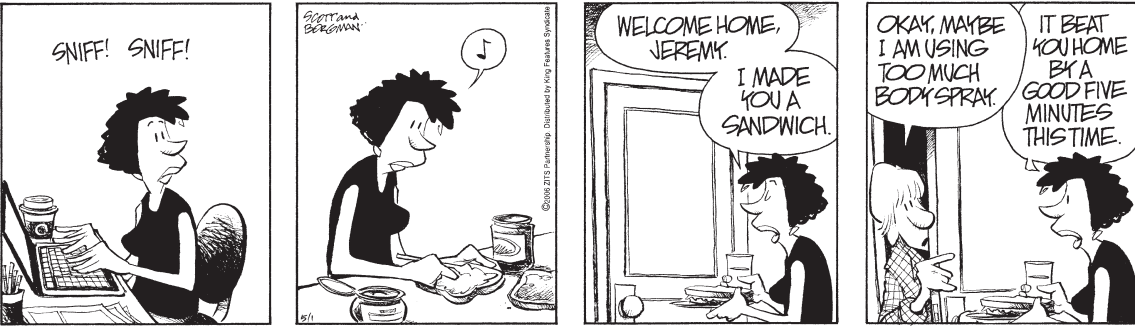
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



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Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Fireworks keep neighbor awake

DEAR ABBY: It's Tuesday, 3:22 a.m., and I'm wide awake, not by choice. I live downstairs from some newlyweds, "Ike" and "Tina," who moved into our apartment building a few weeks ago. This is the second time I've been awakened by their fighting. I hear loud thumps and bangs and cries from both of them. Because we leave our windows ajar at night, we can also hear what they are shouting at each other.



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Dear Abby

to tolerate her snooping. Because closing your bedrooms hasn't kept her out, consider locking them.

I am well aware that Ike has hit Tina on more than one occasion. The first time, I was tempted to run upstairs and "save" her. This time, I'm lying here wondering if I should call the police or write a personal note and leave it under the door.

ations, which are potentially life-threatening. The husband could be high on something, or a psychopath. Under no circumstances should you try to intervene because it could be physically dangerous for you.

If that's not feasible, then the next time you have a family get-together, "forget" to invite her. Should she ask why, be truthful. Let her know now much you enjoy her good company, but you cannot put up with her inspection tours. If that doesn't do the trick, the next time you catch "Miss Nosy" in a bedroom, ask her to please rejoin the others — and feel free not to invite her again.

I don't want to embarrass anyone or cause more problems. But I do want them to stop fighting. It breaks my heart. Ike apologizes, then Tina yells and he cries, and she says she wants to leave, and he begs her to stay. I hear the whole thing.

When I asked Aunt Irene's husband where she was, he got embarrassed. He tries to ignore it. I followed her once and asked what she was doing. She said, "Just looking."

Please help, before the situation gets any bigger.

I know the best thing would be to suggest counseling, but that's not my place. I have never met them. I'd hate for something worse to happen, and I refuse to be like half the people here in Los Angeles and just sit and watch the violence go by. So what should I do?

Aunt Irene always wants to be included and she's good company, but she has this odd habit. How should we handle this?

DEAR PERPLEXED: The person to discuss this with Jane's parents should first be the teacher. If she has already done so and your friends continue to ignore the problem, then your wife should approach Jane's mother and say something — and perhaps offer to go shopping with them. It's possible that they are in denial about the fact that their "baby" is becoming a woman.

Please answer soon. I don't think I can handle much more of this.

DEAR SLEEPLESS: Someone would be doing this young wife a favor if he or she could catch her when her husband isn't around and tell her plainly that batterers don't break the habit without professional help, and she needs to get out of there before she is seriously injured.

DEAR WONDERING: It appears your Aunt Irene is nosy and can't resist the impulse to take "inventory" of your possessions. Few people would be as easygoing as you have been. You do not have

— SLEEPLESS IN L.A.

— WONDERING IN CLEVELAND

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If that's not possible, then the next time you hear "thumping," you should definitely summon the police. Law enforcement officers are trained to handle these kinds of situations.

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Bridge

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 5
♥ Q J 5 2
♦ Q 9 7 5
♣ 7 6 5

WEST
♠ 7
♥ 9 7 6 3
♦ A J 8 4 2
♣ A Q 8

EAST
♠ 4 3 2
♥ A 10 8 4
♦ K 10 6 3
♣ 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10 9 8 6
♥ K
♦ —
♣ K J 10 9 4

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1 ♠
Pass 2 ♥
Pass Pass 4 ♠
Pass Dble
Pass Pass

Opening lead — three of hearts.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in the U.S.-Argentina match in 1958. South was B. Jay Becker, editor of this column from 1955 to 1987. The following is his own account of the deal:

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Now that we're in bed, they won't have to watch their language on TV."

"I was South and bid only one spade, although I had a practically sure game in my hand. The Argentine West doubled, and East responded two hearts. I bid two spades, confident that in a hand where I was missing 12 hearts and 13 diamonds, someone would bid again.

Crossword

ACROSS

1 Kinsman, for short
4 Chum
7 Big bash
11 Musical phrase
13 "Caught ya!"
14 Basin accessory
15 Pinnacle
16 Man-handle
17 "Swell!"
18 Adolescents
20 Celtics legend
22 Water holder
24 Hunts
28 Legal hurdle
32 Bert's pal
33 Stench
34 Remuneration
36 Weevil's target
37 Singer Georgia
39 Wife of 5-Down
41 Saturates
43 Tri-umphed

DOWN

3 1931 song, "All —"
4 Burst sort
5 Wicked Biblical piece
6 Mensa king
7 Mensa rejection stat
8 Astonishment
9 Meadow type
10 Drawings
12 Traffic mishap
19 Kenny G's instrument
21 Wish undone
23 Chart
25 Nose-in-the-air
26 Scrabble sort
27 Vend
28 Marshy areas
29 Mine entrance
30 Judicial garb
31 Army rank (Abbr.)
35 Evergreen
38 Hot tub
40 Menagerie
42 Prophet-ess
45 Place
47 Let fall
48 One of the Simpsons
49 Calendar unit
50 Go up and down
51 Past
52 Virgo neighbor
54 Kvetch

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Saturday's answer 5-1

Cryptoquip

BGC PRE DGFKDG, RTDSHAQ
TAJ SCJLPTKE HAQBKFXCABO,
XTJ OPPA LC OCCSHAQ
T A P K Q T A E P A P K .
Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF AN ECONOMIC PRODUCT DISPLAYED A BIT OF STRANGENESS, IT COULD BE A COMMODITY ODDITY.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals O

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