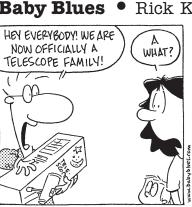
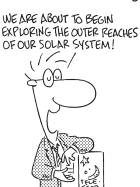


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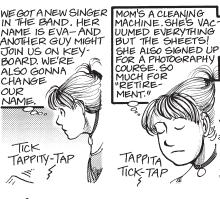






For Better or Worse • Lynn Johnston







Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne





Garfield • Jim Davis







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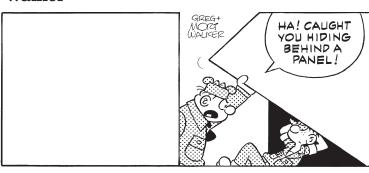






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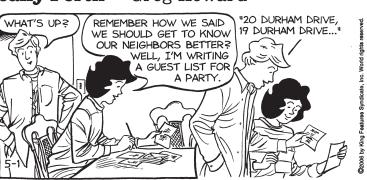








Sally Forth • Greg Howard





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.

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.

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. 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?

Please answer soon. I don't think I can handle much more of this. - SLEEPLESS IN L.A.

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.

If that's not possible, then the next time you hear "thumping," you should definitely summon the po-

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ations, which are potentially lifethreatening. 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.

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem I don't know how to solve.

When we have family over for get-togethers, my "Aunt Irene," whom we all love, disappears and goes into our bedrooms — we have three — going from one to the other looking through our drawers. Nothing has ever gone missing, so we can't imagine what she's looking for. The last time she stayed 45 min-

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."

My husband says I should close all the bedroom doors, but my oldest daughter had her door closed and Aunt Irene went in anyway. Aunt Irene always wants to be

but she has this odd habit. How should we handle this? - WONDERING IN CLEVE-

DEAR WONDERING: It appears your Aunt Irene is nosy and can't resist the impulse to take *Phillips*. "inventory" of your possessions. lice. Law enforcement officers are Few people would be as easygoing Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los trained to handle these kinds of situ- as you have been. You do not have Angeles, Calif. 90069.

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

If that's not feasible, then the next time you have a family gettogether, "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.

DEAR ABBY: Please tell me how to politely inform our friends that their daughter, "Jane," who is 12 and a special-needs child, needs a bra. My wife picks up Jane and our daughter every day after school, and their teacher has asked us to talk to her parents. Jane's parents seem oblivious to the obvious.

Please help, before the situation gets any bigger.

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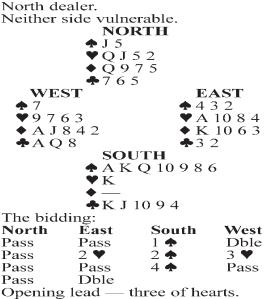
DEAR PERPLEXED: The person to discuss this with Jane's parents should first be the teacher. If she has already done so and your friends continue to ignore the problem, then your wife should approach Jane's mother and say something — and perhaps offer to go shopping with them. It's posincluded and she's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

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Family Circus • Bil Keane

Bridge



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:

"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.

"West bid three hearts, and when this rolled around to me I decided I had dillydallied long enough. So I bid four spades, which East doubled.

"The defense started out in a rather distressing fashion. East won the heart lead with the ace and returned the three of clubs. West took my jack with the queen and continued with the ace of clubs, East contributing the two. "I sat there petrified, waiting for West to play a

third club and ruin the best hand I'd held in months. But West tried to cash the ace of diamonds at this point! I ruffed, drew trumps and so made four spades doubled. "The bidding and play went differently at the

other table. The Argentine South opened two spades and jumped to four spades after North bid two notrump. Tobias Stone (West) led a trump, and South could have drawn trumps and claimed the contract.

"Instead, he won the trump lead with the eight and played a low trump to dummy's jack. Then, trying to steal a trick, he led a low heart from dummy. However, East went up with the ace and returned the three of clubs.

"Stone took declarer's jack with the gueen and cashed the ace of clubs, East contributing the two. Stone did not bother to look at the deuce. He led the ace of diamonds ... Finis."

Cryptoquip

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

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