

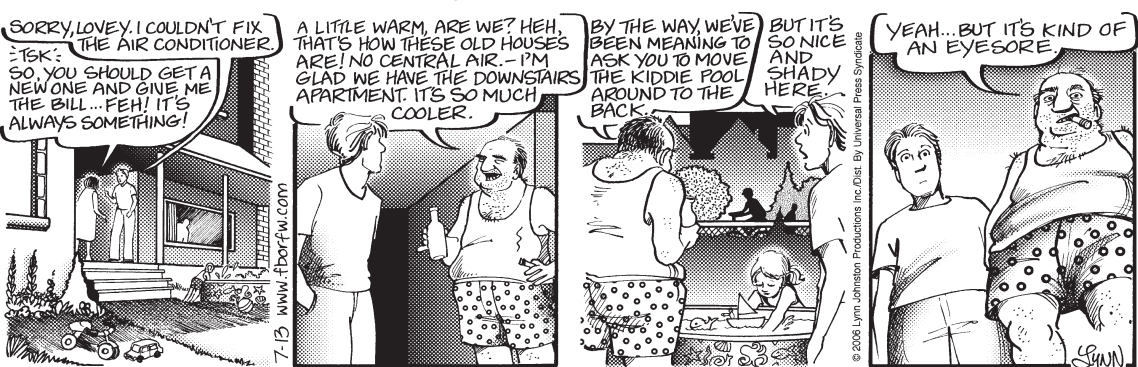
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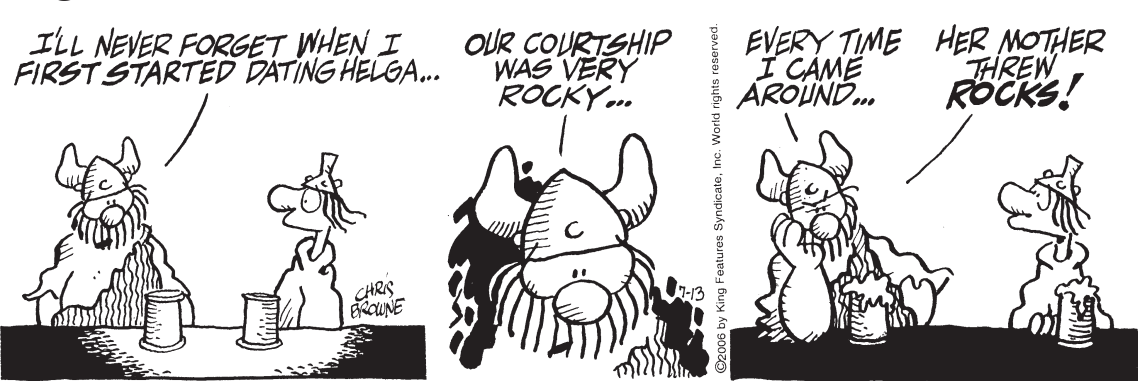
**Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott**



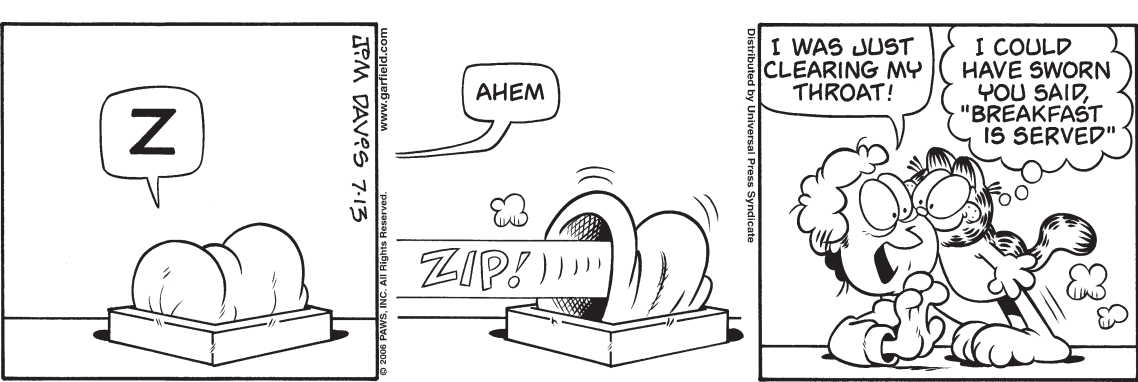
**For Better or Worse • Lynn Johnston**



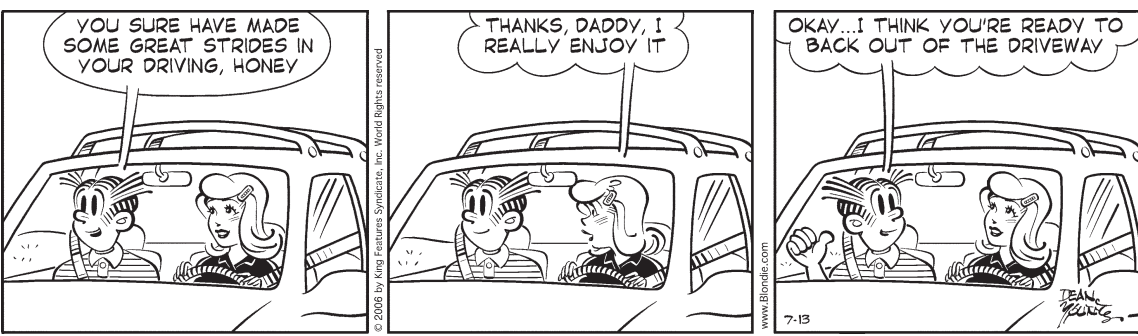
**Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne**



**Garfield • Jim Davis**



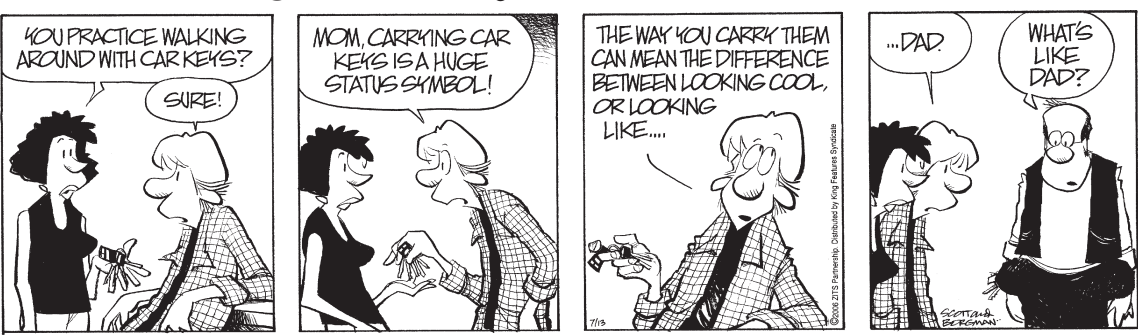
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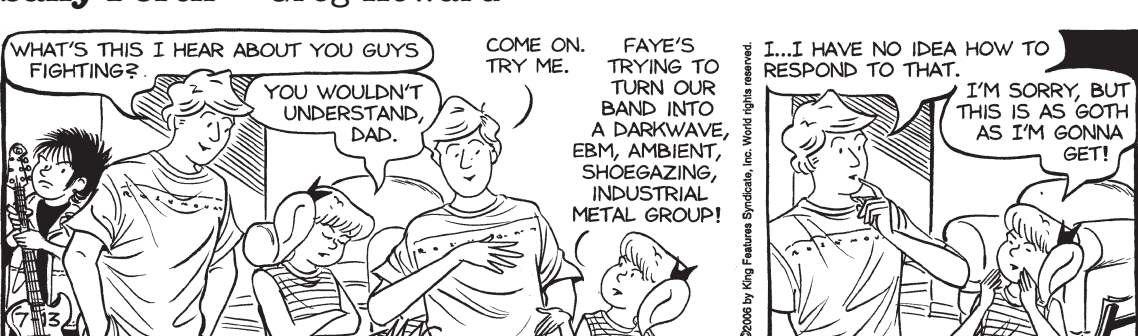
**Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker**



**Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott**



**Sally Forth • Greg Howard**



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**Tables turn when jilted woman is wife**



**Abigail Van Buren**

• Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: For nearly 30 years, I believed my marriage to be rock solid. Imagine my shock, disbelief and pain when my husband announced he no longer loved me and wanted out of our marriage. And, although he initially denied her existence, he married the other woman soon after our divorce became final.

With our children grown, there was no reason for us to remain in contact, even though we live within a few miles of each other. From the time he left, my ex made it clear that the break was to be complete. I haven't seen him for years and have never met his new wife.

One of our children married recently and the festivities brought my former spouse and me into contact. We were cordial but restrained in each other's company. Given the years that have passed and the nature of our reunion, I was surprised at the obvious insecurity shown by his wife.

Now he is calling me. His calls always have a purpose, though the reasons are flimsy. They are increasingly warm and friendly. I can't say that I don't enjoy them, but I'm beginning to feel a little uncomfortable about their frequency. I don't know if this is because of my own possible dormant feelings or repugnance at the thought of ever becoming "the other woman."

I asked him if his wife knew he called. He side-stepped giving me a direct answer. Now I'm in a real pickle. It would be nice to have some measure of friendship, but a renewed relationship with my ex also scares me. I can't talk to my children or friends about this. I'd appreciate some advice.

— OLDER BUT NOT WISER  
**DEAR NOT WISER:** You are too wiser! If you weren't wiser, you would not be questioning the situation. How delicious it must be that your ex is now sneaking around on the woman he left you for, and call-

ing you.

My advice is not to give in to the temptation to gloat or allow it to continue. The wife made it clear at the wedding that she's threatened by you. (And probably any other woman!) She's threatened because she knows exactly what he's capable of. Legitimate, aboveboard friendship isn't possible under these circumstances. So, unless you're bored and looking for drama — and possibly more pain — the next time your ex calls, tell him enough is enough. It will save you a world of heartache.

DEAR ABBY: I am a security officer. I started this job only three weeks ago. Yesterday was pretty stressful. I kept my cool because I was dealing with explosives. After three attempts to find out what building they belonged in, this one employee told me "not to get my panties in a bunch."

I told my boss what happened and demanded an apology. It has yet to happen. I am a contract worker. Do I have a right to report this on my own? I know the name of the person who said it.

I had to go to the hospital because my blood pressure was 166/109, and I had pain in my chest and dizziness. Then I had to go back to the doctor the next day for a checkup. What are my rights?

— UNSURE WHAT TO DO  
**DEAR UNSURE:** You are within your rights to report what happened, but I can't guarantee the results. However, because of your

physical problems, I am recommending that you re-evaluate your career choice. Security work is often stressful, and more stress could adversely affect your health.

DEAR ABBY: Ring, ring! Cell phone etiquette question. Certainly there must be some.

Every time I have one particular family member over, she brings her cell phone and normally has the ring tone on loud. Regardless of the volume, her calls always turn into a long, drawn-out conversation with one of her friends or other relatives. The volume of her cell phone isn't what bothers me as much as the fact that her visits are disturbed by her social life.

If it were a call from work, or some emergency she was expecting to hear back about, or even a child that needed attention, perhaps it wouldn't seem so offensive. I have my own phones at the residence but, unless I am expecting an important call, I normally don't answer it when I have guests over.

What can I say to people who think it's OK to take all their calls at my house during our visits, short of not inviting them and their phones into my home?

— "HUNG UP" IN SEATTLE

**DEAR HUNG UP:** Yours isn't a question about cell phone etiquette as much as it is about basic good manners. Explain to your family member how insulting it is when she carries on long, involved conversations while you sit there. A quick "I'm at my ( )'s, and I'll call you later," is permissible.

You could also post a sign on your front door that reads, "No Cell Phone Zone." Others have done it with some success.

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**Bridge**

South dealer.  
 Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ Q 7  
 ♥ J 10 5  
 ♦ A 10 8 4 2  
 ♣ 8 7 6

**WEST**  
 ♠ 9 6 5  
 ♥ 9 8 6  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ A K 10 9 5 4 3

**EAST**  
 ♠ J 8 4 3 2  
 ♥ 3  
 ♦ J 9 5 3  
 ♣ Q J 2

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A K 10  
 ♥ A K Q 7 4 2  
 ♦ K Q 7 6  
 ♣ —

The bidding:  
 South 2 ♠\*  
 West 4 ♣  
 North 4 ♦  
 East Pass

\* strong  
 Opening lead — ace of clubs.

**Discovery Play**

Assume you reach seven hearts on the bidding and West leads the ace of clubs, which you ruff. The contract seems very easy to make; the only conceivable complication is the possibility that one defender might have all four missing diamonds.

You begin by drawing trumps, West turning up with three and East only one. You then have to decide whether it's better to start the diamond suit by first cashing the king or the ace. (Remember, you are assuming a 4-0 division because, if the suit is divided 3-1 or 2-2, the grand slam is cold.)

To settle the question beyond the shadow of a doubt, you next cash the ace of spades, and when everyone follows suit, you know that playing a low diamond to the ace is certain to bring home the grand slam.

This is because West cannot have less than a six-card suit for his four-club bid, and since he has already shown up with three hearts and a spade, he cannot hold four diamonds.

Sure enough, when you lead the diamond six to the ace, West shows out. You then continue with the deuce and trap East's J-9-5, whatever he does. If he plays the five, you finesse the seven; if he plays the nine instead, you win with the king, cross to the queen of spades and return the four of diamonds, gobbling up East's J-5 with your Q-7.

Ordinarily, when you hold K-Q-x-x opposite A-10-x-x-x, you would cash the king first — and it would be easy to make that mistake here from force of habit. But in the present case — where you're lucky enough to hold the seven and eight in the two hands, and also have the benefit of West's four-club bid — cashing the ace is clearly the correct play.

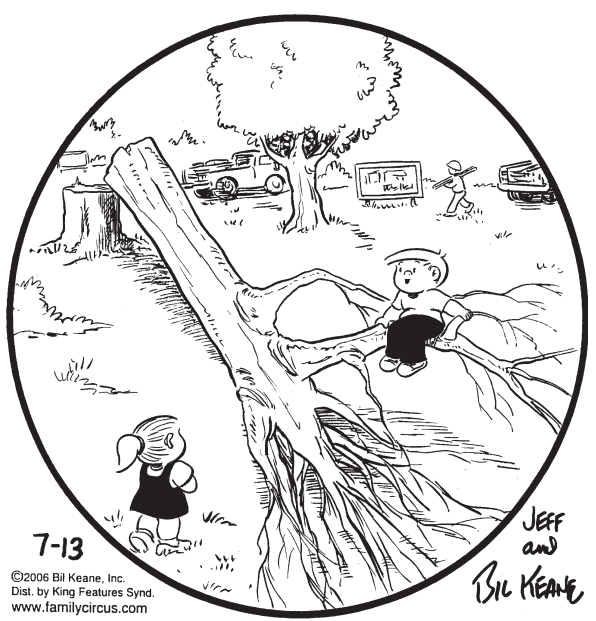
Tomorrow: Bidding Quiz.

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**Cryptoquip**

LT QNO BKS MPKORU JQ  
 MNES ELTTSW PNKPNLMSM,  
 L MOANMS PYNMS FNOXW  
 JS POKPXS FYBRUM.  
 Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NEW DRAMA SERIES CONCERNING SANTA MONICA RESIDENTS' GRASSY YARDS: "L.A. LAWN."  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals Y

**Family Circus • Bil Keane**



"This is the highest I've ever been able to climb in this tree."

**Crossword**

**ACROSS**

1 President member  
 4 Movie-goer's souvenir  
 8 Disposition  
 12 Darya  
 13 Toll  
 14 Between assignments  
 15 Supreme Court members  
 17 Cleo's river  
 18 Yank  
 19 A learning experience?  
 21 Electric warning signal  
 24 Lid for a lad  
 25 Toper's interruption  
 26 Allen or Conway  
 28 Control-tower device  
 32 Liniment target

**DOWN**

1 — Mahal  
 2 Ostrich's kin  
 3 Fu  
 4 Tap  
 5 — -tac-toe  
 6 Guitars' relatives  
 7 Harass  
 8 Negligible  
 9 Valkyries' lord  
 10 Earthen-ware pot  
 11 Highway crosser, maybe  
 16 Formal wear  
 21 "Star Trek II" villain  
 22 Parasites  
 23 Pinch  
 27 Slander  
 29 "Grapes of Wrath" territory  
 30 Settled down  
 31 July birthstone  
 33 "Victor/Victoria" director  
 35 Vim and vigor  
 38 Thanks-giving veggie  
 40 Lathers  
 43 Dieter's entree  
 45 Mess up  
 46 Weak  
 47 In the Black?  
 48 Tug  
 49 Wrestling style  
 53 Succumb to gravity  
 54 "— lazy river, ..."  
 55 Clinton's instrument

Solution time: 25 mins.

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