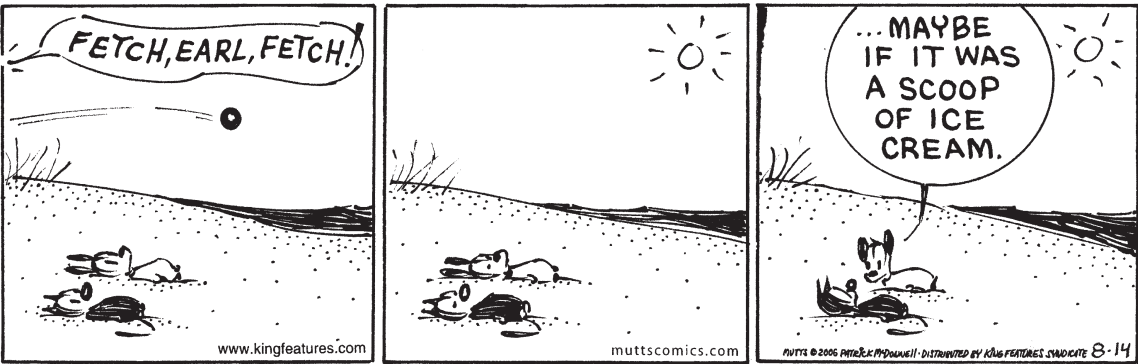


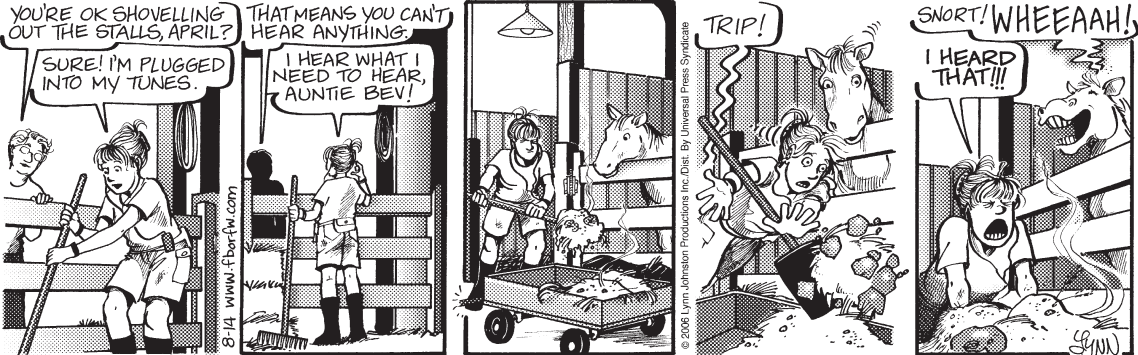
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Mutts • Patrick McDonnell



For Better or Worse • Lynn Johnston



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



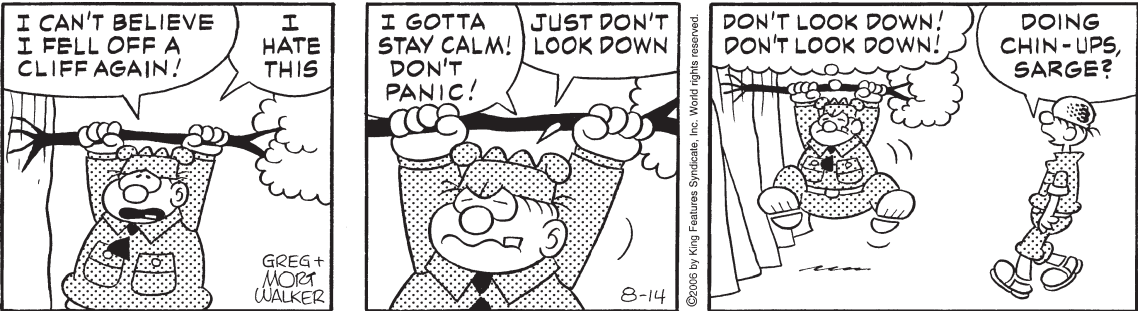
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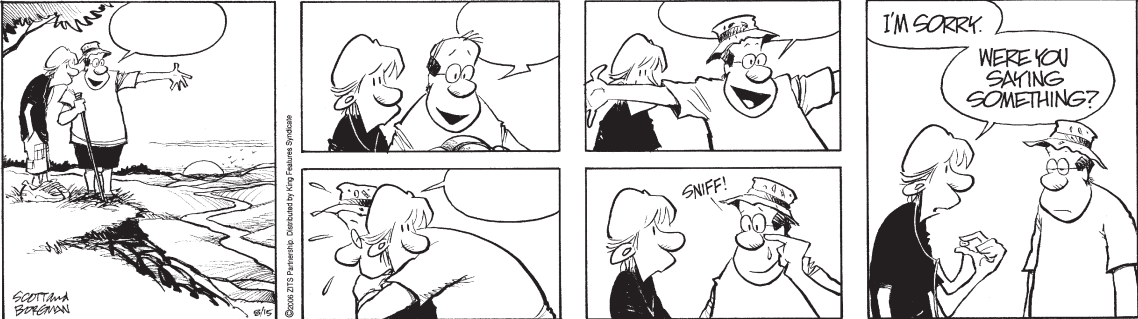
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Sally Forth • Greg Howard



# Breast augmentation concerns woman

DEARABBY: Due to childbirth, menopause and various surgeries, my breasts aren't what they used to be, so at 54 years of age, I and my husband agree that it's time for me to have breast augmentation. I'm not looking to be another Pamela Anderson; I just want to replace what I've lost so my clothes will fit better.

I'm a bit self-conscious about this and fear the stares, comments and questions from family or friends who think it's their right to ask me about it. What is a tactful response to the comments?

— DIANE IN KESWICK, VA.

DEARDIANE: You might say, "Why, thank you for noticing," and change the subject. But you should be aware that many women consider breast augmentation to be such an uplifting experience that they feel compelled to share every detail, including "show-and-tell." So don't be shocked if your attitude changes after you have it done.

DEAR ABBY: My wife of five years has three sisters. She is the second oldest, and ever since I have known her, she has felt like she doesn't "belong" in her family. These feelings get worse during holiday get-togethers. She feels isolated by her sisters and her mother.

I thought she would eventually grow out of it, but since they have all had kids, it has only gotten



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worse. She cries every time we leave her parents' house, and I know it is affecting our son.

What can I do to help her get over these feelings of not being liked or loved by her own family? It is starting to affect our marriage.

— CARLA'S HUSBAND

DEAR HUSBAND: There is nothing you can do to "help" your wife get over the feeling that she doesn't measure up. But there is something SHE can do: start talking to a licensed psychotherapist about her feelings.

Because I do not know the family or their "dynamic," I can't offer a judgment about the validity of her feelings. However, because she is in tears every time she leaves a family gathering, it might be best if you limit your — and her — exposure to those relatives, at least for a while.

DEAR ABBY: I am a young single mother of two wonderful children, yet I feel like a part of me is lost. I have been separated for nearly three years and am nearing the finalization of a divorce.

There has been only one meeting between us in that time, and I am fine with the divorce. I have considered myself divorced all this time. Yet, the thought of actually signing those papers makes me literally ill.

Why is this? I am no longer in love with him, and I know I'm better off now, alone and making it on my own. Yet the feeling that it is final is haunting me for some reason.

— SCATTERBRAINED

DEARSCATTERBRAINED: Would it help you feel less "scatterbrained" to know that your feelings are normal? All of them? At one time you committed yourself fully to the man you married and to the dream of "happily ever after."

Signing the divorce papers severs your last tie to your husband and closes the door behind you, even though you exited the marriage three years ago.

Please do not be afraid to sign the papers. Look at it from this perspective: One door closes, another one opens, and it is the door to your future. I wish you the best of luck and happiness in the years to come.

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## Bridge

South dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH		WEST		EAST	
♠	6 4	♠	3	♠	K Q J 10 8 7 5
♥	4 2	♥	8 7	♥	9 6 3
♦	J 7 5	♦	Q 10 9 8 6 4 2	♦	—
♣	A K J 8 7 5	♣	10 9 6	♣	Q 4 3
SOUTH					
♠	A 9 2				
♥	A K Q J 10 5				
♦	A K 3				
♣	2				

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♣	4 ♠

Opening lead — three of spades.

## Famous Hand

This deal was played in an Indonesian pair championship many years ago. The declarer was L. Spier of Holland, who got to six hearts as shown and found a very unusual way to make the slam.

Spier won the spade lead with the ace and drew three rounds of trumps, discarding a club from dummy. He then cashed the ace of diamonds, on which East showed out.

East's original distribution thus became an open book — he had started with seven spades, three hearts and no diamonds, and therefore had to have exactly three clubs. The good news was that dummy's clubs could be established by playing the A-K and ruffing a club; the bad news was that there was no visible entry to dummy to cash the clubs once they were established.

One possible approach to the play was for South to cash all his trumps and the king of diamonds, forcing East to come down to four cards. If East discarded down to one spade and three clubs, the rest would be easy. A spade would put him on lead, and his forced club return into the A-K-J would hand declarer the contract.

The trouble with this was that if East came down to two clubs and two spades, South would have to guess whether to play the A-K of clubs to drop the queen (if East had it), or to finesse the jack (if West had the queen).

Spier solved the problem in brilliant fashion, finding a sure way to produce 12 tricks. At trick six he led a club to the ace, then cashed the king and discarded the king of diamonds on it! A club ruff established the suit, and the diamond three was then led toward dummy's J-7.

West took the queen, but since he had only diamonds left, he had to return one to dummy's jack. This allowed Spier to dispose of his two spade losers on dummy's minor-suit winners, and the slam came rolling home.

## Cryptoquip

XT PEZ GSBMDO RPOXIDOR

COD OSBBXBM C TZZPOCLD,

X ODLIZB PGD TCRPDO

T C R P D O E X W W E X B .

Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A COUPLE OF BASEBALL TEAMS ARE VERY EVENLY MATCHED, I SUPPOSE THEY'RE FIT TO BE TIED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals W

## Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I shoulda brought my kite."

## Crossword

ACROSS	38 Pouch	59 Legume	16 "Be quiet!"
1 Heavy weight	40 Sailors' setting		20 Told a whopper
4 Tart in tone	41 Omit	DOWN	21 Writer Janowitz
9 Arles	43 Gorges	1 Twitch	22 Cupid's alias
	45 Like a lummock	2 Bobby of hockey	23 Rapid exchange of words
	47 Gratuity	3 Ultra-modern (Prefix)	27 — and outs
12 Rage	48 Caesar's	4 Bad lighting jobs?	29 Detail affairs
13 Scalawag	7	5 Rancher	30 Afternoon rice
14 Beer's kin	49 College in Worcester, Mass.	6 Id counter-part	32 Japanese drink
15 You're doing one	54 Bungle around a lagoon	7 Countrified	34 Three-syllable units
17 Actor Diesel	55 Reef	8 Mass confusion	37 Slip-up
18 Go like a bunny	56 Young pooch	9 Seaman's heroism	39 Chewing-gum ingredient
19 "— Need Is Love"	57 Alternative to white	award	42 Snapshot
21 Electronic dance music	58 Sheriff's group	10 Medley	44 Spring mo.
24 Non-clerical abbr.		11 Carte	45 Finished
25 Schedule			46 Ethereal

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Saturday's answer 8-14

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