

Mother's Day leaves mom angry

Dear Abby: Another Mother's Day has passed, and I thank the good Lord it's over. How I detest that day! All the singles, celibates and childless women have to go along with all the fanfare of Mother's Day.

Of course, for some mothers it's wonderful. But on the other hand, you skimp and work and do the best you can for these wee dolls, and as soon as they are able to pay board and room, they move out and into their own apartment, house or shack.

The years pass, and if you're lucky you get a plant or a fancy greeting card to remind you that you are a mother. And in between Mother's Days, you are lucky to get a phone call—forget an invitation for a meal.

"Throw a few crumbs my way," I think to myself. Well, this year I canceled Mother's Day. My husband and I went to the park and watched the monkeys, the seals and porpoises. Thanks for listening.

Phooey on Mother's Day

Dear Phooey: Don't let those sentimental holidays get you down. I think Mother's Day was dreamed up by the merchants, florists and Bell Telephone. In our house, every day is Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas and Thanksgiving because we have our health and each other. Adopt this attitude, and every



Dear Abby
By Abigail Van Buren

day can be a holiday for you, too.

Dear Abby: I read the article about the person signed "Hates Ding-a-Lings" who hates wind chimes. What about barking dogs who bark all night? I don't blame the dogs; I blame their owners. I happen to love wind chimes. I have four. And mine don't sound like a telephone ringing.

My neighbor has a yard light that shines directly into my bedroom window, and it's like tring to sleep in the daytime. I don't complain; it's in his yard, so he can do whatever he wants in his own yard. That's the way I feel about wind chimes.

Loves Wind Chimes in St. Louis

Dear Loves: Your attitude is most generous, but a person's right to do whatever he wants on his own property ends when it inconveniences his neighbors. (If you had a foghorn blowing on your property every night, your neighbors would have you arrested for disturbing the peace.)

As for your neighbor's yard light, if it interferes with your

sleep, why don't you ask them to share the cost of a black-out window shade? If they refuse, buy one yourself. Or make one. Sweet dreams.

Dear Abby: I have one for you: I would like to know when and how a "house" became a "home"—i.e. "She bought a home," or "Home building is increasing," etc.

A house used to be a house. I have at least a dozen friends who live in elegant apartment buildings, and they all say, "Oh, no, I don't live in a house—I live in a building!" Abby, isn't that the person's home?

The word "house" has almost disappeared from use. Why? Anonymous Query in Cleveland

Dear Anonymous: By definition, a "house" is a structure designed for residential purposes. A builder erects a house, but the occupants make a house a "home" by living in it—adding furniture, children, pets, congeniality.

Also, a "home" could be a nursing home, a home for unwed mothers, a funeral home, an orphanage, or the place people go when they have nowhere else to go. A house can be a "house of ill repute," a boardinghouse, a henhouse, a gambling house, a publishing house, or it could refer to the audience in a theater or concert hall (there was a good "house" on opening night).

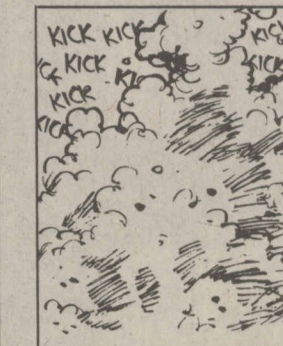
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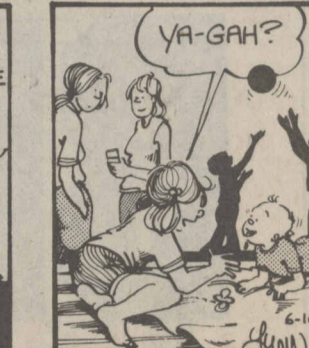
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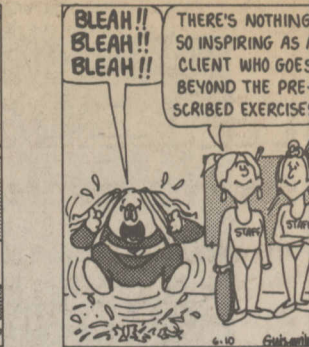
FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



BEETLE BAILEY



CATHY



BRIDGE

Be reasonable: Logic can lead to right line

By Charles H. Goren and Omar Sharif

Both vulnerable. South deals.

North
♠ A K
♥ Q 6
♦ 6 4 3 2
♣ A 8 6 4 2

West
♠ J 10 9 7 4
♥ 8
♦ A 10 8 5
♣ J 9 5

East
♠ Q 8 5 3
♥ K 10 9 4
♦ J 9 7
♣ Q 10

South
♠ 6 2
♥ A J 7 5 3 2
♦ K Q
♣ K 7 3

The bidding:

South
1♥
2♥
3♥
4♥

West
Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

North
2♣
2NT
3♥
Pass

East
Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

Bridge is a game of logic. More often than not, reasoning out the situation will lead you to the right line.

North-South bid intelligently to four hearts. Since North's initial response created a game force in his methods, he chose two no trump for his rebid even though his diamond stopper might not have stood up even on the fourth round. South showed a distributional hand with his club preference, and that gave North the opportunity to show delayed heart support.

After the opening lead of the jack of spades, declarer could see that he had an unavoidable loser in each minor suit. Therefore, his only problem was to hold his trump losers to one. If the suit split 3-2, the contract was safe, so declarer had to worry about the possibility of a 4-1 break. He looked no further than the possibility of a defender holding a singleton king of trumps. After winning the opening lead he promptly led a trump to the ace. When the king failed to appear, he continued with a trump to the queen—down one.

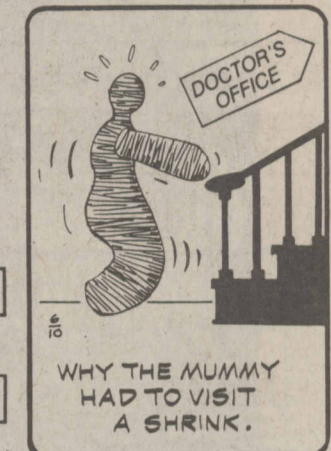
There was a slightly better way to tackle the trump suit. If West had four trumps headed by the king, the contract was doomed. But if East held the long trumps, declarer could succeed if West's singleton was either the 8, 9 or 10, a distinct improvement over hoping for a singleton king.

At trick two declarer should have led the queen of trumps from dummy, intending to run it had East followed low. When East covers, declarer takes the ace and, when the eight appears, he crosses back to the table to lead the remaining trump. If East produces the four, declarer runs the six. If it loses, trumps are 3-2; if West shows out, declarer has only one trump loser. And if East plays the 9 or 10, declarer wins and can force out the high heart, again holding his trump losers to one. Try it.

JUMBLE

By Henri Arnold & Bob Lee
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

POSOW
SELBS
TULFAY
RODINO



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the cartoon above.

Answer: HE WAS UP

Yesterday's Jumbles:
AWOKE OLDER STIGMA FROZEN
Answer: A diplomat should know how far to go before he does this -- GOES TO FAR

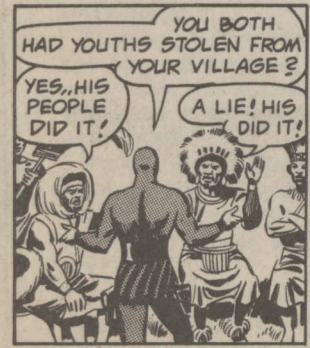
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THE LOCKHORNS

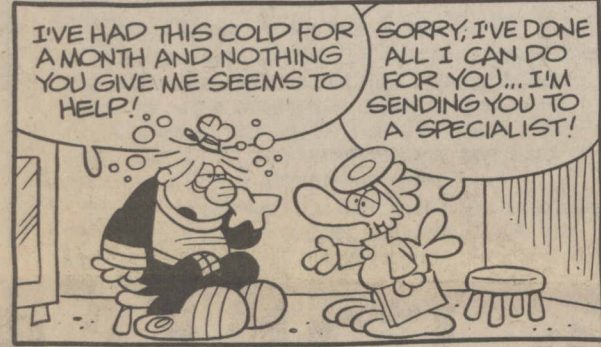


"Loretta does a lot of Spielberg's special effects, you know."

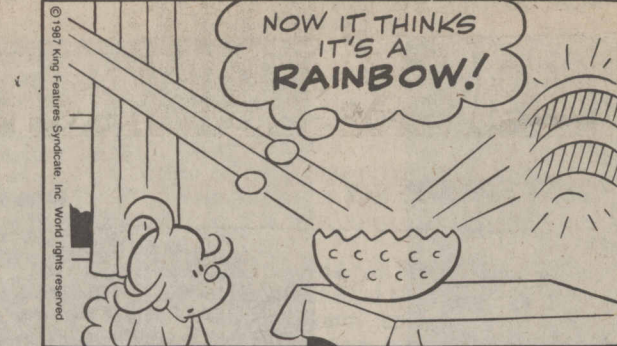
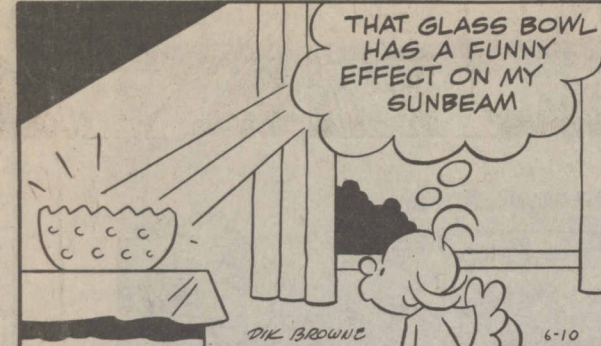
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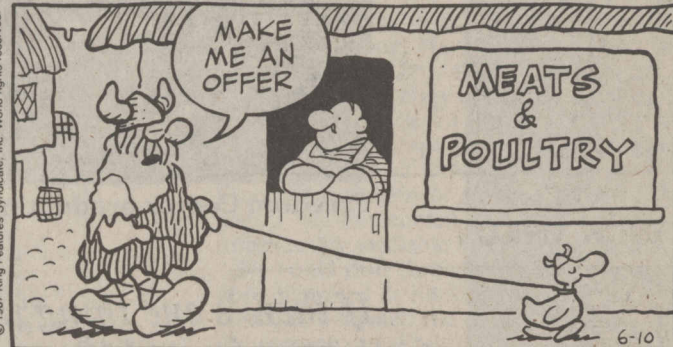
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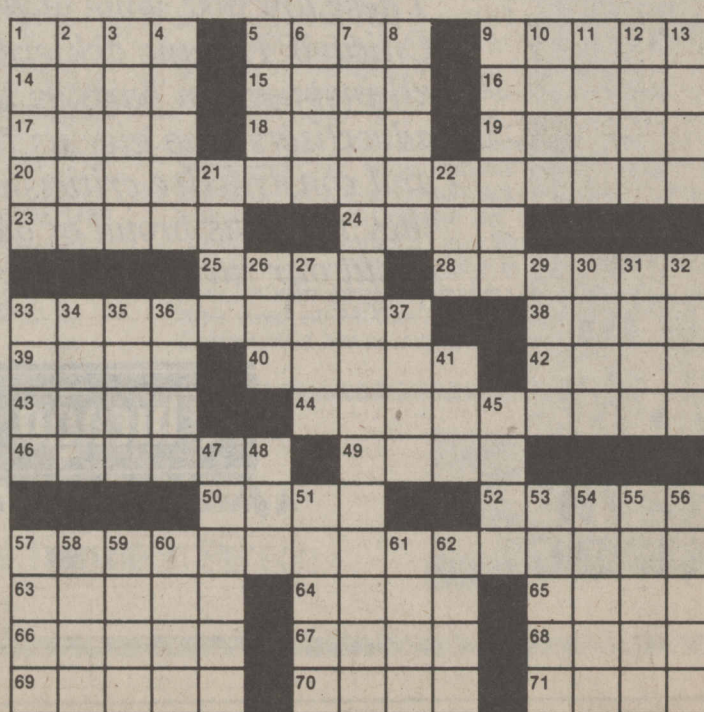
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1 Ivy League school
5 Microbe
9 In advance
14 War god
15 Jai —
16 Western Starr
17 Paint layer
18 Narrow cut
19 "When she took unto herself — ..." (Wordsworth)
20 Look ashen
23 Lock of hair
24 Son of Isaac
25 Boxcar denizen?
28 Hymns
33 Famous cowgirl
38 Trim
39 Nor. king
40 Proficient
42 Noxious weed
43 Nominate
44 Reality ignorers
- DOWN
1 Pleasure vessel
2 Bellowing
3 Grow foliage
4 Colo. park
5 Pant violently
6 Fitzgerald
7 Hoist identification

- 8 Catchers' gear
9 Oriental computer
10 Blood: pref.
11 Israeli airline
12 Singing voice
13 Range animal
21 Tennis name
22 Talk inanely
26 Eggs
27 Offered
29 Dissenter
30 Grasslands
31 Emporium
- 32 Holy ones: abbr.
33 Ding- —
34 Pteric
35 Tibetan priest
36 Nights before
37 Animal rights org.
41 Spigot
45 Fairy
47 Analyzed in grammar
48 Coterie
- 51 Iconoclast
53 Bridegroom's attendant
54 Coronet
55 Evergreen
56 Knives old style
57 Contend
58 Finished
59 King —
60 Aesop opener
61 Revise
62 Neckline shapes



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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

