

Comics

Peanuts

by Charles M. Schulz



Garfield

by Jim Davis



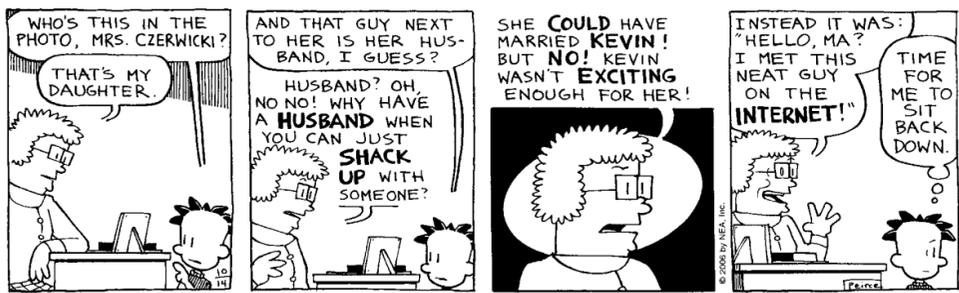
Frank and Ernest

by Bob Thaves



Big Nate

by Lincoln Peirce



Soup To Nuts

by Howie Schneider



The Born Loser

by Art and Chip Sanson



Alley Oop

by Dave Graue



The Family Circus

by Bil Keane

Kit 'N' Carlyle

by Larry Wright

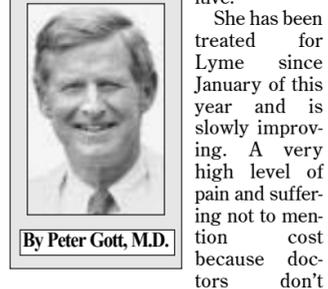


Health

BY PETER GOTT, M.D.

Untreated symptoms of Lyme disease are costly

DEAR DR. GOTT: Our daughter suffered over 1-1/2 years with Lyme disease before it was diagnosed. She was misdiagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. She saw an internist and two rheumatologists before going to a preventive medicine clinic in San Francisco where the Lyme test was given and came back positive.



She has been treated for Lyme since January of this year and is slowly improving. A very high level of pain and suffering not to mention cost because doctors don't believe Lyme is here and refuse to test. We know of six misdiagnosed cases in Northern California recently. Thank you so much for anything more you can do to spread the word that if there are ANY symptoms — not all, ANY — of Lyme to test, no matter where a person lives. Your article in the paper concerning the man who took his life because of the pain of Lyme made my heart ache.

be a dreadful affliction. I know because I was recently treated for it. My symptoms were malaise, weakness, poor coordination, extreme fatigue and loss of appetite.

My primary care physician examined me and noted a circular bulls-eye rash on my back, a blood test confirmed the diagnosis of Lyme, for which I was prescribed doxycycline for three weeks. Unfortunately, this occurred two days before my vacation at the shore. Thinking that the sun sensitivity caused by the antibiotic occurred only with protracted exposure, I rode my bike and swam. On the fifth day of my holiday, I awoke with redness, sensitivity and blistering of my arms, face and lower legs — the very body parts that I failed to protect. My remaining vacation was, to say the least, somewhat disappointing. Now one month later, I have recovered from both the Lyme and my reckless stupidity — but I have new respect for Lyme as well as the enlightenment that here is one doctor who failed to follow his own advice to patients (stay out of direct sunlight when you take doxycycline) — with potentially disastrous consequences.

Your comments are well grounded. If you and I can help only one misdiagnosed patient, we have done a good job. Thanks for sharing.

Bridge

BY PHILLIP ALDER

North 10-14-06

- ♠ Q 6 4
- ♥ A 8 3
- ♦ K Q 2
- ♣ J 10 8 7

West East

- ♠ J 9 8 5 3
- ♥ J 7 4
- ♦ J 9 5
- ♣ K 2

- ♠ A 10 7
- ♥ Q 10 9
- ♦ 10 8 7 4
- ♣ 6 5 3

South

- ♠ K 2
- ♥ K 6 5 2
- ♦ A 6 3
- ♣ A Q 9 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South West North East
1 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 5

er, who can see his whole army, than for the defenders. But sometimes the defenders can benefit from having their hands hidden. If they cannot beat a contract by force, perhaps they can make declarer guess what to do. This deal is an example. How can the defenders give South a guess in three no-trump after West leads his fourth-highest spade?

The auction is as straightforward and practical as possible. Declarer will play low from the board at trick one. Then East should see that if he wins with the ace, declarer is guaranteed at least one spade trick with dummy's queen, and perhaps two if he holds the king. So, East must put in the 10. Declarer wins with his king, crosses to the board with a diamond, and runs the club jack. West takes the trick with his king and continues with the spade jack.

We can see that South must play low from the dummy, blocking the spade suit and getting home with one spade, two hearts, three diamonds and three clubs. But suppose West started with A-J-9-5-3 of spades and East with 10-8-7? Then declarer's playing low from the board on the second round of spades would draw smiles only from the defenders as they take one club and four spades. South has to guess.

An unknown person said, "Practical observation commonly consists of collecting a few facts and loading them with guesses."

At the bridge table, we sometimes have to guess what to do. More often, we can find the right play by correctly analyzing the evidence that is available. This is, of course, easier for the declar-

Your Birthday

BY BERNICE BEDE OSOL

If you find yourself dissatisfied with your work, the year ahead may be the one where you'll make a career change that could open up new doors of opportunity for you. Make the most of your new chances, and you'll succeed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Of course, you like nice things, but don't misinterpret your wants with what you can actually afford to purchase. In every way, you should strive to be prudent and factual about your funds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — There's a chance you could get involved in something that you feel another is not managing properly. Before you jump in and take over, be certain you're capable of handling it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Some of your hunches and perceptions could be accurate, but they might just as easily be a manifestation of your day-dreams. It's critical you're able to distinguish between the two.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The more attached you are to what you own and allow consideration to, the more likely you are to lose that which you consider to be important.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It isn't that you aren't good at sizing up situations for what they are; it is just more likely you'll act against your better judgment, creating problems for you that shouldn't occur.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Part of your enchantment to others is the curiosity and inquisitive nature you display. However, if you start prying into their affairs, they aren't likely to find this too attractive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Longing for "pie in the sky" could cause you to evaluate issues from an emotional perspective rather than from a logical one. If you do, you'll not be able to relate to your world.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Be careful about what another is telling you because, if you misinterpret it, you could be the victim of your own misconceptions and find yourself involved in something you'd rather not.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Although you might think you're just playing polite politics when dealing with pals, the distortion of the truth could cause another to turn against you, instead of working on your behalf.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You're likely to be cleverly enterprising — this can be a commendable asset, provided that which you hadn't considered doesn't do an about-face and cause you to shoot in the dark.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If things in your personal life do not live up to your expectations, don't take out your frustrations on innocent family members. Instead, take steps to resolve the problem in acceptable ways.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — In order to succeed, optimism is important. But you must not idealize situations or persons you're working with to the point of being unrealistic. Make your mind do a reality check.

Sudoku

Difficulty: 4 (of 5)

	4		8					
	8		9					5
7				2		9		
			6					
	5		4			2	1	
1	3		8			7		6
		5		2	3		6	
	7				5			
9							3	