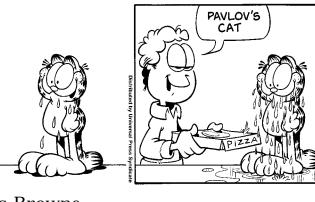




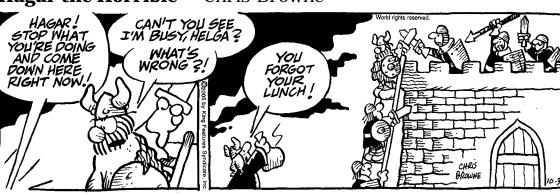


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**Hagar the Horrible •** Chris Browne



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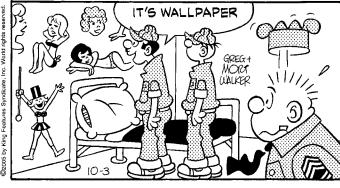




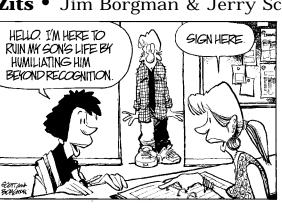


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**Zits •** Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott





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## **Cryptoquip**

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: THE NEW COLOGNE, SOLD IN A CRIMSON BOTTLE, SMELLS TERRIBLE. IT'S NOT WORTH A RED SCENT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals A

# Dad disowns daughter after wedding

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, I married a wonderful man I'll call 'Kenny." I am white and Kenny is African-American. After I announced my marriage, my father stopped taking my phone calls and e-mails, and refuses to have any contact with me whatsoever. He has never even met my spouse.

I continue to send my father cards on his birthday, Father's Day and Christmas, but I never receive any response.

We live only three miles apart. Should I give up on communicating with him? I just cannot turn my back on my own father, but it appears he has done this to me.

I knew his feelings on interracial marriage when I married Kenny, but how long should a 45-year-old woman let a parent's disapproval stand in the way of her own happi-– DISOWNED DAUGHTER

#### IN VIRGINIA **DEAR DAUGHTER: At age**

45, you made a mature decision. You knew when you married your husband that there would be a price tag for your happiness, and this is it.

Face it: Your father is a racist whose prejudice is more important to him than your happiness. Please waste no more time hoping he will "mellow." Live your life and concentrate on your future. Please stop banging on a door

that may never open. The next move, if there is to be one, is up to your father.

DEAR ABBY: A friend of many vears is terminally ill, with only a few days left on this Earth. When I heard the news, I immediately rushed to see her. We hadn't seen each other for about two years because of an argument. The argument seems so trivial

now. Because of it, we missed two

# Abigail



precious years together. I feel fortuamends, and she knows how much I love her. We cried the moment we saw each other.

I thank God I got this opportunity. So many times we don't have the chance. Please remind everyone that they really do need to say "I love you" today, because one day there will not be a tomorrow.

I'm glad I got to say everything I needed to her, as well as goodbye. My heart is aching. She's taking a part of me with her. We always thought we'd be here for each other all of our lives. I can't believe I have to carry on without her.

-LOST SOUL IN SYRA-**CUSE** 

**DEAR LOST SOUL: Thank** you for an important letter, and for the reminder that sometimes it takes a tragedy to remind us that life is so fragile and to put our priorities in order.

When carrying a grudge takes oversomeone's life, sometimes the most healing thing a person can do is simply forgive and move on. In the Jewish religion, in the 10

days between Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), the faithful are commanded to ask forgiveness from anyone they may have wronged or offended during the year.

In Judaism, God cannot forgive the sins a person has committed against another unless the sinner has asked that person for forgivethe apology three times—and by someone like that.

**EAST** 

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the way, in the Old Testament it says it's a sin to carry a grudge the wrongdoer is then released from the obligation to ask forgive-

This year, the 10 days to ask forgiveness begin today.

DEAR ABBY: I have always nate that we got to talk and make been an animal lover. I have had a peek-a-poo, "Flopsy," for 12 years. She's the last of my pets, and loves me as much as I love her.

Flopsy was hit by a car and her hip was fractured. Now I must confine her to our house until she's well. My fiance, "Lenny," complains I have spent too much money at the vet on her. Lenny says he can put a 20-cent bullet in her and solve the problem.

Of course, I would never permit it, nor will I do anything like that. Flopsy doesn't bother him. She always stays in the same room as me no matter where I go. I have no demanding chores in my life, so I don't see the harm.

Do you think I should put her out of her misery? Am I being selfish? —ANIMAL LÖVER IN

**GEORGIA DEARANIMALLOVER: You** are asking me something that should be discussed with Flopsy's veterinarian. If, at her age, she can

regain her health and mobility

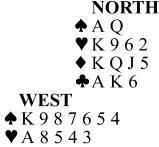
and frolic again, I see no reason to

euthanize her. If she can't, then it might be the kind thing to do. Something else in your letter concerns me, however. The relationship you have with Flopsy apparently does "bother" your fiance. I suspect that he resents the love you have for her and the time and attention you lavish on her. To have suggested "putting a bullet in her" shows he has a cruel

If you are wise, you will think ness. If the injured party rejects long and hard before marrying

#### **Bridge** South dealer.

North-South vulnerable.



**SOUTH** 10 9 7 6 3 2

♣J 10 9 5 2 The bidding:

South West East North Pass **Pass** 2 NT Pass **5** ♦

Opening lead — ace of hearts.

#### **Famous Hand**

This spectacular deal arose in the 1993 playoff between Mexico and Canada to determine which of the two countries would play in the Venice Cup World Women's Team Championship later that year.

Canada won the match by a comfortable margin despite being on the wrong end of the deal at both tables.

When Mexico's Luisa Grinberg and Laura Mariscal held the North-South cards, the bidding went as shown.

The Canadian West elected not to act initially with her 7-5 distribution, no doubt planning to enter the auction at her next turn.

This strategy backfired, however, when her next chance to bid came over five diamonds at which point she decided to leave well enough

With the club queen falling singleton Mariscal had no trouble making her contract losing only the two red aces for plus 600. At the other table, with Elena Brucilovsky

and Bronia Nosnik of Mexico sitting East-West, Nosnik opened the West hand with one spade, leading to this auction:

South	West	North	Ea
Pass	1 S	Dble	2 S
Pass	4 S	Dble	

South could have saved the day by removing her partner's second double to five diamonds, or four notrump (asking North to choose a minor), but she elected to pass. The contract could have been defeated, but

North led the king of diamonds rather than a top Nosnik discarded her losing club on the diamond ace and later led a heart to dummy's

queen to hold her losses to three tricks. Plus 590 at this table gave Mexico a total gain of 1,190 points, or 15 IMPs, on the deal.

Tomorrow: A case of simple arithmetic. (c)2005 King Features Syndicate Inc.

### Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Yeah, but it was more fun gettin' dirty."

Henry M.

Stanley,

notably

8 Forty

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(Abbr.)