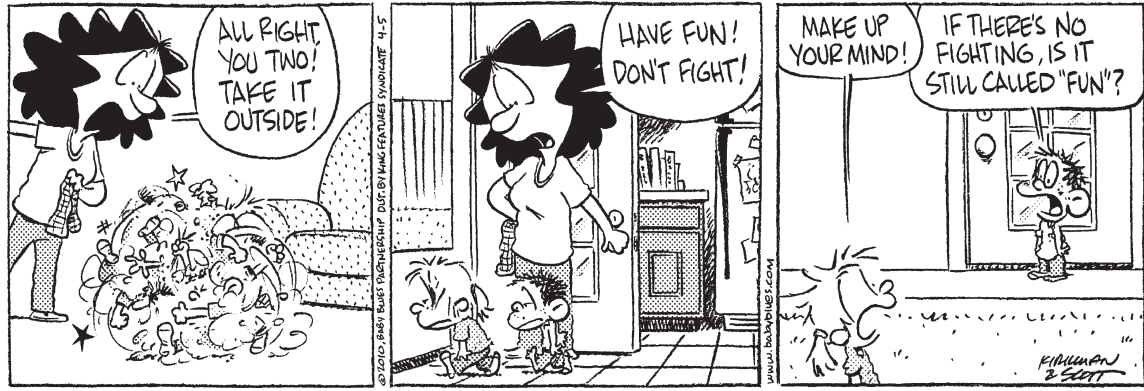
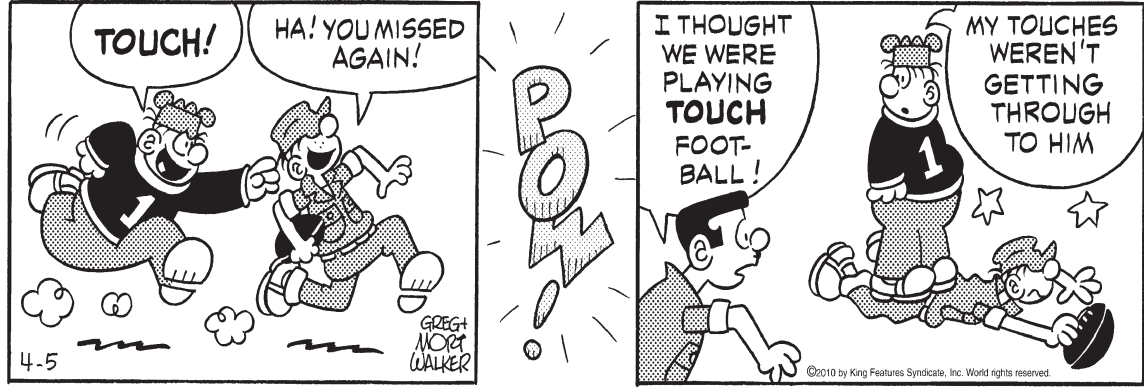


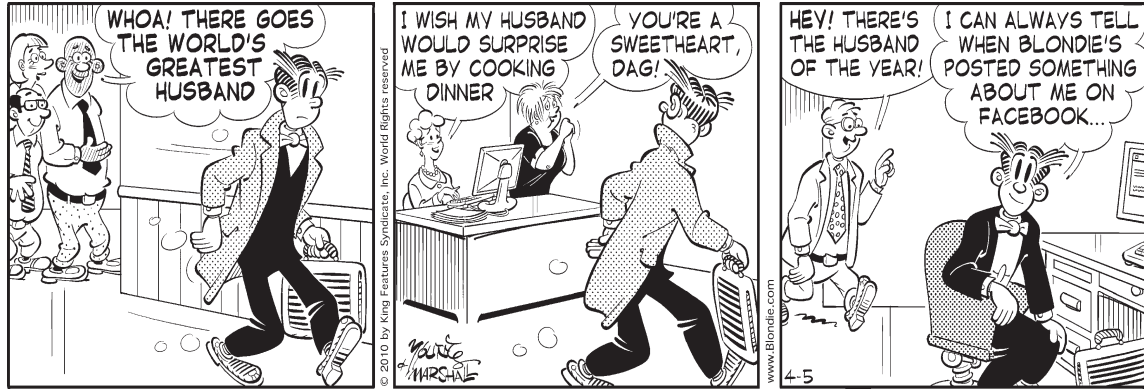
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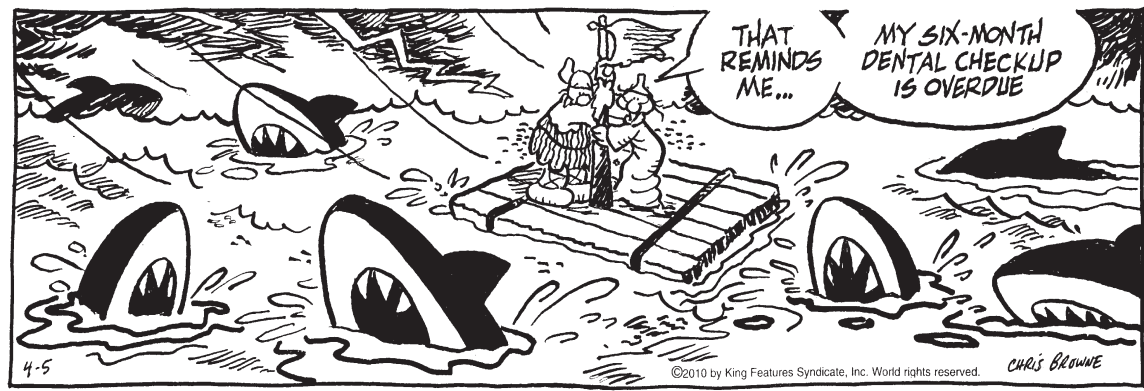
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Blondie • Chic Young



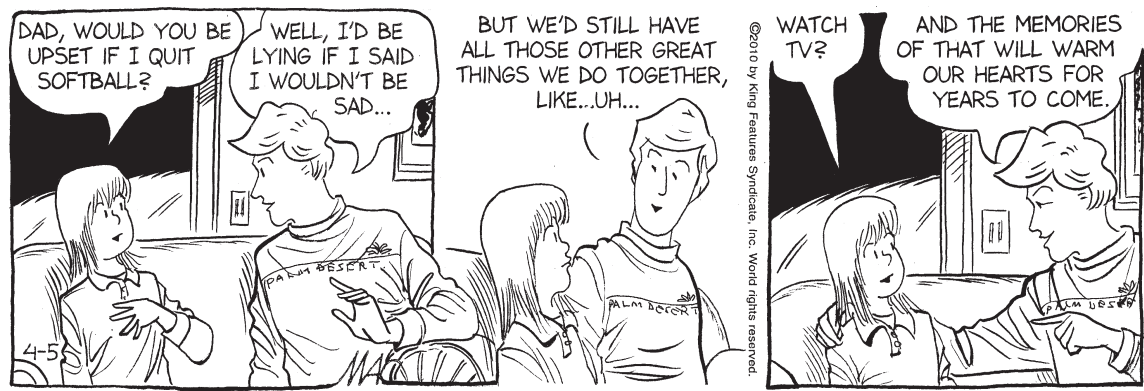
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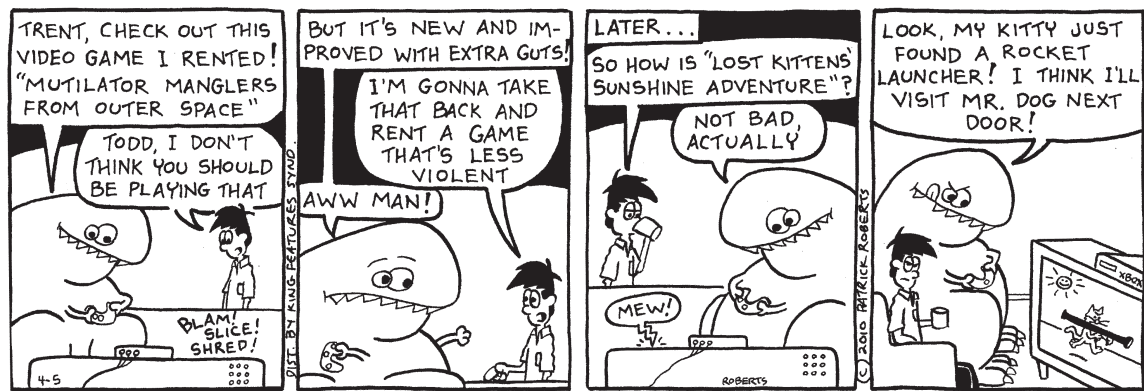
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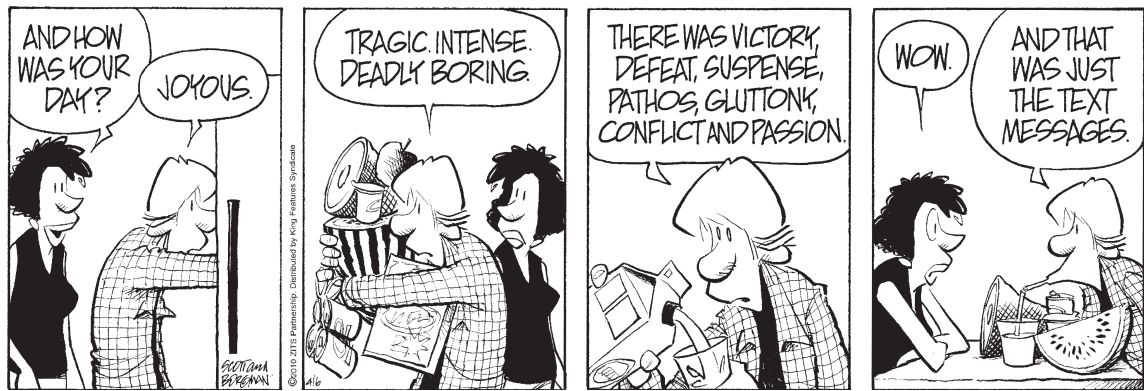
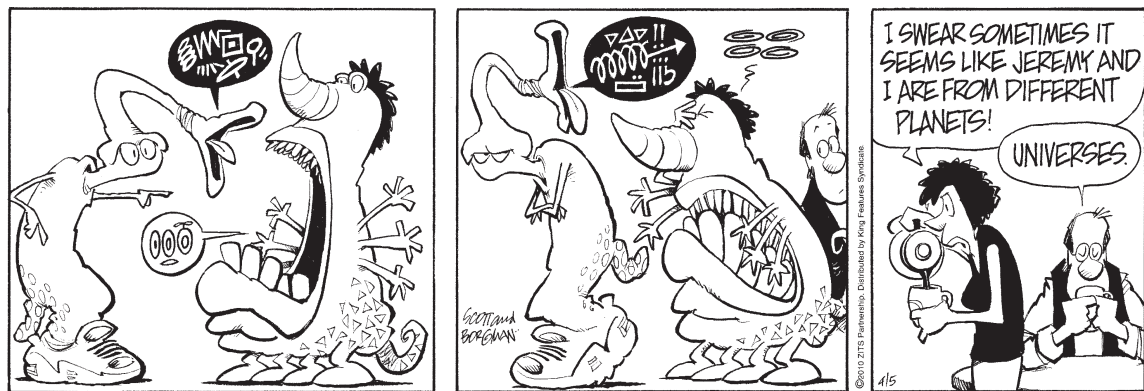
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Dr. Joyce Brothers • Ask Dr. Brothers Adopted parent fears problems

Dear Dr. Brothers: I was adopted as a child, and though I don't recall my birth parents, who are deceased, I have some rather unhappy memories of growing up feeling lonely and unloved.

Dear G.H.: Adoption stories are more complicated than we like to pretend, and when there is no opportunity to have some closure with birth parents, questions and doubts are bound to linger.

When you were adopted, the procedure was hidden and secret, while today things are out in the open. You'll tell your child the story of his or her birth so that he or she grows up knowing the facts about his or her parents.

Dear Dr. Brothers: Is my son off his rocker, or what? He has always lived at home and paid rent. We are close and have had no problems, but he has become obsessed with getting married.

Dear L.R.: Your son sounds like he is having a battle with his biological clock. It has awakened him to the fact that he needs to leave home and find a wife.

That said, I agree he is going about this in a chaotic and probably failure-prone way. The Internet might find him a date, but the likelihood of finding a life partner on a timetable is low.

Bridge • Steve Becker

Bridge bidding table showing North-South and East-West hands with their respective cards and bidding sequences.

The story you are about to read is true. The names have not been mentioned because nothing could be gained by doing so.

As can be seen, six spades is an excellent contract for North-South, and is defeated only by the 4-0 spade break.

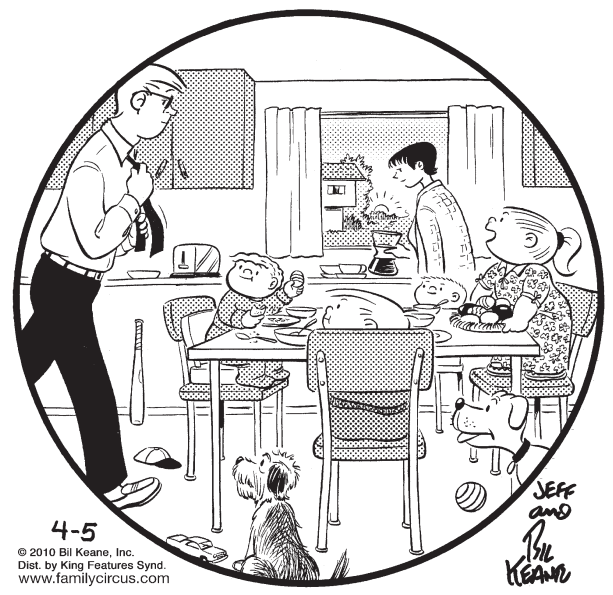
At my table, South, who must have been having a very tough day, opened four hearts in first seat on his six-card suit headed by the A-9!

At the other table, my teammate could think of nothing more imaginative to do than to open one heart with the South hand.

When South bid two diamonds instead, North tried three clubs, and everyone passed!

And so, the deal returned to wherever deals come from without anyone ever bidding spades with the North hand.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"How'd you like your egg this morning, Daddy? Purple? Yellow? Green?..."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

Conceptis Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in various positions.

Difficulty Level ★

This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral.

Cryptoquip

PA ZSCL APZG JLFL CSHILI
RS HSSB HPBL RGPD
KW DOWBLZ, P YNLZZ SDL
CPYGR LDI NK JPRG OFLKL OSI.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE I AM TOTALLY FOND OF THIS FINE EMBROIDERY YARN, WOULD YOU SAY I'M CREWEL-HEARTED?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals C

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS 1 Datum gold 3 Staff leader? 24 Shriver of tennis
5 Handheld computer, for short 4 Perfumery employee 25 Showtime rival
8 Cover of gloom 5 Band in "Bill-board," maybe 26 Having the same vowel sounds
12 Capri, e.g. 51 Walked (on) 27 "Red" types of sport fish
13 LummoX 52 "Misbe-havin'" 6 Doo follower 29 Fond du
14 Hodge-podge 53 Rocky peak 8 Crust-covered entree 30 007, for one
15 They follow eyes and wyes 54 TV journalist 9 Skin cream ingredient 33 Salver
16 Specters Lisa 10 Depict 36 Summer-time garb
18 Buxom 55 Youngsters 11 Privation 38 - Beach, S.C.
20 Matures 56 Donkey 17 Put the kibosh on 40 X-ray machine's successor (Abbr.)
21 Blunders 57 Being, to Brutus 19 Bagdad's country 42 Lovers' quarrel
23 Louis — 22 Bygone Persian bigwigs 43 Cleveland's state
24 Ancient Egyptian rulers 19 Bagdad's country 42 Lovers' quarrel
28 Morays, e.g. 2 On the briny 44 "The Thin Man" dog
31 Tummy muscles 41 Fix, in a sense 46 Rainbow
32 Miniskirt creator Mary 42 Mexican state 47 Heavy weights
33 Knock 43 48 Advantage
35 Rolling stone's lack 49 50 Dawn goddess

Solution time: 27 mins.

Crossword grid with letters and numbers indicating clue positions.

Saturday's answer 4-5

Large crossword grid with numbers 1-57.