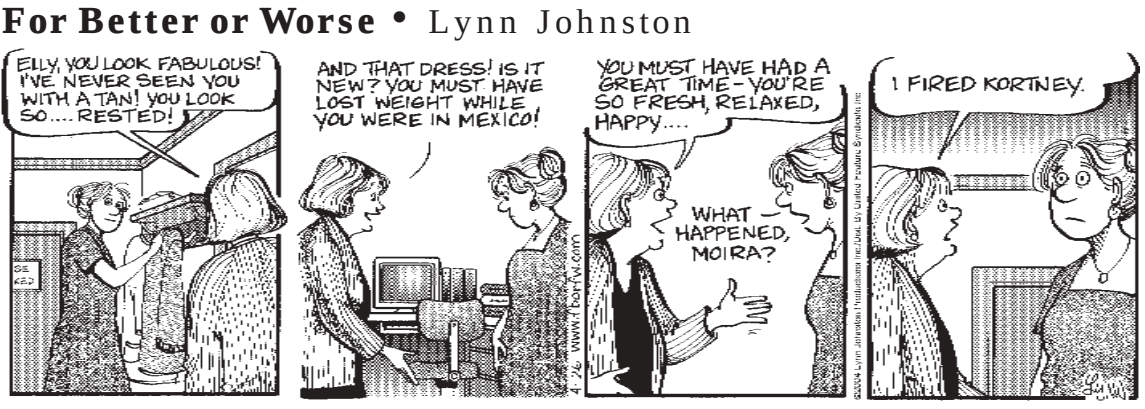
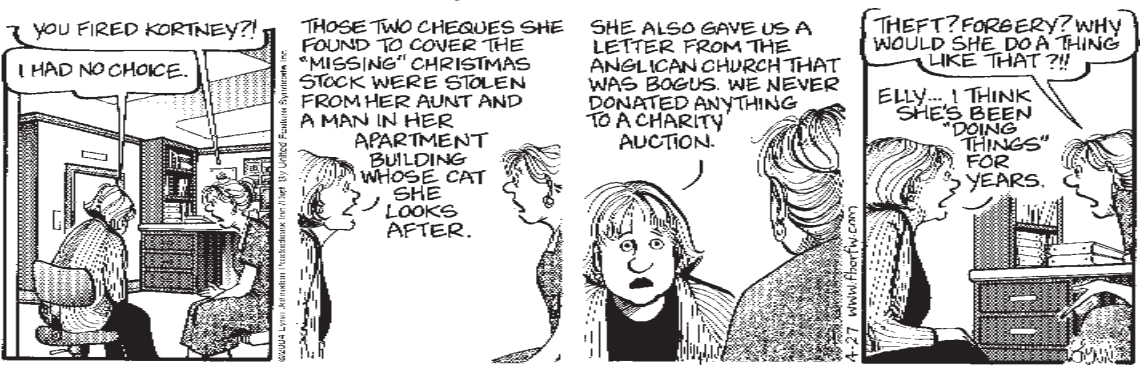
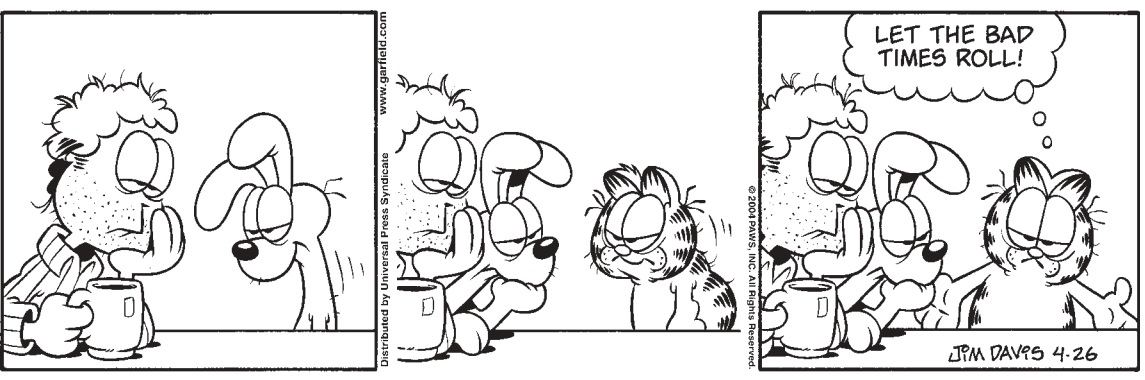
**For Better or Worse** • Lynn Johnston



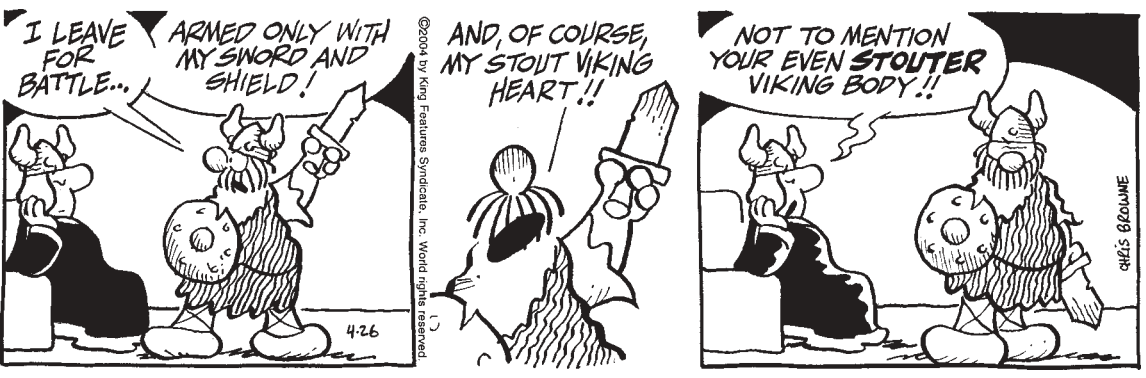

**For Better or Worse** • Lynn Johnston




**Garfield** • Jim Davis



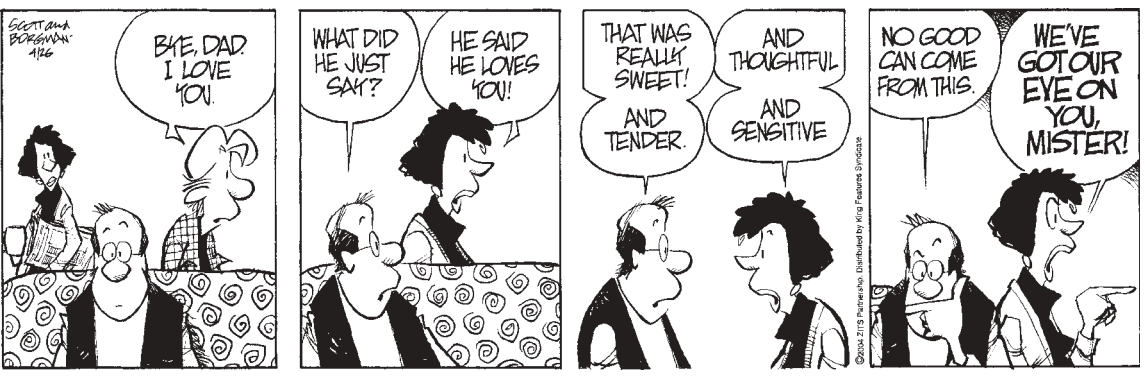

**Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne



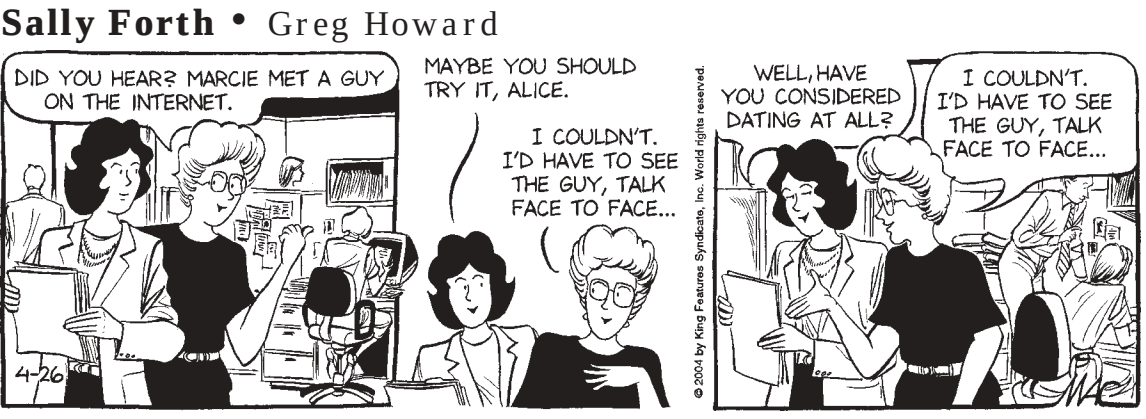

**Blondie** • Chic Young

**Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker

**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott




**Sally Forth** • Greg Howard




THANK YOU FOR READING THE

COLBY FREE PRESS

YOUR LOCAL SOURCE FOR:
NEWS • WEATHER
SPORTS

155 W. 5th • 785-462-3963

## Cryptoquip

XMAY ZY ZGBHSYZRB JG JY SHEJB, GMSRNK MA EA UJAXAK ZG Z XMJHNAK BHZUANAH?

**Saturday's Cryptoquip:** WHEN YOU'RE A SECURITIES DEALER WITH A THICK-SET BUILD, ARE YOU A STOCKY BROKER?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals A

# Woman tired of boyfriend's lies

**Abigail Van Buren**

• Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am helplessly in love with a man who treats me like dirt. I'll call him "Brad." We have been together for eight years.

During that time, he has told me he was married (he has been divorced for the past five years), and lied about having cancer. Everything that comes out of his mouth is pretty much a lie.

Last year, Brad and I had a baby girl. He wanted no part of having a baby and avoided me during the entire pregnancy.

To top it off, when I was in my ninth month, I found out he was seeing someone else. He swears nothing happened. He says he just needed someone to talk to.

For the baby's sake, I placed her for adoption, and she is with a good family. Now that the baby is gone, Brad has come around acting sweet and caring. Yet he still excludes me from family functions and cares more about his ex-wife's feelings than mine.

Am I sick in the head to be in love with Brad?

— HELPLESSLY IN LOVE

**DEAR HELPLESS: Are you sick in the head? If galloping masochism is a classifiable illness, the answer is yes. Somehow you have confused pain and anxiety with love.**

**How do you stop loving him and find a normal relationship? A psychotherapist can help you understand why you have tolerated the abuse, and help you rebuild your self-esteem and learn to form healthy relationships. Your physician can refer you.**

**Fill your time with worthwhile activities to distract you from loneliness while you're getting your head straight.**

**One rewarding activity is to volunteer your spare time to a worthy cause — working with animals, the elderly or a charity of your choice.**

**It's also a way to meet constructive people.**

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 22-year-old woman. When I was 11, my parents divorced.

Because Mom was an alcoholic and a drug addict, my brother and I lived with our dad.

I know a 16-year-old boy named "Sam" who is experiencing the same thing. His parents are divorced and he lives with his mother. She, her boyfriend and his friends smoke a lot of weed in the home and are stoned most of the time.

Sam has tried to talk to her about it, but she only yells that he can't tell her what to do because he's the kid, not the mother. He wants to move out, but his brother is only 9, and Sam can't support them both.

Sam has thought about telling his father what his mother is doing, but he's afraid his mother will never forgive him.

Abby, I care for both the boys. I don't want to sit idly by and do nothing. Should I tell someone, or keep my trap shut?

— ON THE FENCE

**DEAR ON THE FENCE: Get off the fence. Contact Sam's father and fill him in on what's going on. It will give him a chance to intervene and take custody of his children — which could be a step in the right direction for all concerned. If his father is a responsible adult, Sam and his brother will have a more normal home environment, and the mother will be put on notice that there are consequences for her actions. Let's hope it helps her clear her head.**

DEAR ABBY: My name is "Sunny," but I don't feel very sunny. I'm 13 and have many problems. I'm afraid I'm on a wrong track and won't be able to do what I know I should with my life.

My grades aren't good, and I keep getting myself into hot water. My mother has a lot of health problems, so she doesn't need my problems on top of hers. I keep asking myself why this is happening to us.

Mother told me she wants me to live a life that will make me happy, and not let her poor health ruin my teen years.

Is it wrong for me to enjoy these years and plan what I want to do with my future even though my mother is very sick? What can I do to get my life back on the right track?

— SUNNY IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR SUNNY: The most important thing you can do is stop feeling guilty for enjoying yourself.**

**I can think of nothing that would make your mother happier than to know you are living your life to the fullest and exercising your potential.**

**Talk to a counselor at school about how to get your grade level back where it should be. If you are in with the wrong crowd, involve yourself in activities where you will make constructive and rewarding friendships.**

**And most of all, share your victories with your mother. Share your concerns with her as well. It will make her — and you — feel better. Trust me on that.**

## Bridge

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**
♠ K 5
♥ K 7 2
♦ K J 10
♣ Q J 10 8 3

**WEST**
♠ Q 10 8 7 3
♥ A Q 3
♦ 6 5 2
♣ A K

**EAST**
♠ 6 4 2
♥ J 6 5 4
♦ 9 8 4 3
♣ 7 4

**SOUTH**
♠ A J 9
♥ 10 9 8
♦ A Q 7
♣ 9 6 5 2

The bidding:

| West | North | East | South |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 ♠ | Pass | Pass | 1 NT |
| Pass | 3 NT | | |

Opening lead — seven of spades.

## Drury Enduring

A thing of beauty is a joy forever, and this hand — played by Doug Drury, inventor of the Drury convention — undoubtedly qualifies for such status.

West opened with one spade, and, after two passes, Drury bid one notrump. This was perfectly proper in the balancing position, where a notrump overcall shows less strength than the 16 to 18 points normally associated with a direct overcall of one notrump.

North raised to three, and West led the seven of spades. Drury won with the nine and played a club. West took the king and made the excellent return of the queen of hearts. He was hoping to find partner with four or five hearts to the jack, and in that way stop the contract.

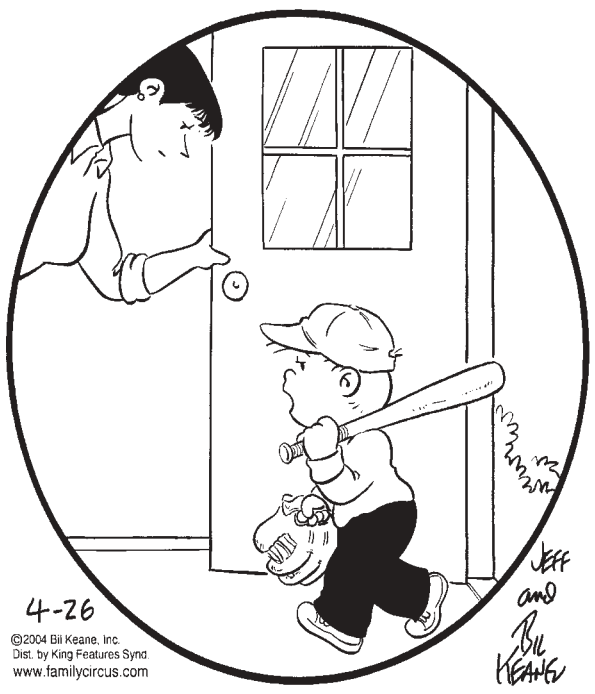
Declarer could have assured himself a heart trick by covering the queen with the king — certainly the normal thing to do in the expectation that West had led the queen from the Q-J. But Drury's ESP was firing on all cylinders, and he confidently played the deuce from dummy.

Not only that, but when West continued with the three of hearts, Drury rose with the king, rejecting West's effort to convince him that he held the jack of hearts. Drury then led another club to West's ace, and West wisely cashed the ace of hearts to hold declarer to nine tricks.

West's defense was superb but unsuccessful. Had Drury covered the queen of hearts with the king or not played the king on the second heart lead, he would have gone down one, losing three hearts and two clubs.

It was a vigorous battle, well-fought on both sides, with Drury finally emerging triumphant.

**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



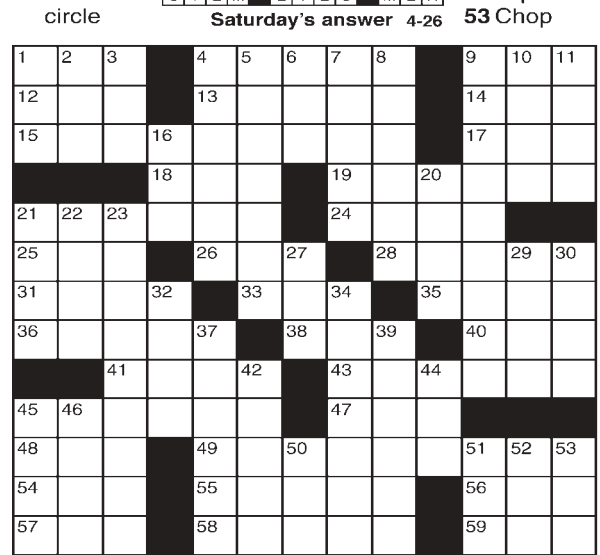

"The game was called because of the ball on the roof."

## Crossword

**ACROSS**
1 Idaho, the — State
4 Goes with the eagles
9 Barbie's ex
12 "I — Camera"
13 Involving little difficulty
14 Geological period
15 VIP in China's history
17 Midafternoon, on a sundial
18 Right angle
19 More discerning
21 Iced-drink brand
24 Adam's third son
25 Scrap
26 Away from NNE
28 Reduces in intensity
31 Dist. across a circle
33 Bill
35 Barrel part
36 Raw-boned one
38 Replacement
40 Raw rock
41 French-Swiss range
43 Pressed
45 Footless
47 Despondent
48 Victory
49 Eddie Murphy role
54 Pub order
55 Nonsense
56 Teensy
57 "Of course"
58 Dance lessons
59 "— & Order"

**DOWN**
1 Petrol
2 Ostrich's cousin
3 Chap
4 Libra symbol
5 Survive, on "Survivor"
6 Fool
7 South American flock
8 Lip- — (did karaoke)
9 The Who drummer
10 Pennsylvania port
11 Neet rival
16 Still
20 Bonneville site
21 Agrees silently
22 Actor Stoltz
23 One of "The View" crew
27 Existed
29 Skin opening
30 Exceeded 75
32 Tennyson poem
34 Made in layers
37 Boardroom artwork
39 Witch craft?
42 Apportion
44 Possess
45 Vacationing
46 Heap
50 Banjo's kin
51 Pointed tool
52 Vast expanse
53 Chop

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M | A | H | | S | C | O | W | | L | O | L | L |
| A | N | I | | T | A | P | E | | I | L | I | E |
| R | E | F | | A | B | E | L | | G | E | E | S |
| T | W | I | S | T | A | N | D | S | H | O | U | T |
| | | | W | I | L | | E | A | T | | | |
| S | U | M | A | C | | F | R | Y | | D | I | P |
| A | S | A | P | | C | O | S | | B | I | D | E |
| T | E | X | | J | A | Y | | C | I | G | A | R |
| | | | P | O | P | | A | H | A | | | |
| T | W | I | S | T | S | O | N | E | S | A | R | M |
| U | R | S | A | | I | B | I | S | | T | O | O |
| B | I | L | L | | Z | E | S | T | | O | V | A |
| S | T | E | M | | E | Y | E | S | | M | E | N |

Saturday's answer 4-26