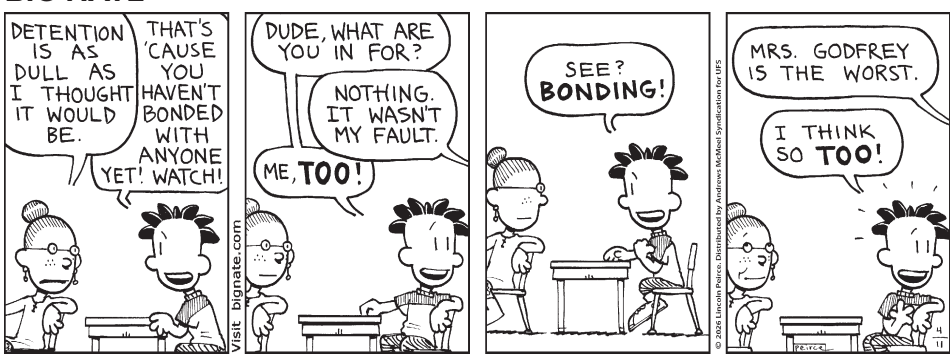
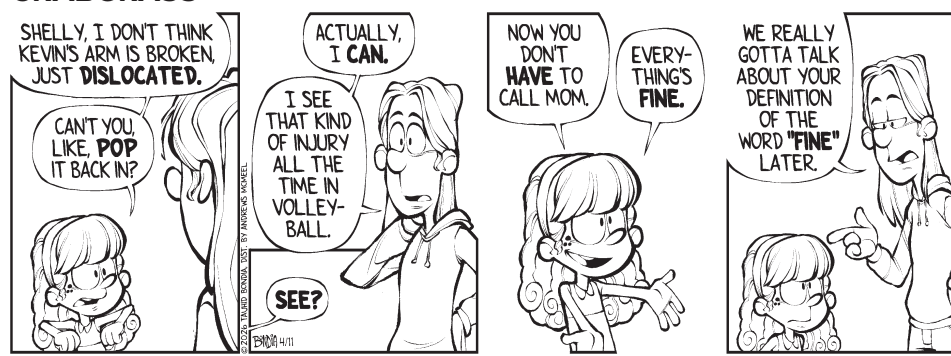


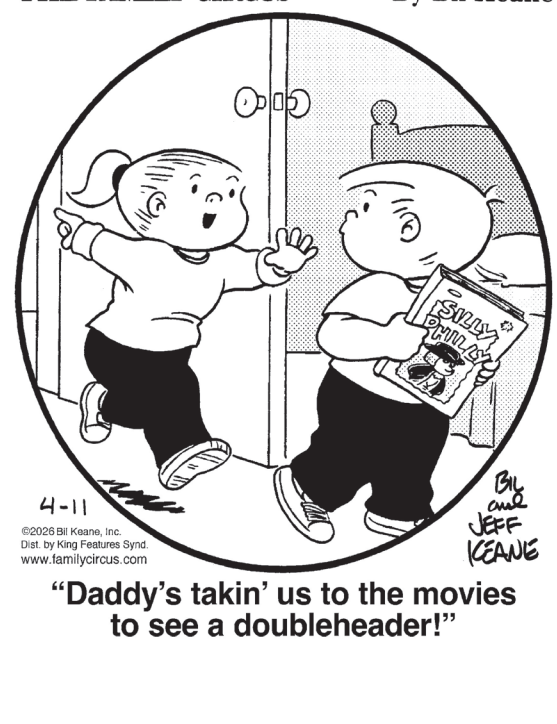
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**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane



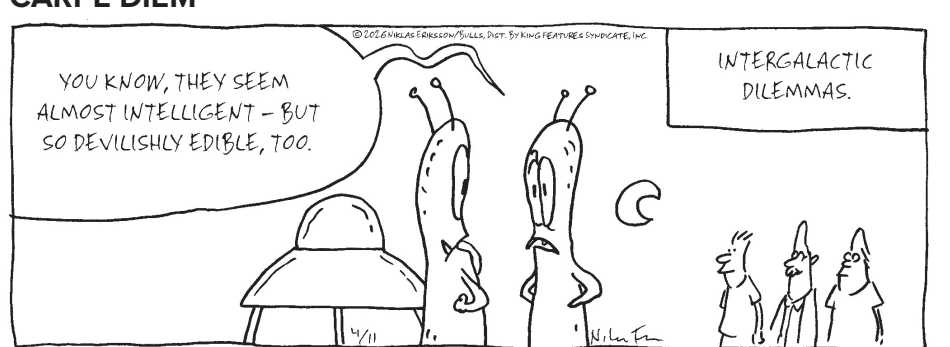
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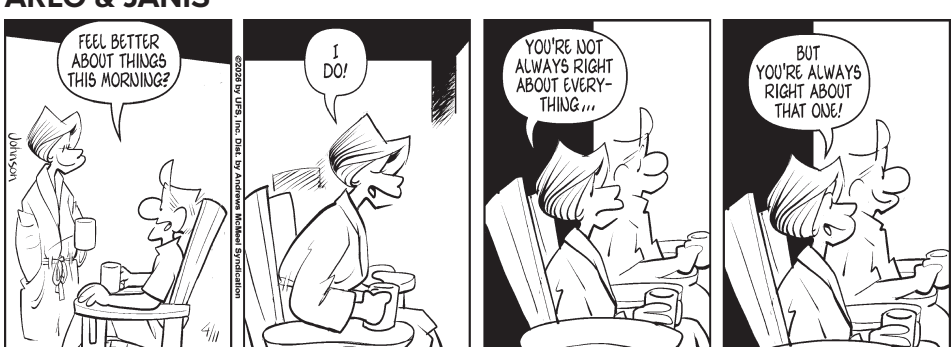
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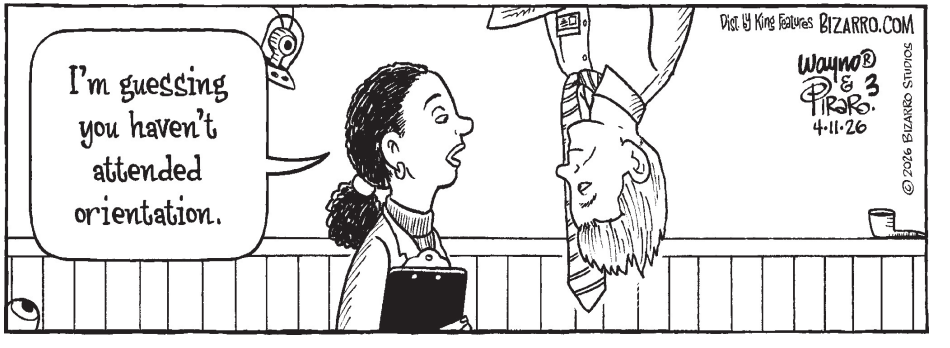
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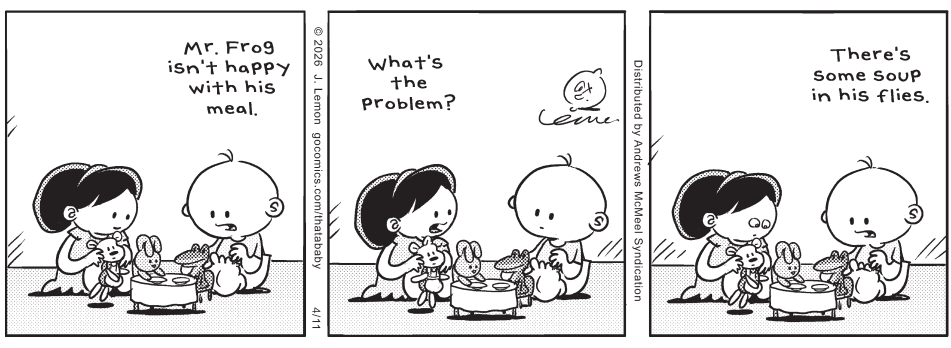
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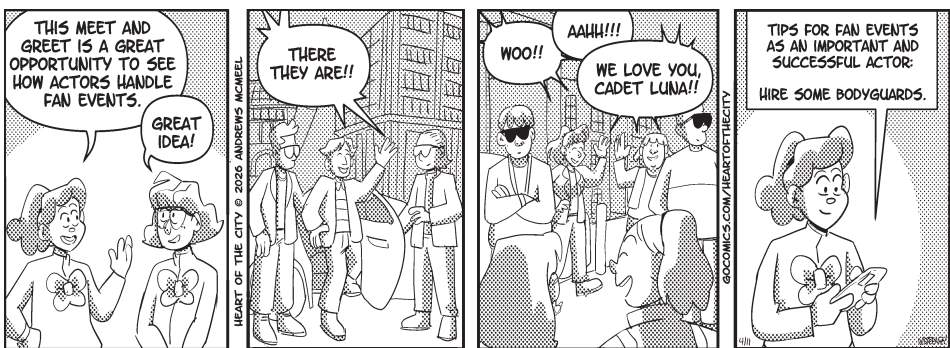
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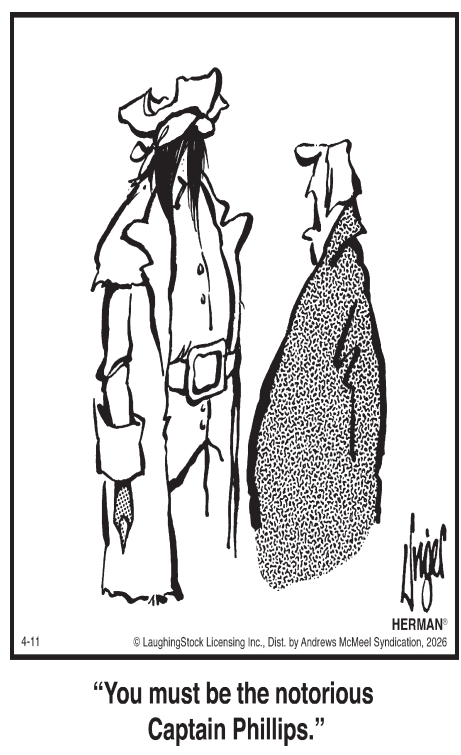
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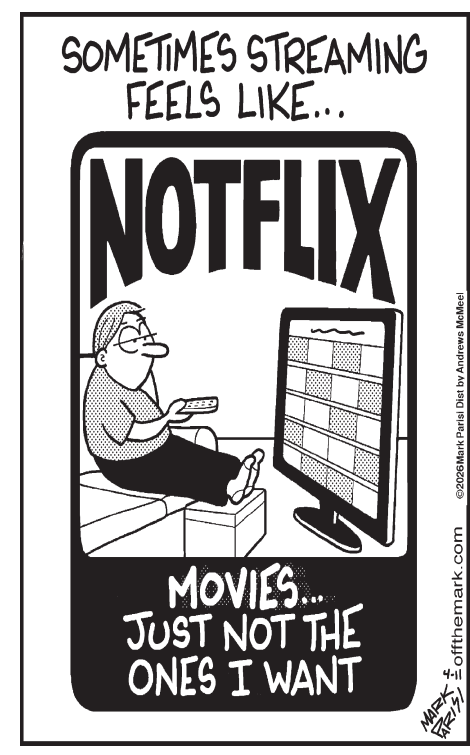
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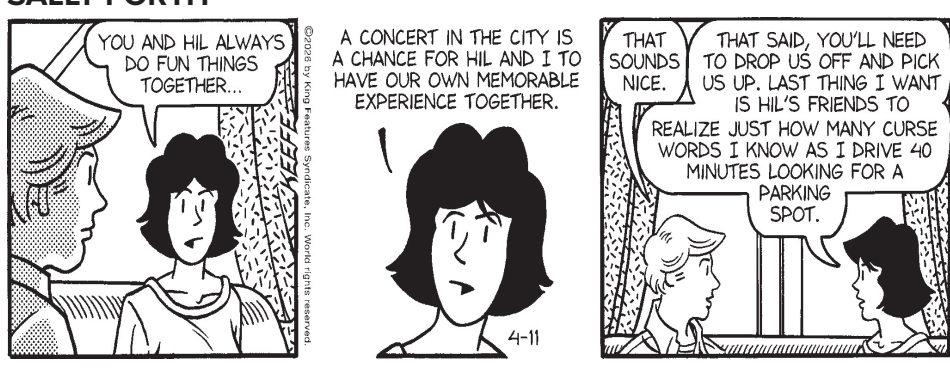
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**OFF THE MARK**



**SALLY FORTH**



**IKOTOWN** 4/12

People have been playing ball games for thousands of years ... but some ball games are relatively modern. Basketball was invented by teacher James Naismith in 1891 in Springfield, Massachusetts.

To keep his students active during bad weather, he nailed up two peach baskets at either end of the gymnasium, formed two teams, gave them a soccer ball and told them the idea was to throw the ball into the opposing team's basket. The baskets were 10 feet off the ground and still had their bottoms ... so in the early days of the game, someone had to climb a ladder to retrieve the ball!

Four years later and just a few miles away, William G. Morgan invented mintonette ... a game that was soon renamed "volleyball."

Pickleball is REALLY modern ... It was invented in 1965!

By changing one letter in each row where indicated, change BALL to GAME. See if you can work out the solution without any clues. If you find it too difficult to solve, we've given you clues beneath the puzzle.

**B A L L**

**G A M E**

If you can't figure out the answers, here are clues:

- 1: Not short
- 2: A story
- 3: Not wild

Answers: TALL - TALE - TAME

Check the sports section of today's paper and see how many different ball games you can find.

TRUE but STRANGE

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