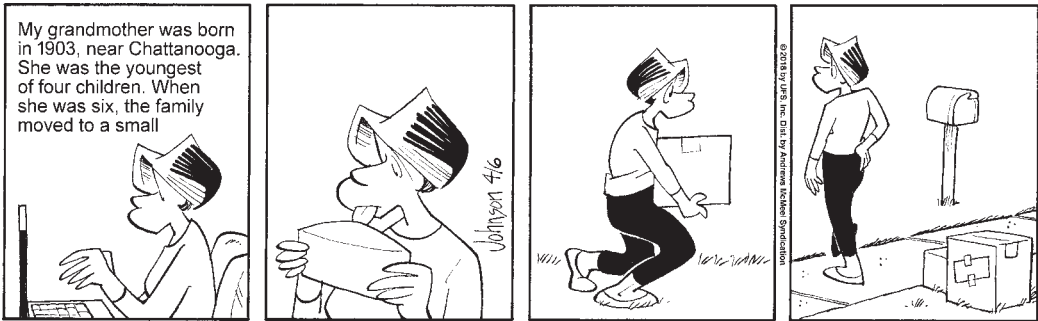
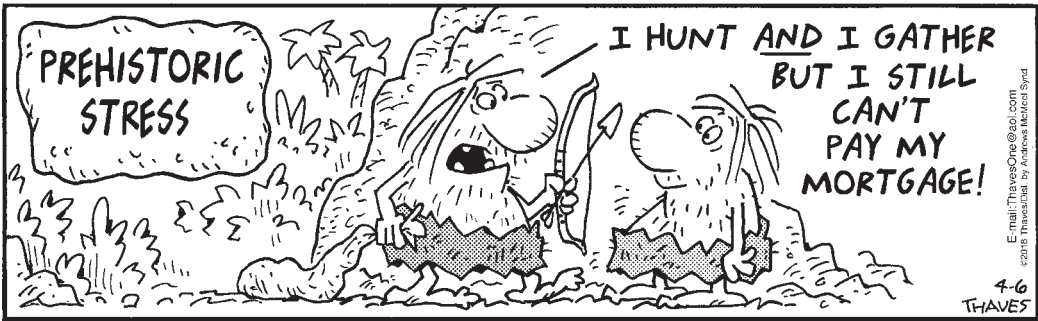


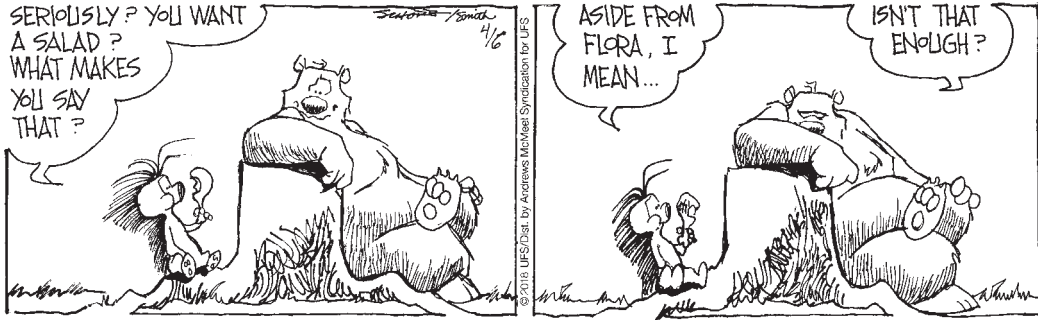
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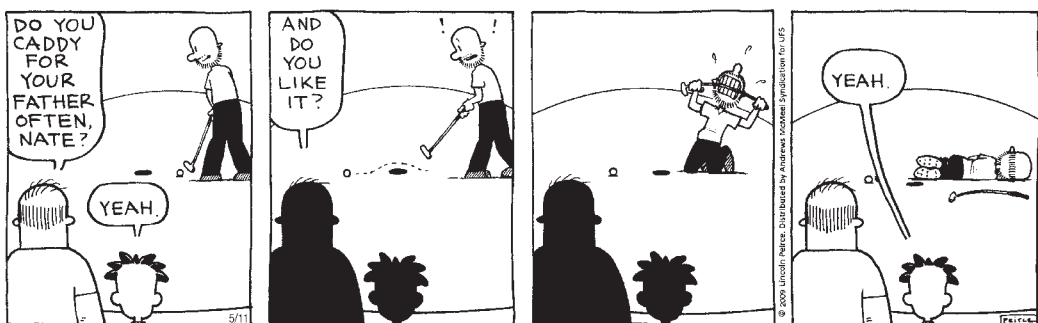
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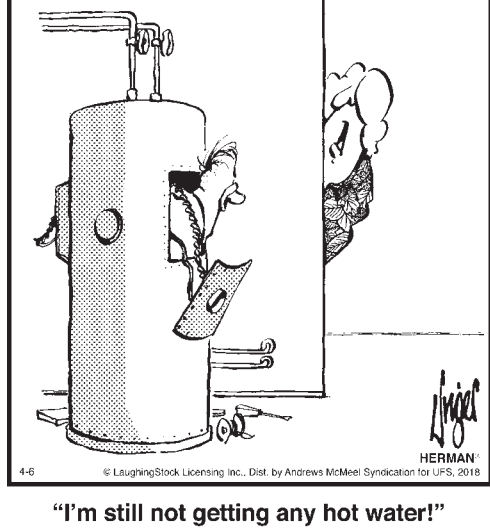
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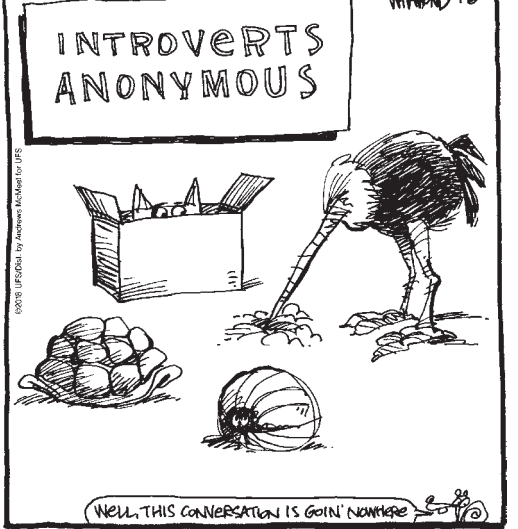
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AT THE MOVIES

'Blockers' a gleeful farce about teens and parents

(AP) -- The teen sex comedy, a dude-fest if there ever was one, gets a very overdue and very funny update in Kay Cannon's "Blockers," a gleeful, gross-out farce about the absurdities of gender bias.

Like "Porky's" and "American Pie" before it, Cannon's film begins with a sex pact. Three high-school friends are determined to lose their virginity on prom night before going off to college. The twist is they aren't an assortment of randy, pimply guys. They're a trio of curious, self-confident

top, she deciphers the double-entendres of their emojis with the help of Hunter and Mitchel, and they embark on an outlandish quest to stymie their daughters' "night of our lives" plans.

What follows is a kind of prom-night odyssey through the awkward, much-feared sexual gulf between parents and their promiscuous young-adult kids.

But if any generation has any problems, it's the older one. Hunter is a porn-added social outcast after cheating on his

ex-wife and Sam's mother. Shame, shame.

Gary Cole and Gina

Gershon make a hysterical cameo as kinky,

over-sharing parents. The kids are all right; the parents are perverts.

Cannon, a former writer and producer of "30 Rock" and "Pitch Perfect," makes a confident directorial debut. There are some lags in momentum and the centerpiece raunchy scene — seemingly a prerequisite to today's comedies — comes off as a little formulaic. But the antic chemistry between Mann, Cena and Barinholtz is stellar.

Together, they capture the panic, embarrassment and sentimentality of young-adult parenthood as they scramble after their kids, none of whom need saving.

"Blockers," a Universal Pictures release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "crude and sexual content, and language throughout, drug content, teen partying and some graphic nudity." Running time: 102 minutes.



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13 Pre-owned
14 Caustic substance
15 Robust
17 "— Girls"
18 Consumed
19 Smog monitor
20 That is, in Latin
22 Could possibly
23 Single no more
24 Orlando attraction
27 Doorway
30 Bit of merchandise
31 Copacetic (hyph.)
32 Jungle crusher
34 I, to Caesar

35 Hosp. staffers
36 Shout
37 Resounded
40 Foot lever
41 Thurman of film
42 Really big tees
43 Overcharge
46 Afternoon social
47 IV squared
50 Strike caller
51 Whip-cracker
54 Trend
55 Brat in "Blondie"
56 — — grip!
57 Back again
58 Archie or Jughead
59 Presently

DOWN

1 Adamson's pet
2 Mr. Damon
3 Thick mud
4 — — snail's pace

5 Aquarium fish
6 Largest continent
7 Corral
8 More tense
9 Mme.'s daughter

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