

# Agents rate animal rights guide effective

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titled to many of the same rights." "They (animal rights activists) have zero tolerance for the utilization of animals by humans," Goodwin said.

Animal welfare proponents "believe that it is acceptable to use animals for the benefit of humans as long as those animals are treat-

ed with compassion and dignity," Goodwin's written guide says.

The true test for the tapes comes from the professional extension agents who will use it, and their response has been extremely favorable.

Out of 258 agents who reviewed the tape, 92 percent rated the program as effective, but much more information is needed

on the subject, Goodwin said.

"This is really the first and most aggressive extension level program for education on this subject," Goodwin said.

The tapes are not in wide release, but Goodwin says he will show the tapes and their accompanying lecture to any group that contacts him and sets up a time.

# 'Deep dark secret' adoptions create problems

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gry," Schmitt said. "He was told growing up that his birth parents had been married with three children, and gave him up because they wanted to pursue Ph.D.'s."

"His daughter convinced him to search, and now he's finding out that none of what he was told was true," she said.

Patricia Young, an adoption counselor with Catholic Families in San Antonio, said the 'deep dark secret' aspect of adoption has

been the major contributor to psychological problems in adoptees.

"A lot of the clinical problems adoptees face are really grief based," Young said. "The availability of information in open adoptions allows the adoptee a form of closure on who they are."

"We're finding that with a picture of their birth mother and even limited communication, the child has much less difficulty over the years."

Slate said openness will have a positive effect on current and fu-

ture adoptions.

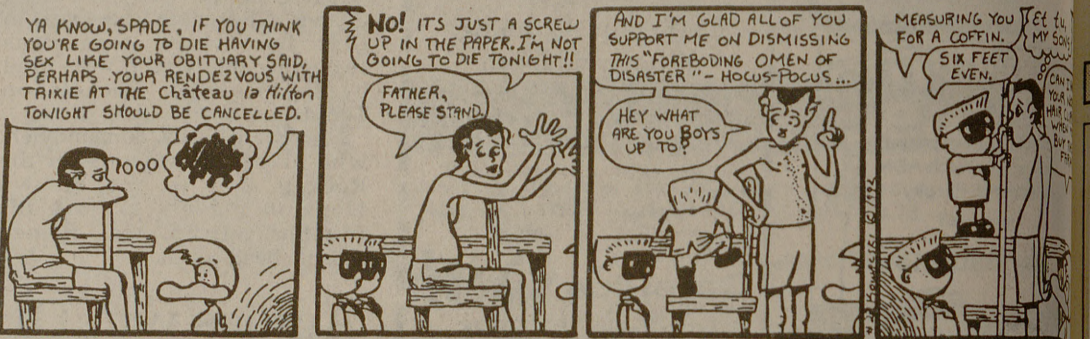
An estimated 15-40 percent of psychiatric patients in the U.S. are adoptees. The reason for the large fraction is partly due to the attitude that the child had no history prior to the adoption, Slate said.

"There has been extensive psychological damage to some adoptees because of the way it's been handled in the past," Slate said.

"It's almost like a marriage, in that the child brings a unique history all its own to the union."

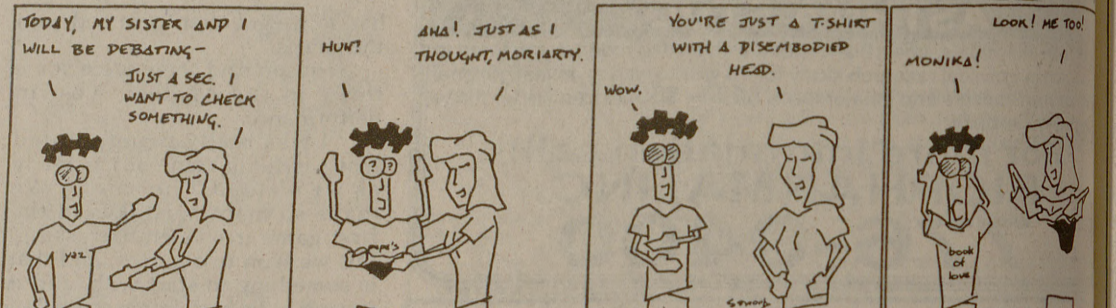
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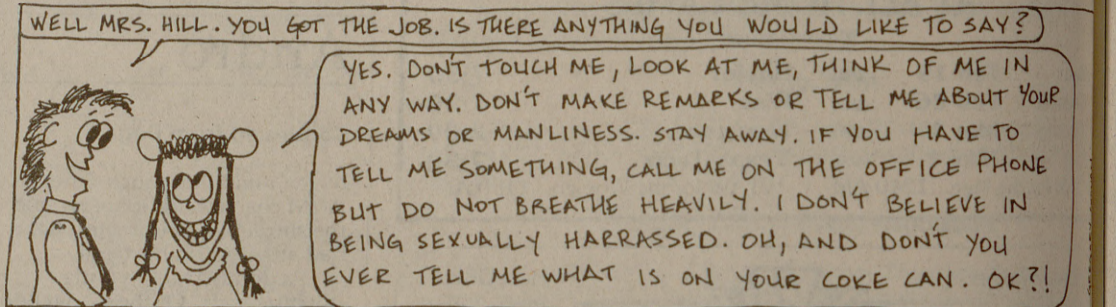
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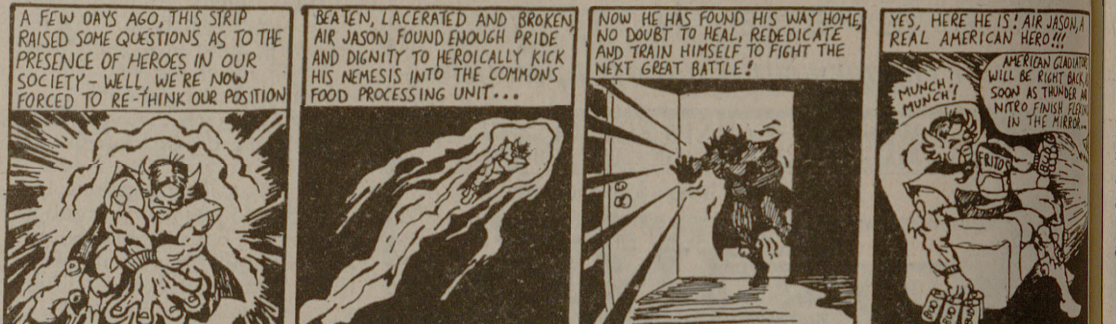
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