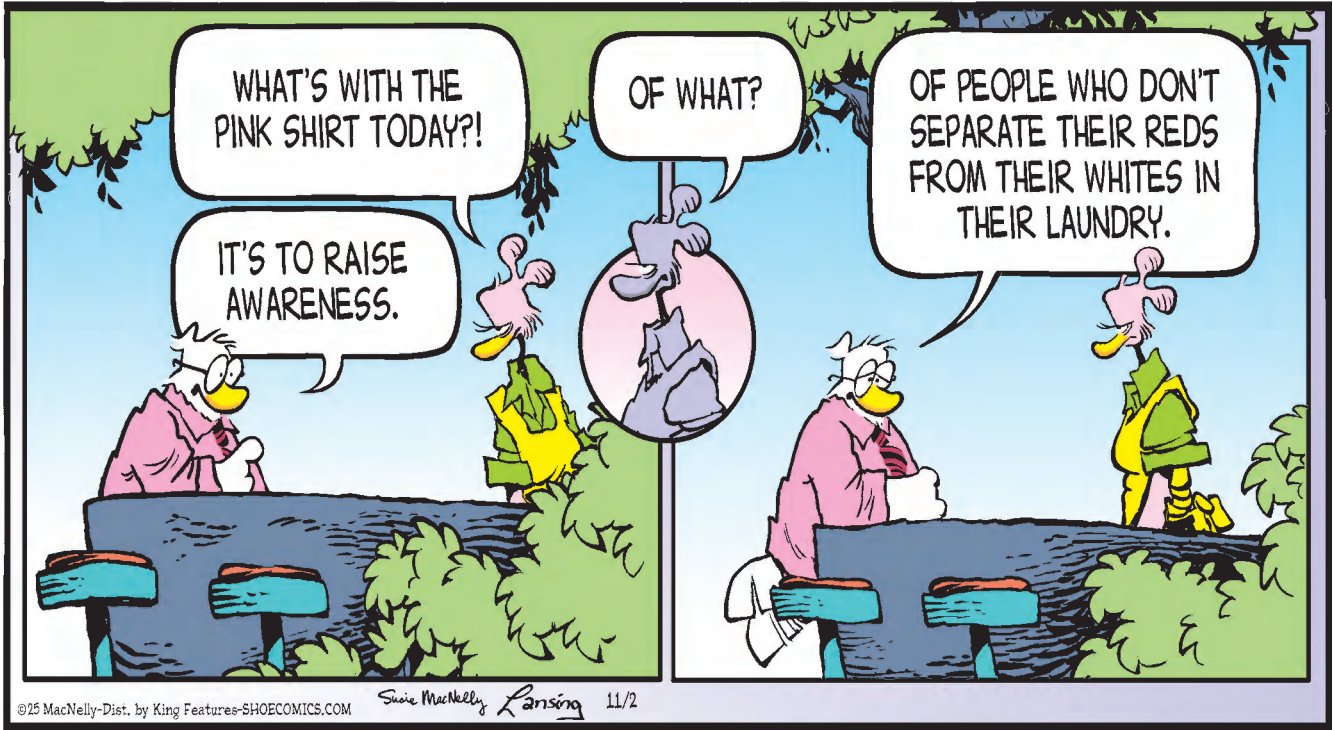
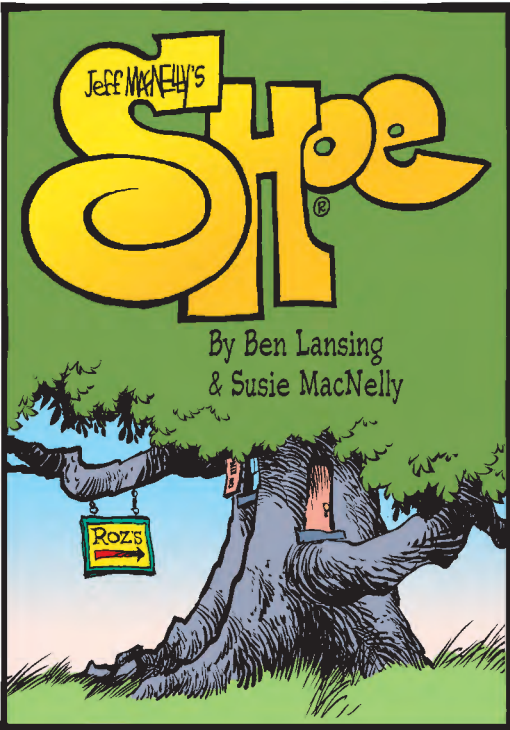
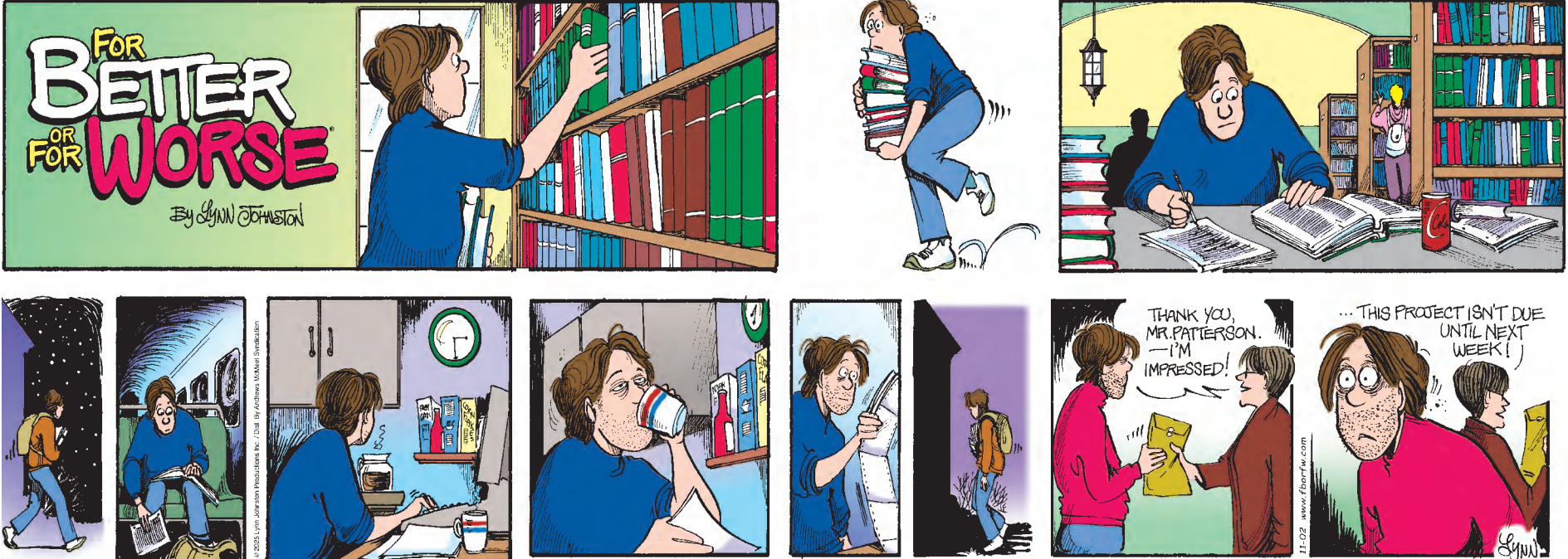






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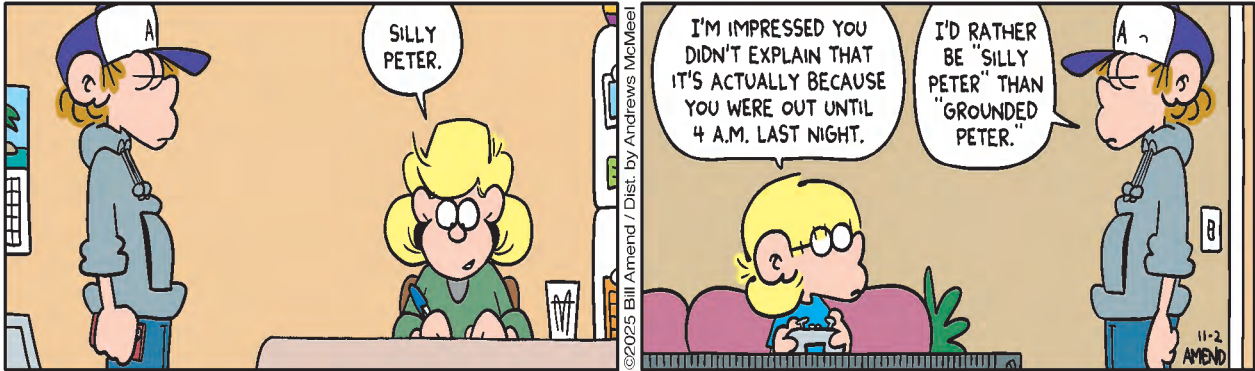


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I was closing up the shelter for the day when a van pulled up. A boy ran out asking, "Is Sarah still here?"



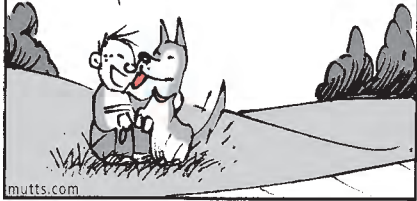
Sarah was a shepherd mix who appeared to have once been abused. She was a gentle dog, but she didn't totally trust anyone. I was concerned we might have trouble finding her a home.



I handed the boy the leash and he walked Sarah down the sidewalk.



He sat with Sarah and petted her, and she gently licked his face. They looked at each other with love, happiness and total acceptance.



His grandmother said softly, "He said he just wants a friend." His mother asked with tears, "What do we have to do to take Sarah home with us?"



If there ever was a match made in heaven, it was between this boy, who only wanted a friend in life, and a dog who had never known love.



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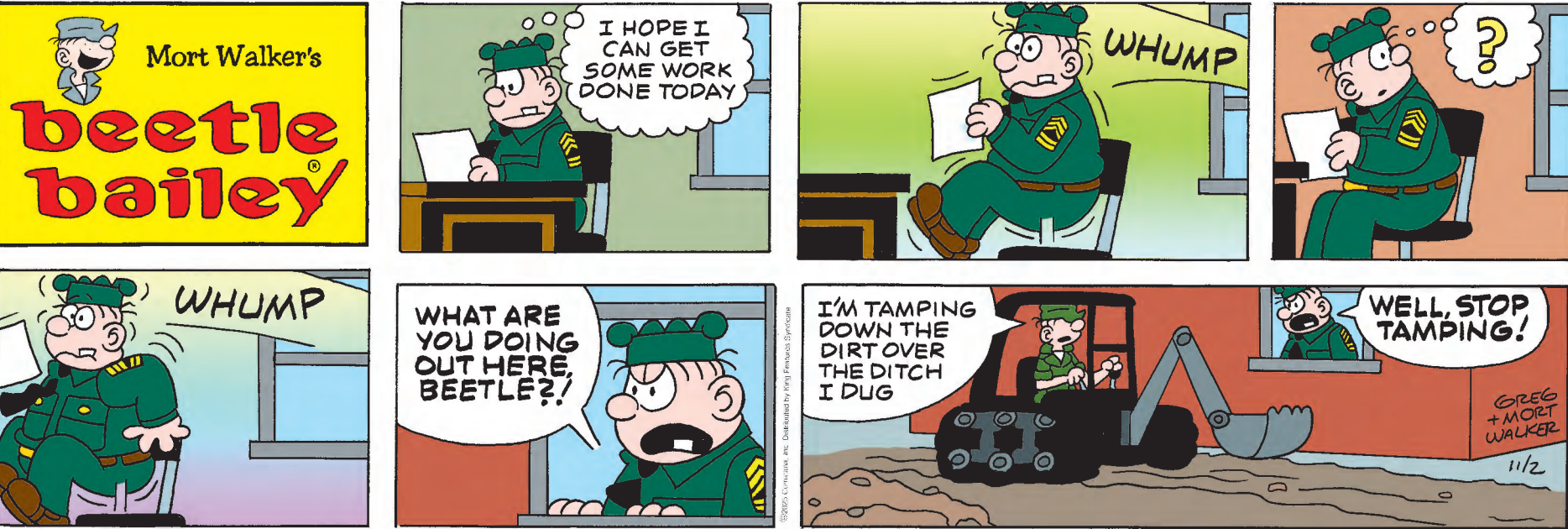
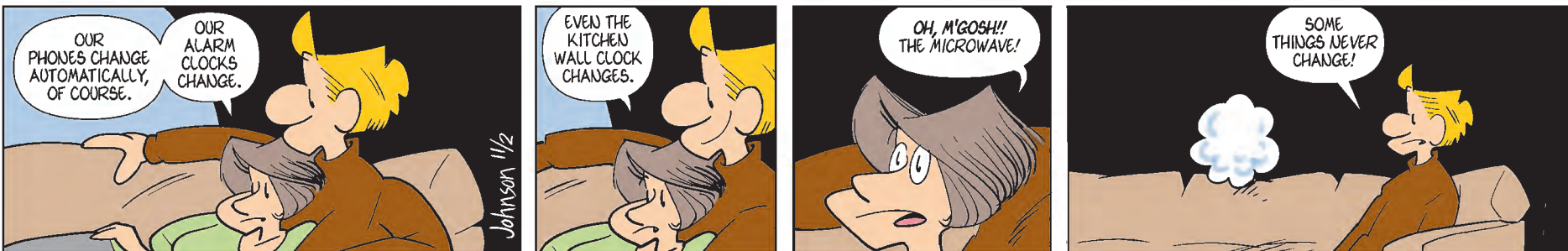
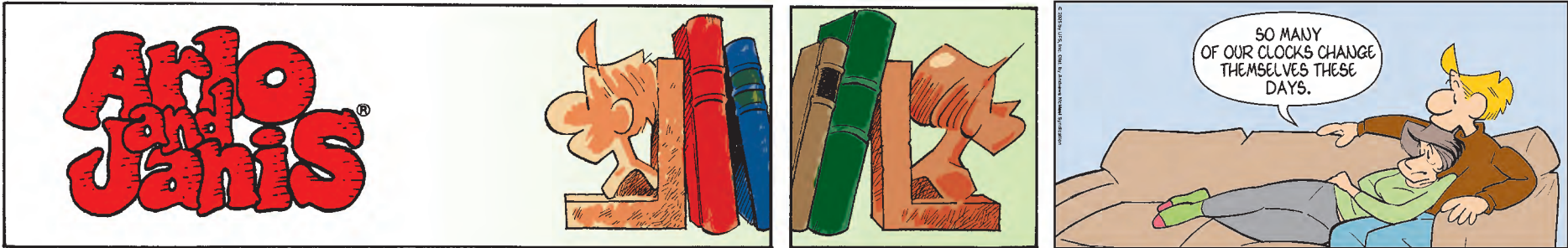
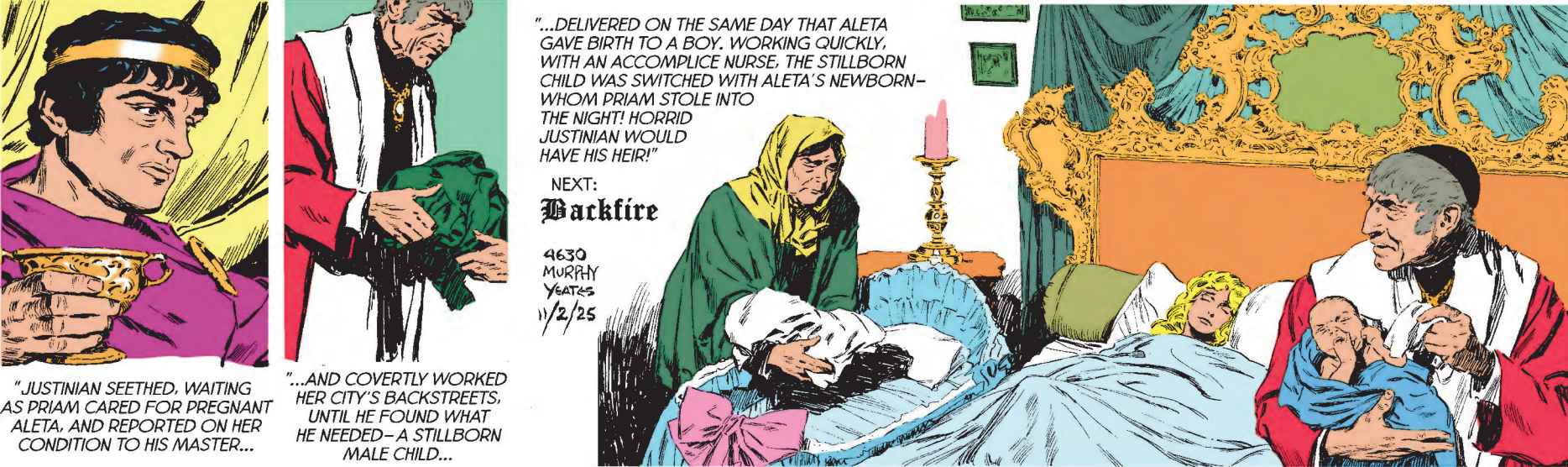
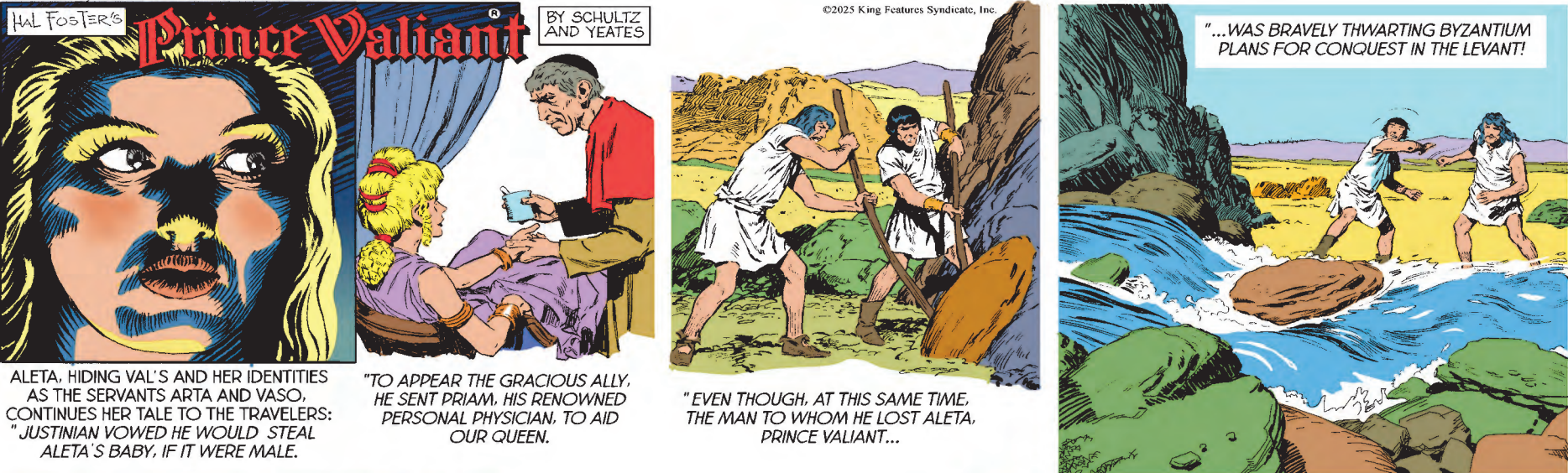
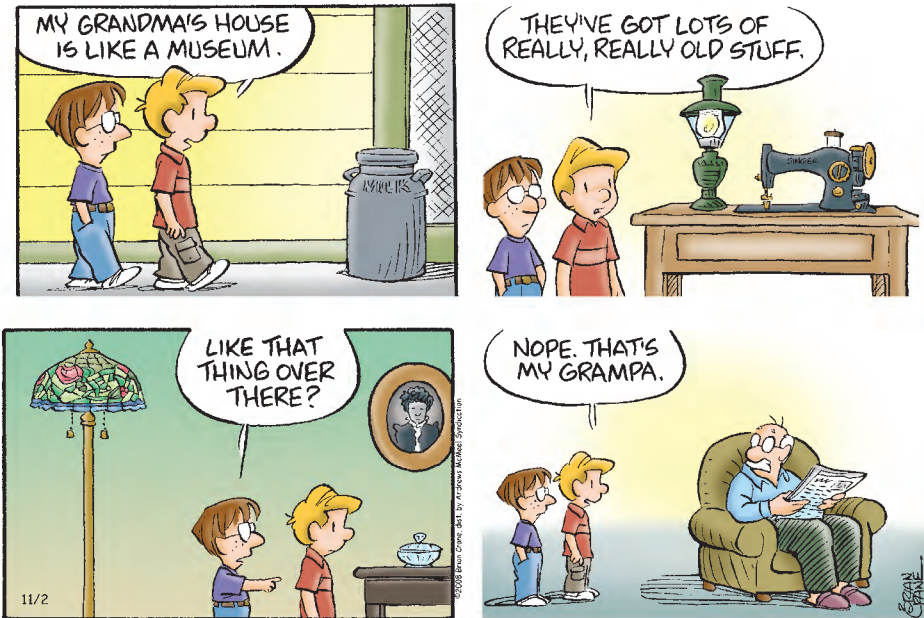


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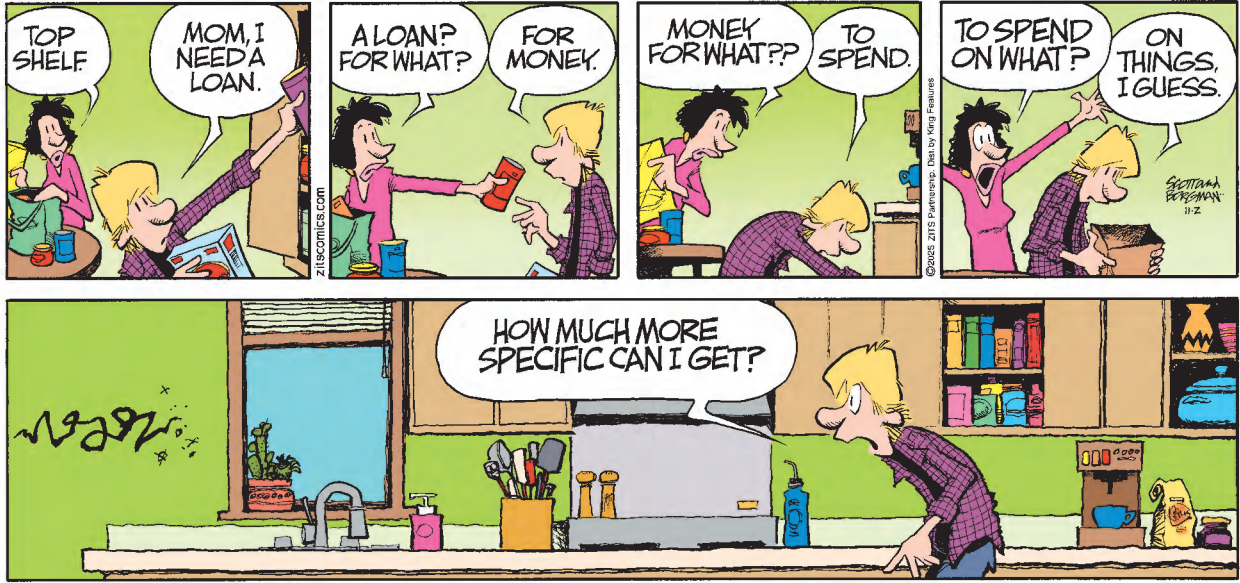
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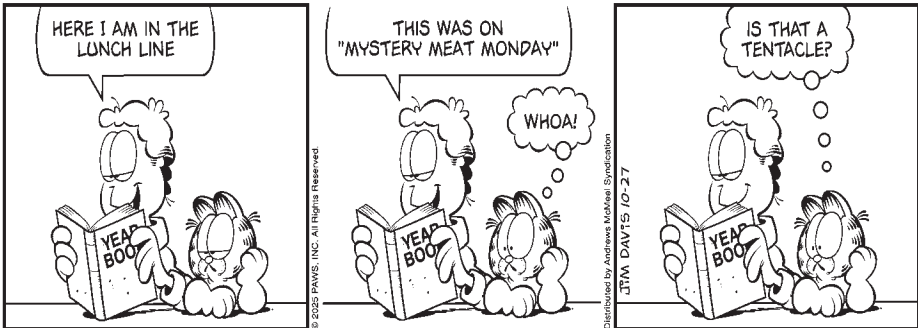
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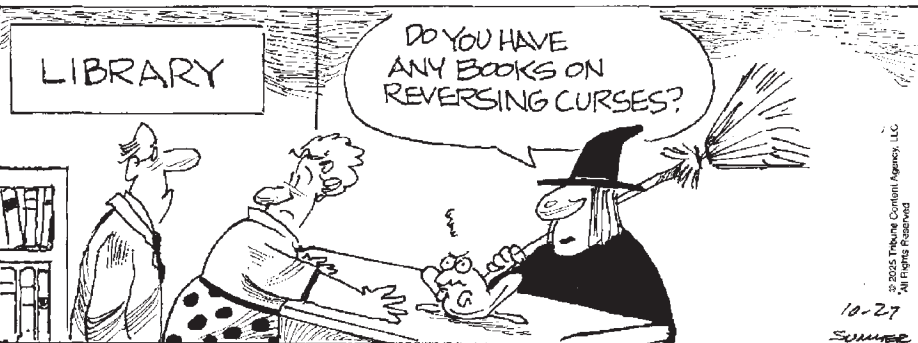
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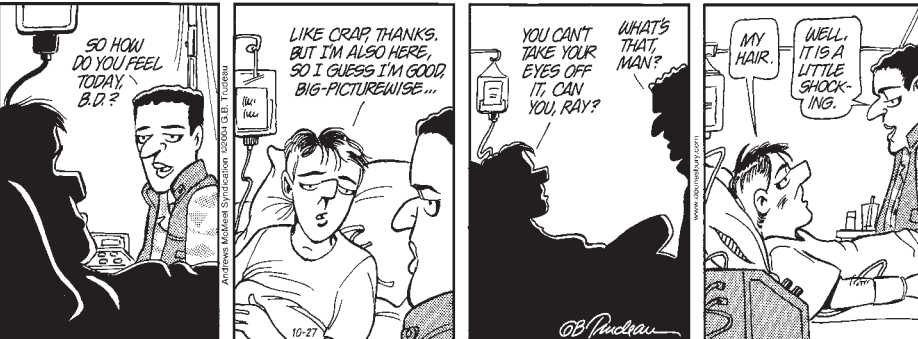
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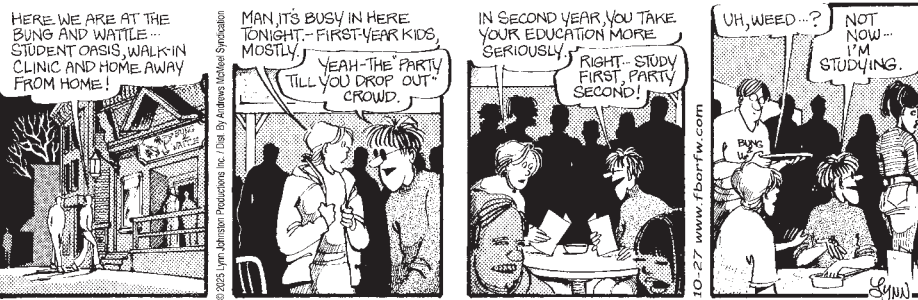
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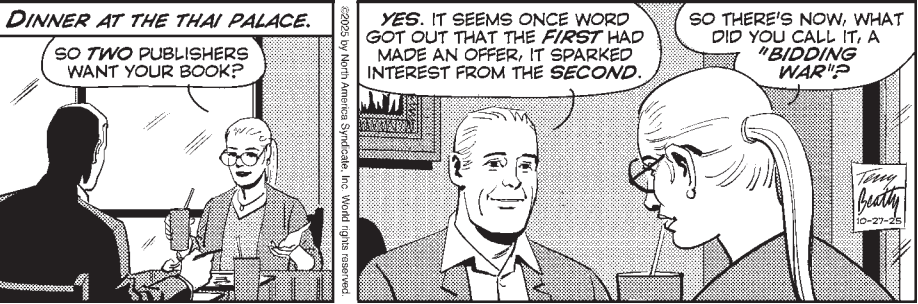
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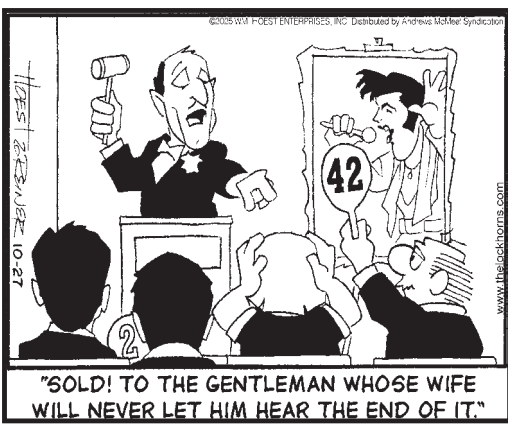
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Should we warm up for a while? Sure, I'll grab a basket of practice balls.

THE TENNIS BALLS AT THE COURTS WERE ---

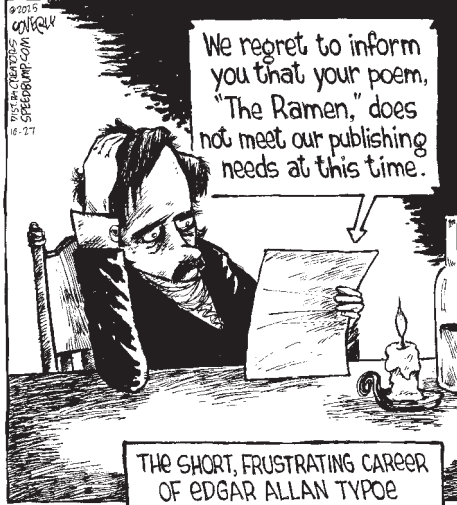
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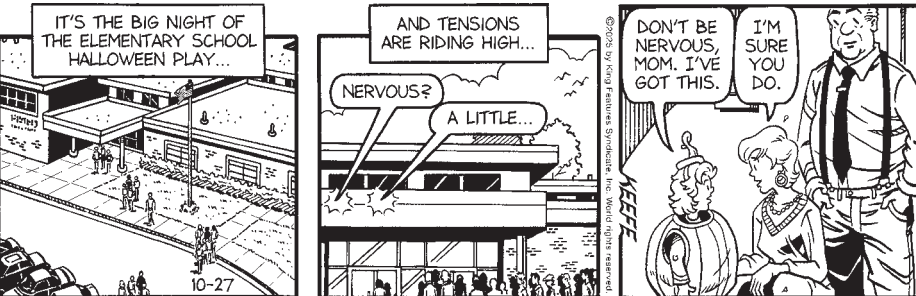
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Answer: When central air conditioning was invented, there was — "VENT-ELATION"

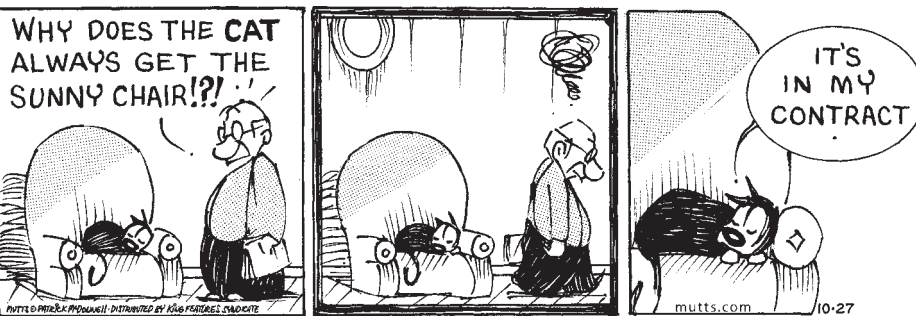
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LBQZSBM WMBWQMBE PJ LSB
LPWOZ PV KPTB VQTPDK

VQLSBMK: Q WPW CDOA.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHICH AMERICAN STATE HAS AN EXTREMELY DENSE POPULATION OF COLORFUL SALAMANDERS? NEWT MEXICO.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals Q

CROSSWORD By Eugene Scheffer

ACROSS

- 1 Frog's relative
- 5 Expert
- 8 Baseball stats
- 12 Franc replacement
- 13 Tear
- 14 Gospel singer Franklin
- 15 Un-repaired
- 16 The emperor Augustus
- 18 Elevator alternative
- 20 Cooks, as broccoli
- 21 "Choco-lat" actor
- 23 "Sheesh!"
- 24 Harvest times
- 28 Camera part
- 31 Sly chuckle
- 32 Zodiac ram
- 34 Almond, e.g.
- 35 Game show mogul Griffin

37 Stop sign shapes

39 iPad platform

41 Mideast airline

42 Automatic reaction

45 European peninsula

49 Multiplies by eight

51 Helps

52 Utah city

53 Bank acct. entry

54 "The Simpsons" bar

55 Sassi-ness, informally

56 Egos' counterparts

57 Sports figure?

DOWN

1 Mid-afternoon rituals

2 Expel

3 Opera house solo

4 Square dance call

5 "The Tempest" role

6 Wrestler Flair

7 Makes a choice

8 Dis-close

9 Member of Roxy Music

10 Mosque leader

11 Without

17 \$ dispenser

19 Country's McEntire

22 Cost

24 Resistance unit

25 Bee follower

26 Shopped at Good-will, say

27 Band's rosters of concert songs

29 Cloister resident

30 Rds.

33 Swedish auto

36 Loud-ness

38 Sparkles

40 Aug. follower

42 Source

43 Beige

44 42, in old Rome

46 Funny person

47 Concept

48 Celeb's aide

50 Finale

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Saturday's answer 10-27

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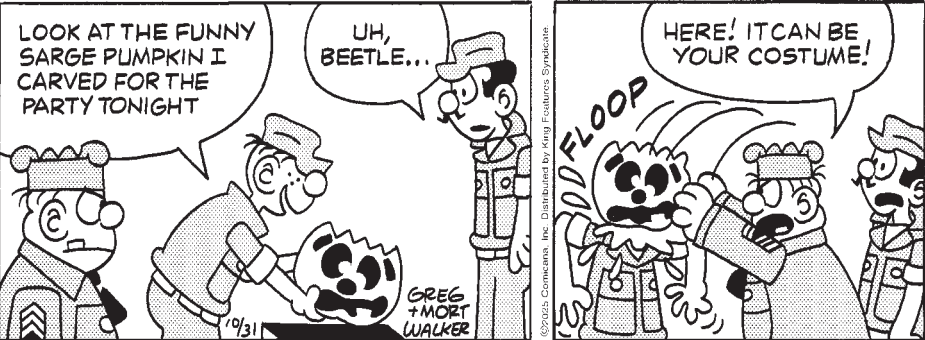
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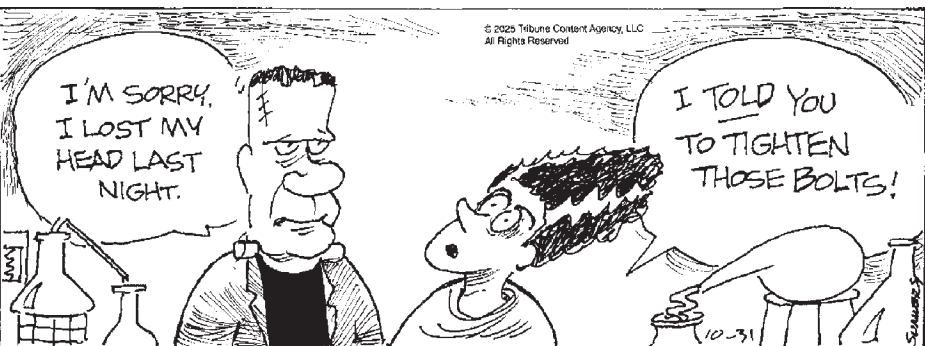
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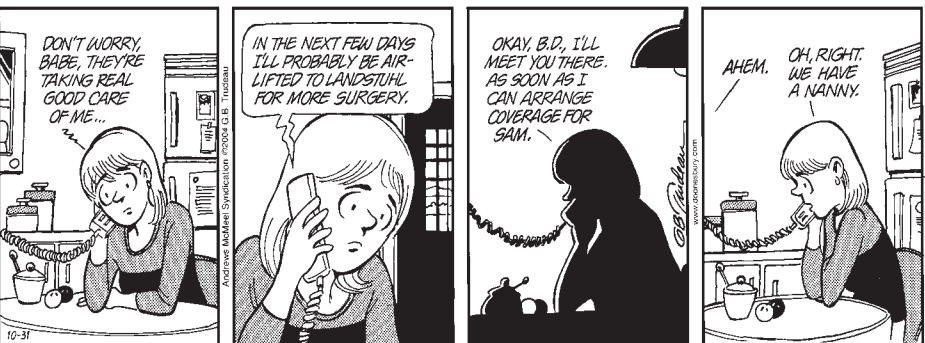
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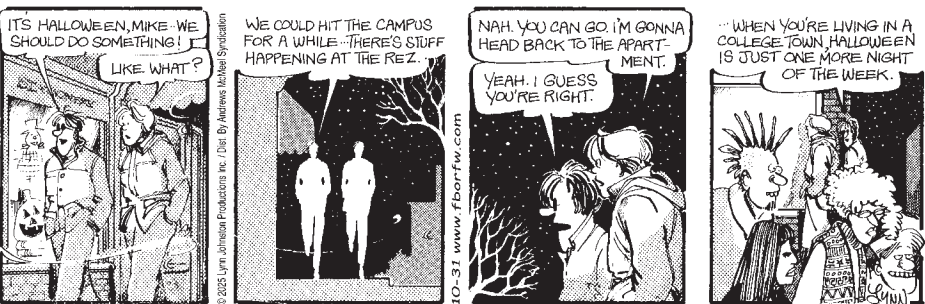
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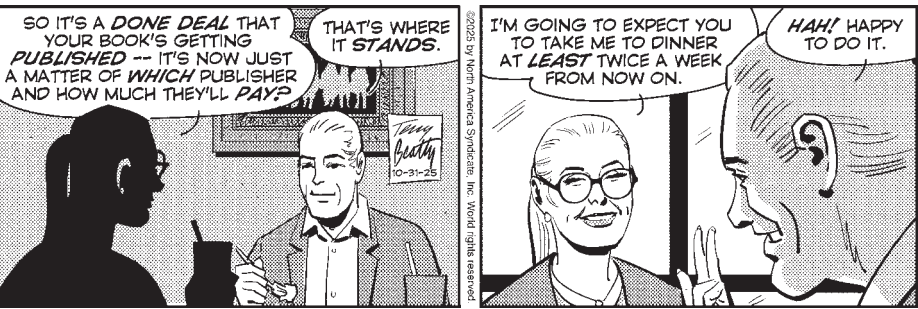
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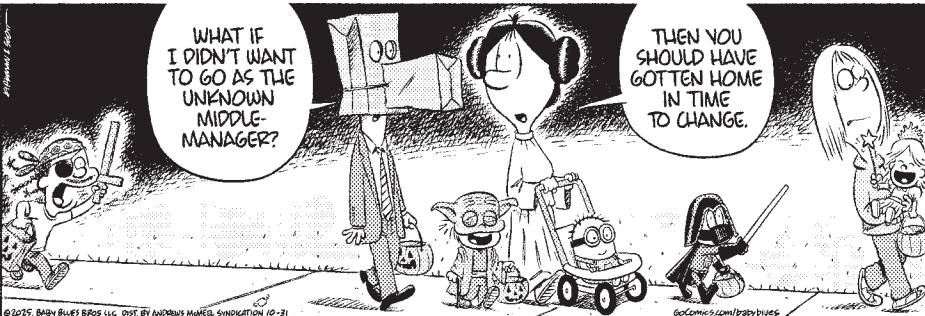
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UFFDLOB KXHK L'YF YLPLKFT
KXLP XHEOKFT XVEPF CFUVMF.

L K'P TFAH CVV.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MISCHIEVOUS
CARVED PUMPKIN THAT ENJOYS DELIVERING
ONE-LINERS TO EVERYONE: A JOKE-O'-LANTERN.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals H

CROSSWORD By Eugene Scheffer

ACROSS

- 1 Tiara sparkler
- 4 Fall into a beanbag chair
- 8 Prime-time hour
- 12 Coach Par-seghian
- 13 Fixes a squeak
- 14 Mideast gulf
- 15 Dior products
- 17 Pants part
- 18 Car
- 19 Exams for future attys.
- 20 Doorway
- 22 Length times width
- 24 Stadium cheers
- 25 Supposes
- 29 "Am — blame?"
- 30 Landfills
- 31 Simile part
- 32 Devours
- 34 TV trophy
- 35 Noggin
- 36 Pinnacles

37 "Water Lilies" painter

- 40 Prefix with byte
- 41 Always
- 42 Halloween attire
- 46 Rain-delay cover
- 47 Algerian port
- 48 Hot temper
- 49 —
- 50 Gumbo veggie
- 51 Small battery

DOWN

- 1 Delaware Water —

2 Before

- 3 Olympic race
- 4 Prone to sulking
- 5 Long ride?
- 6 Yucatan "Bravo!"
- 7 Ltr. addenda
- 8 Bahamas capital
- 9 Concept
- 10 Spruced up
- 11 Tolkien crea- tures
- 16 Cat coats
- 19 Minus
- 20 Idle of Monty Python

21 Post-WWII

- alliance
- 22 Ready to fight
- 23 Agents, for short
- 25 Cougar
- 26 ABBA-inspired musical
- 27 Salinger title girl
- 28 Utters
- 30 Pair's air
- 33 Everest guide
- 34 Off-white
- 36 Health insurance giant
- 37 Self-referential
- 38 Elliptical
- 39 Soft ball brand
- 40 Winter Palace denizen
- 42 Dove's call
- 43 Mork's home
- 44 Historic time
- 45 Mer-maid's home

Solution time: 25 mins.

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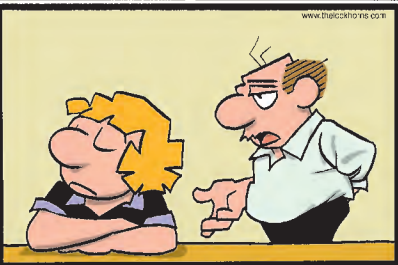
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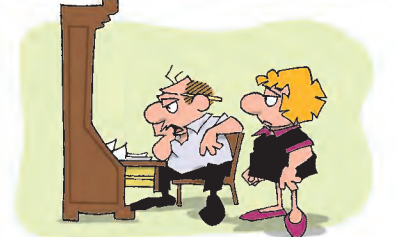
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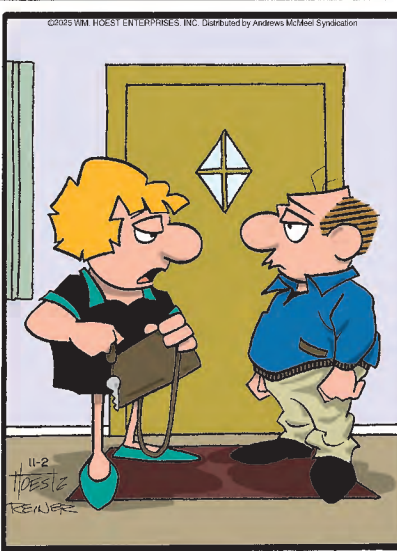




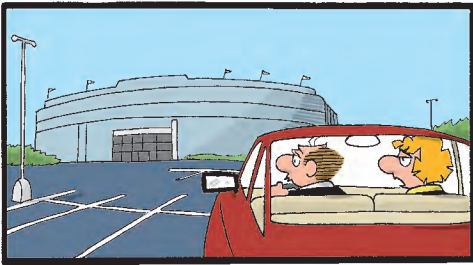
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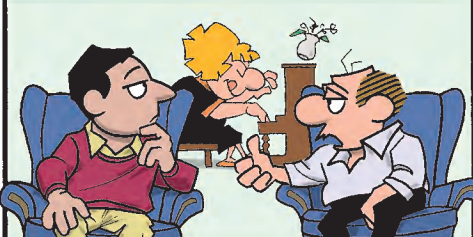
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"DID THEY FINALLY INVENT CARGO SOCKS?"

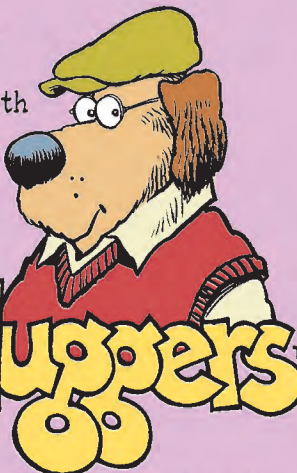


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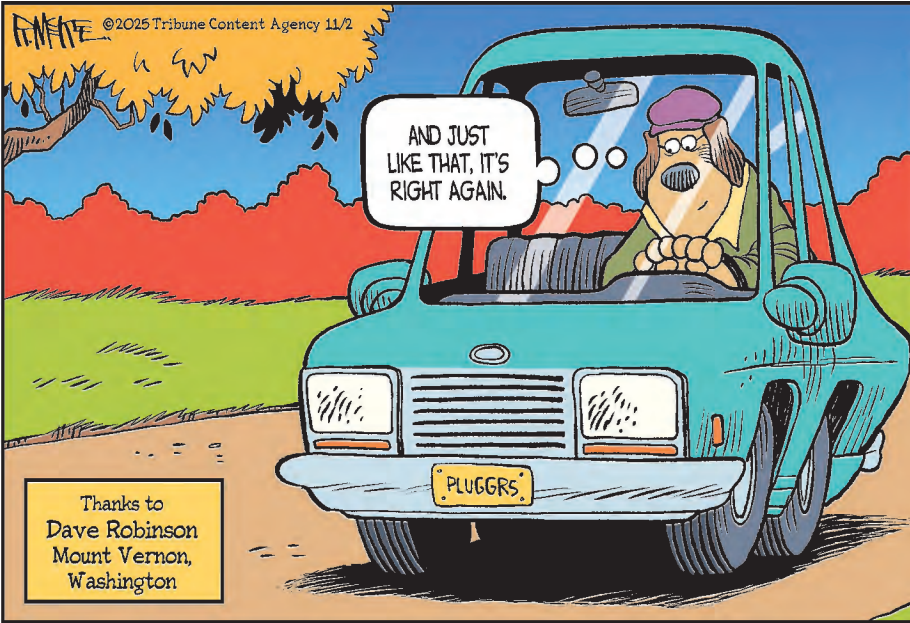
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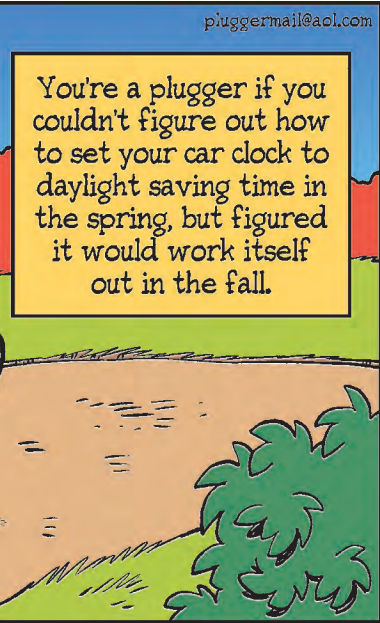


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by Rick McKee



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OH, POO...
WHAT'S WRONG?



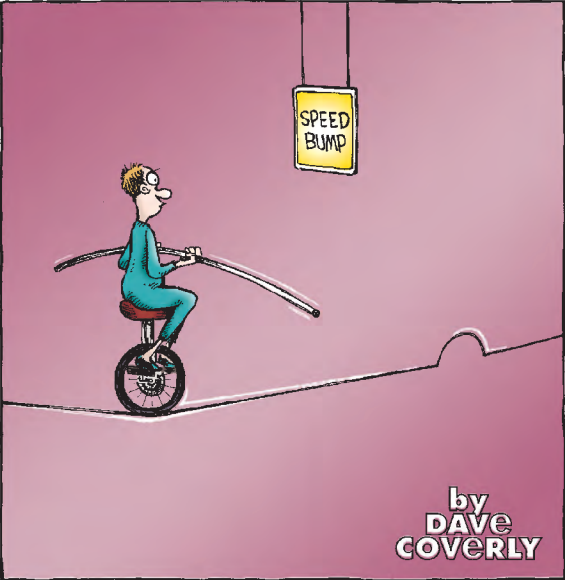
IT LOOKS LIKE I TOOK THE
WRONG MEDICATION
THIS MORNING.



OH! IS THAT BAD?



NO, IT JUST MEANS I'M
PROTECTED FROM
FLEAS AND TICKS
FOR THE NEXT
MONTH.



by
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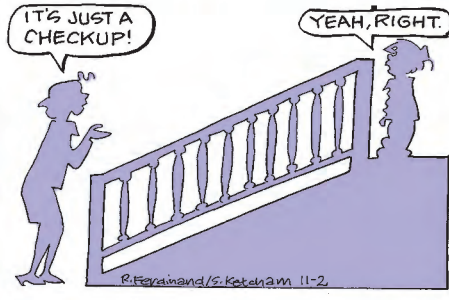
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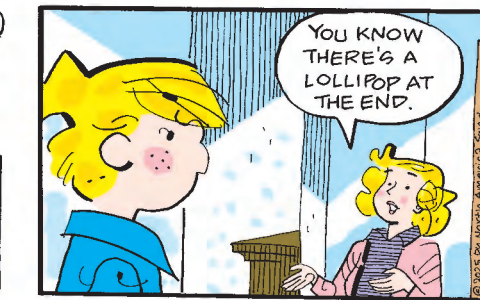
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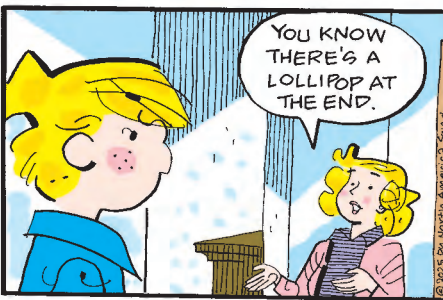
BUT I DON'T
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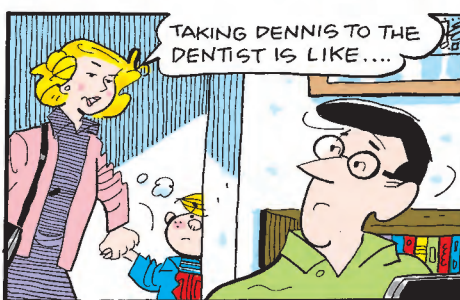
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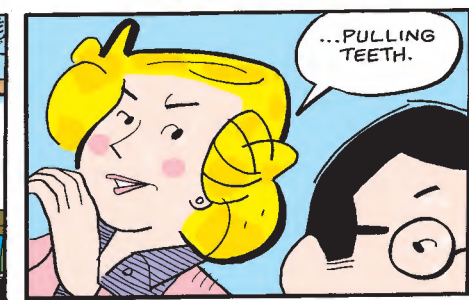
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YOU KNOW
THERE'S A
LOLLIPOP AT
THE END.



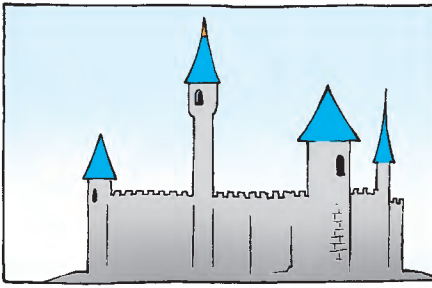
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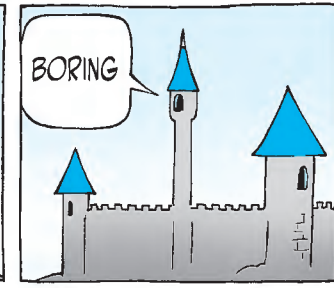
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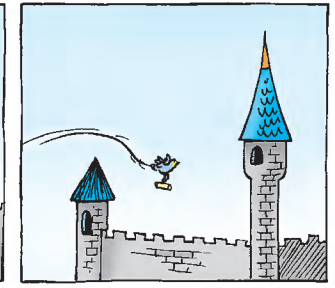
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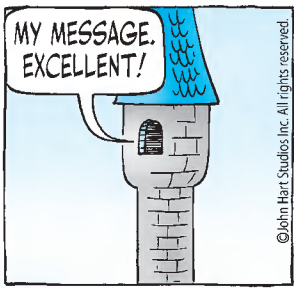
HERE YOU GO



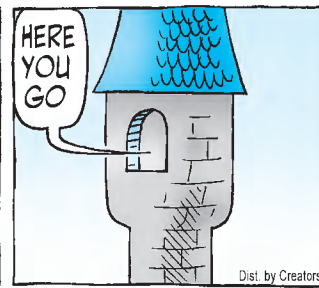
WHAT THE...?



NO! WAIT!



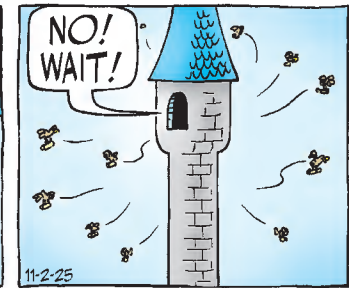
MY MESSAGE.
EXCELLENT!



HERE YOU GO



WHAT THE...?



NO! WAIT!



WHAT HAPPENED, SIRE?
ACCIDENTALLY
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ALL'

SUDOKU

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

				2	6		3	
7		1		8				5
		3	5			8		1
5		2	4		8		7	6
	6			7			5	
9	3		2		5	1		8
2		4			3	7		
3				9		5		2
	7		6	5				

Rating: BRONZE

Solution to 10/25/25

7	2	3	6	4	9	1	5	8
5	1	4	8	7	2	9	3	6
8	9	6	3	5	1	2	4	7
9	4	5	2	8	7	6	1	3
2	7	1	4	6	3	8	9	5
6	3	8	9	1	5	7	2	4
1	8	7	5	2	4	3	6	9
3	5	2	7	9	6	4	8	1
4	6	9	1	3	8	5	7	2

10/27/25

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4	3			8		2	7	5
	7		9	3	2	1		8
	9				5	8	3	
7				2				6
	6	4	7				2	
9		3	2	1	6		5	
1	4	6		5			8	2

Rating: BRONZE

Solution to 10/29/25

2	7	4	3	9	8	5	6	1
8	9	1	7	5	6	4	2	3
5	6	3	1	2	4	8	9	7
4	8	6	5	3	7	9	1	2
1	3	9	4	6	2	7	5	8
7	5	2	8	1	9	3	4	6
6	4	8	2	7	5	1	3	9
9	1	7	6	4	3	2	8	5
3	2	5	9	8	1	6	7	4

10/30/25

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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	5		6			2		
	9	7		3		4		8
	1		4		8			5
						3	7	
3				9	4	2		
	4	6						
8			2		9		4	
5		4		6		9	8	
		9			4		5	

Rating: SILVER

Solution to 10/30/25

8	1	2	5	7	4	3	6	9
4	3	9	6	8	1	2	7	5
6	7	5	9	3	2	1	4	8
2	9	1	4	6	5	8	3	7
7	5	8	1	2	3	4	9	6
3	6	4	7	9	8	5	2	1
9	8	3	2	1	6	7	5	4
1	4	6	3	5	7	9	8	2
5	2	7	8	4	9	6	1	3

10/31/25

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

1					5		6	8
	9	7		2		5		
			3					2
		1		7				6
3		6		4		1		9
4				8		3		
2					4			
		5		1		8	3	
9	8		7					1

Rating: GOLD

Solution to 10/31/25

4	5	8	6	9	7	2	3	1
2	9	7	1	3	5	4	6	8
6	1	3	4	2	8	7	9	5
9	8	2	5	1	6	3	7	4
3	7	5	9	4	2	8	1	6
1	4	6	8	7	3	5	2	9
8	3	1	2	5	9	6	4	7
5	2	4	7	6	1	9	8	3
7	6	9	3	8	4	1	5	2

11/1/25

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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				9	5	8		6
2		9						3
		7		1		5		
					2	9		7
1		2				9		6
	7		5	4				
		8		3		6		
3						8		7
	2		1	8	6			

Rating: GOLD

Solution to 11/2/25

4	1	3	9	5	8	7	6	2
2	5	9	7	6	4	1	8	3
6	8	7	3	1	2	5	4	9
8	3	5	6	2	9	4	7	1
1	4	2	8	7	3	9	5	6
9	7	6	5	4	1	2	3	8
5	9	8	2	3	7	6	1	4
3	6	1	4	9	5	8	2	7
7	2	4	1	8	6	3	9	5

11/2/25

Slylock Fox

Which scene is slightly different from the other two?

1

2

3

Answer -- Number two (button).

Reeky Rat was caught with stolen clothes from five different stores in the mall. Surveillance video showed he never entered any of the stores, but eyewitness accounts led to his arrest. What did they report?

Solution -- -- Witnessess reported seeing Reeky Rat swipe clothes from the stores, taking them without the owners noticing.

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Moon, helmet, eyes, belt buckle, shield and freckles.

YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Frances, age 7

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True or False

1) Owls have feathers with fringed edges that allow them to fly almost silently at night.

2) Most owls are solitary, only coming together to breed.

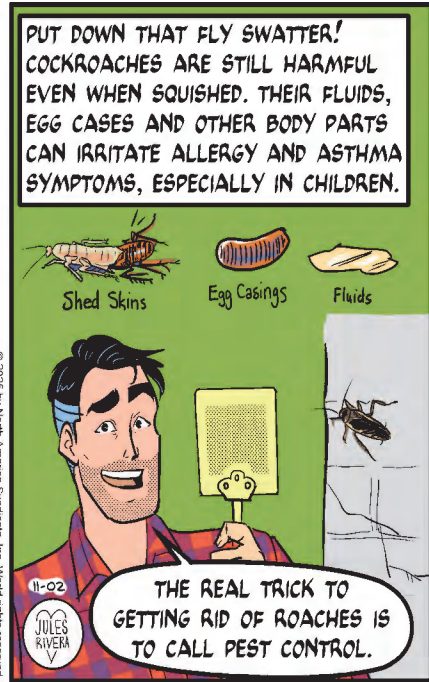
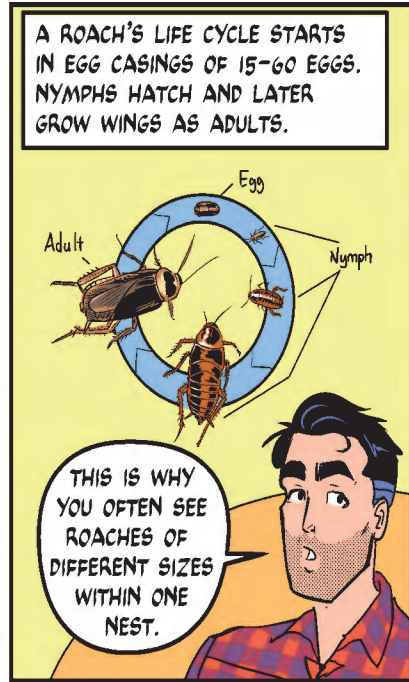
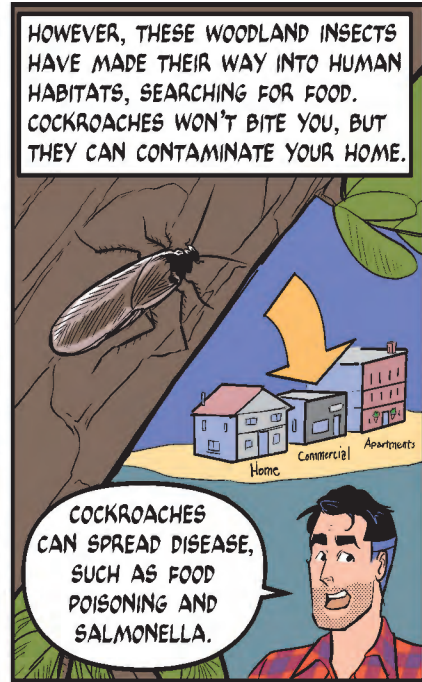
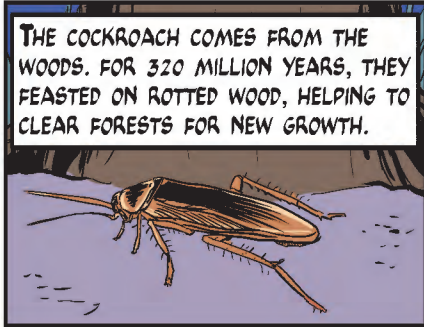
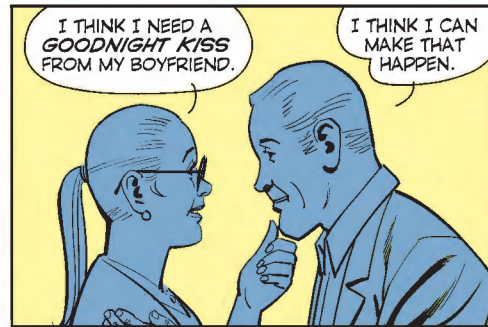
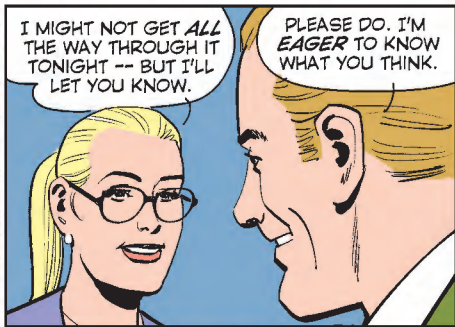
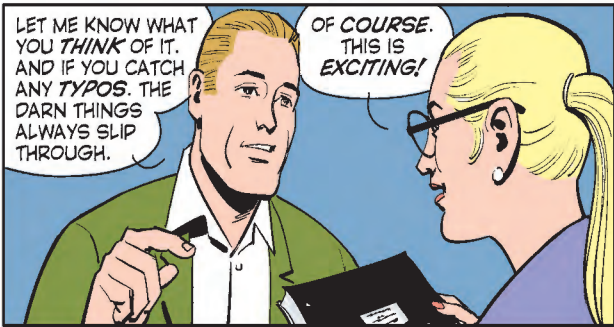
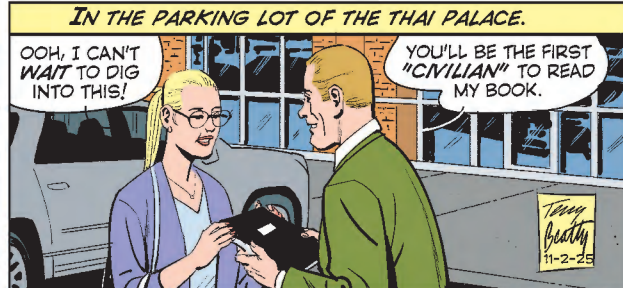
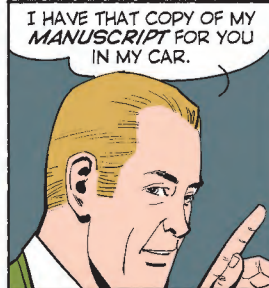
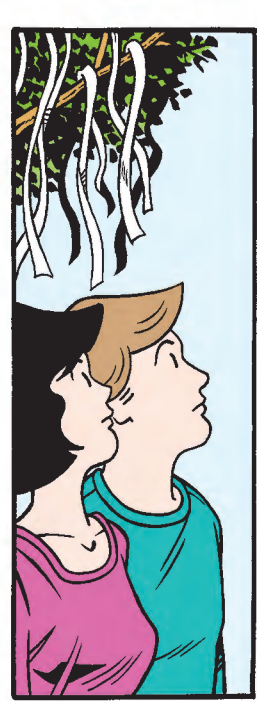
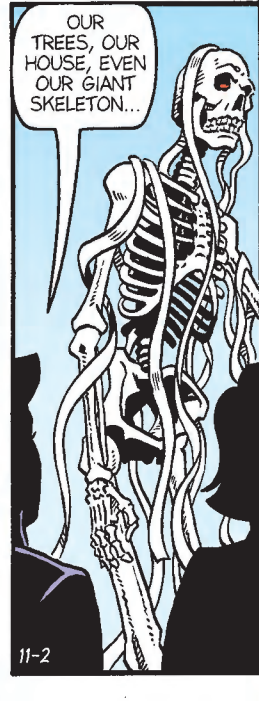
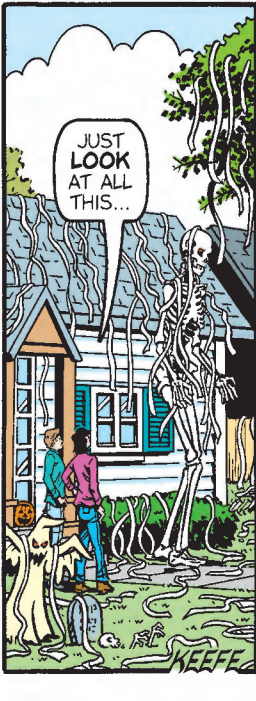
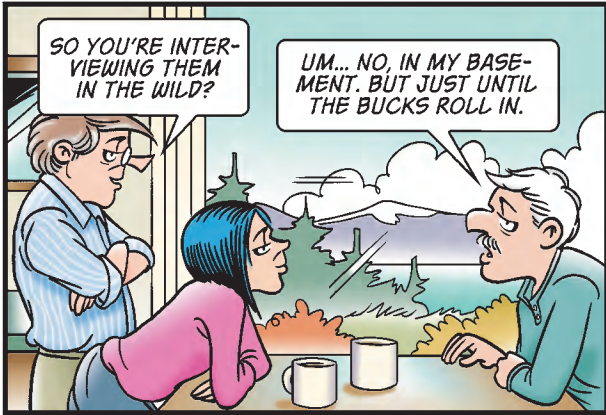
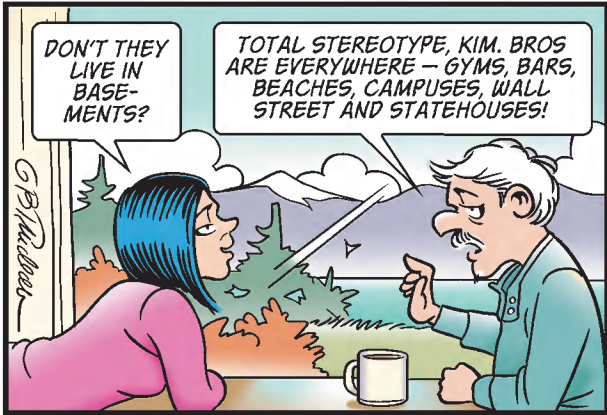
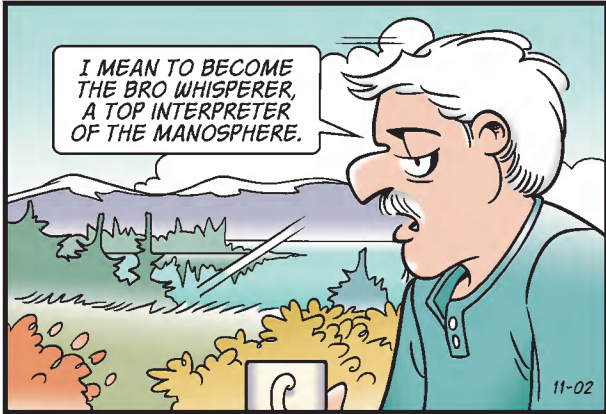
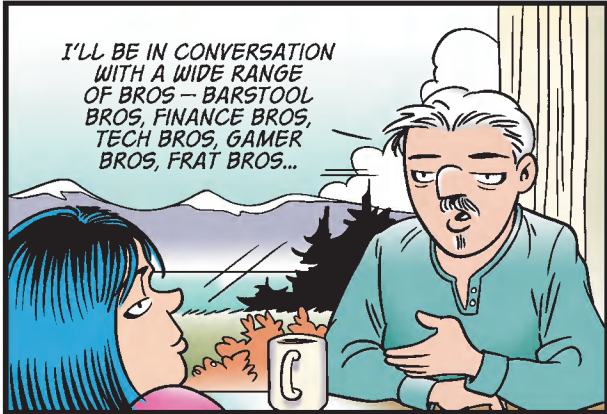
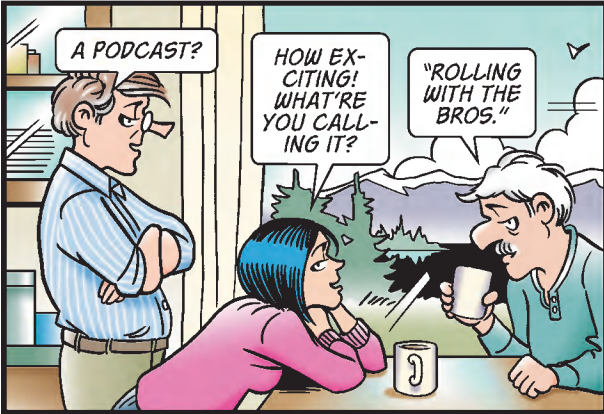
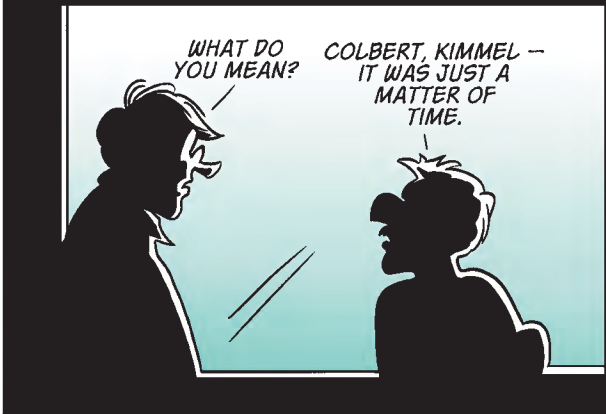
3) All owl species hunt at night.

Answer -- 1)True, 2) True, 3) False. The snowy owl and northern hawk-owl often hunt during the day.

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