



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

By Lynn Johnston

LOOK AT YOU WITH ALL OF YOUR PARCELS! - I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE NOT FINISHED YET!!

I HAVE ALL OF MY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DONE BY OCTOBER AND WRAPPED BY THE FIRST OF DECEMBER

MY CARDS ARE DONE, AND MY CHRISTMAS DINNER IS IN THE FREEZER, ALL READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

WOW!

THAT'S WONDERFUL, PAMELA! YES-I'M SO IMPRESSED!

WHY DO SOME PEOPLE GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS SO DARNED EARLY?!

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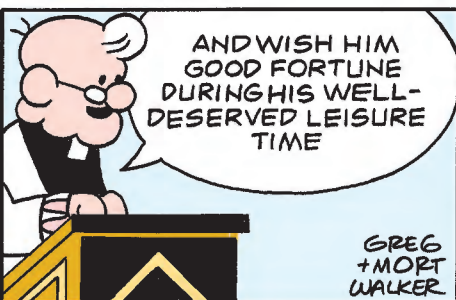
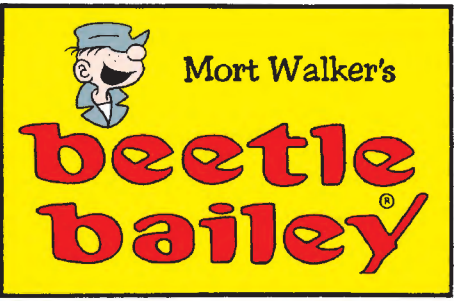
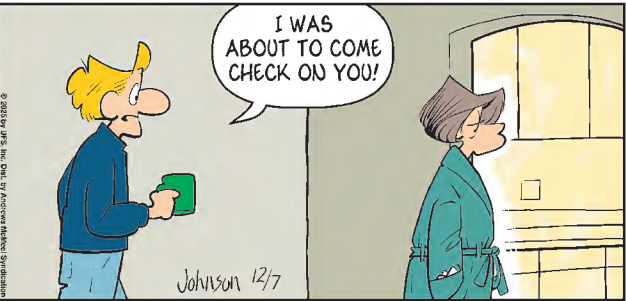
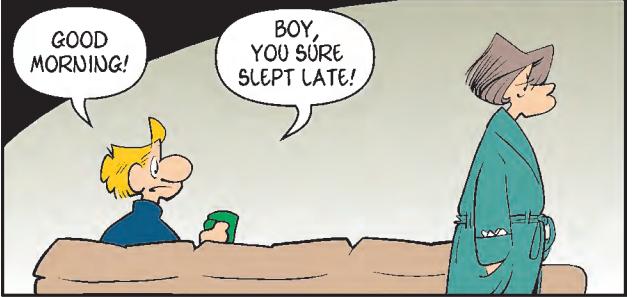
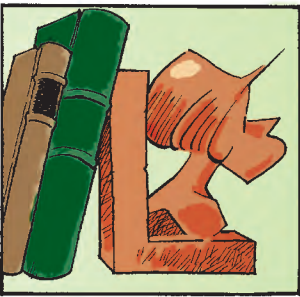
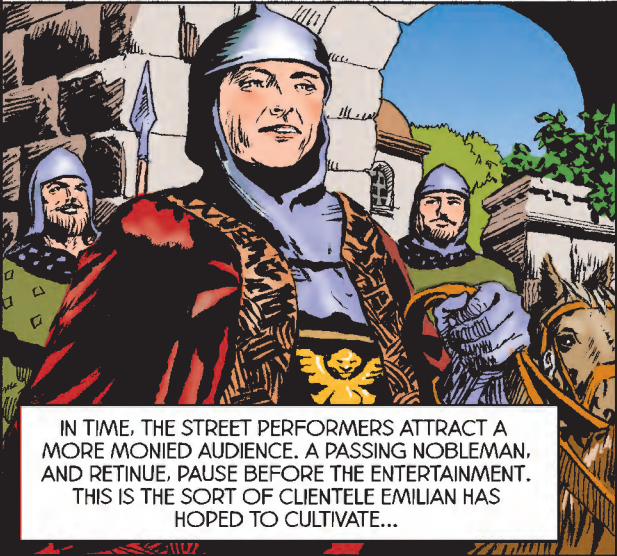
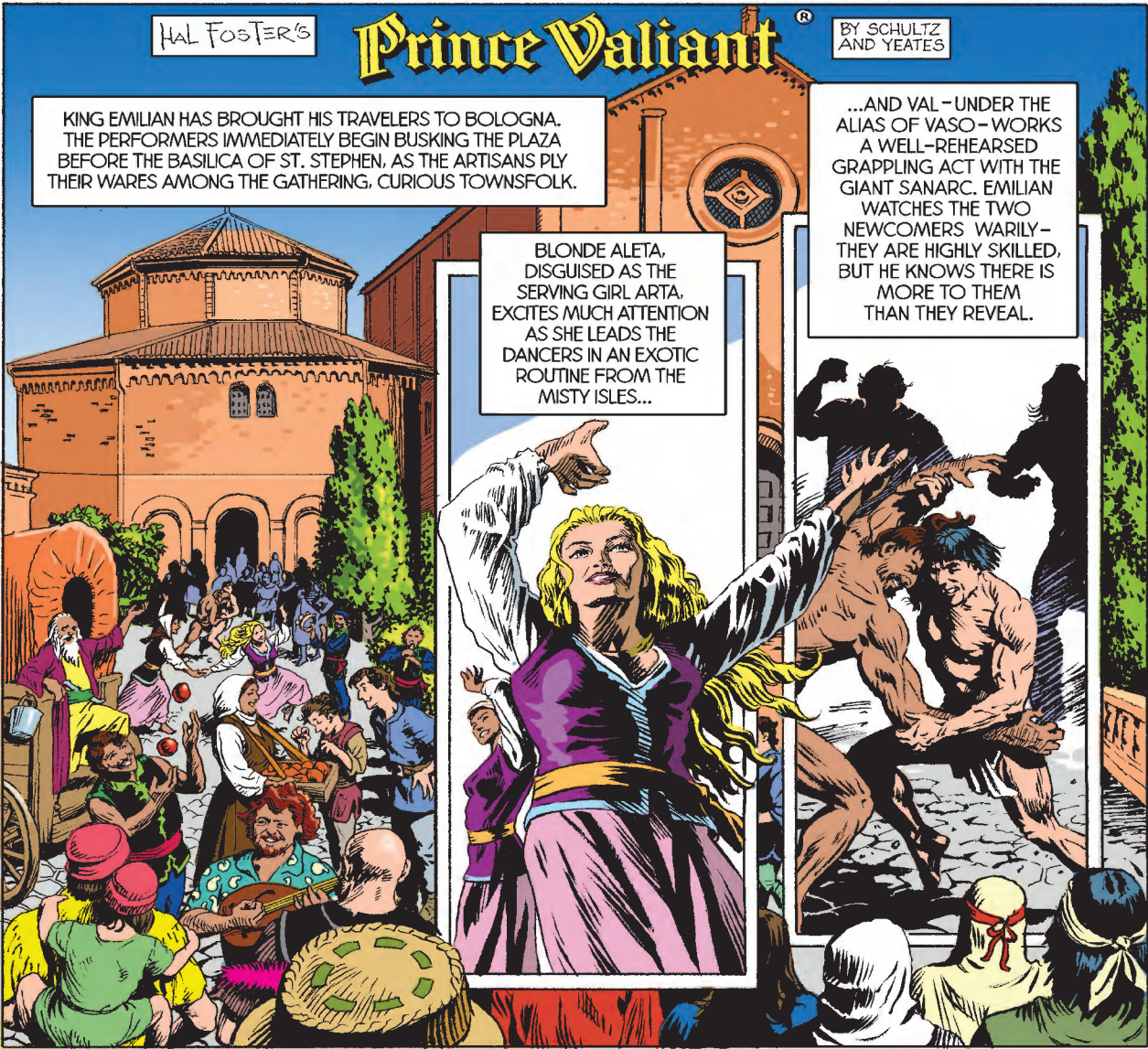
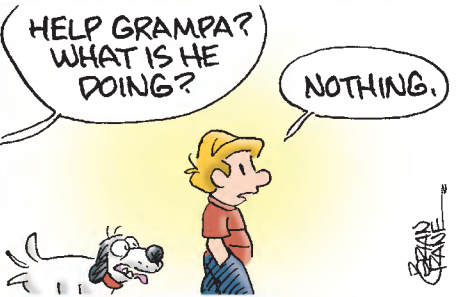
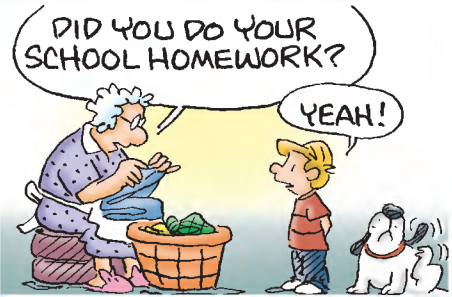
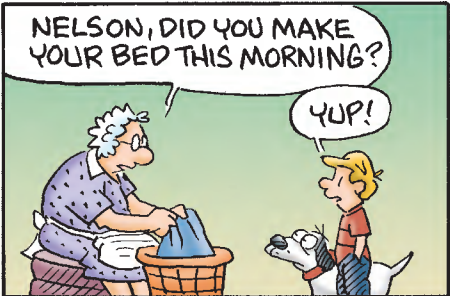
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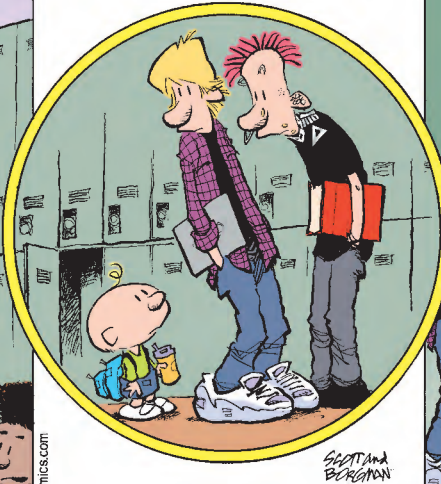
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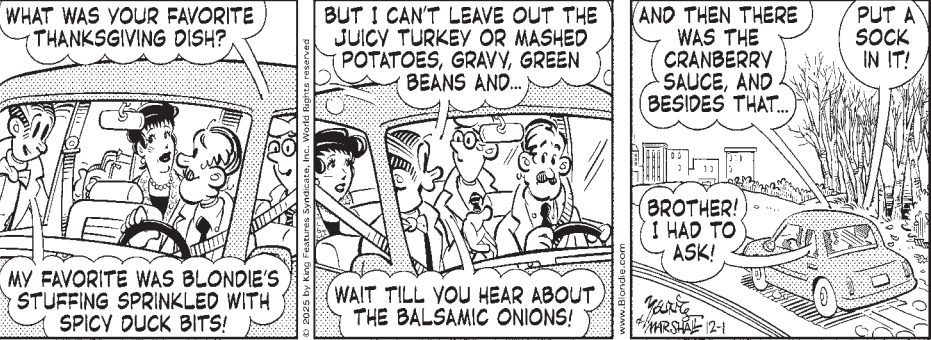
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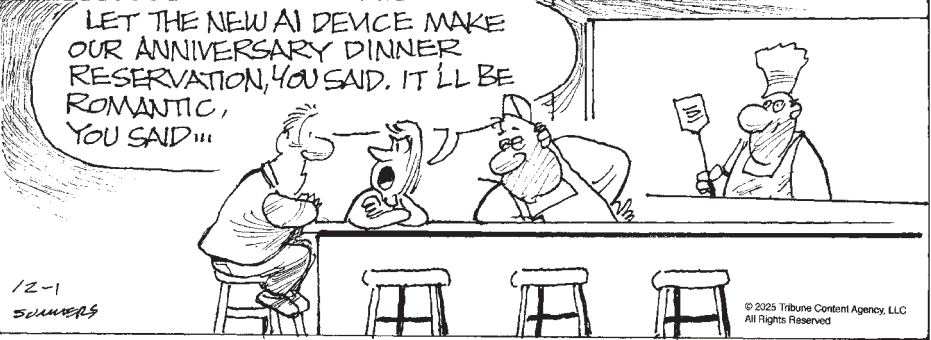
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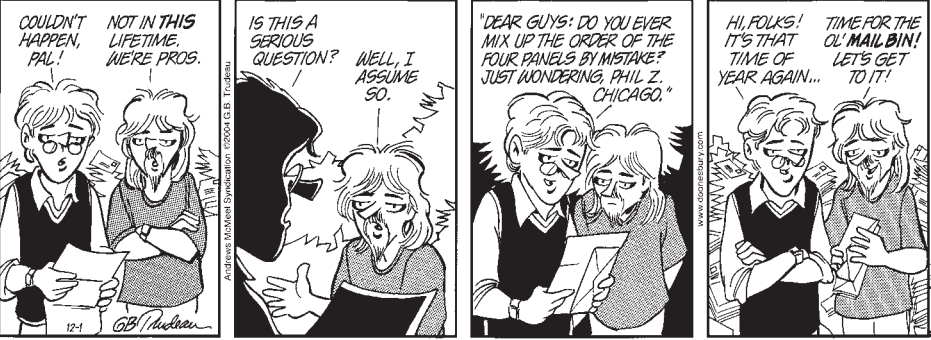
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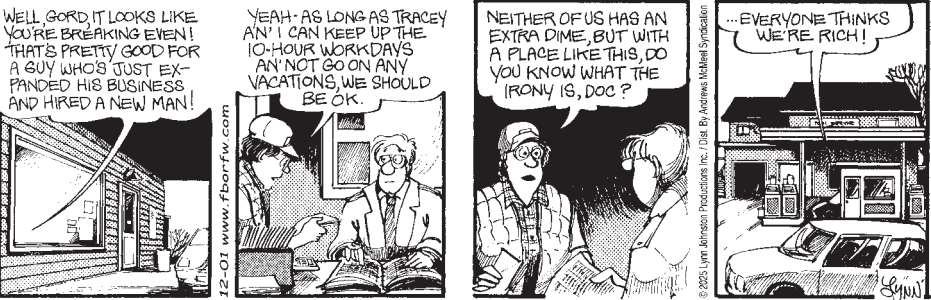
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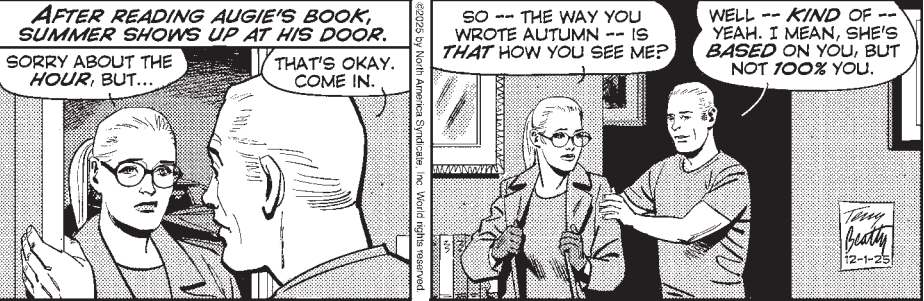
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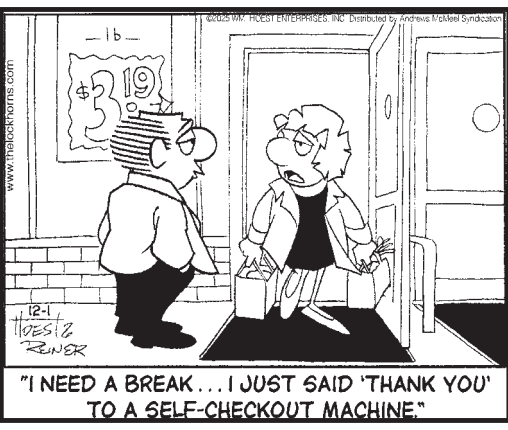
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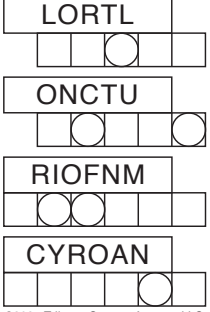


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JUMBLE

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Print your answer here:

Saturday's Jumbles: COVET FOAMY SHREWD ONWARD

Answer: The deer family member hung out with his smaller cousins until he — HAD TO "VA-MOOSE"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

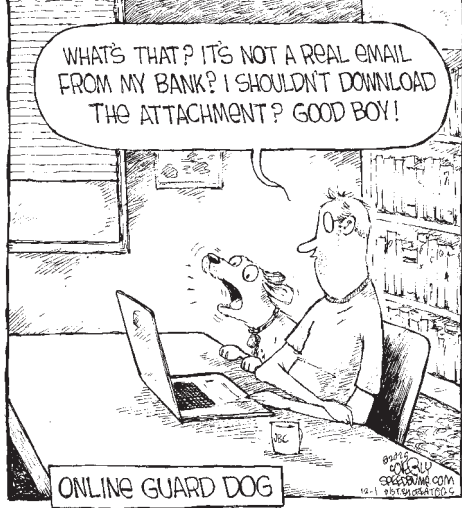


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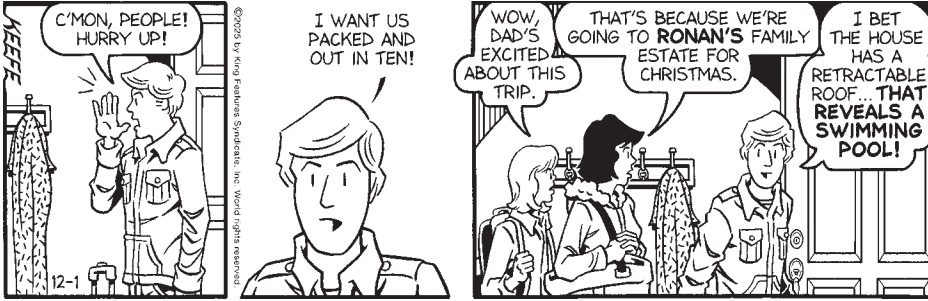
(Answers tomorrow)

Customers arrived at the new shoe store ---

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CRYPTOQUIP

12-1

CRYPTOQUIP

M Z D C S I C S A J Q K S E Z V A ,
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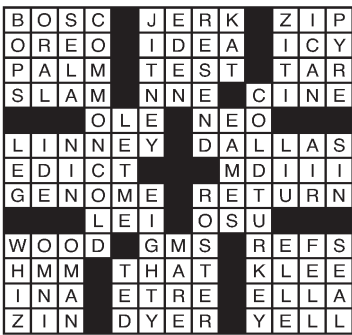
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals P

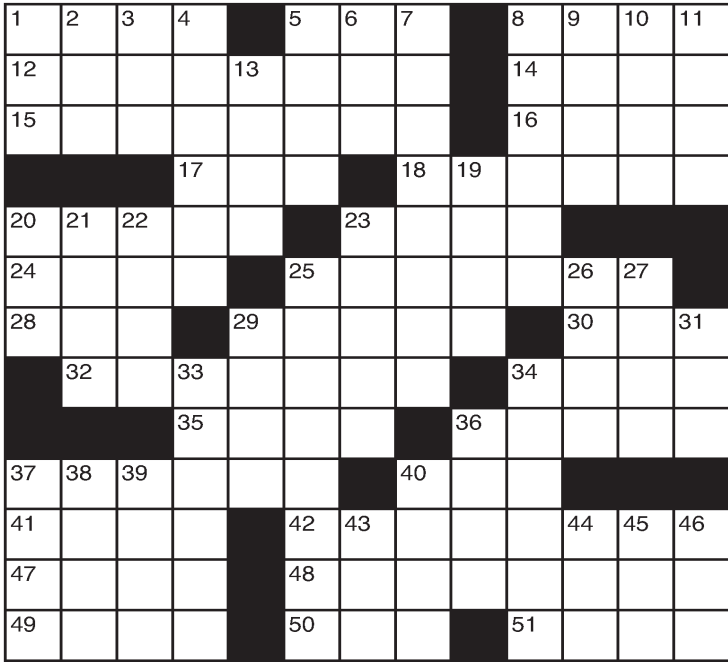
CROSSWORD By Eugene Scheffer

- ACROSS
1 — Major
5 Lobbying gp.
8 NYC gallery
12 Un-charged particle
14 Tarzan's clique
15 Pre-Christmas bar-hopping tour
16 Easter entrees
17 Food Network's Garten
18 Alpine home
20 Willy
23 Rind
24 Pitch
25 Veggies in a stew
28 "The Bells" writer
29 Civil wrongs
30 — tear (raging)
32 Keepsake
34 Hosp. scans
35 "The Haj" author
36 Diner seating
- DOWN
1 Young — (tots)
2 Irish actor Stephen
3 Heat source
4 Top stories?
5 Elite alter-native
6 Year in Spain
7 Piece for soloist and orchestra
8 Hawaiian "thank you"
9 Lustrous gem
10 Viral video, e.g.
11 Celeb's aide
13 Social standing
19 Possessive pronoun
- 20 NASCAR sponsor
21 Weaver's device
22 "Got it"
23 Seg-ments
25 Spruces and firs
26 "Che" star Benicio del —
27 Tizzy
29 Garr of "Tootsie"
31 Bonfire residue
33 Change
34 Cuban rum cocktail
36 Cave creatures
37 Wee songbird
38 Circle dance
39 Now, in memos
40 Novelist Jaffe
43 "The Simpsons" barkeep
44 Mouse chaser
45 Prefix with meter
46 Ultimate

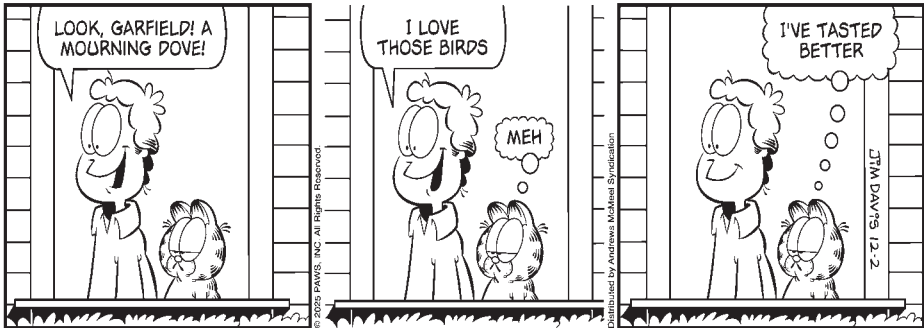
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Saturday's answer 12-1



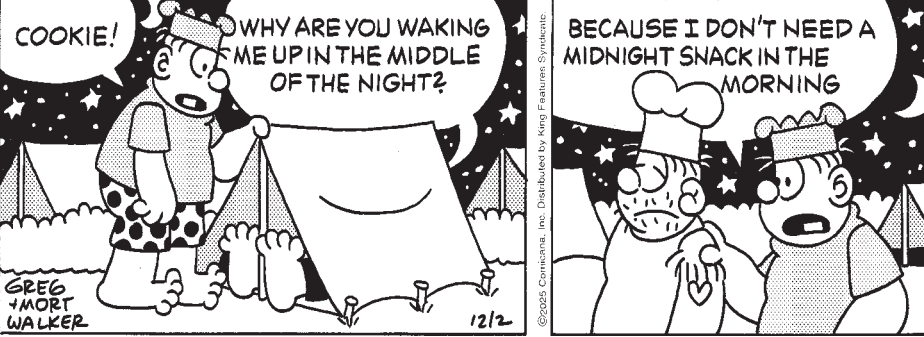
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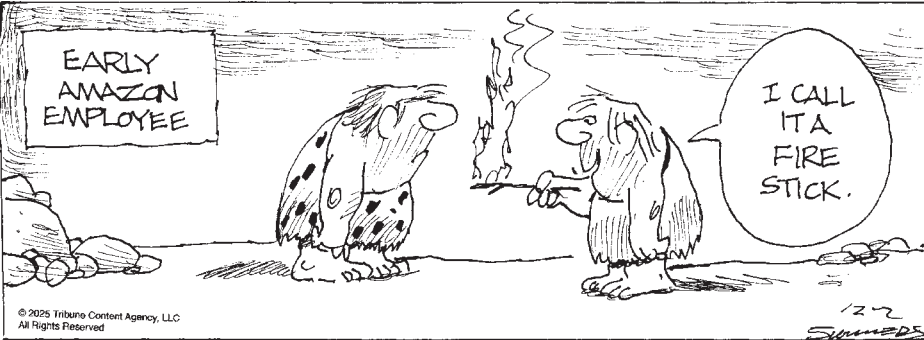
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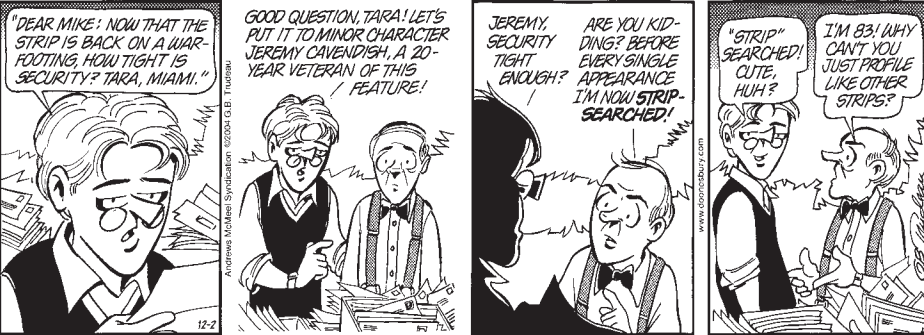
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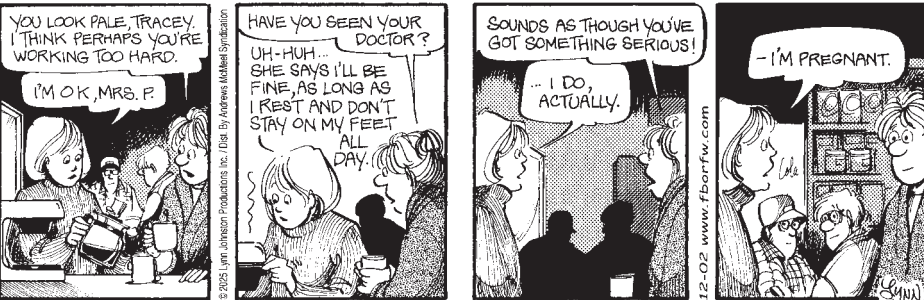
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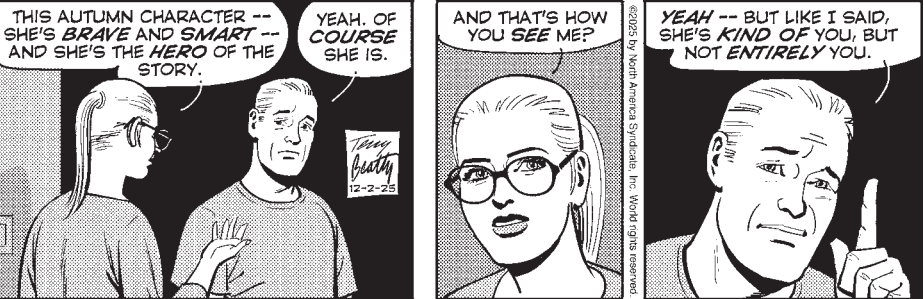
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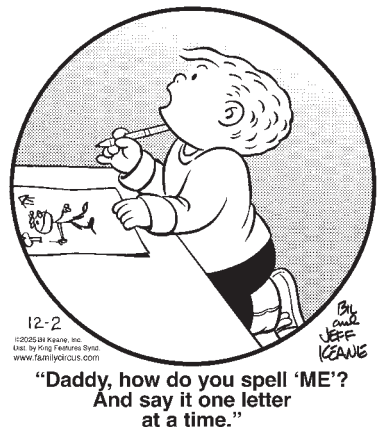
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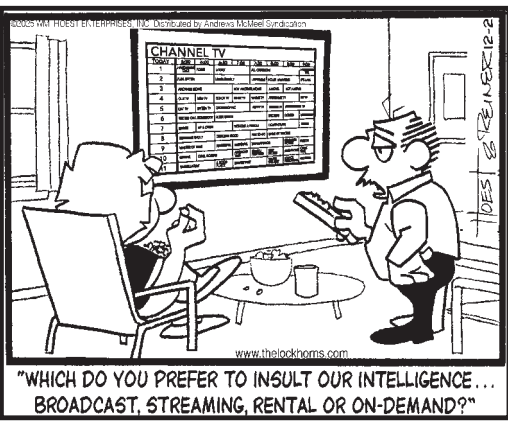
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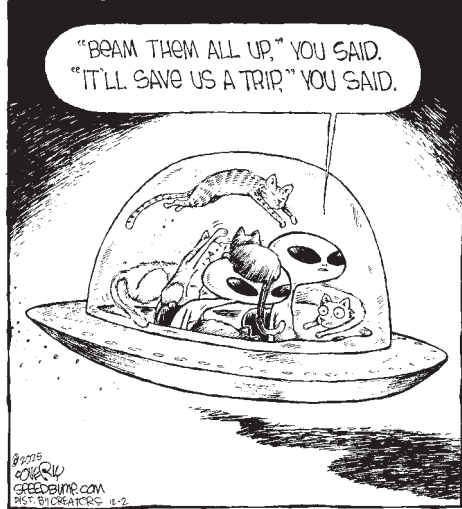
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TUYOH
SYSAE
UGRIAT
LNHICC

Answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: TROLL COUNT INFORM CRAYON
Answer: Customers arrived at the new shoe store — ON FOOT

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CRYPTOQUIP

12-2 CRYPTOQUIP

OC AYRAVY XJL-GRZPK YJWK
RPKYN, XZP VJPYN JNY XJWU
RH CNOYHLVF PYNGD, LR
PKYF LOD JHL GJUY ZA?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: VARIETIES OF PECANS, PISTACHIOS AND CASHEWS CULTIVATED FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE IN SPACE: ASTRONUTS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals B

CROSSWORD By Eugene Scheffer

ACROSS

1 Ms. Streisand, to fans
5 Mast
9 Cry
12 Golf bag item
13 Texas city
14 Bird (Pref.)
15 Church fundraisers
17 Cariou of Broadway
18 Comic shrieks
19 Correct, as text
21 "Hungarian Rhapsodies" composer
24 Grade-school basics
25 Singer Anita
26 Admitted as a member
30 Completely
31 Offered one's seat
32 Greek H
33 Emotions
35 McNally partner
36 Missile shelter

DOWN

1 Paper Mate rival
2 Coach Par-seghian
3 — choy
4 Companion of Grumpy
5 Love letter
6 Buddies
7 Expert serve
8 "Citizen Kane" sled
9 Company's pitching pros
10 Pizzeria fixture
11 Predicament
16 Collection
20 Cato's 1200
21 Challah unit

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 12-2

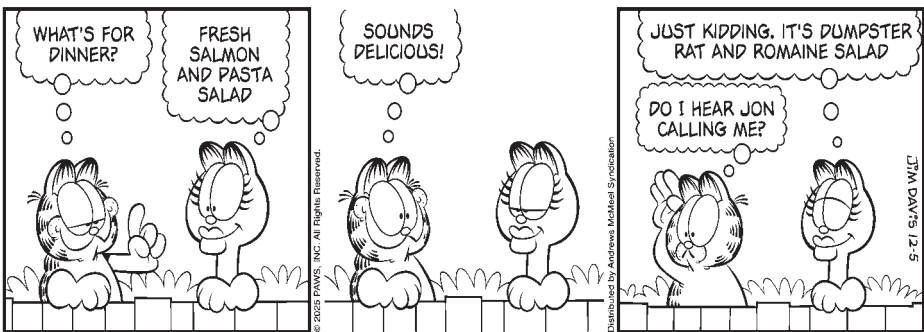
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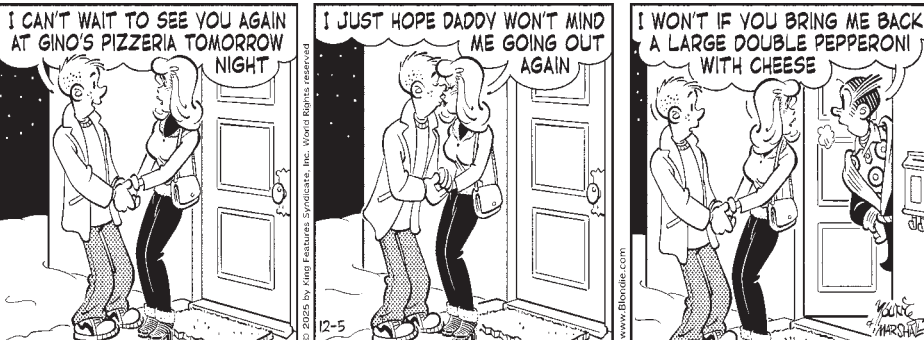
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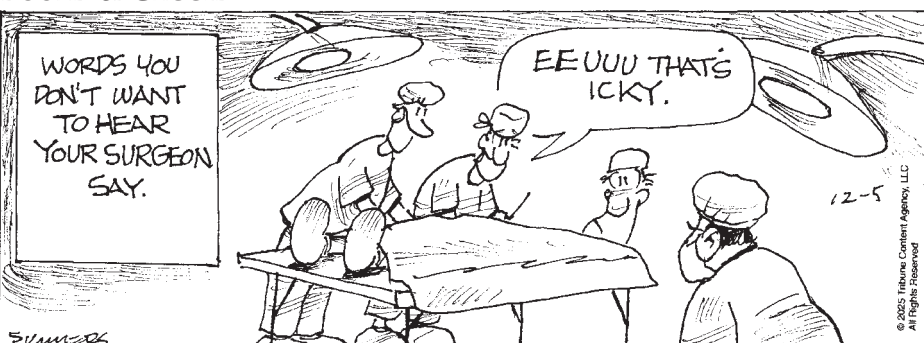
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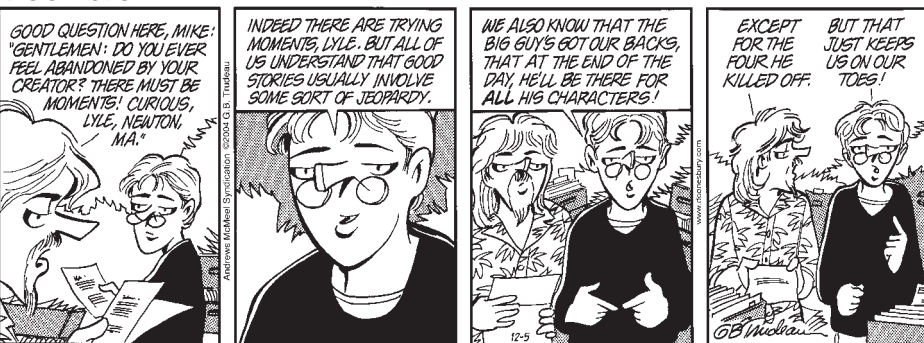
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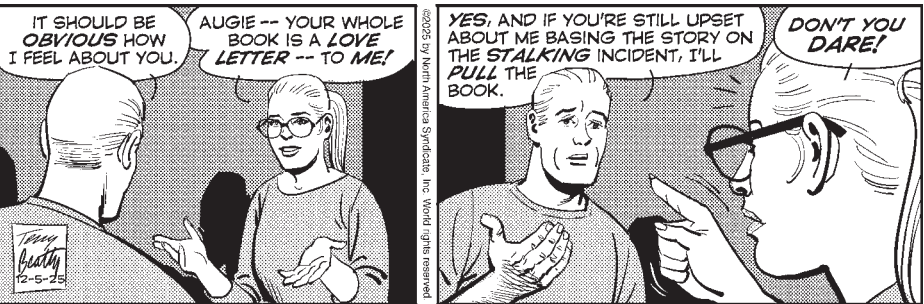
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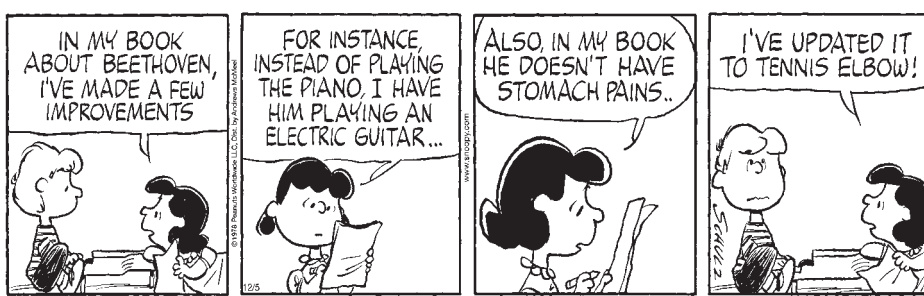
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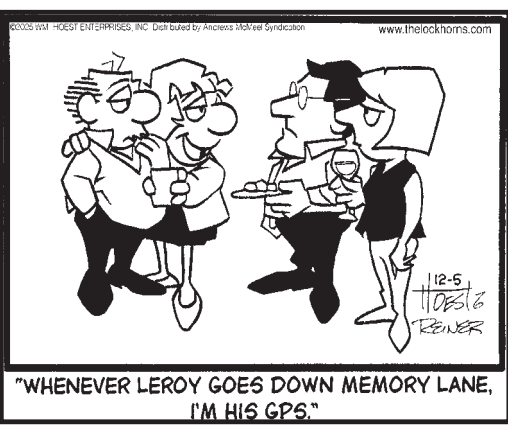
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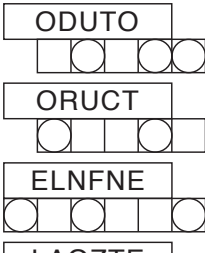


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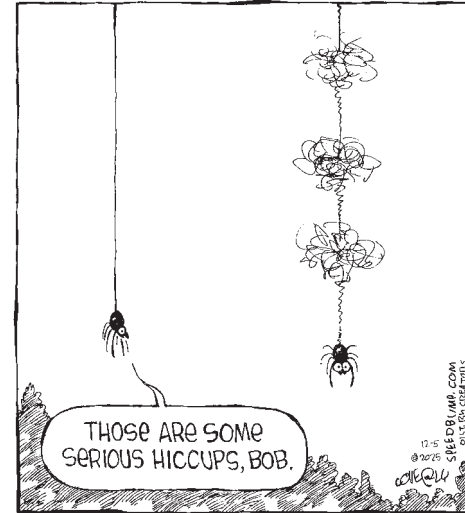
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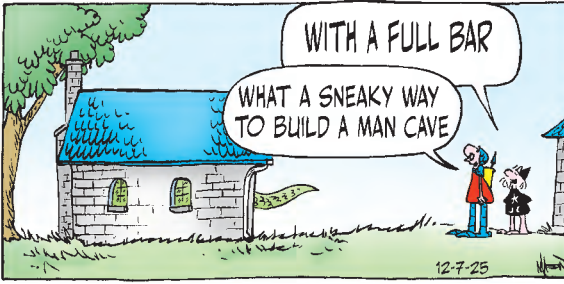
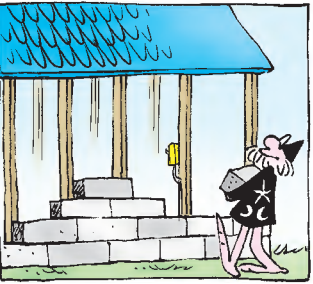
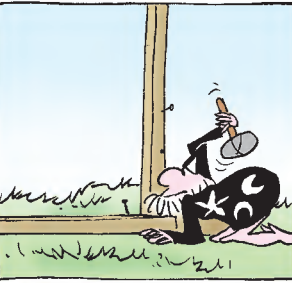
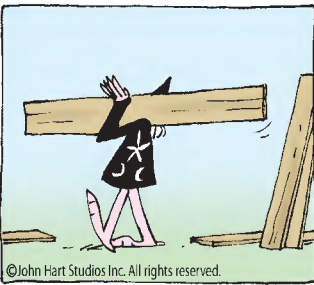
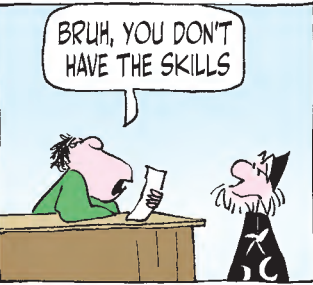
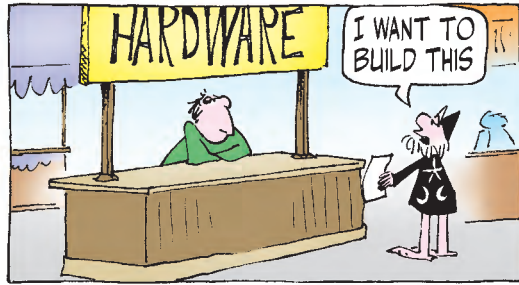
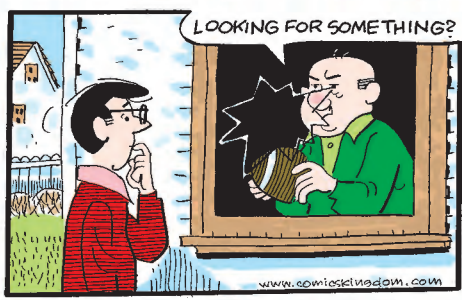
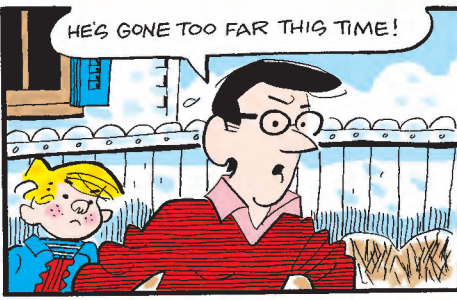
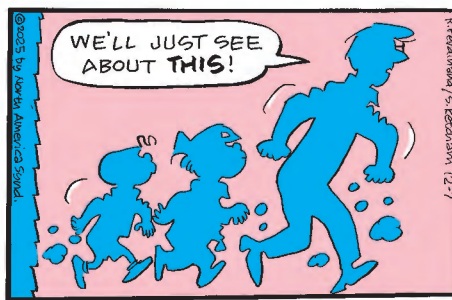
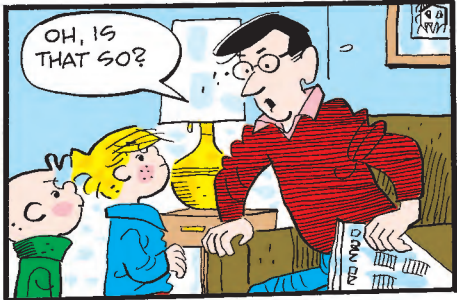
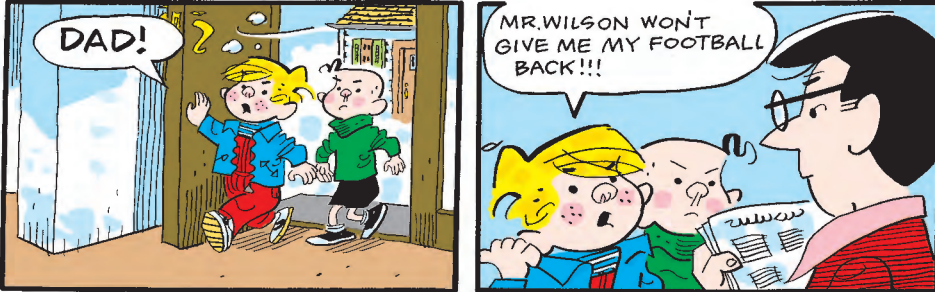
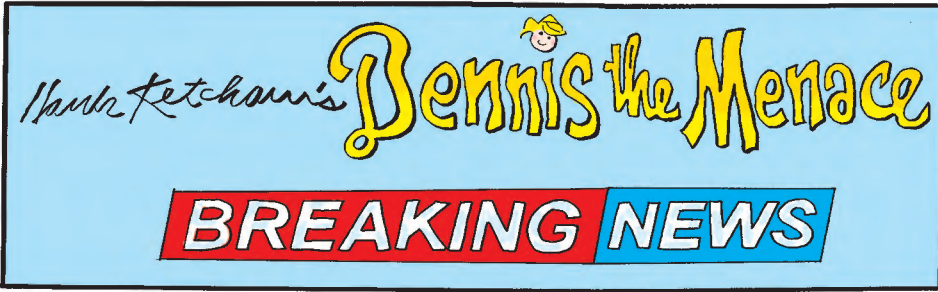
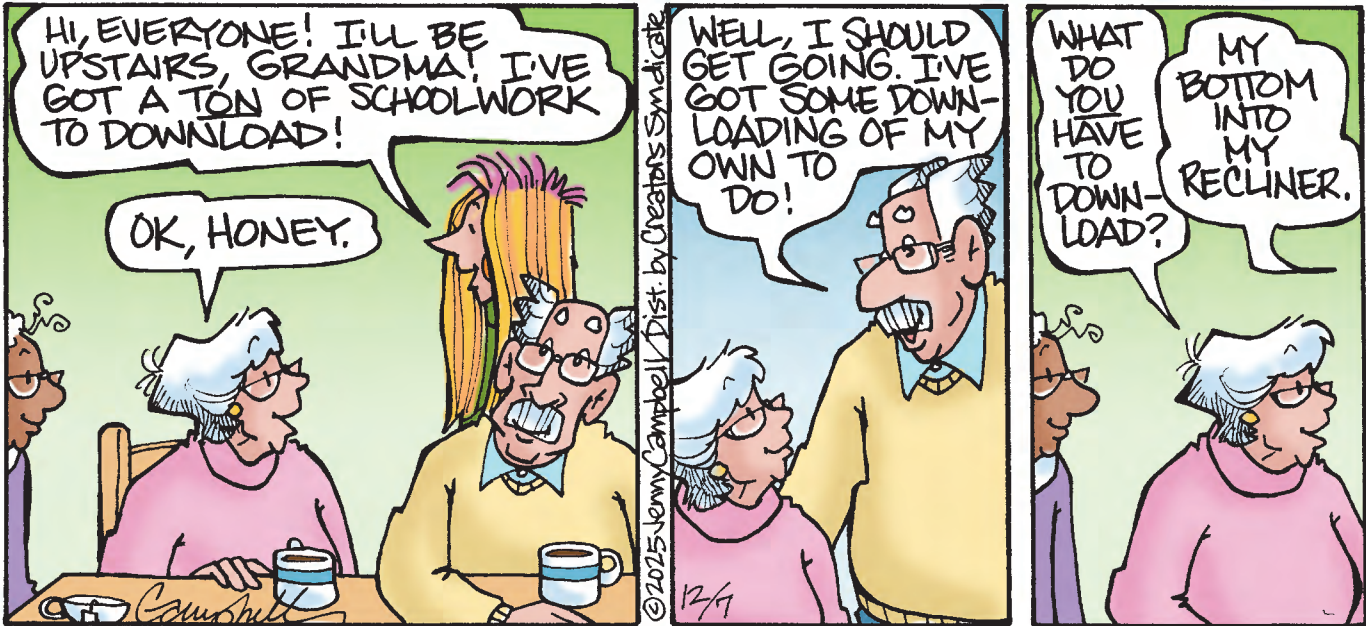
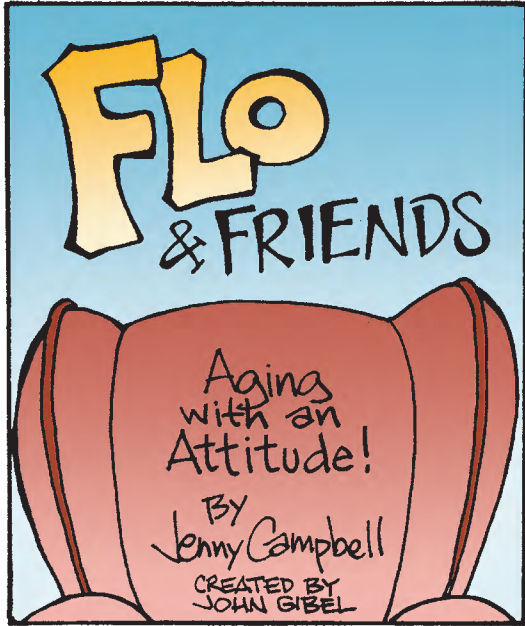
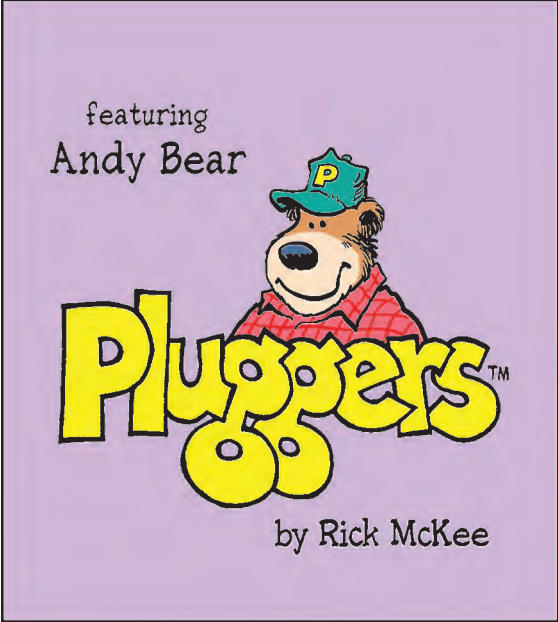
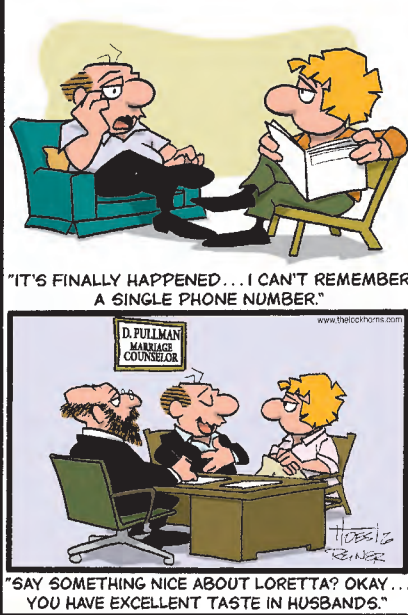
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Solution to 11/29/25

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

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

Rating: SILVER

Solution to 12/1/25

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

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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).

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

Rating: BRONZE

Solution to 12/3/25

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

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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).

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

Rating: SILVER

Solution to 12/4/25

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

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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).

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

Rating: GOLD

Solution to 12/5/25

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

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JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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

Rating: SILVER

Solution to 12/7/25

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

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Which scene is slightly different from the other two?



Answer -- Number one (spot on dog).

One of these two suspects followed Ramon Rabbit to his doorstep, clobbered him on the back of the head with a branch, and stole his wallet before fleeing. Ramon never got a look at the thief. Which suspect did Slylock Fox advise Deputy Duck to arrest?

Solution -- Only Ramon Rabbit's footprints lead to the doorstep. Slylock says the chipmunk, with his small feet, stepped into the rabbit's footprints as he sneaked up from behind, then fled.

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Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- 1) Chipmunk 2) Vole 3) Mouse 4) Lemming 5) Chinchilla

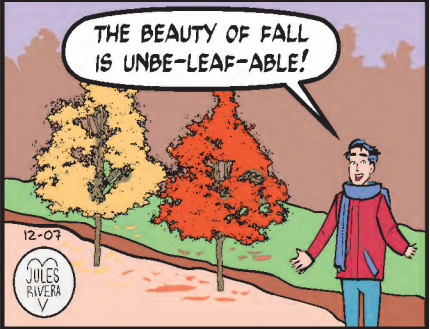
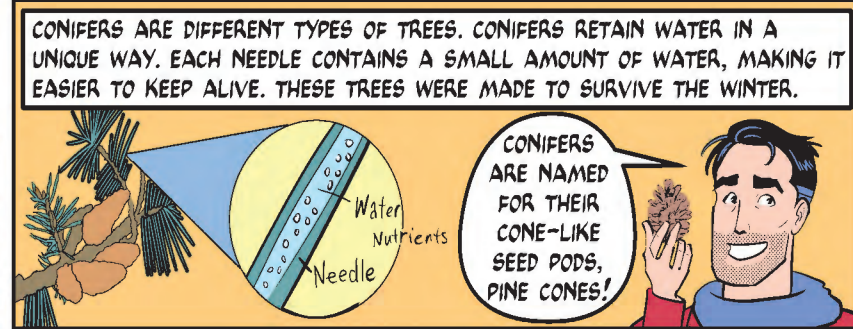
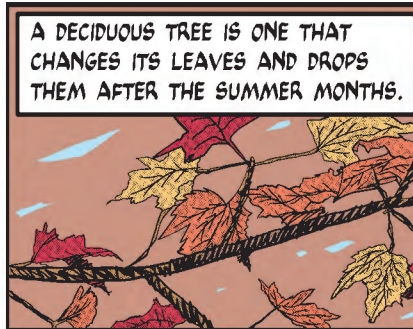
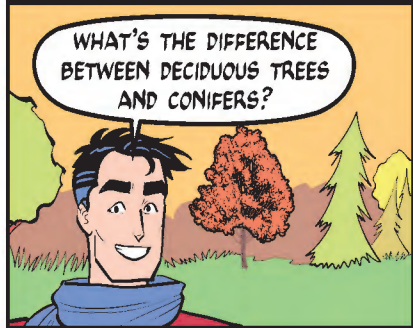
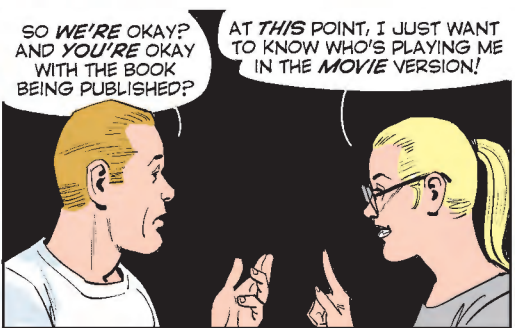
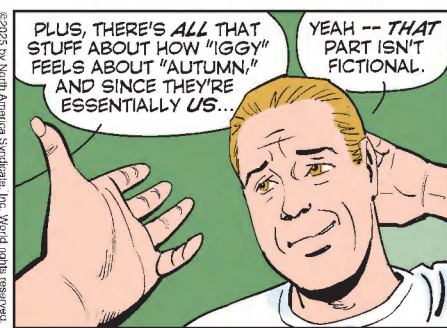
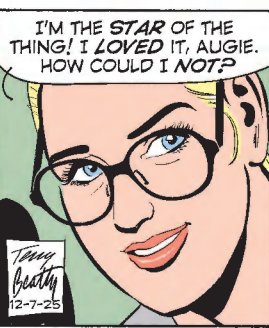
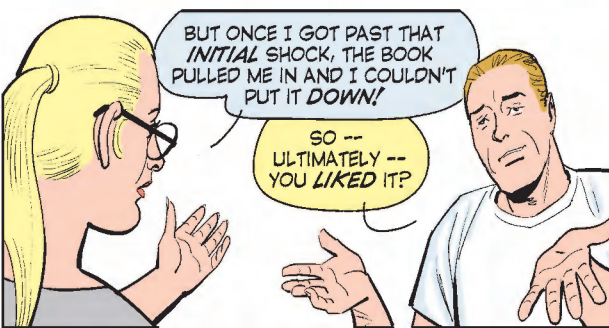
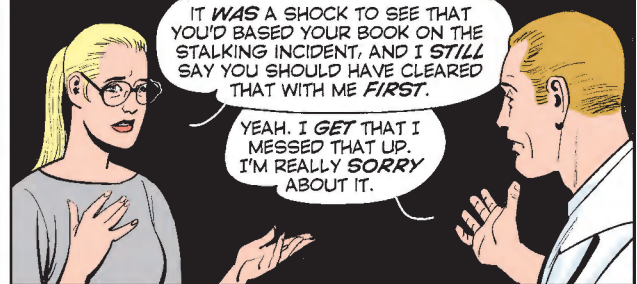
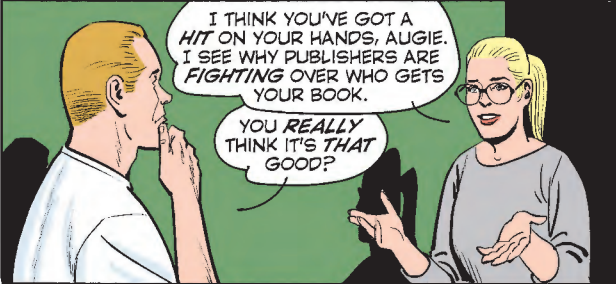
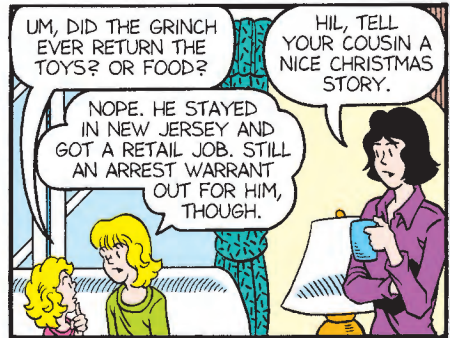
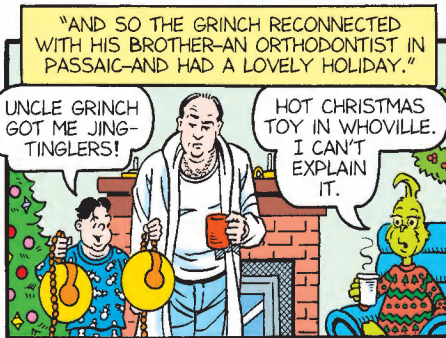
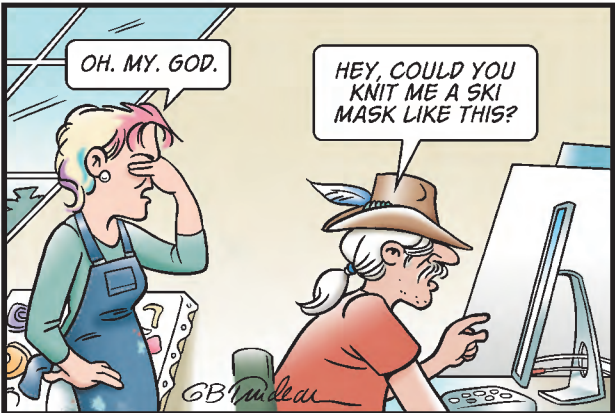
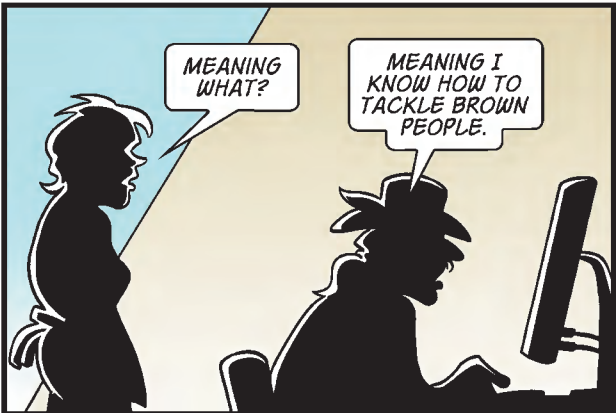
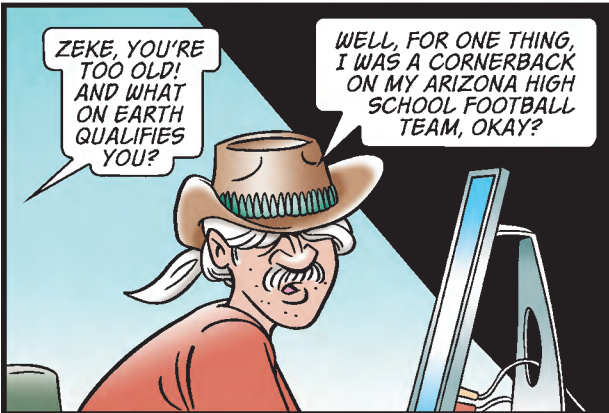
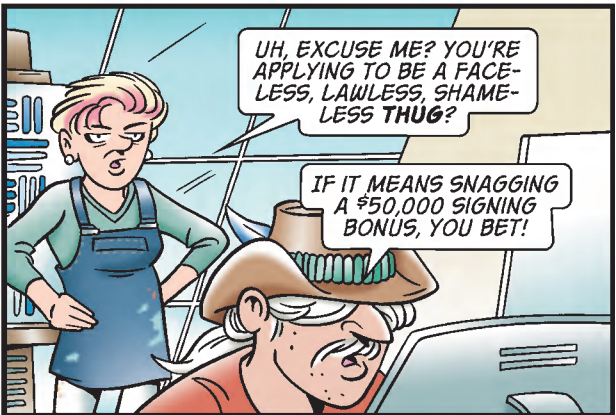
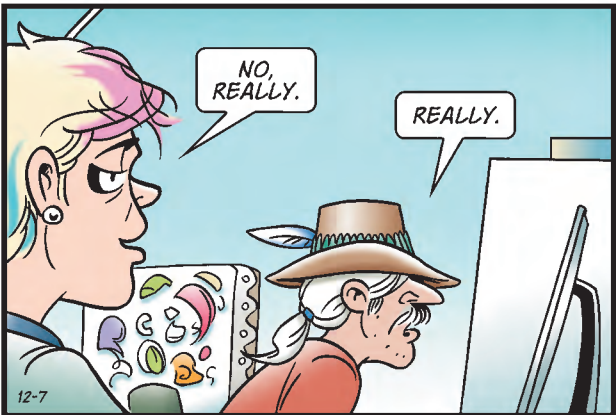
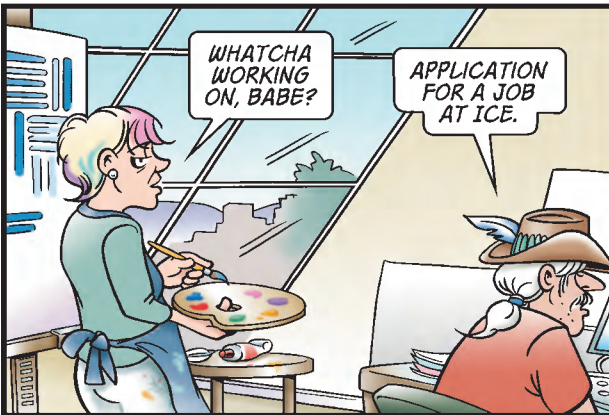
Answer -- Cat, window, cloud, racket handle, tongue and boat.

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