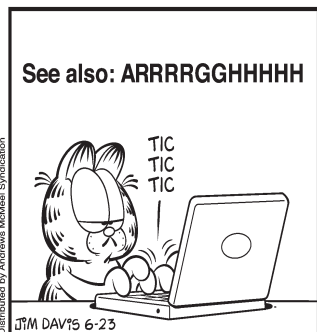
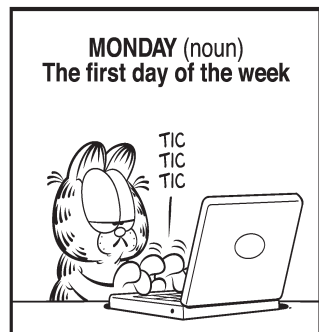
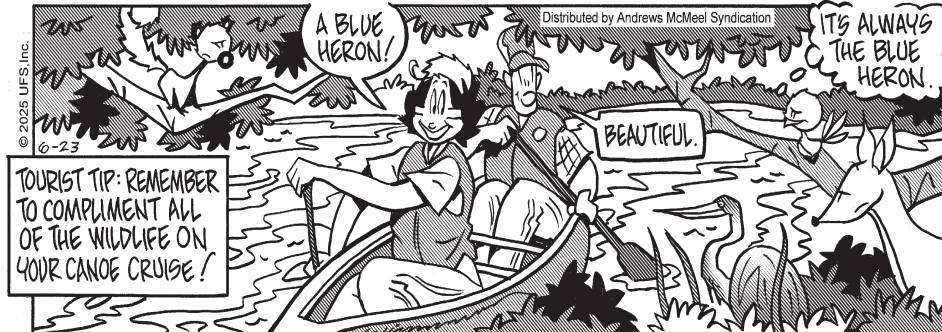


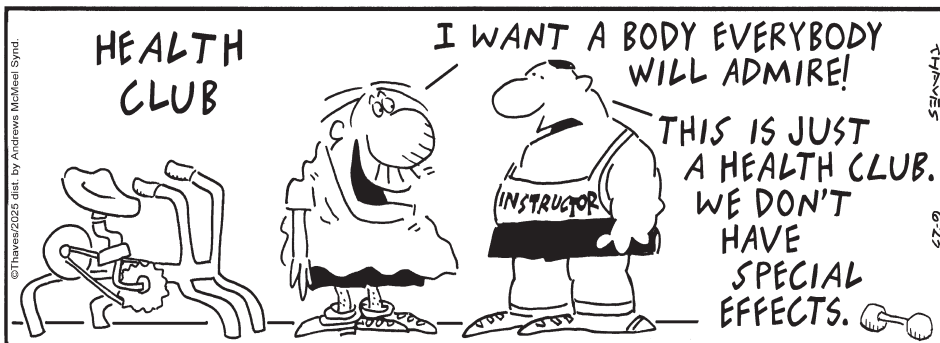
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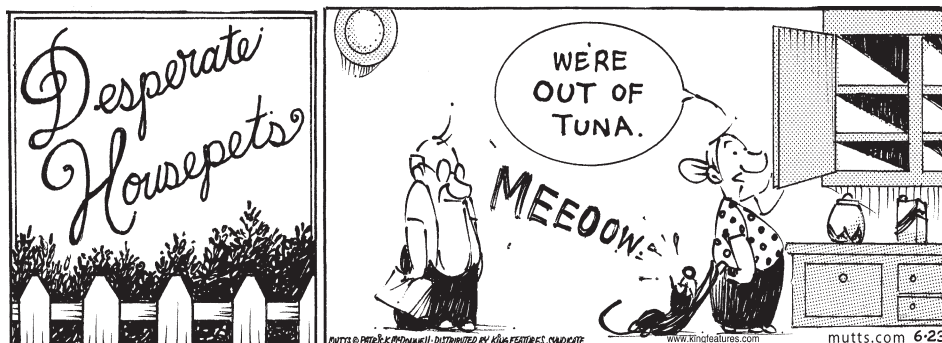
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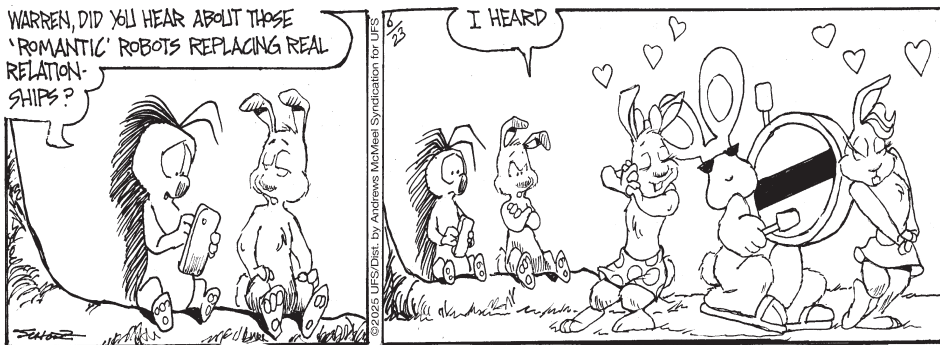
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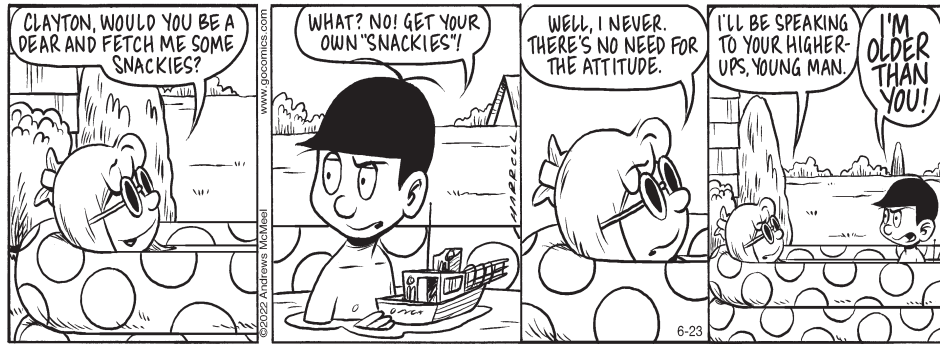
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MODERATELY CONFUSED



REALITY CHECK



THE BORN LOSER



Shortcuts

by Jeff Harris

DIGGING DEEPER WITH CARPENTER ANTS

WOOD IF I COULD
Carpenter ants prefer to build their nests in moist, decaying wood, but will also build nests in dry, hard wood as well.

MEMBERS ONLY
A carpenter ant colony usually builds two types of nests. Their primary nest is used to house the queen, her eggs and workers. When the colony has matured, they will also build several satellite nests to house the larvae, pupae and more workers. Most carpenter ant colonies are home to several thousand members, but some larger colonies may have as many as 100,000 members.

KNOCK ON WOOD
Can you help this worker reach her friends?

WORD SEARCH
Can you find the hidden words? Search carefully because some words are backward or diagonal.

CARPENTER ANTS NEST
PRIMARY WOOD EGGS
WORKER APHID BITE
COLONY BUILD BOB
QUEEN FRASS DRY
DECAY JAWS LOG
CAWFEINEBUZZZ
APOLEEGRANDR
RHOEEEDSGAMEEB
PIDUEWTSAYTAU
EDQCWHITENENI
NFRJOYREOTOL
TYRAMIRPBLISD
EWWAGORKBOBAR
USEOSAMEECRAY
ALLACSONGREAT

There are more than 1,000 different species of carpenter ants.

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I am proof that size matters.

Why did the carpenter ant leave the colony? It was an independent ant.

A few species of carpenter ant have special glands on their head that they use as a defense against predators. When the ant is threatened, the gland "explodes," spraying a toxic chemical on nearby predators.

What kind of ants chew your water pipes? Plumber ants.

Carpenter ants feed on a variety of foods, including other insects, plant juices, fruit, honey, sugars, syrup, meats, grease and fat. One of their favorite foods is "honeydew," a sugary substance created by small insects called aphids.

Carpenter ants are able to use their large jaws to inflict a painful bite. They sometimes inflict further pain by injecting formic acid into the wound.

Why don't carpenter ants get sick? Because of their little anti-bodies.

What do you call five carpenter ants with five other ants? Tennants.

Contrary to popular belief, carpenter ants do not eat wood.

Queens are the largest members of a carpenter ant colony. Some are nearly 25 mm (1 in.) in length.