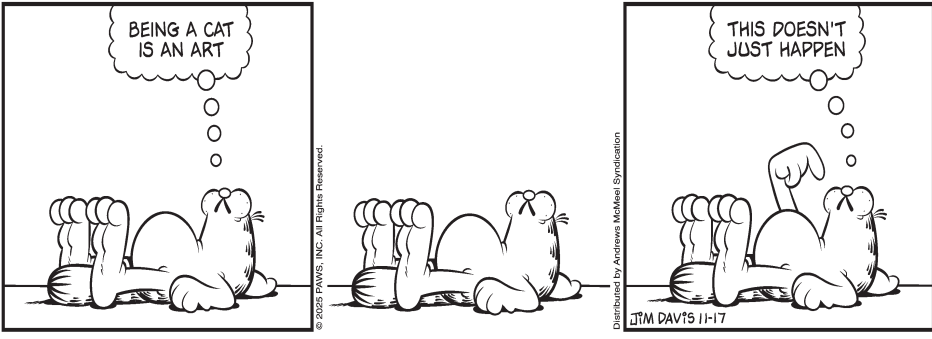
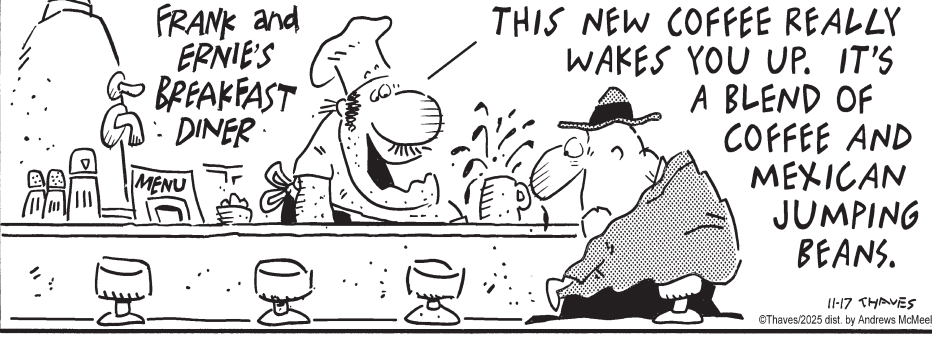


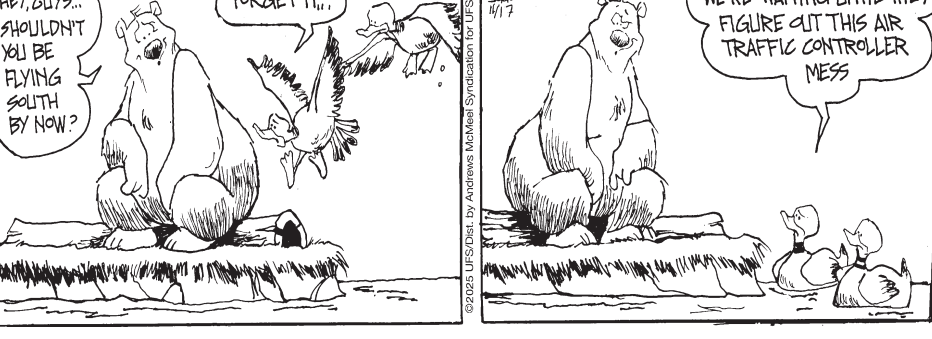
GARFIELD



FRANK & ERNEST



THE GRIZZWELLS



BEETLE BAILEY



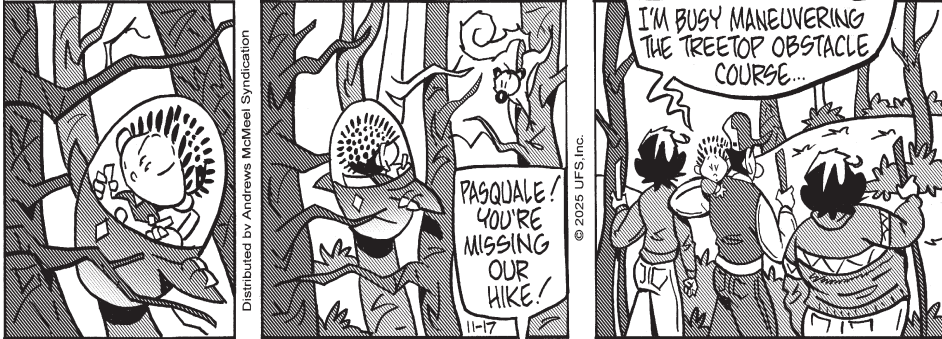
ADAM DAILIES



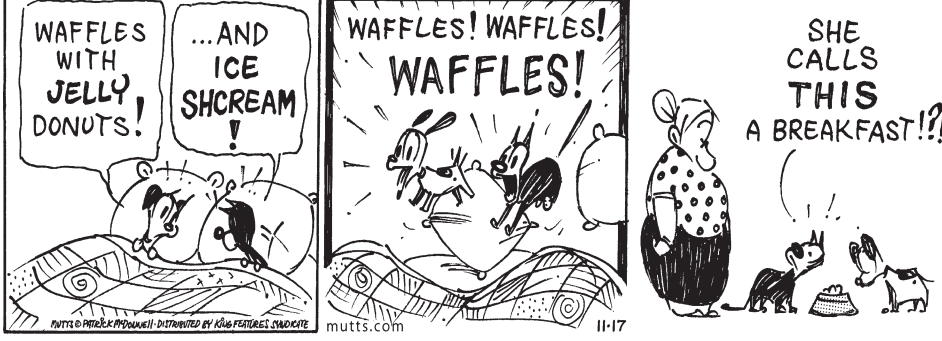
THE BORN LOSER



ROSE IS ROSE



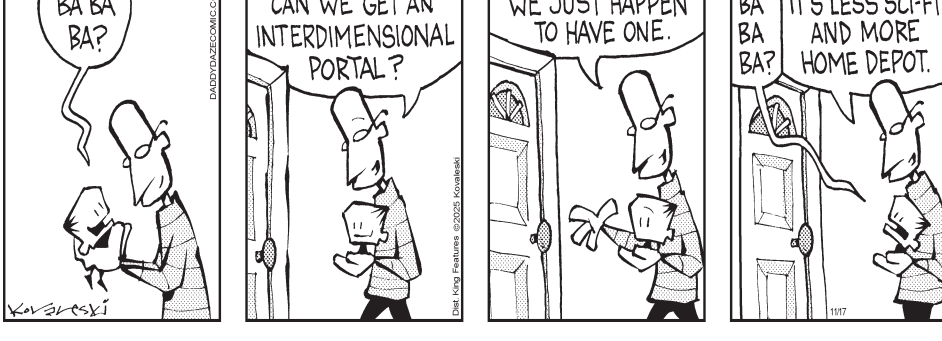
MUTTS



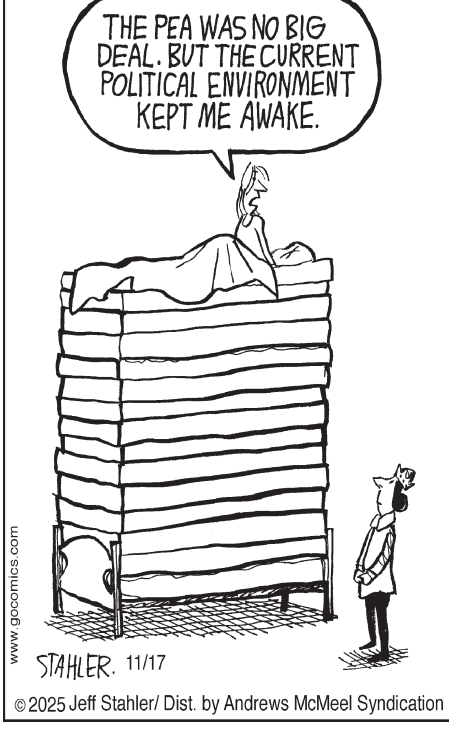
RHYMES WITH ORANGE



DADDY DAZE



MODERATELY CONFUSED



REALITY CHECK



Mount Fuji is classified as a stratovolcano, formed over hundreds of thousands of years through the gradual accumulation of lava and ash. The mountain we see today is actually a composite of three separate volcanoes, formed one on top of the other. This process has resulted in a beautifully symmetrical mountain that is one of the most iconic landmarks in the world.

Peak Performance

There is a shrine located at the summit of Mount Fuji where couples can get married. Wedding parties are limited to 10 people.

There is a tiny post office at the top of Mount Fuji that stamps and sends more than 50,000 postcards and letters every year.

Top-Notch

Many people begin their climb of Mount Fuji at night in order to reach the peak in time to catch the spectacular sunrise.

Mount Fuji is celebrated as one of Japan's three sacred mountains. It was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2013.

This cartoon has reached its peak.

Shortcuts®

by jeff harris

Getting To The Point Of Mount Fuji

Mount Fuji is the tallest mountain in Japan.

What falls on Mount Fuji, but never gets hurt? Snow.

Can you help this climber reach his climbing partner?

It takes about six hours to climb Mount Fuji.

Mount Fuji is open to climbing between early July and early September. More than 200,000 people climb Mount Fuji during this period every year.

Mount Fuji last erupted in 1707. Despite being quiet for more than 300 years, it is still classified as an active volcano.

For centuries, tradition dictated that women were forbidden to climb Mount Fuji. The ban was finally lifted in 1872.

The 1707 eruption of Mount Fuji buried the local area in nearly 1 m (3 ft.) of ash. It killed crops and caused a famine.

Mount Fuji has been a popular icon in art and literature for centuries.

Did you hear the joke about Mount Fuji? Never mind. It's over your head.

This edition of Shortcuts is sponsored by Peak-Achu.

Peak-a-chu!

Mount Fuji stands 3,776 m (12,388 ft.) tall.

Word Search

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

MOUNTAIN	TOP	THANKSGIVINGS
VOLCANO	ASH	NPARISLOWAOLD
SACRED	PEAK	UPUTTARSACES
MOUNT	ICON	OURRVHTAOEICE
ACTIVE	TALL	MAYAESJNTJAZZ
JAPAN	FUJI	EVITCAATUBAKE
ERUPT	BOB	STALLCAFEOUTS
CLIMB	BAN	NAILLROOMBMOP
LAVA	ART	AMBOAEATREATY
		BOVETDANCELTS

Why did the student climb Mount Fuji? To get higher grades.

Why can't you play hide-and-seek with Mount Fuji? It peaks.

For more information: "Exploring Mount Fuji" by Amie Jane Leavitt (Curious Fox Books) or www.mount-fuji.com/geography/

Download your favorite past issues at: www.shortcutscomic.com

Distributed by Andrews McMeel for UFS, Inc. © Jeff Harris 2025 11/17