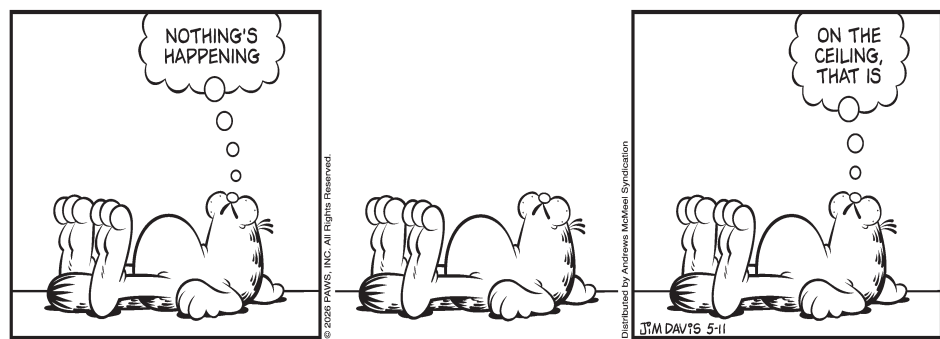


**GARFIELD**



**ROSE IS ROSE**



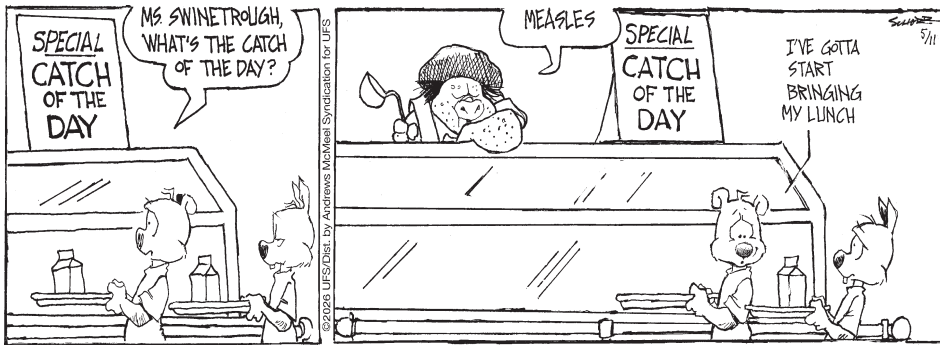
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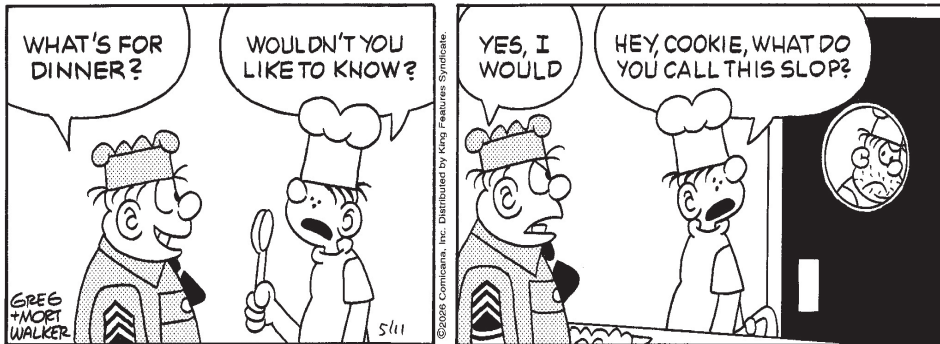
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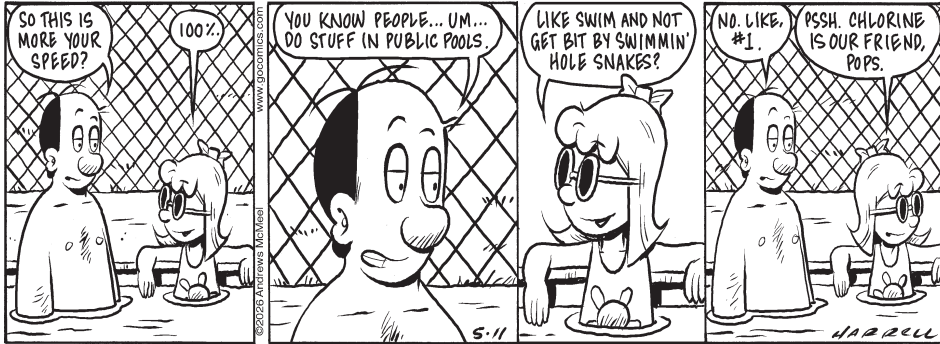
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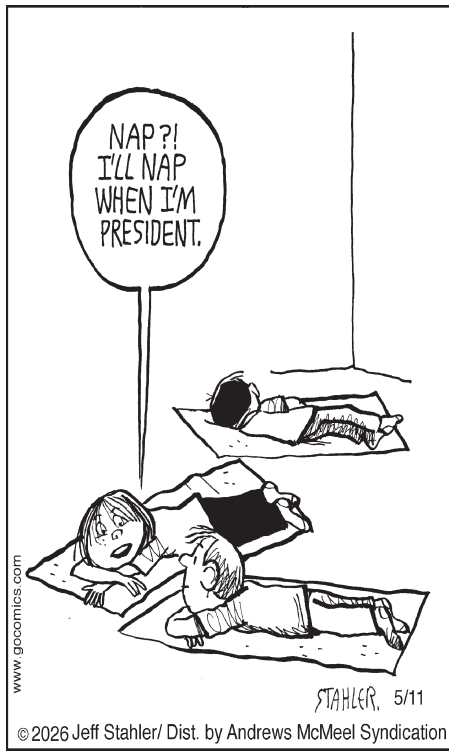
**DADDY DAZE**



**ADAM DAILIES**



**MODERATELY CONFUSED**



**REALITY CHECK**



**THE BORN LOSER**



**M**ore than 7,000 years ago, ancient humans discovered a type of rock that they could carve into durable weapons and tools. Sometimes, they found exceptionally beautiful specimens that they used to create works of art. Today, we call this type of stone jade, and it continues to be admired as one of the more beautiful gems found in nature.

**Green Light**  
Ancient humans prized jade for making tools and weapons because jade is hard, strong and, when broken correctly, has sharp edges. Artisans in China have been carving jade into works of art for more than 3,000 years. The Aztecs, Mayans and Olmec of Central America used jade as a type of medicine because they believed it had the power to relieve pain.

**Classic Rock**  
Raw, unpolished jade is quarried as rocks and large boulders. Some jade boulders weigh more than 20 tonnes (22 tons). Natural jade boulders are found in only a few places on our planet. Jadeite is more rare than nephrite because it is found in fewer than a dozen places.

**Green Thumb**  
Can you help this carver find her jade?

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My acting is solid as a rock.

What do you get when you cross jade with a lollipop? Rock candy.

How do you describe jealous jade? Green with envy.

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

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Green, translucent jade is often considered the most valuable kind.

The gemstone we call jade is actually two different types of gems: "nephrite" and "jadeite." Both are very similar in appearance and properties, but are made of different elements.

Jade is a type of metamorphic rock made of tiny crystals. Metamorphic rocks are created by extreme heat and pressure.

**Shortcuts**  
by jeff harris

Polishing Up on **Jade**

Why did the carver quit his job? He was jaded.

Jade is found in a wide variety of colors, including green, yellow, orange, gray, black, white and lavender.

In many cultures, such as the ancient Chinese, Mayans and Aztecs, jade was considered more precious than gold.

How far away is a jade baseball field? A stone's throw.

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