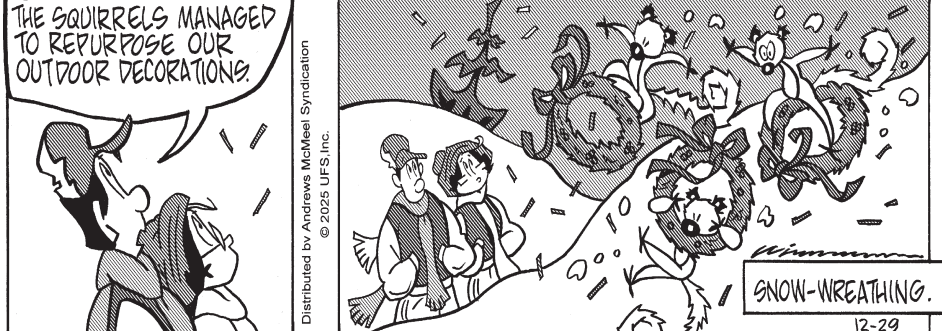


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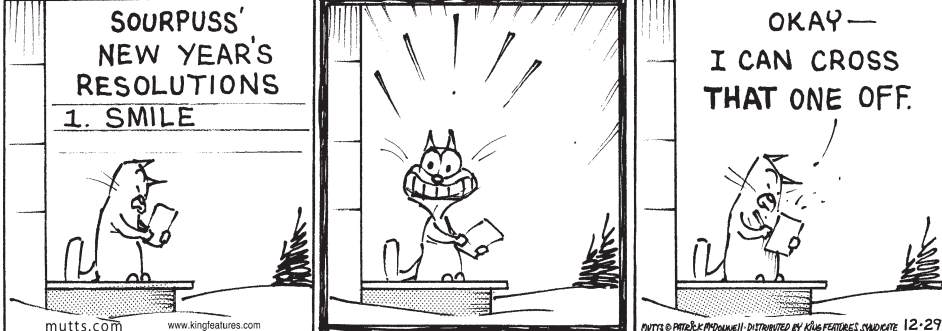
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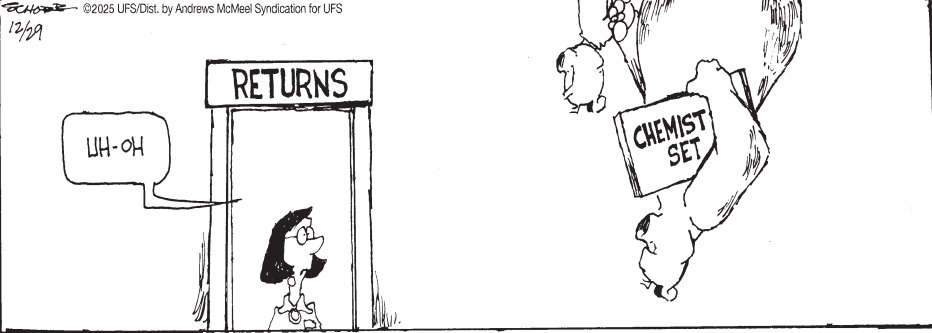
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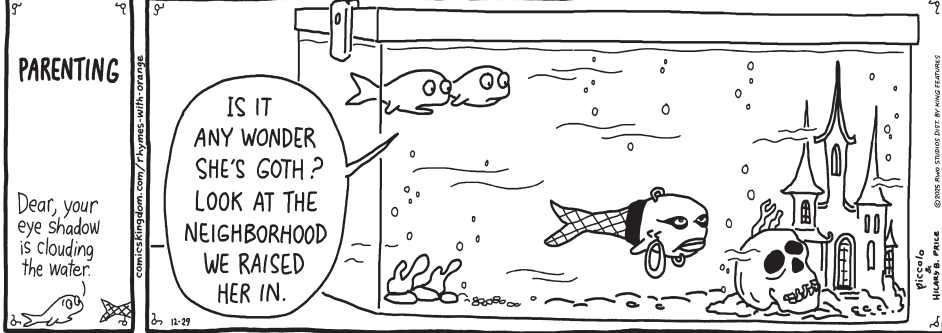
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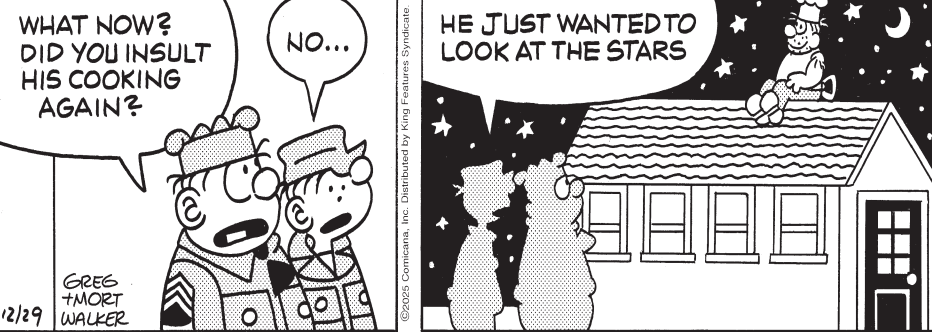
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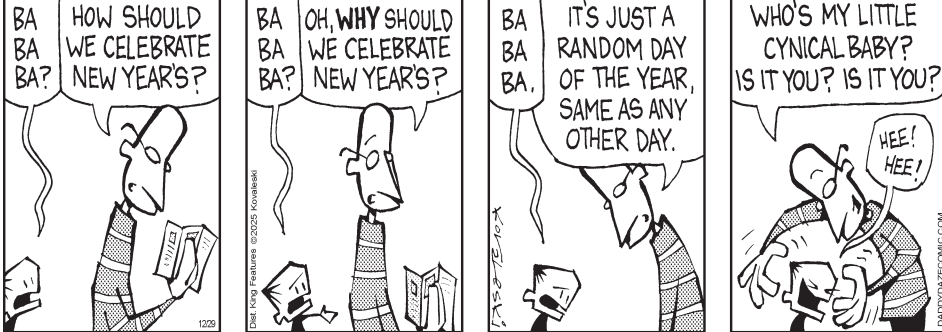
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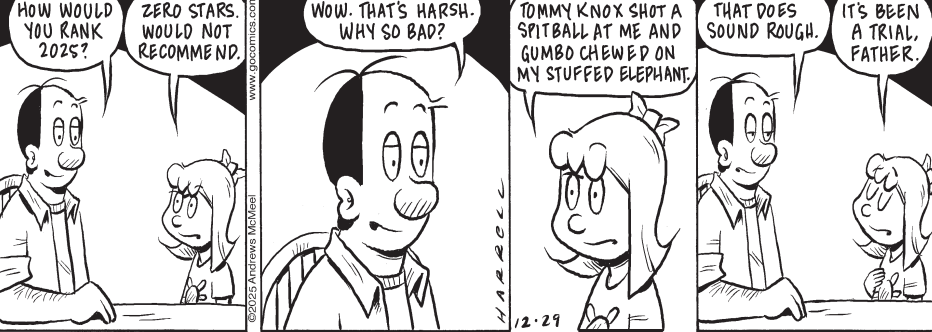
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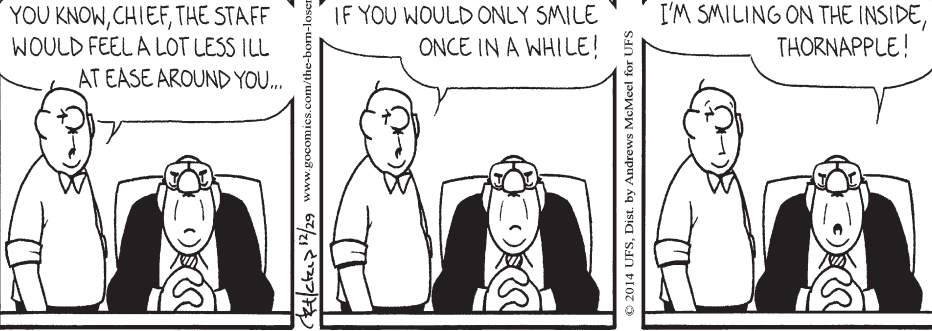
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REALITY CHECK



THE BORN LOSER



# Shortcuts<sup>®</sup>

Catching Up With

# Pokémon

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What comes after Mewtwo? Mewthreee.

(speaks Pokémon through guitar)

Pokémon Go, released in 2016, is an augmented-reality video game that allowed hundreds of millions of players worldwide to find and capture Pokémon in real-world locations using the GPS capability of their mobile phones.

This cartoon has created a monster.

Why didn't the trainer want to catch the Pokémon? It was acting out of pocket.

Pokémon is the longest-running anime series based on a video game. More than 1,200 episodes across 25 seasons have been created.

There are more than 1,000 different Pokémon species. The species are further divided into 18 different types, including fire, ice, poison, psychic, electric, water and fairy.

"Pokémon The First Movie: Mewtwo Strikes Back" was released in 1998. Since then, 23 animated Pokémon films and one live-action movie have been released.

The name "Pokémon" is a combination of the Japanese words for "pocket" and "monster."

What do you hear when you cross Pikachu with a ghost? Pika-booi!

## Word Search

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

NINTENDO CARDS FIRE  
POKEMON ANIME BOB  
MONSTER VIDEO BOY  
SPECIES FAIRY PUN  
POISON GAME ICE  
WATER FILM  
SUGGESTATOPIC  
JEEPARTYDEOUR  
CFAMIMINADKON  
CALLMEEFPIEOO  
SIRAOTPAVBMOS  
FRADNETOTEOOI  
EYEISIBAKETCO  
DONETEMOREEFP  
ABLEETPERETAW  
STARRESPECIES

## Gotta Catch 'Em All

Some rare Pokémon trading cards have sold for more than \$100,000.

Pokémon Go has been downloaded more than 1 billion times globally.

More than 75 billion Pokémon cards have been printed.

Many of the names for Pokémon characters are puns.

Many Pokémon characters are based on traditional Japanese mythology.

What do you get when you cross Bulbasaur with a quarter? Pocket change.

## The Monster Mash

Can you spot all six differences between these two scenes?

## Poké Party

Pokémon first appeared in 1996 as a game for the Nintendo Game Boy.

February 27, 2026, will be celebrated worldwide as the 30th anniversary of the Japanese release of the first Pokémon video game.

GAME ANSWERS: 1. Tail is shorter. 2. Arm is moved. 3. Note is missing. 4. Note is moved. 5. Ear is different. 6. Tail is missing.