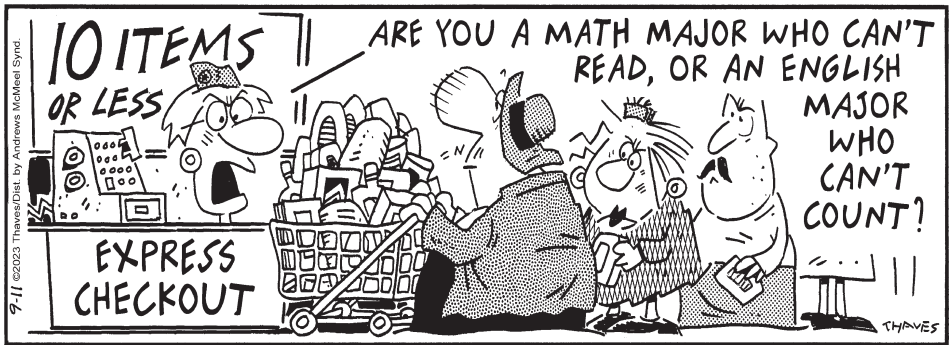
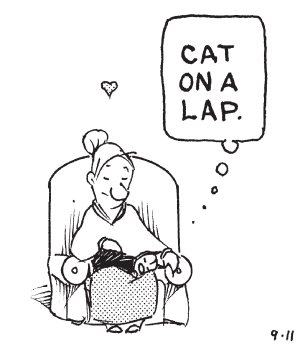


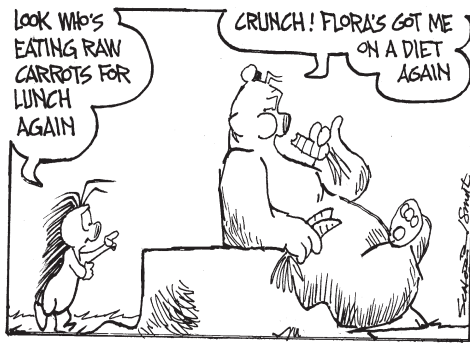
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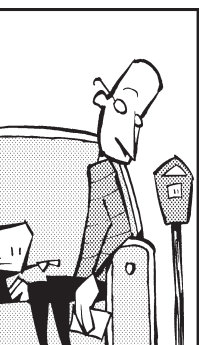
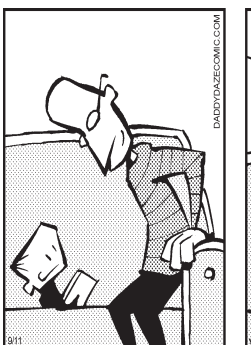
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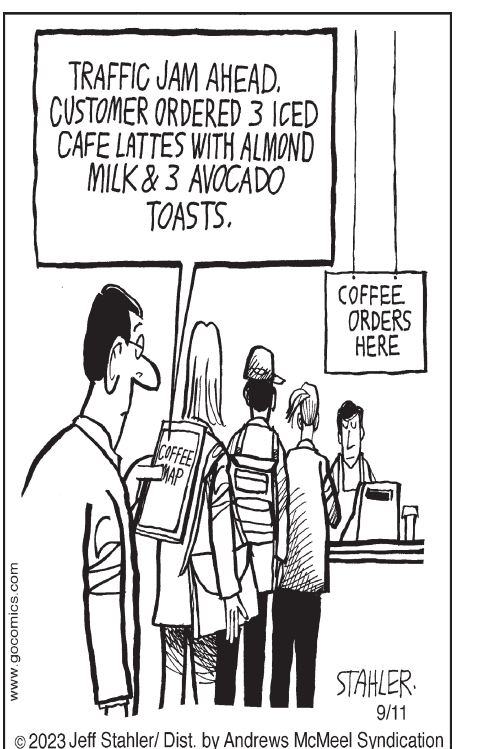
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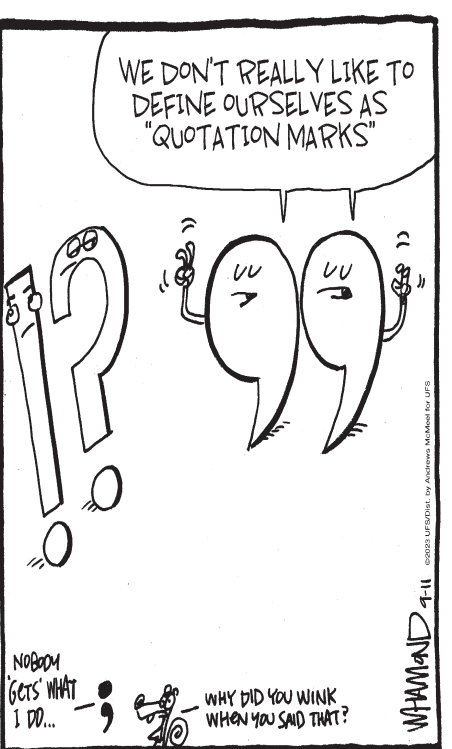
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REALITY CHECK



THE BORN LOSER



Shortcuts

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A Hard Look At

IVORY

This cartoon has carved out its own little niche.

For thousands of years, ivory has been one of the most valuable commodities in the world. Ivory's value comes from its beauty, rarity, durability and ability to be finely carved. The problem with ivory is that obtaining it is directly connected to the killing of an animal. One hundred years ago, more than 10 million elephants lived in Africa. Today, there are fewer than 500,000. Most were killed for their ivory.

Long In The Tooth

Ancient humans began creating ivory carvings more than 25,000 years ago.

The ancient Egyptians, Phoenicians, Minoans, Greeks and Romans all produced a wide range of artwork, sculptures and useful objects from ivory.

The worldwide ivory trade was at its height from the 1400s until the 1800s.

Ivory Tower

Some plastics, bone and the tagua nut are all used as substitutes for ivory.

Ivory is made of a series of microscopic fibers filled with a waxy liquid.

Owning ivory has long been seen as a symbol of status and prestige.

Ivory Coast

Can you help this driver coast to the gas station?

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Killing elephants for their ivory is not a laughing matter.

What comes after ivory? Ivory F.

Most people associate ivory with elephant tusks, but ivory also comes from other mammals, including elk, hippopotamuses, narwhals, sperm whales, warthogs, wild boar and even extinct mammoths.

The structure of teeth and tusks is the same for all species of mammals. The outer layer is made of extremely hard enamel. The middle layer is made of "dentin." The inner layer consists of nerves and blood vessels. The middle layer of dentin is what we know as ivory.

Ivory has been used to create a wide variety of objects, including jewelry, piano keys, billiard balls, knives, sculptures, boxes, buttons, game pieces and religious artifacts.

The international sale of ivory was banned in 1989, but the global ivory trade is still estimated to be worth more than \$20 billion each year.

Word Search

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

ELEPHANT	TRADE	RARE
NARWHAL	PIANO	TUSK
MAMMAL	IVORY	BOB
ENAMEL	TAGUA	BAN
DENTIN	VALUE	KEY
WHALE	TEETH	ELK
ELVIS	PRESLEYS	
LEAF	FOURLRLOOK	
EMEHANDKEASTO		
PAWOWHAPOMRET		
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As a material, ivory is strong and lightweight.

What do you say to a herd of elephants? I love each and ivory one of you!

Knock, knock. Who's there? Ivory. Ivory, who? I very much would like to come in.

The widespread hunting of elephants for ivory led to their near-extinction by the 1800s. Today, it is estimated that more than 50 elephants are killed each day for their ivory.