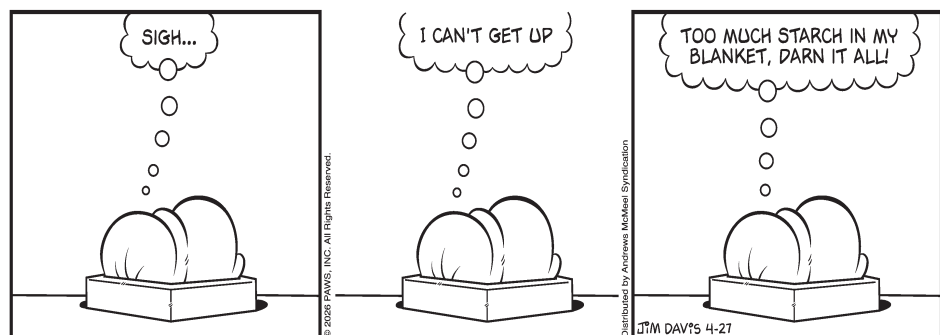
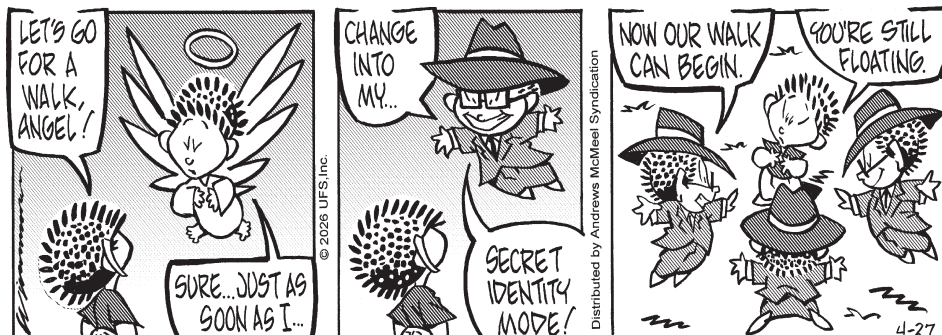


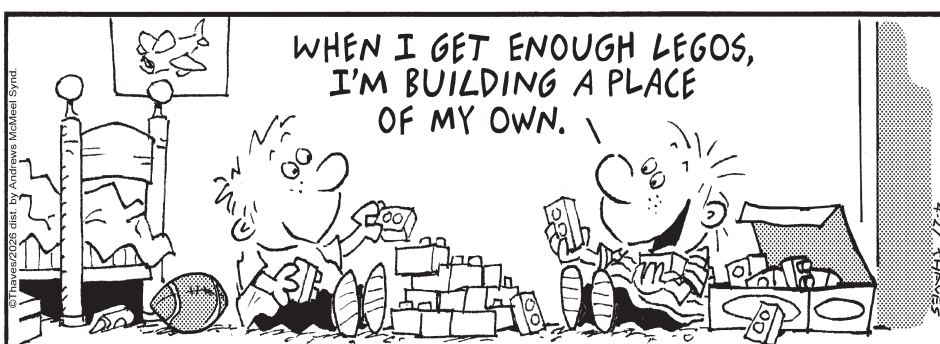
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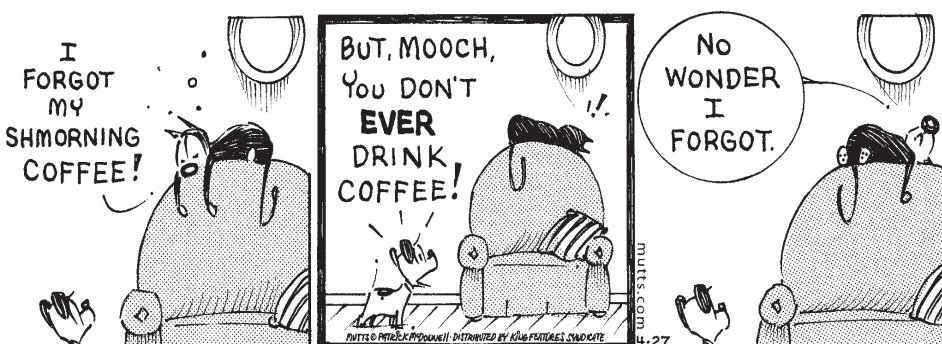
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**THE GRIZZWELLS**



**RHYMES WITH ORANGE**



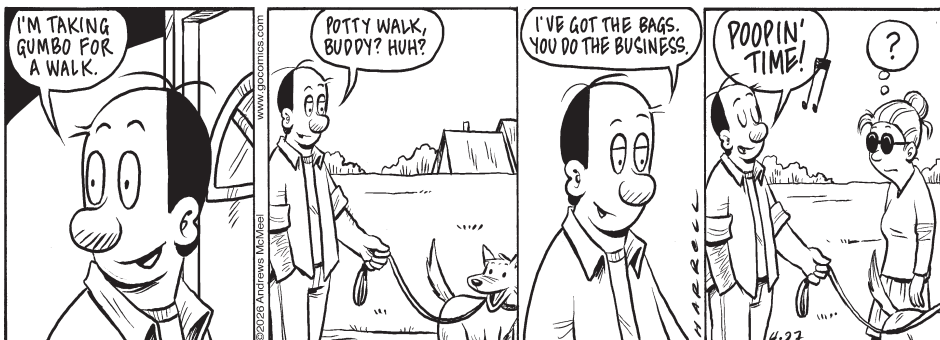
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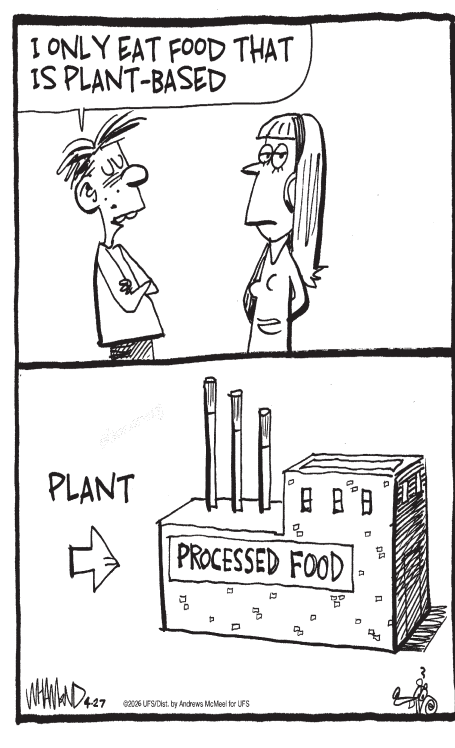
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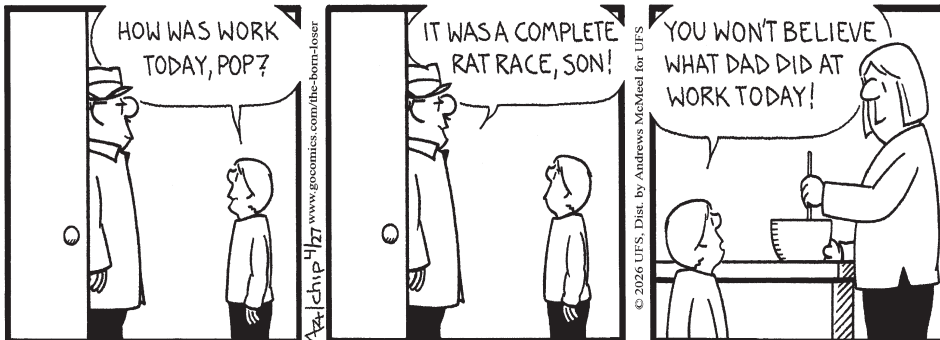
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**REALITY CHECK**



**THE BORN LOSER**



This edition of Shortcuts is sponsored by Mite-chael J. Fox.

There are no small roles, only small actors.

What do you call a microscopic stegosaur with eight legs? A dino-mite.

Most species of mites are too small to see clearly without a magnifying glass.

**Home, Sweet Home**

There are millions of mites living in your home. They prefer the warm, moist areas found in your carpet, furniture and beds. The common dust mites that live in your home survive by eating all of the dead skin that falls off your body daily.

There are more than 45,000 different species of mites. Scientists believe there are still tens of thousands of undiscovered species.

Some mites use insects or birds to travel. The hummingbird flower mite feeds on flower nectar. It crawls inside the nostril of a passing hummingbird in order to travel to the next flower.

Nearly every species of plant or animal on Earth has at least one species of mite that lives on or in its body.

Some species of mites specialize in living inside the nose, stomach, throat, eyes or lungs of other creatures.

Mites are not insects. They are classified as arachnids, along with spiders and scorpions.

Would a tick change his name if he were smaller? He mite.

Can you help this mite ride her bike to her house?

Knock, knock. Who's there? Mite. Mite, who? Might as well open the door.

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A Little Look At  
**Mites**

**Mighty Mites**  
More than 500,000 mites may live in one square meter (1.2 square yards) of the leafy ground cover found on the average forest floor.

Some mites are able to lift more than 1,000 times their own weight.

Most adult mites have eight legs. Ticks are closely related to mites.

**Mite Makes Right**  
Can you help this mite ride her bike to her house?

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