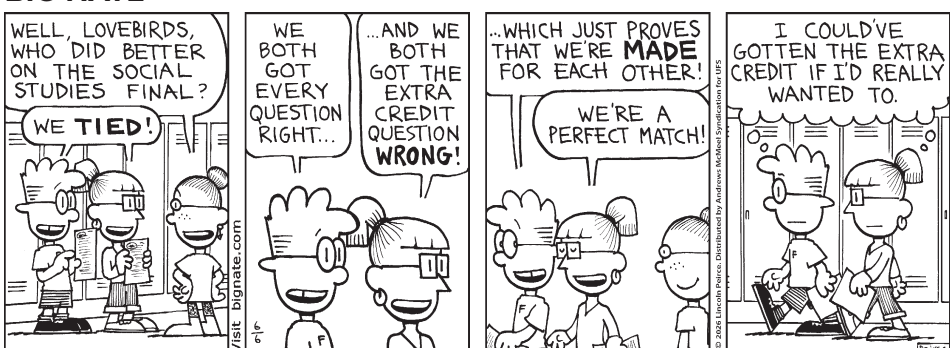


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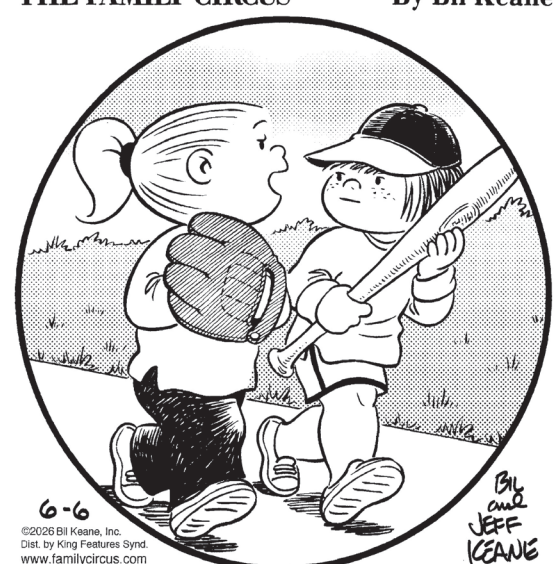


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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



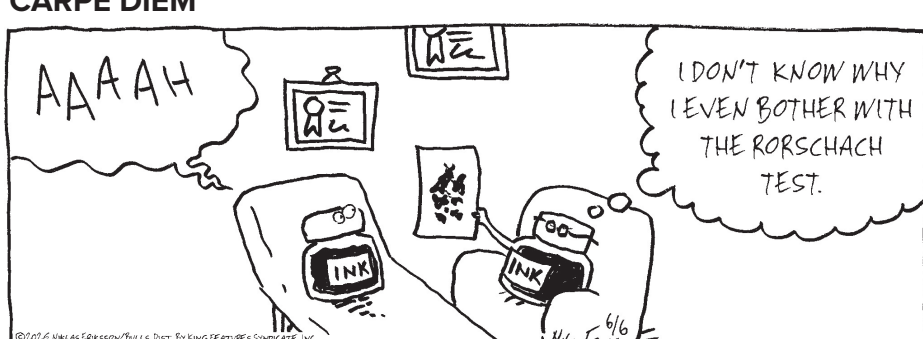
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REALITY CHECK



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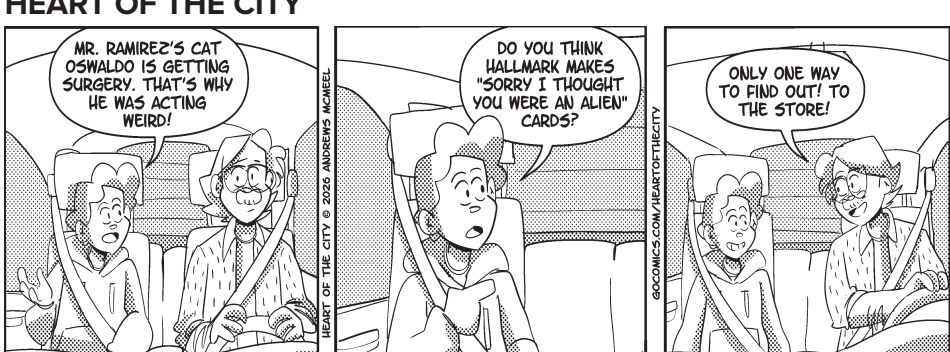
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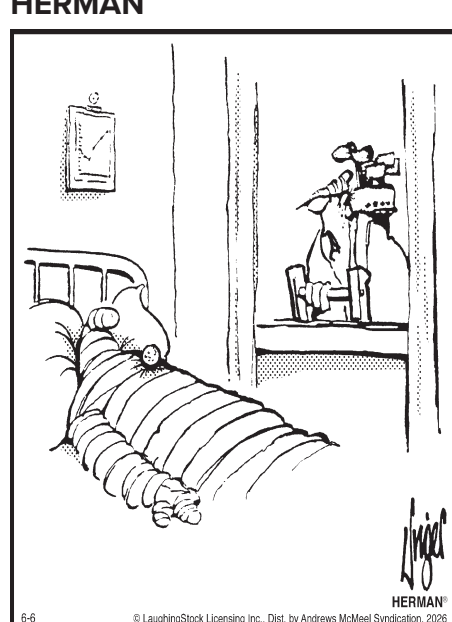
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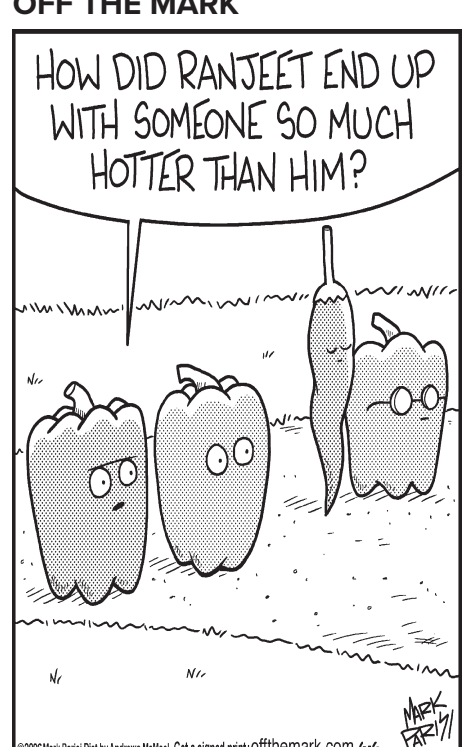
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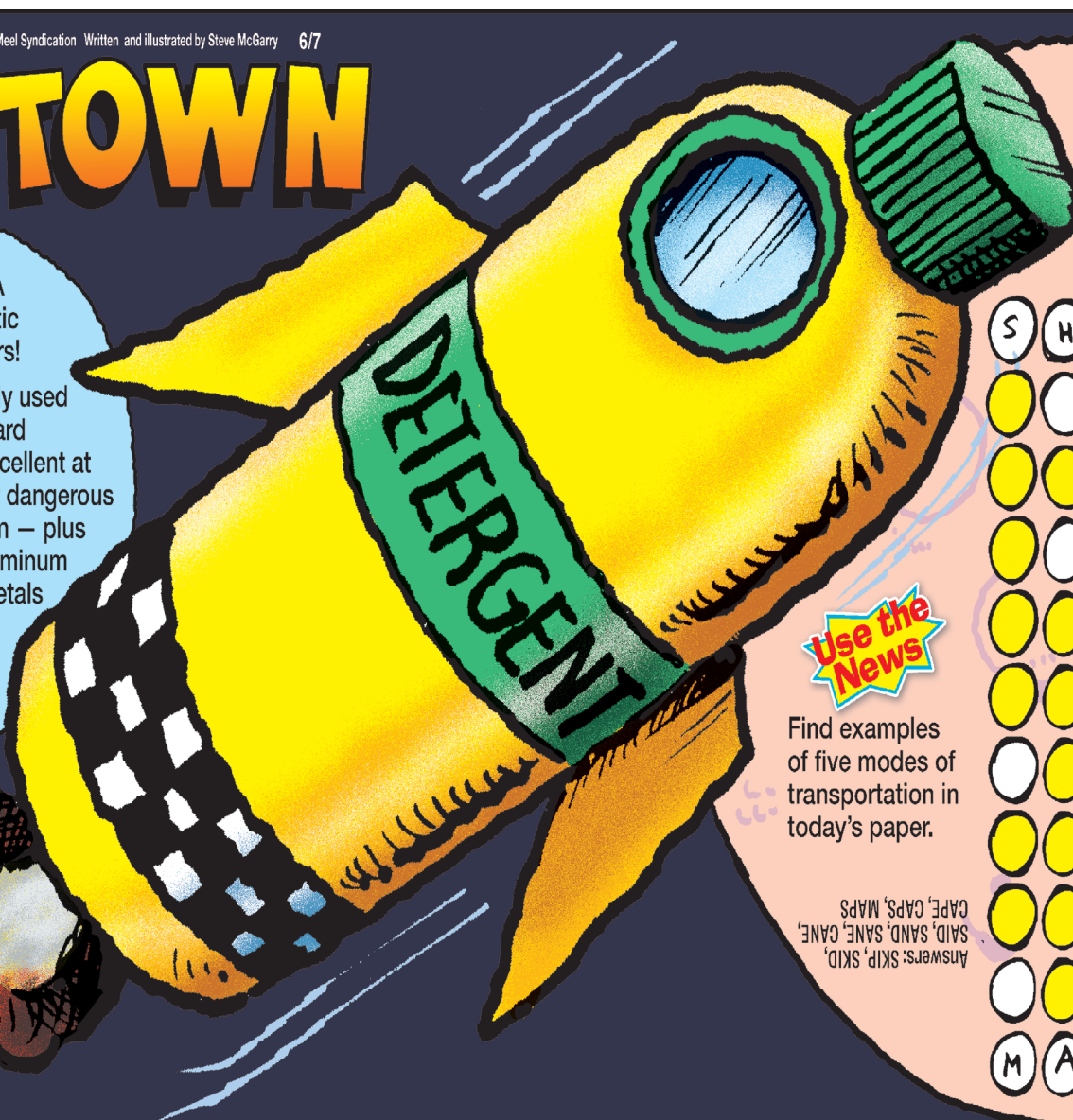
KIDTOWN

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In the years to come, NASA may send a plastic spaceship to Mars!

Polyethylene is already used extensively onboard spaceships. It is also excellent at shielding against the most dangerous forms of space radiation — plus it is stronger than aluminum and lighter than metals such as lead.

TRUE but STRANGE



By changing one letter in each row where indicated, change SHIP to MARS. We've given you a clue to each word.

- S H I P
- A light, bouncing step
- Slide sideways
- Voiced
- Fine, granular substance found in deserts and on beaches
- Sound or rational
- A walking stick
- Article of clothing worn by Superman
- Hats worn in baseball
- Visual aids that show locations

Use the News

Find examples of five modes of transportation in today's paper.

Answers: SKIP, SKID, SAID, SAND, SANE, CANE, CAPE, CAPS, MAPS

M A R S