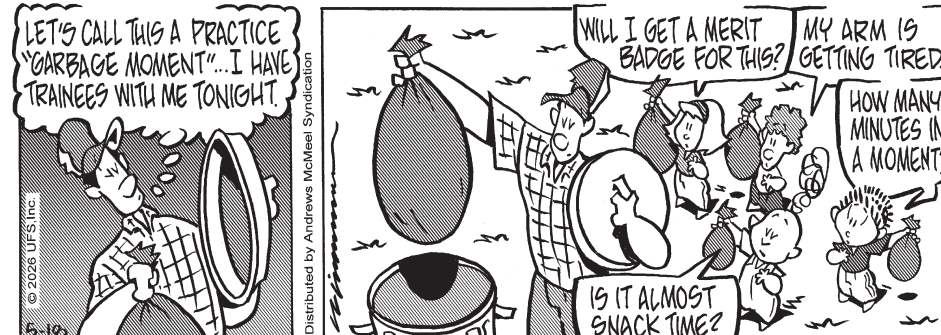


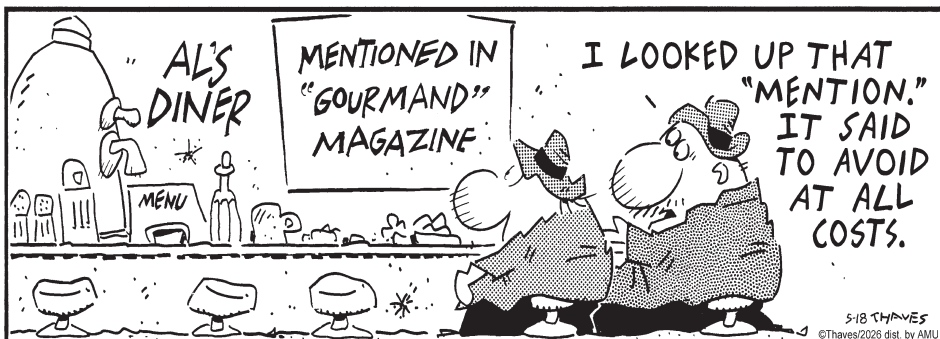
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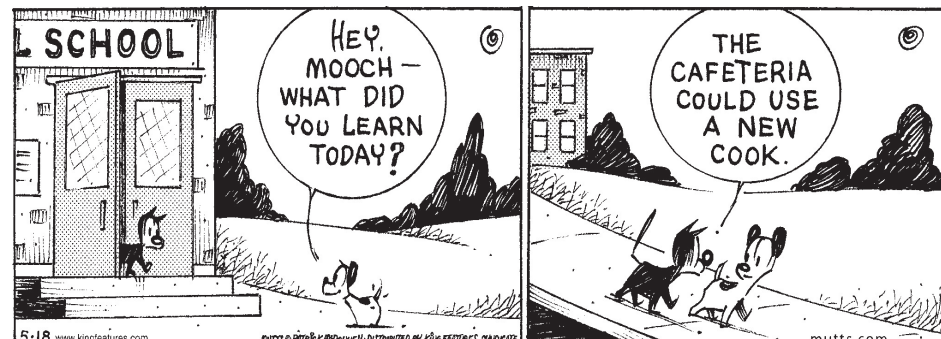
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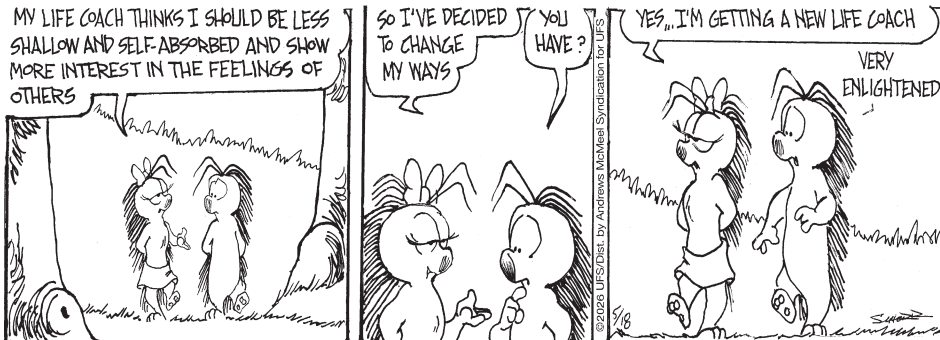
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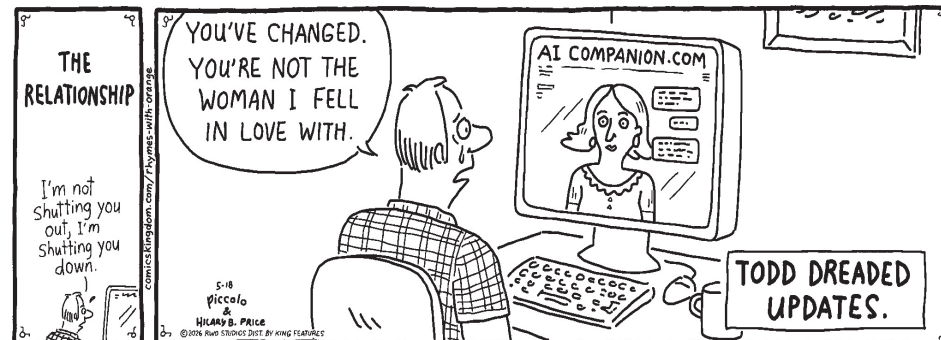
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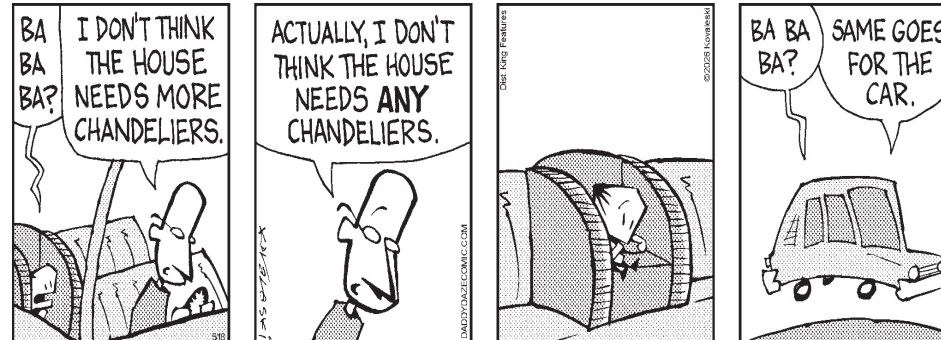
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BEETLE BAILEY



DADDY DAZE



ADAM DAILIES



MODERATELY CONFUSED



REALITY CHECK



THE BORN LOSER



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This cartoon is in the hot seat.

On average, the Sahara receives less than 10 cm (4 in.) of rain per year.

Less than 20% of the Sahara is covered with sand dunes. About 70% is made up of rocky, barren plains covered in loose gravel.

How do you greet the Sahara? With a heat wave.

Did you hear the joke about the Sahara? It was dry.

What do you get when you cross the Sahara with a collie? A hot dog.

The name "Sahara" comes from the Arabic word for "desert."

A long time ago, in a desert far, far away...

Camels are still widely used in much of the Sahara because the desert has very few roads.

The temperature in the Sahara can drop as much as 50 °C (90 °F) in a single day, from more than 45 °C (115 °F) during the day to below freezing at night.

Turning Up The Heat On The Sahara Desert

Shortcuts by Jeff Harris

Geological records indicate that the area we know as the Sahara Desert has experienced great changes throughout the history of our planet. The Sahara once lay beneath an ancient sea. It later changed into a lush landscape filled with lakes, rivers and grasslands. Today, the Sahara is the largest desert in the world.

How do you make the Sahara Desert delicious? Add an "s" (dessert).

The Sahara was once a grassland that was home to many animals, including elephants, giraffes and hippos.

Hot Property
The Sahara covers more than 9 million square kilometers (3.5 million square miles).
The Sahara covers almost the entire northern third of Africa.
The Sahara is about the size of the entire U.S.

A Line In The Sand
Can you spot all six differences between these two scenes?

2. Jump is different. 3. Ear is missing. 4. Eyes are different. 5. Tail is missing. 6. Line angle is different.

GMTC ANSWERS: 1. Dune is shorter. 2. Dune is shorter. 3. Ear is missing. 4. Eyes are different. 5. Tail is missing. 6. Line angle is different.

Deep And Wide
The Sahara is more than 5,600 km (3,500 mi.) wide going from east to west.
Some sand dunes in the Sahara are more than 180 m (600 ft.) tall.
Some of the mountains in the Sahara rise more than 3,400 m (11,150 ft.). Some valleys are more than 120 m (400 ft.) below sea level.

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

SAHARA	AFRICA	SAND	RATTLESNAKES
CHANGE	FREEZE	RAIN	PORTIAANTZEST
BARREN	ROCKY	BOB	HUMANCHYEAYAY
GRAVEL	CAMEL	HOT	DOSDHGAEBERRY
DESERT	GRASS	SEA	CLSABARRENTGD
PLAINS	LARGE	DRY	AENMFOBSAOSTEA
			MGIFBRAIVCSET
			ERASEINNEEKEY
			LALUNCHARELYO
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