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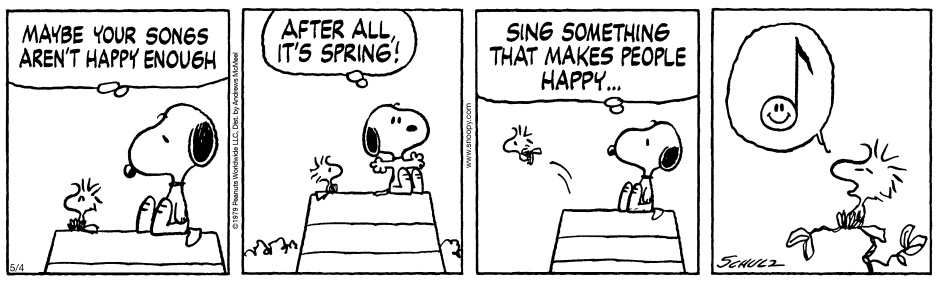

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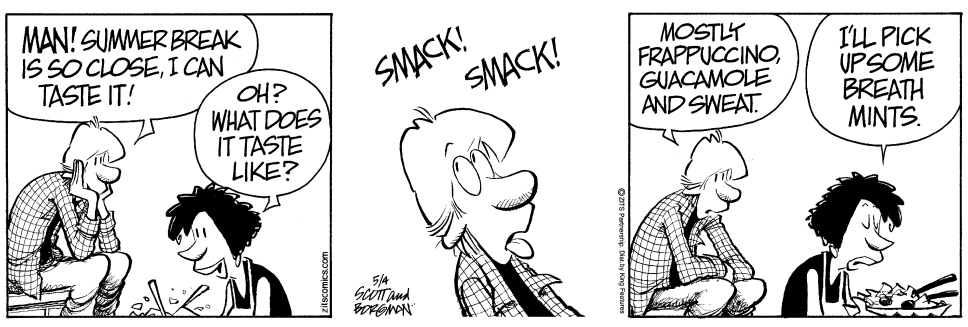

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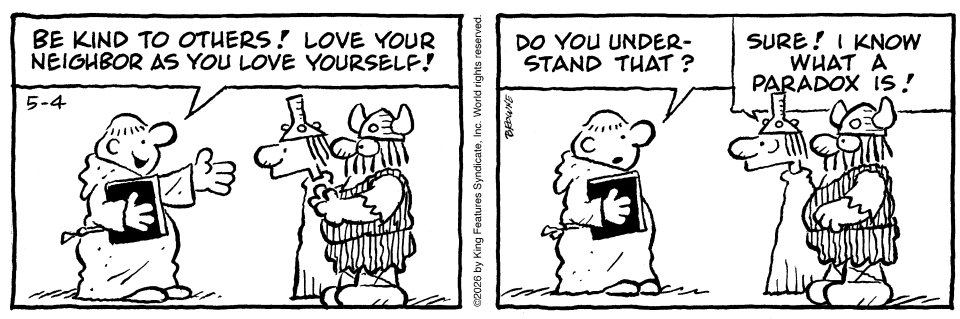

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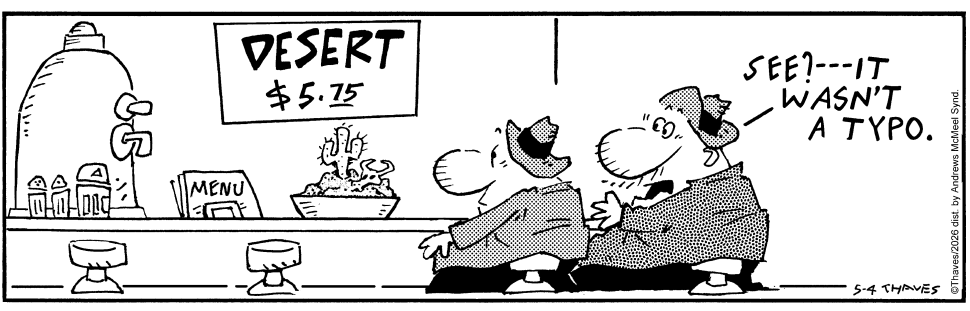

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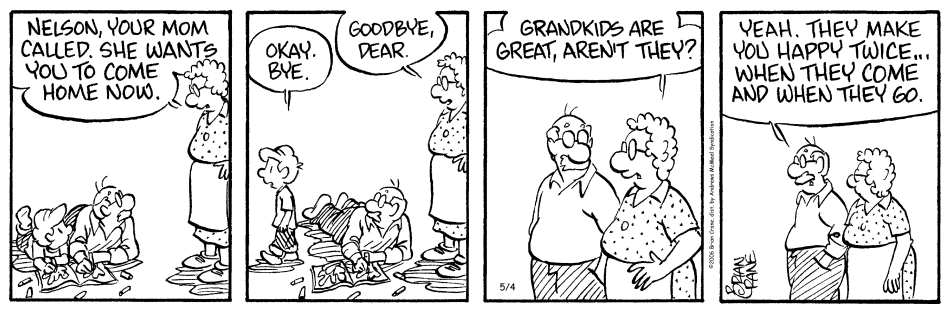

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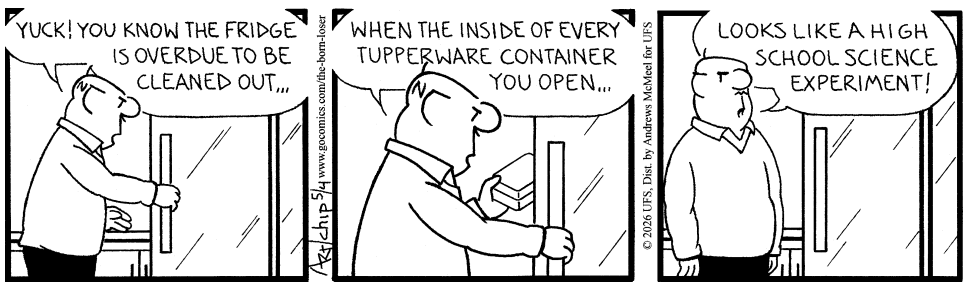

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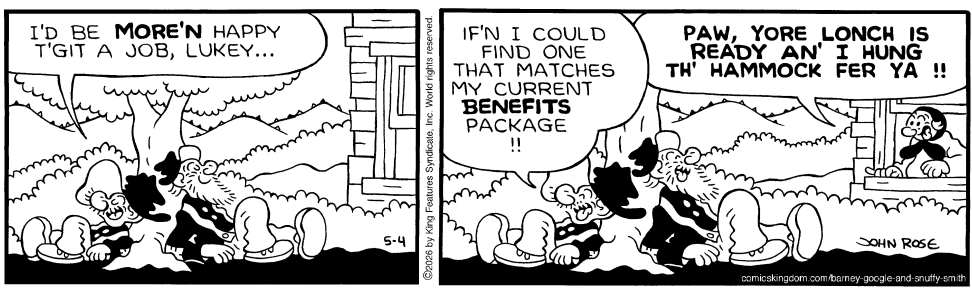

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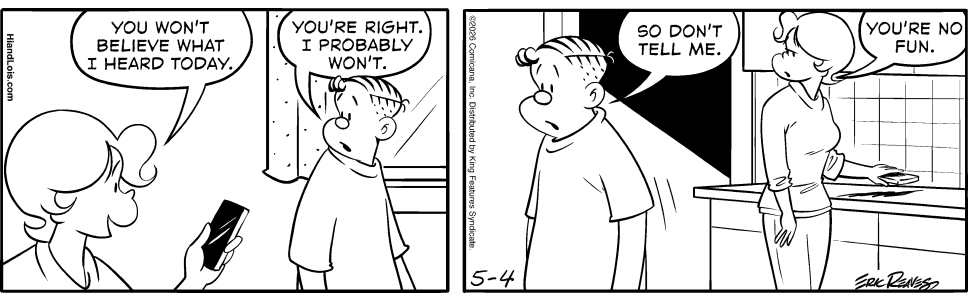

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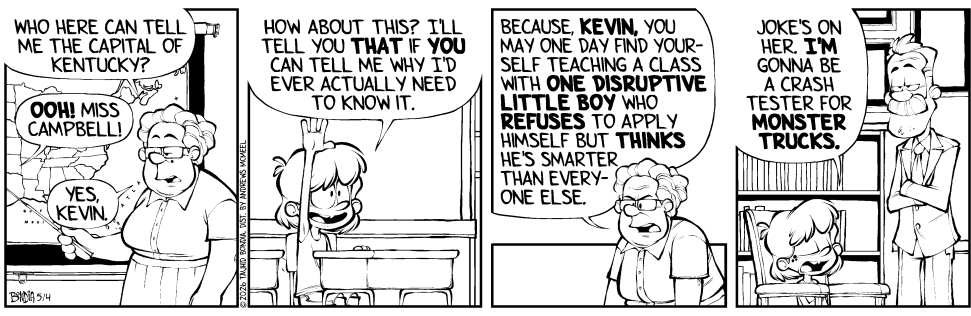

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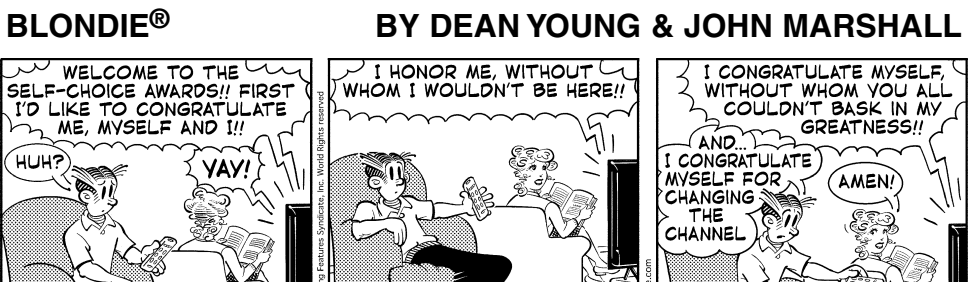

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE® BY LYNN JOHNSTON

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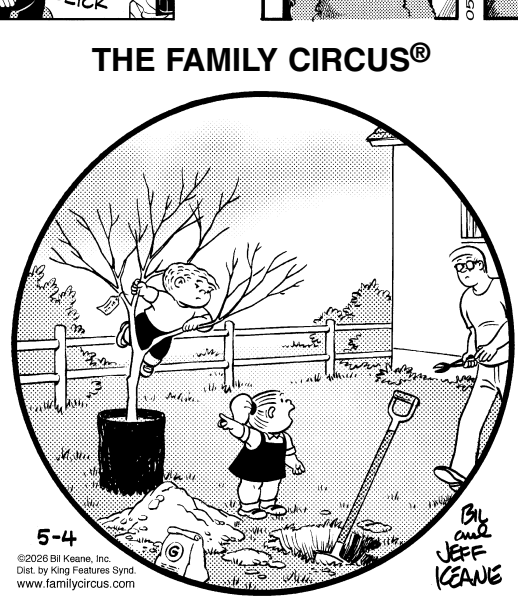
"THAT'S NOT WHAT 'CASTING YOUR PHONE TO THE TV' MEANS, LEROY."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS®



"Jeffy isn't even waiting till it's planted."

REALITY CHECK® Dave Whamond

BRIDGE® BY STEVE BECKER

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A
♥ Q J 10 6
♦ A Q 10 4
♣ A J 6 5

WEST
♠ K Q 9 6 4
♥ 8 3 2
♦ 9 8
♣ K Q 7

EAST
♠ J 8 3 2
♥ —
♦ J 7 3 2
♣ 10 9 8 3 2

SOUTH
♠ 10 7 5
♥ A K 9 7 5 4
♦ K 6 5
♣ 4

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	7 ♥

Opening lead — two of hearts.

Nowadays, virtually all tournament players — and most non-tournament players — prefer opening weak two-bids to strong twos, believing the weak-two gives them more flexibility in the bidding both offensively and defensively. Today's deal from the 1982 Spingold team championship certainly makes a strong case for the use of weak-twos.

At one table, Billy Cohen and Mark Molson held the North-South hands. After East passed, Molson opened two hearts, indicating a strong suit but less than the normal complement of high cards for an opening one-heart bid.

Naturally, Cohen started thinking not only in terms of game, but possibly slam. His two-notrump bid was artificial, asking South to further describe his hand. Three diamonds showed a maximum weak two-bid with a high honor card in diamonds.

Four notrump by North was a special form of Blackwood, and the response of five hearts guaranteed two key cards (which in the actual case Cohen knew to be the A-K of hearts).

Five notrump was a grand-slam try asking South whether he had any further values to reveal. Six clubs by South disclosed his singleton club, which, on top of the A-K of hearts and king of diamonds previously identified, made it easy to bid the grand slam. There was nothing to the play, and North-South scored 2,210 points.

Note that the grand slam was undertaken with only 28 high-card points, much less than the usual requirement, but fully justified given North's knowledge of South's hand. At the other table, the North-South pair stopped at six hearts after a far less illuminating sequence of bids.

Tomorrow: A play fit for a queen.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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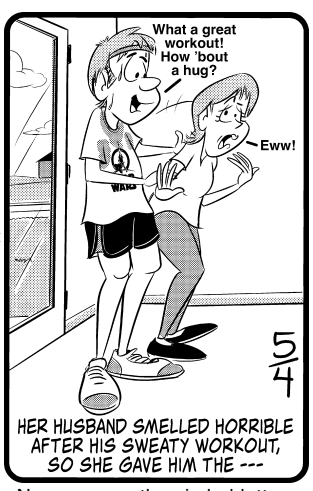

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: _____ _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: ADAPT OBESE CHERRY HIDDEN
Answer: The policeman who breezed through the radar gun's manual was a — SPEED READER