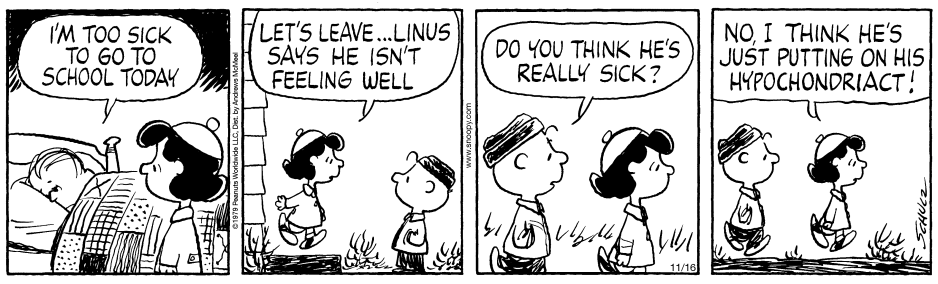
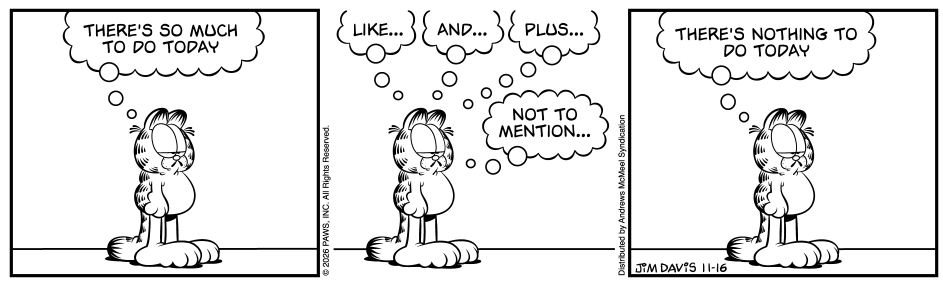
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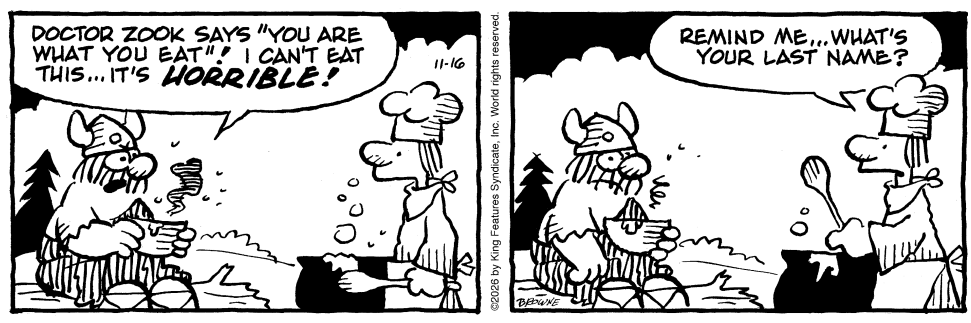
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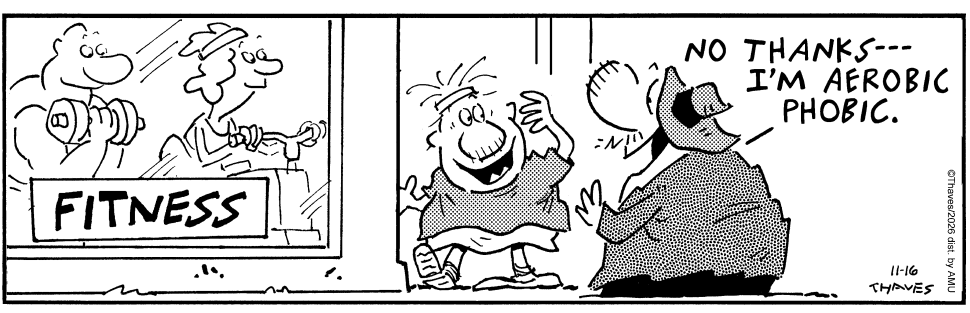
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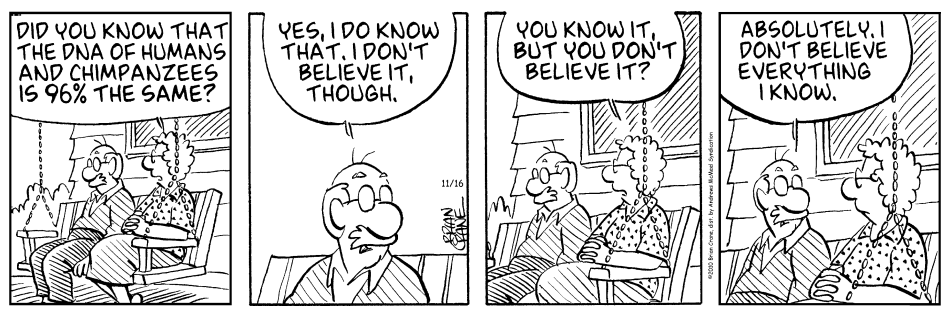
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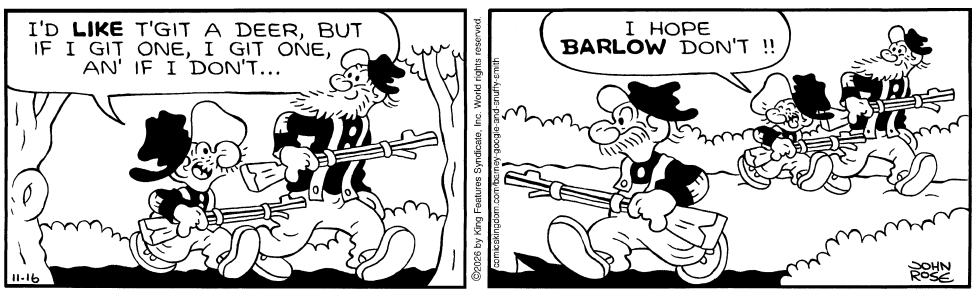
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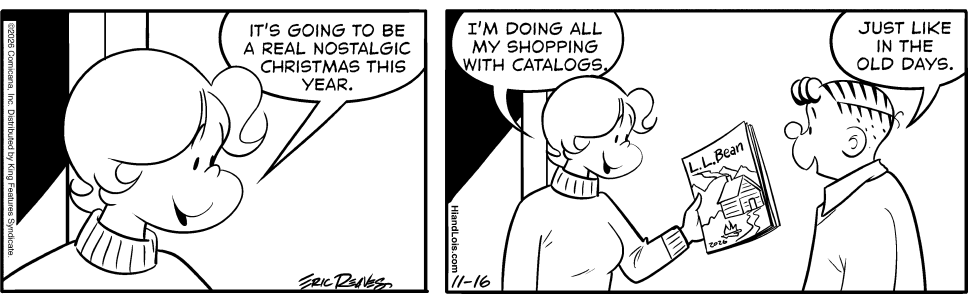
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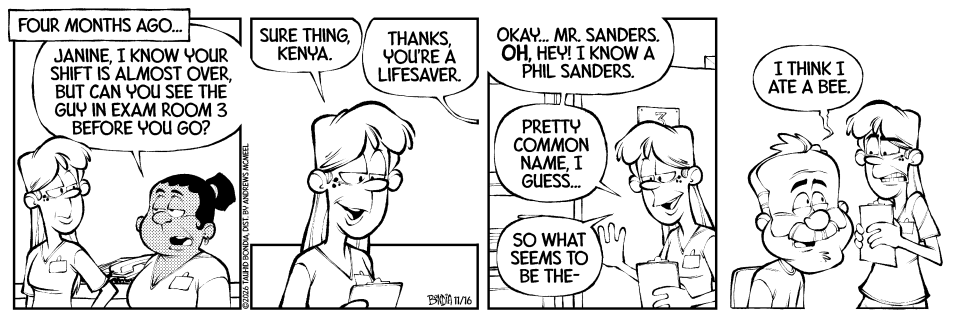
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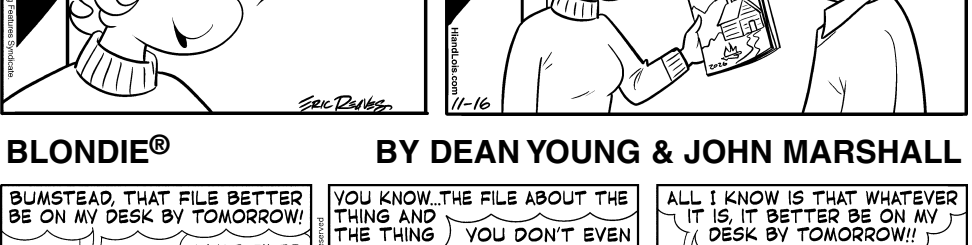
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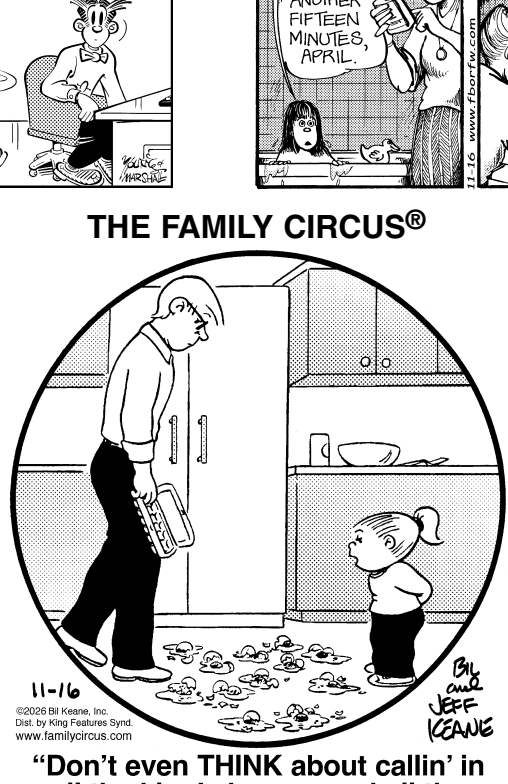


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South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 10 5
♥ A 10 9 4 3
♦ Q 7
♣ 8 6 5

WEST
♠ 8 4 3
♥ J 7 5
♦ 8 6 4 3
♣ K J 9

EAST
♠ K Q 9 2
♥ Q 6
♦ J 9 5
♣ 7 4 3 2

SOUTH
♠ J 7 6
♥ K 8 2
♦ A K 10 2
♣ A Q 10

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	

Opening lead — three of spades.

This deal was played in the match between Argentina and the United States in 1961. Oddly enough, the bidding and opening lead were the same at both tables. Two clubs asked South to bid a four-card major if he had one. After South denied a major by bidding two diamonds, both Norths elected to conceal their five-card heart suit and went directly to three notrump.

When the Argentine South was declarer, he ducked the spade lead, East winning with the queen. East shifted to a club, and when declarer finessed the queen, West won and led another spade. Again, declarer finessed, losing to the king, and when East returned another club, South's ten lost to West's jack.

By this time, the Argentine declarer had tried four finesses and lost them all! West continued with a spade, and even though the diamonds were favorably divided, South finished down one.

When Peter Leventritt of the U.S. held the South hand, the contract was made. The Argentine East won the spade lead and also shifted to a club. But Leventritt, alert to the danger of allowing West to gain the lead for another spade play, went up with the ace of clubs in order to get started on establishing dummy's heart suit.

After taking the club ace, he led a diamond to the queen followed by a low heart to the eight. West took the jack and returned a spade, but Leventritt rose with the ace and ran his hearts and diamonds to finish with 10 tricks. As a result, the U.S. team gained 730 points on the deal.

Leventritt did not allow himself to get caught in the series of crisscross finesses that undid the Argentine declarer. Instead, he relied on the strong likelihood that dummy's hearts could be established and run before the defenders could score enough tricks to defeat him.

Tomorrow: Rara avis.

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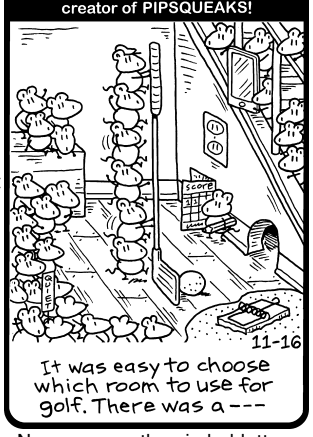
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