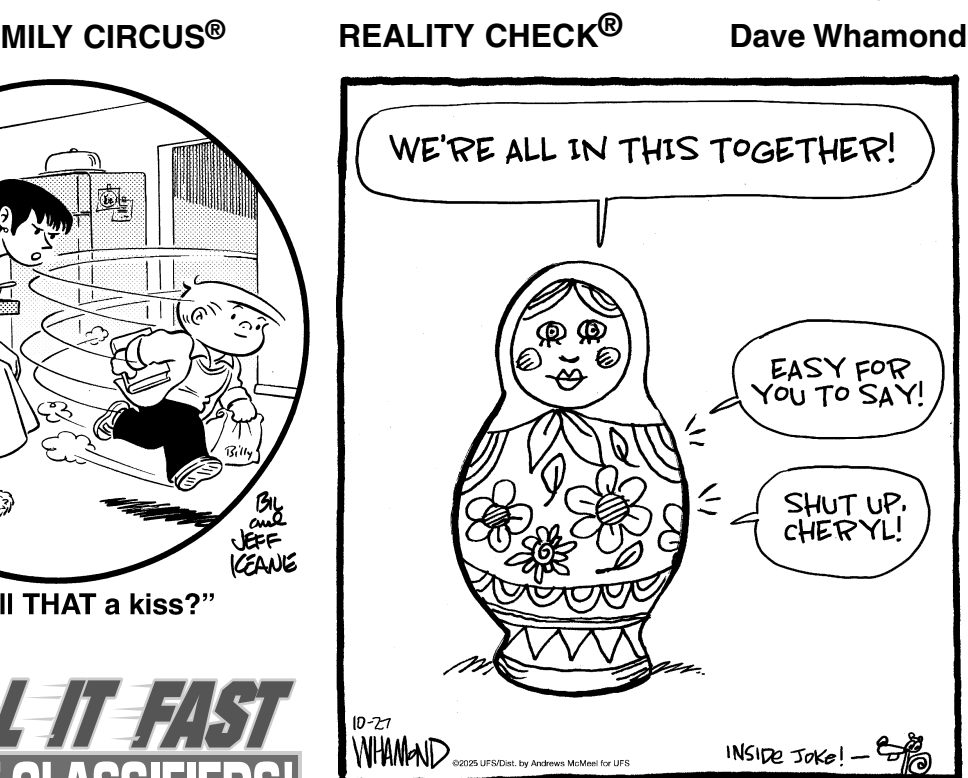
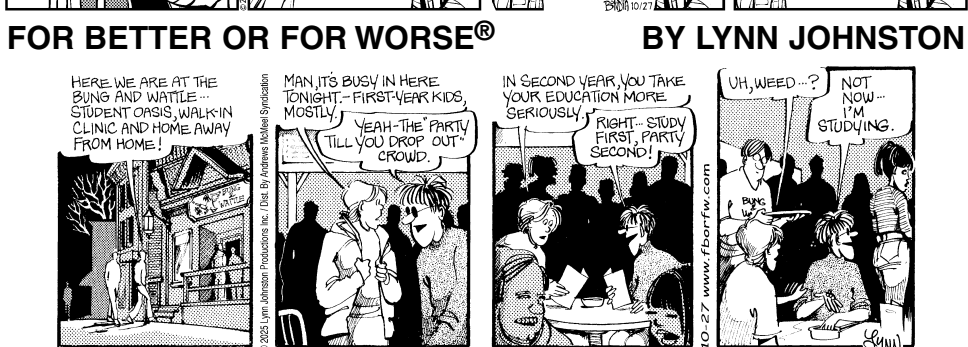
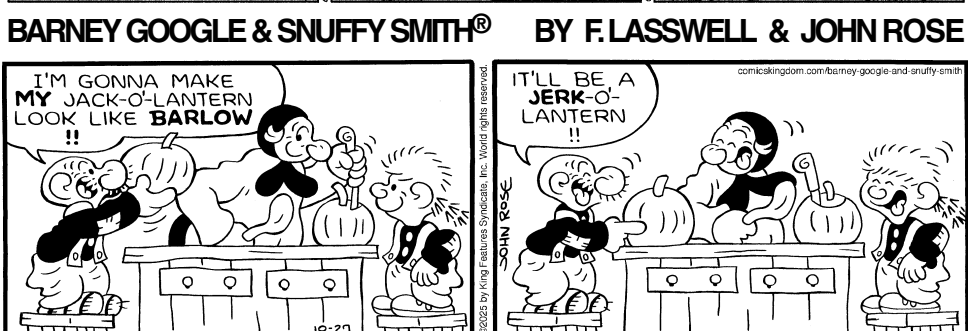
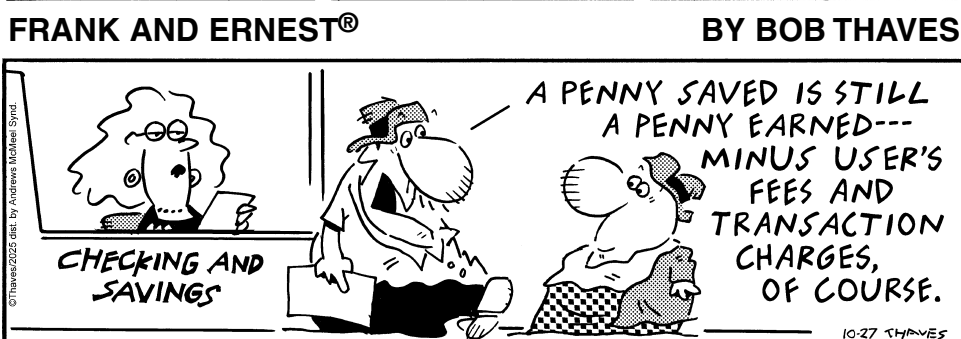
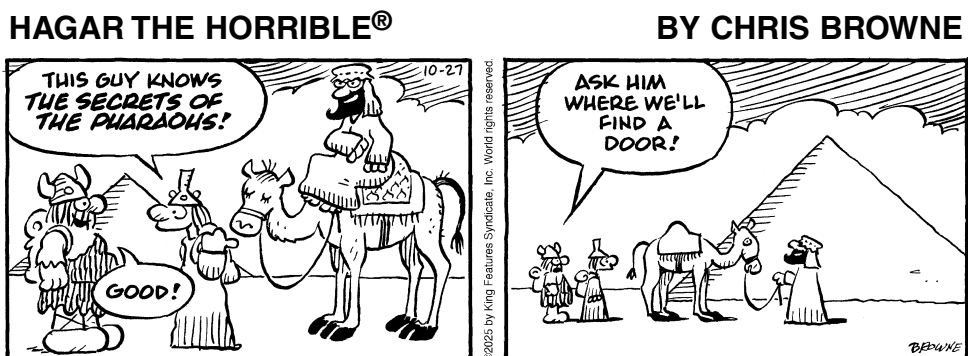
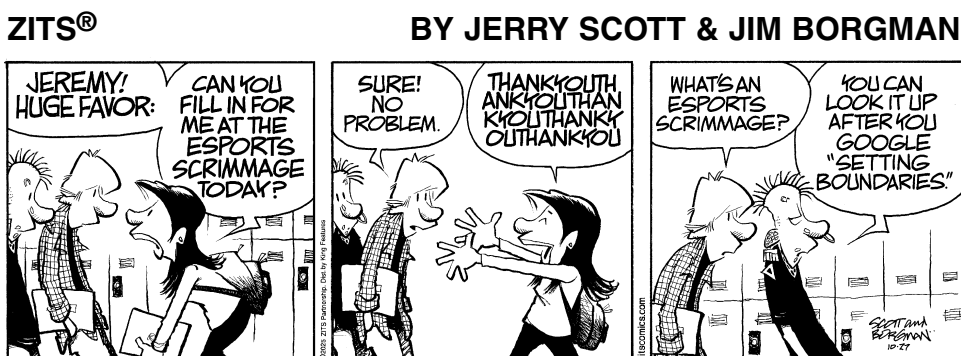
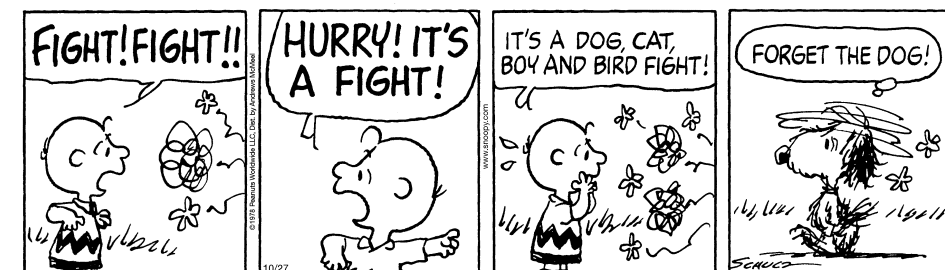




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Famous Hand

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K Q
♥ Q 10 6 5 2
♦ J 7
♣ K 8 3

WEST
♠ 6 5 2
♥ K 9 8 4
♦ A K 8 6
♣ Q 10

EAST
♠ 10 9 8 7 3
♥ —
♦ 9 4 2
♣ J 6 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ J 4
♥ A J 7 3
♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ A 9 7

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass Pass 1 ♦ Dble
Pass 2 ♥ Pass 4 ♥

Opening lead — king of diamonds.
If you look at all four hands, you might wonder how declarer managed to go down one at four hearts. But the fact is that he did, and, furthermore, it's likely that most declarers playing the hand would have suffered the same fate.

The bidding was normal, and so was the opening lead of the king of diamonds. But something unusual occurred when East played the nine on the king at trick one, and then the deuce on the ace at trick two. When West next led the six of diamonds, declarer, having observed

East's high-low signal, presumably indicating a doubleton, naturally ruffed with dummy's ten to avoid the possibility of East overruffing dummy with a low trump.

But to everyone's surprise, including his partner's, East unexpectedly produced the four of diamonds at trick three. When declarer next led the heart deuce from dummy, East showed out, and South, to his chagrin, found that he had to lose two trump tricks and go down one.

East was Ira G. Corn, highly successful Dallas industrialist and financier who also distinguished himself in the world of bridge during the '60s and '70s. He certainly had no high cards to work with against four hearts, and yet there is no doubt that he single-handedly defeated the contract without taking a trick!

Without Corn's imaginative high-low play in diamonds, declarer would have lost only one trump trick and so would have made four hearts. Aside from the K-9-8-4 West actually had, there were several other trump holdings he might have had that would have brought about South's defeat if he could be induced to ruff high in dummy on the third diamond lead. The little white lie told by Corn thus had everything to gain and almost nothing to lose.

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