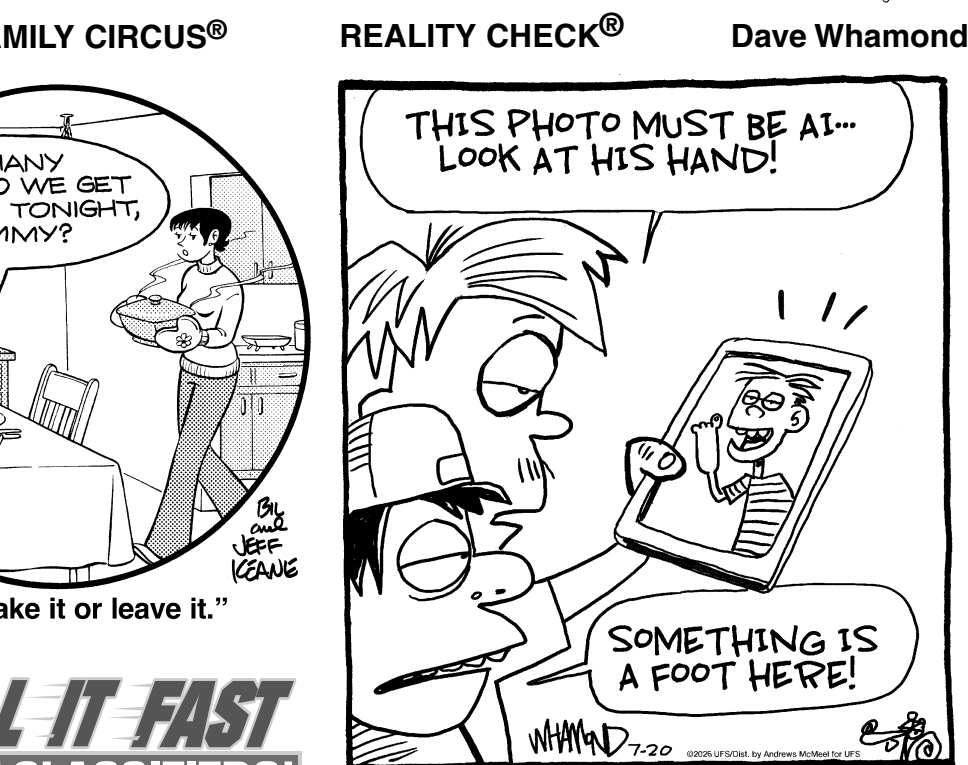
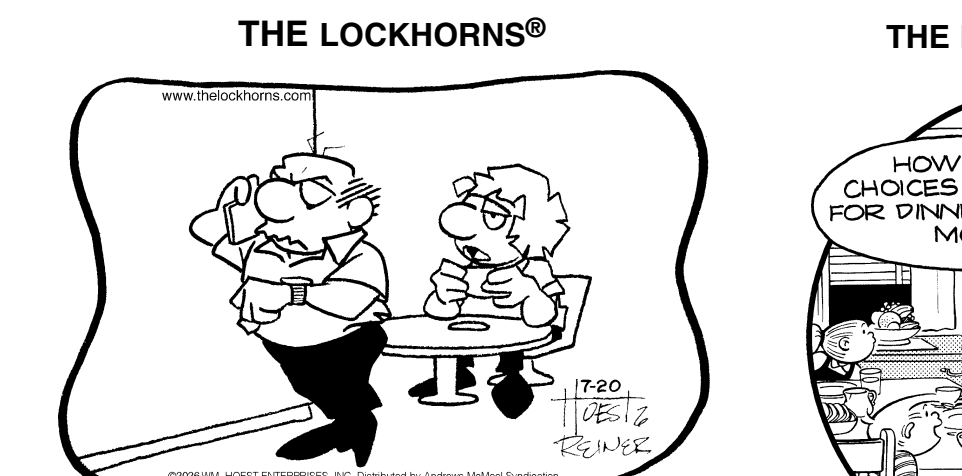
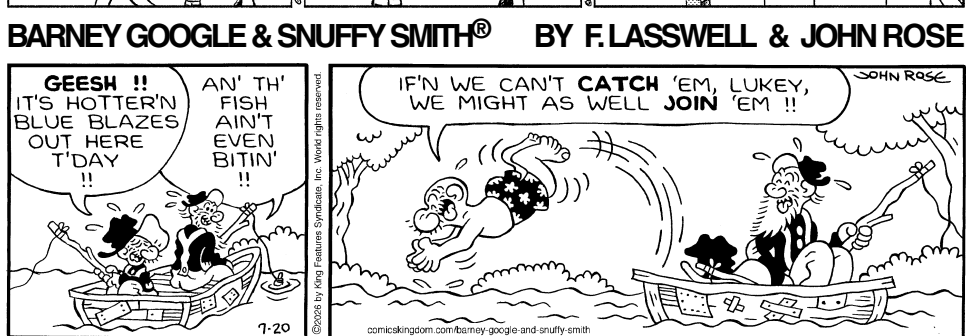
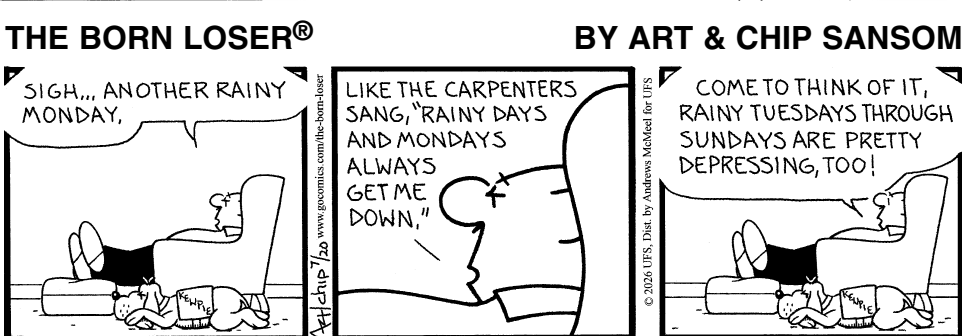
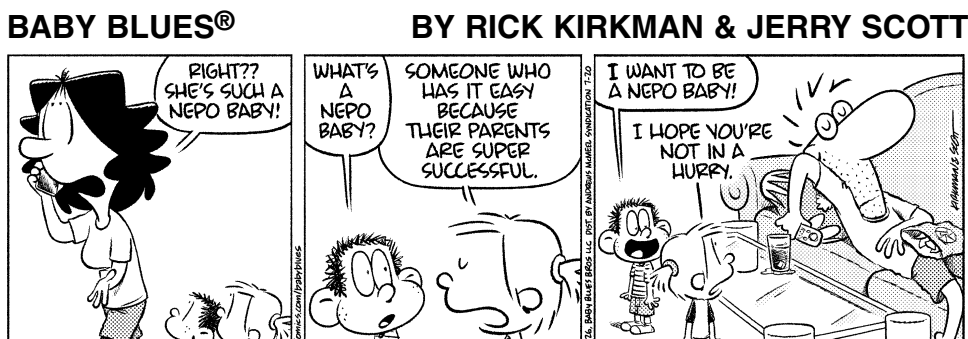
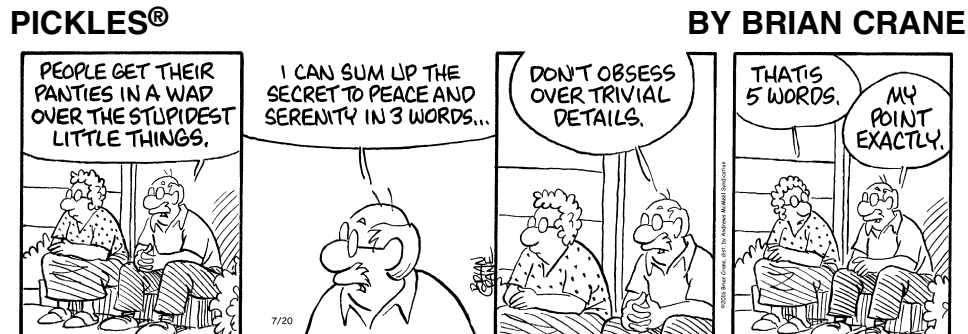
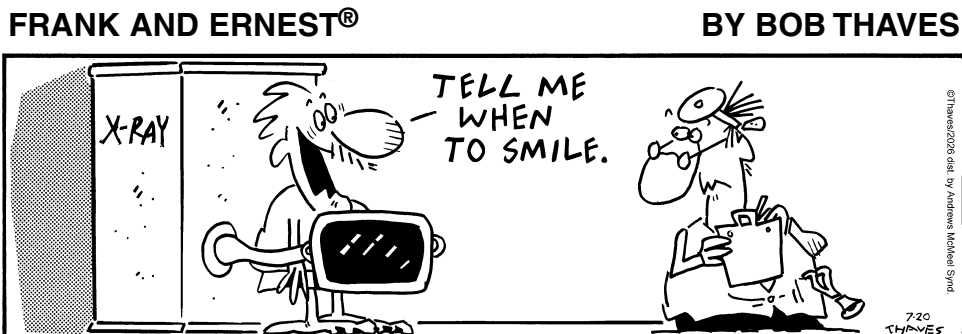
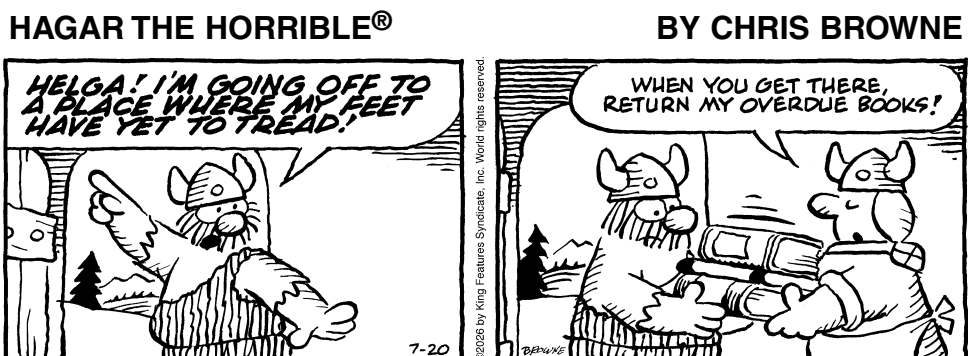
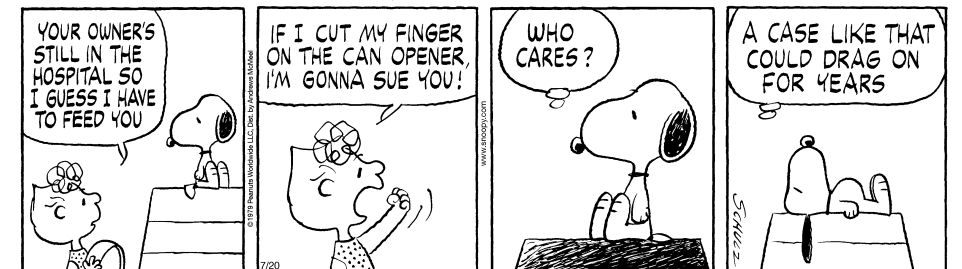




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North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 6 5 3	♥ K 10 7 2	♠ K 10 7 2	♥ K 10 7 2
♦ 8 4 2	♦ 6 5	♦ 8 4 2	♦ 6 5
♣ A 9 8 5 2	♣ K 7	♣ A 9 8 5 2	♣ K 7
♠ K Q	♠ 8 7 6 4 3	♠ K Q	♠ 8 7 6 4 3

WEST		EAST	
♠ Q J 8	♥ K 10 7 2	♠ K 10 7 2	♥ K 10 7 2
♦ K Q 10 9 7	♦ 6 5	♦ K Q 10 9 7	♦ 6 5
♠ 6 4	♠ K 7	♠ 6 4	♠ K 7
♠ 10 9 2	♠ 8 7 6 4 3	♠ 10 9 2	♠ 8 7 6 4 3

SOUTH		WEST	
♠ A 9 4	♥ K 10 7 2	♠ K 10 7 2	♥ K 10 7 2
♦ A J 3	♦ 6 5	♦ K Q 10 9 7	♦ 6 5
♠ Q J 10 3	♠ K 7	♠ 6 4	♠ K 7
♠ A J 5	♠ 8 7 6 4 3	♠ 10 9 2	♠ 8 7 6 4 3

The bidding:
North Pass East Pass South 1♦ West 1♥
3♦ Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — king of hearts.
This fascinating hand appears in "Spotlight on Card Play" by Robert Darvas and Paul Lukacs. West leads the king of hearts, East following suit with the five, and the question is how declarer should proceed so as to give himself the best chance of making three notrump.
Let's first assume that South takes the king with the ace and tries a diamond finesse. East wins and returns a heart, and South goes down one.
Let's next assume that South ducks the king of hearts, playing

the three on it. If West leads another heart, South easily makes four notrump. But if West gives proper weight to his partner's play of the five of hearts — the lowest heart available — he does not lead another heart, realizing South has the A-J.
So West instead shifts to the queen of spades and continues the suit even if declarer ducks the queen and jack. In this case, South also goes down one, eventually losing a heart, three spades and a diamond.
It might therefore seem that declarer is doomed no matter what he does on the first trick, but that is not quite so. In fact, he stands a very good chance of short-circuiting the defense if, at trick one, he plays the jack of hearts on West's king!
West would have to be truly inspired to stop leading hearts after this extraordinary play, since he would naturally assume that South started with the A-J alone. This would be consistent with East holding the 6-5-3 and signaling mildly with the five.
West would almost surely play another heart at trick two to force out the ace. South could then afford to win with the ace and attempt the diamond finesse, guaranteeing the contract whether or not the finesse succeeded.

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

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(Answers tomorrow)

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