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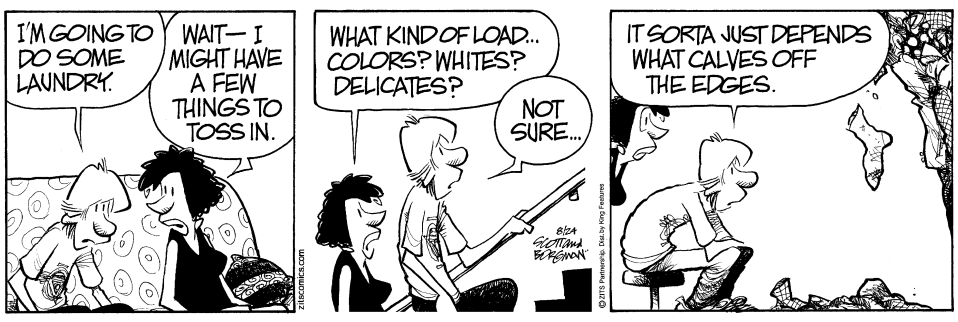

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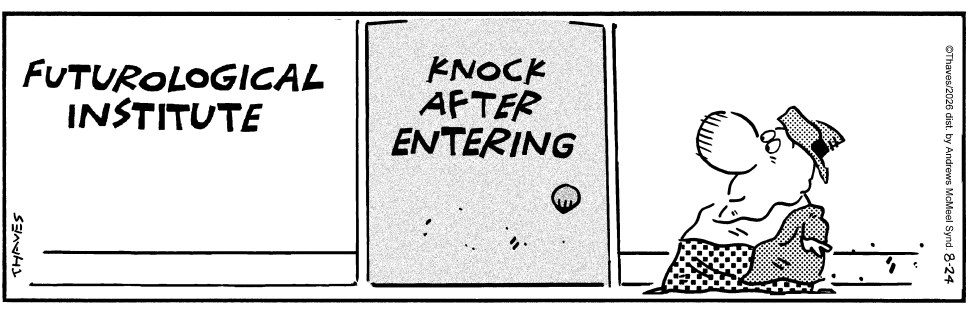

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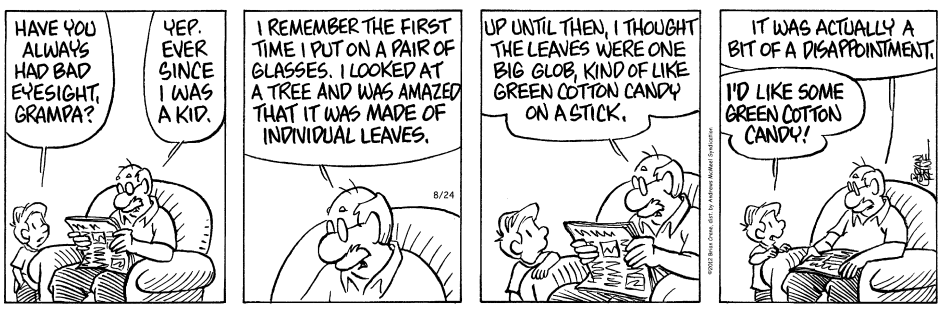

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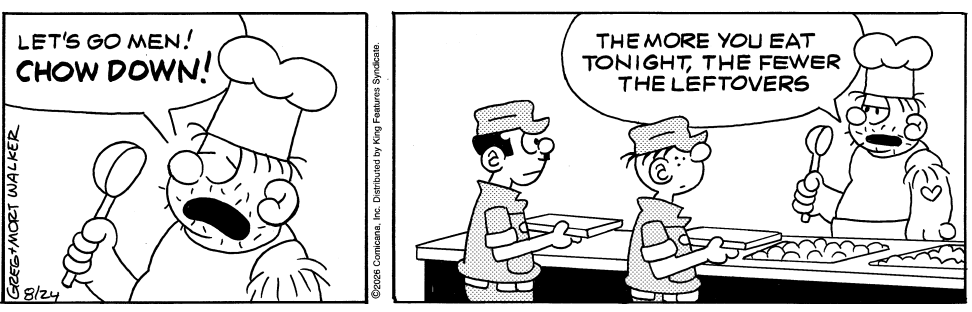

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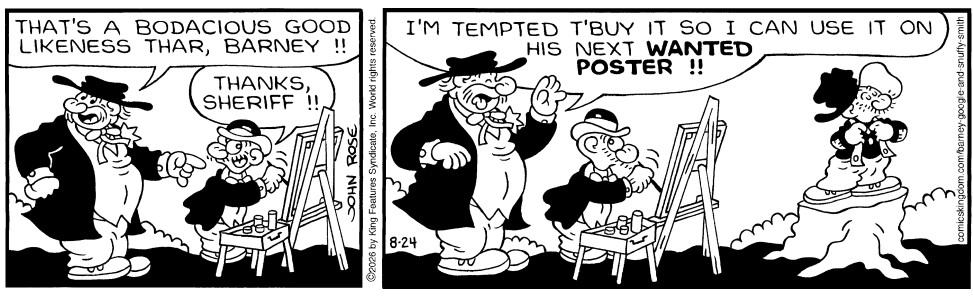

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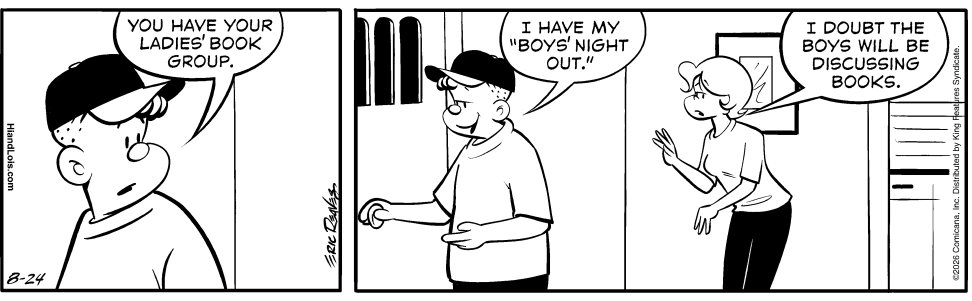

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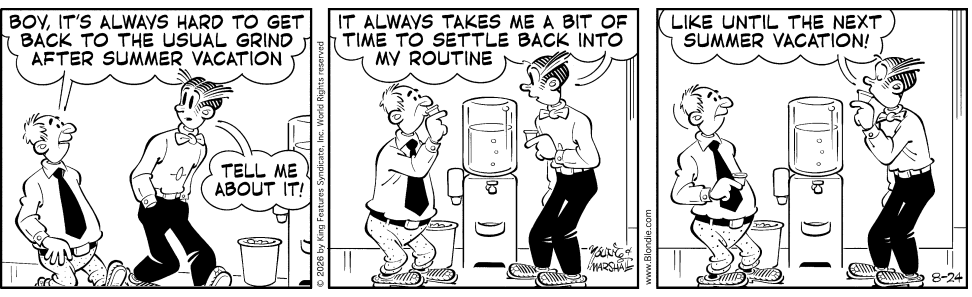

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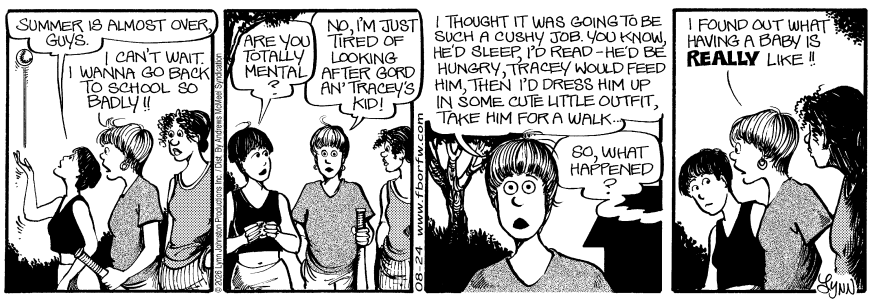

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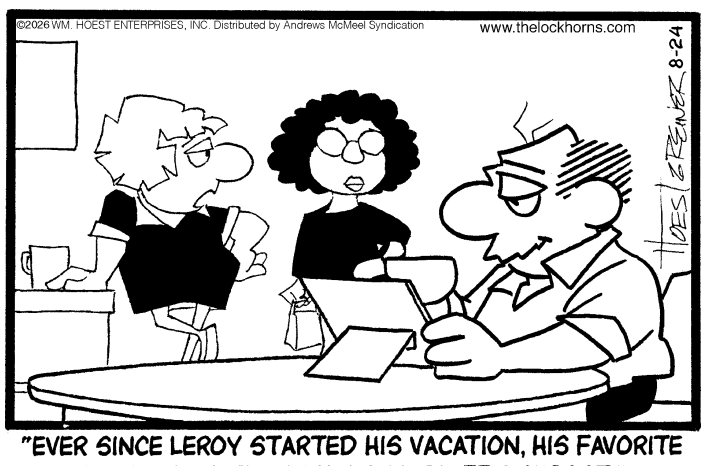
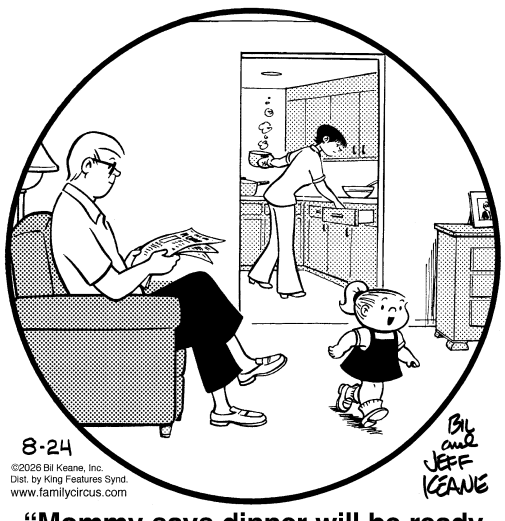


"EVER SINCE LEROY STARTED HIS VACATION, HIS FAVORITE PROGRAM IS THE RUSH HOUR TRAFFIC REPORT."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS®



"Mommy says dinner will be ready in 20 minutes if I help her, 10 minutes if I don't."

REALITY CHECK® Dave Whamond

BRIDGE® BY STEVE BECKER

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K Q 8 6
♥ A J 4
♦ 10 8
♣ J 9 8 5

WEST
♠ J 10 9 5 3 2
♥ 10 8
♦ K Q 9
♣ 10 7

EAST
♠ A 7 4
♥ Q 9 7 6
♦ J 7 6 5 4
♣ 6

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ K 5 3 2
♦ A 3 2
♣ A K Q 4 3 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♣	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦	Dble
Pass	Pass	Redble	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
6 ♣			

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

This deal occurred in the 2002 Cavendish Invitational, at one time perhaps the most prestigious pairs contest on the annual bridge calendar. The three-day event, which originated at New York's Cavendish Club but then moved to Las Vegas, generated more than $1 million in prizes for the top finishers among the 60 pairs.

Italians Guido Ferraro and Giorgio Duboin reached six clubs after a lengthy sequence that involved several cuebids and a Roman Key-card Blackwood inquiry that disclosed three key cards (here, two aces and the king of clubs) in Duboin's hand.

West, Sidney Lazard, led the diamond king, taken by Duboin with the ace. After the diamond lead, the contract would seem to depend on a successful finesse against West for the queen of hearts — a 50% proposition. Most players would probably have settled for this chance and gone down one as the cards lie, but you don't get to be a world champion, as Duboin is, by settling for the obvious line of play. He spotted another possibility that would cost him nothing to try.

So at trick two he cashed the club ace, then led a club to the jack and returned a low spade toward his hand. This subjected East, Bart Bramley, to a difficult guess. Was declarer trying to steal a trick with the singleton jack of spades, or was he void and trying to lure Bramley into putting up the ace?

Bramley thought long and hard and eventually played the ace. Duboin ruffed, returned to dummy with a trump, discarded both of his diamonds on the K-Q of spades and later lost a heart to the queen to make exactly six. Making the slam was worth 228 IMPs, a huge score after comparison with the results at the 29 other tables.

Tomorrow: The magic number 13.

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Answer: Selling more bikes than ever, the dealer invested in additional — "WHEEL" ESTATE