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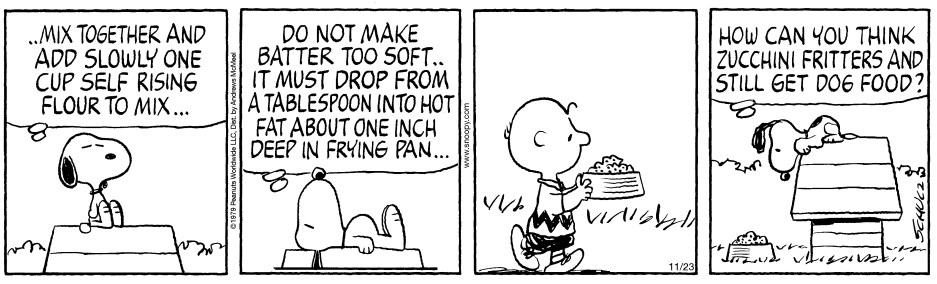

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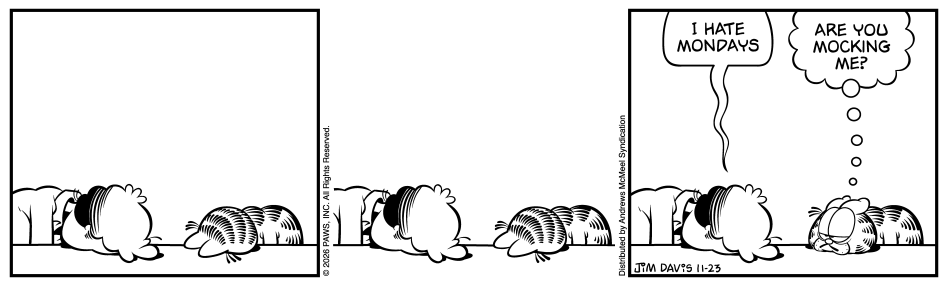

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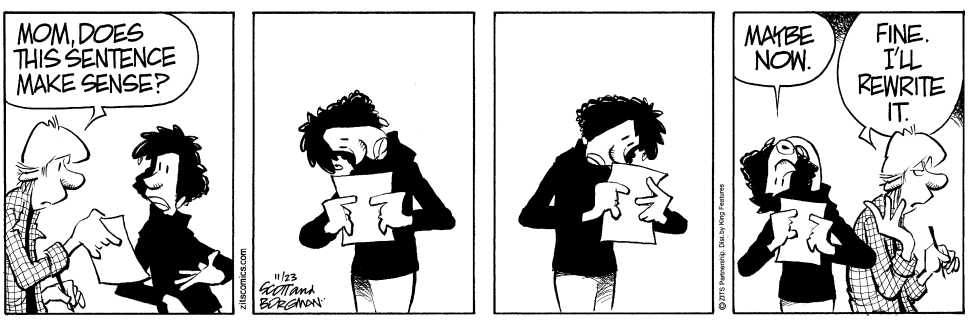

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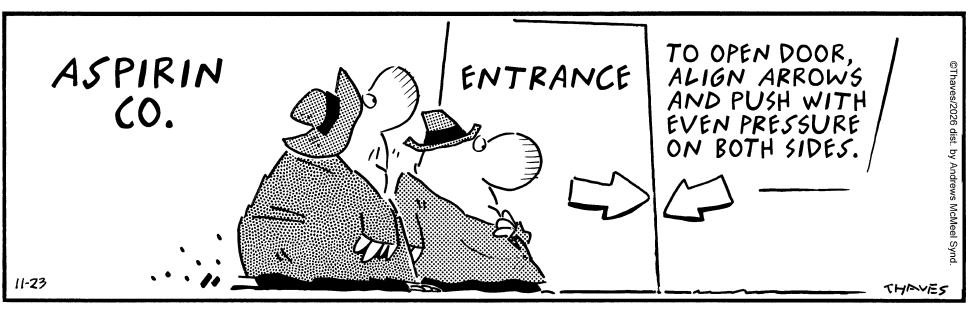

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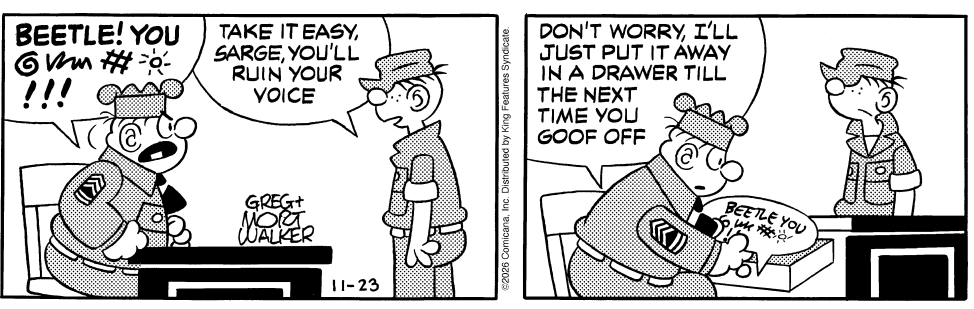

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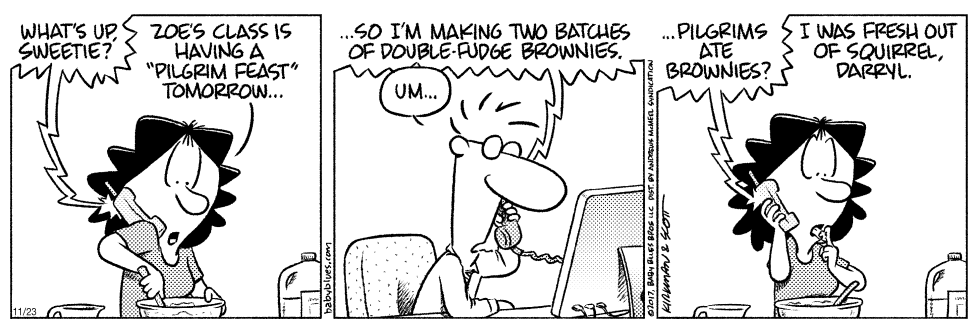

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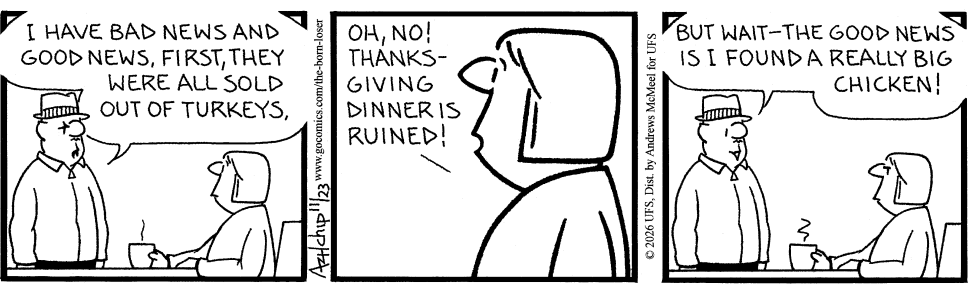

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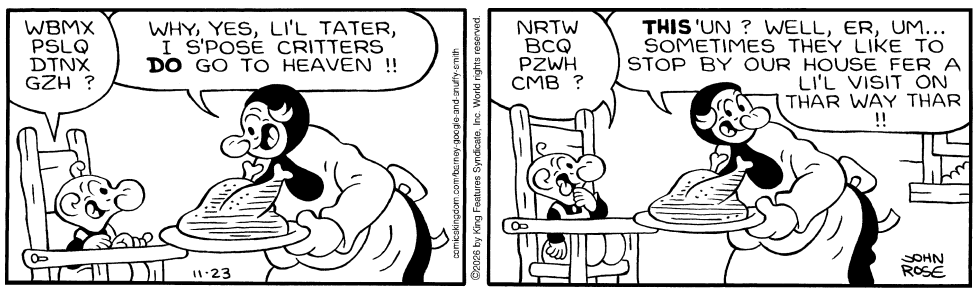

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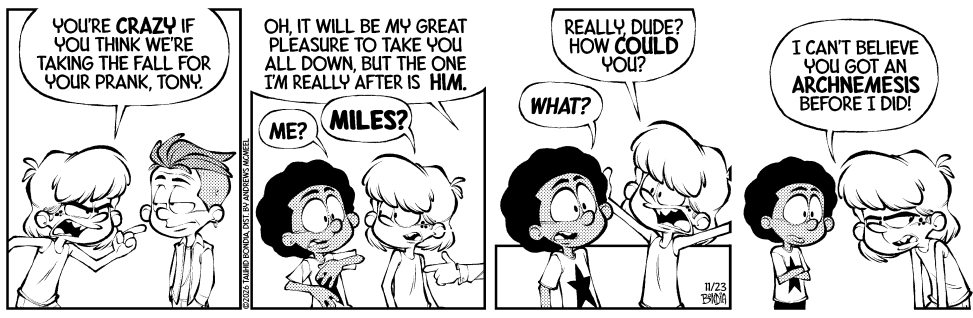

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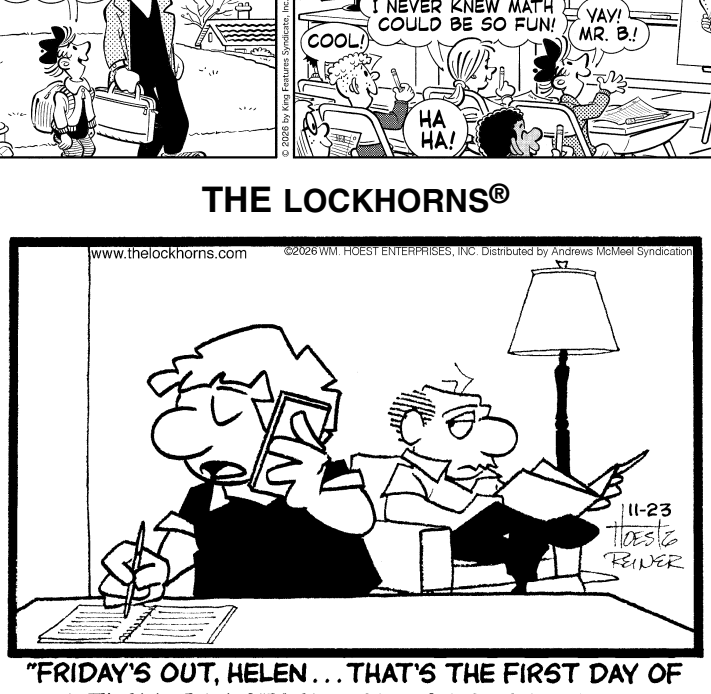
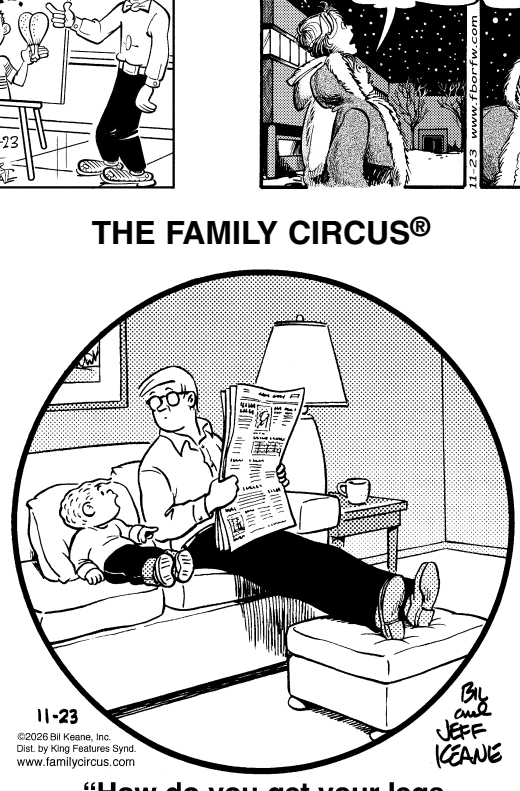


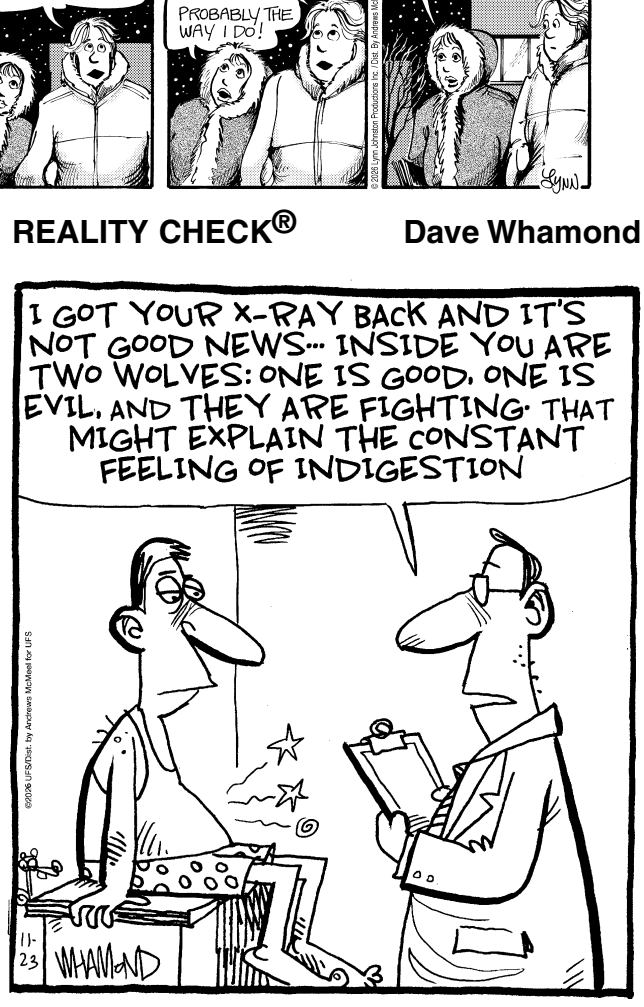
"FRIDAY'S OUT, HELEN . . . THAT'S THE FIRST DAY OF A THREE-DAY STOREWIDE LIQUIDATION SALE."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS® BY BIL & JEFF KEANE



"How do you get your legs to stretch so far?"

REALITY CHECK® Dave Whamond



BRIDGE® BY STEVE BECKER

Famous Hand

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K Q 5
♥ K Q 8 7 2
♦ K 2
♣ A Q 4

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

SOUTH
♠ A 10 4
♥ A 6 5
♦ A Q 5 3
♣ K 9 8

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	7 NT

Opening lead — six of clubs.

Anyone who's played the game long enough has learned from experience that occasionally even the most hopeless-looking situations can be salvaged.

One critical factor in such successes lies in declarer's willingness, when the outlook seems bleak, to start visualizing hands the defenders might have that would render the impossible possible.

Consider the present deal from the 1980 World Team Olympiad match between Canada and Israel. South was Eric Murray of Toronto, who arrived at seven notrump after having denied four cards of either major.

West led the six of clubs (top of nothing), taken by Murray with the king. Had the hearts been divided 3-2, the grand slam would have been laydown. But when the A-K of hearts were cashed, East discarded a spade, leaving Murray with only 12 sure tricks.

Many declarers might have folded their tents at this point, but not the unflappable Murray. He saw two ways he might still make the contract. First, if West had four diamonds, he would be squeezed when the black-suit winners were cashed. Second, East might be coaxed into making a discarding error.

Accordingly, Murray next cashed the A-K-Q of spades — the suit in which he was known not to hold four cards. East parted with a diamond on the third spade, but when the heart queen was next played, East had to guess whether to discard a club or a diamond. After long thought, East opted to part with a diamond, and Murray's five of diamonds became his 13th trick.

Seven notrump was also reached at the other table, but here the Israeli declarer cashed his clubs before his spades. This clarified the club situation for East, who held onto four diamonds to defeat the slam.

Tomorrow: Reward for good behavior.

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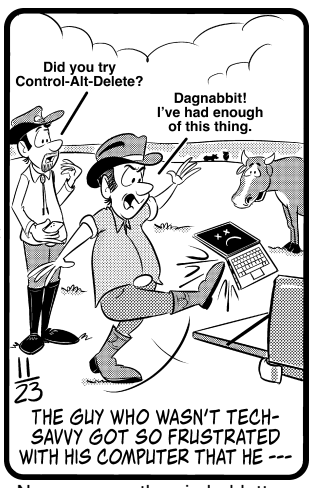

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: _____ _____ _____ (Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: CLOCK FAINT HAIRDO DREDGE
Answer: He was able to shoot par even though he was in the rough because of — A GOOD LIE

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