



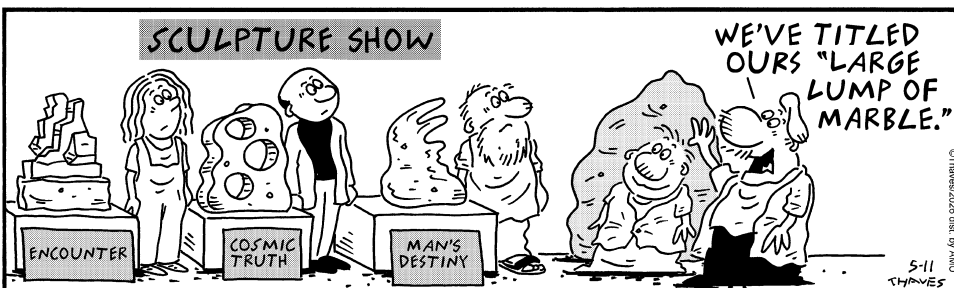
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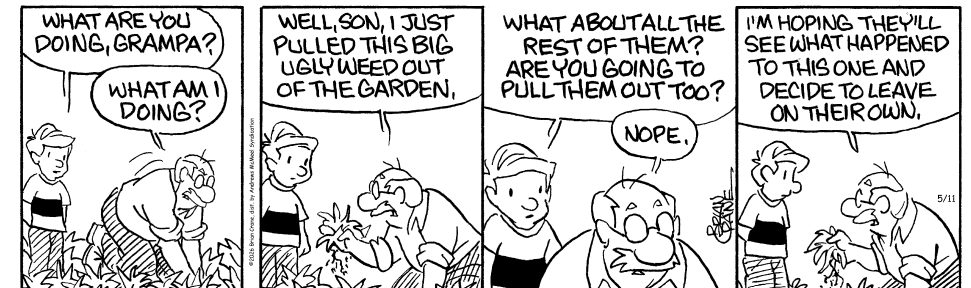
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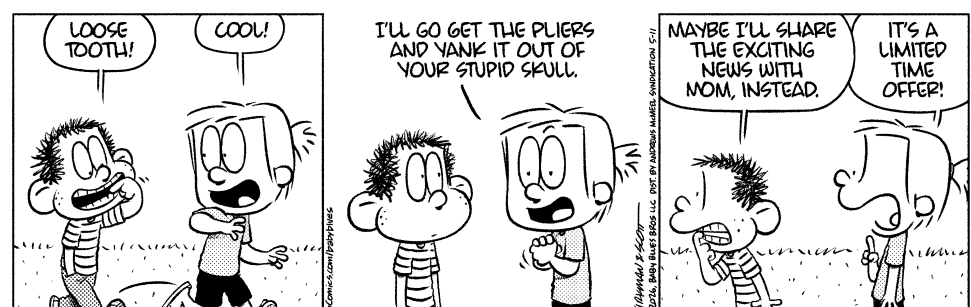
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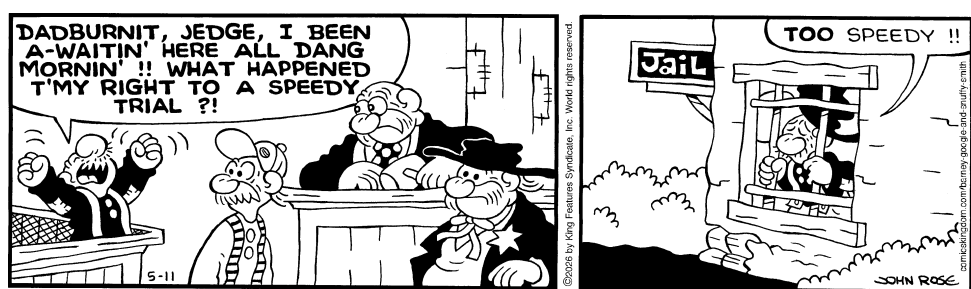
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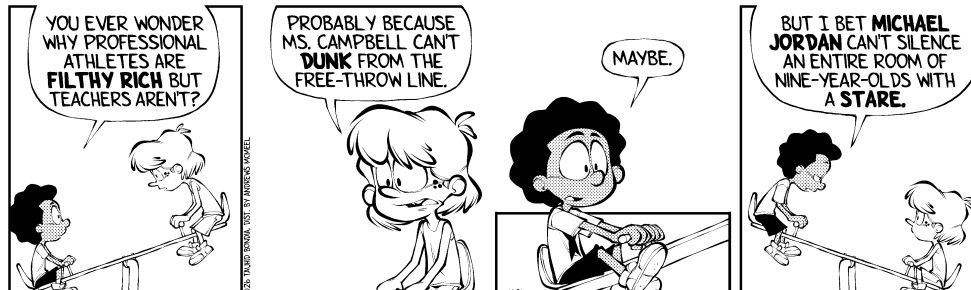
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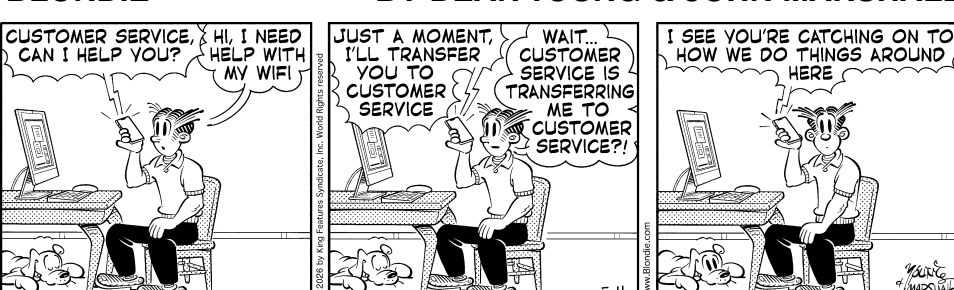
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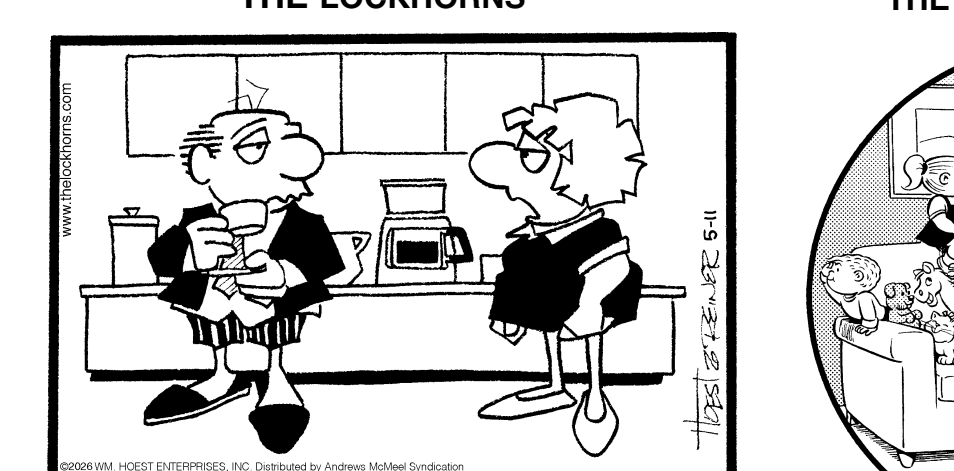
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South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K Q 8 5
♥ 9 3 2
♦ 9 7 3
♣ J 4 3

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

EAST
♠ 6 4 3
♥ A 10 5
♦ A 10
♣ Q 10 7 6 5

SOUTH
♠ A 9
♥ J 8 7 4
♦ K Q 6 5 4
♣ 9 2

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass 1 ♣ Pass 3 ♣
3 ♦ Pass Pass 3 NT
Pass Pass 4 ♦ Pass
Pass Dble
Opening lead — king of clubs.

bled as shown. West (Billy Eisenberg, playing with Eddie Kantar, led the king of clubs and shifted to the K-Q and another heart. Kantar took the ace and returned a club to Eisenberg's ace, and Belladonna ruffed the next club lead.

Declarer now led the spade nine to the queen and played a low trump from dummy. Kantar went up with the ace and returned a fourth round of clubs, creating a trump trick for Eisenberg that put the contract down four — 700 points (800 in today's scoring).

This should have resulted in only a small loss for Italy — Kantar would have scored 600 or 630 points at three notrump — but the Italian East-West pair at the second table wound up in only a partscore when the bidding went:

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

West's opening one-spade bid with such a terribly weak suit — shocking by American standards — was an integral part of the Italian bidding system. On this occasion, though, it caused them to miss an excellent three-notrump contract.

West finished with eight tricks to score 110 points, but Italy suffered a net loss of 590 on the deal. This cost them 11 IMPs, which was more than the margin by which the U.S. won the championship.

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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Nurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TYIKT
EPSTW
TOCNOT
OLSLYW

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

Ans. here: " " - " " - " " (Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: HONOR GUEST TEMPER USEFUL
Answer: They traveled between the Mediterranean and the Baltic visiting sites — FROM "SEE" TO "SEE"