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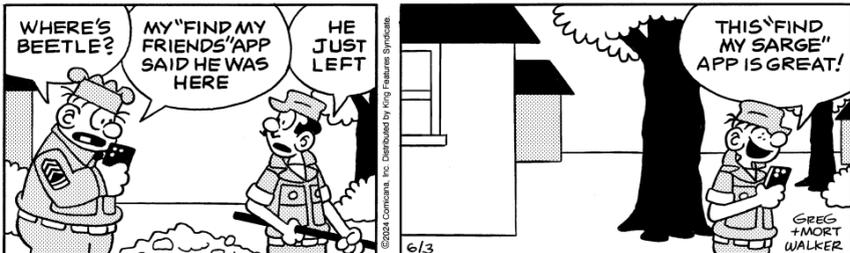
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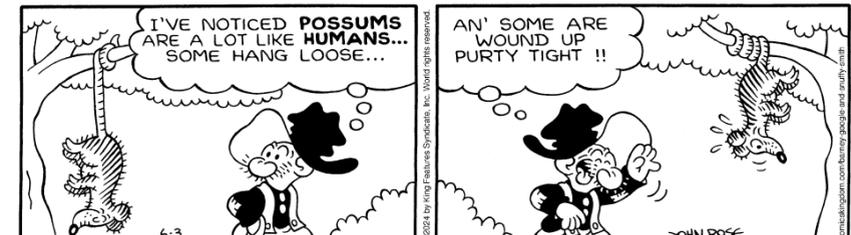
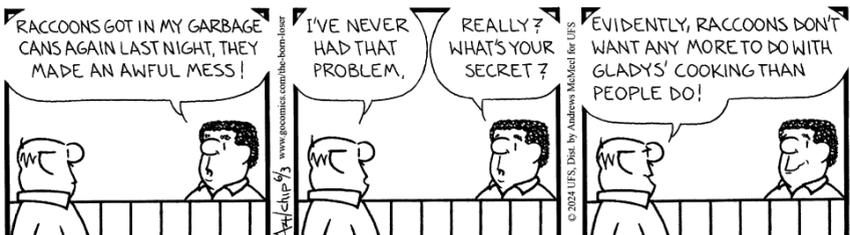
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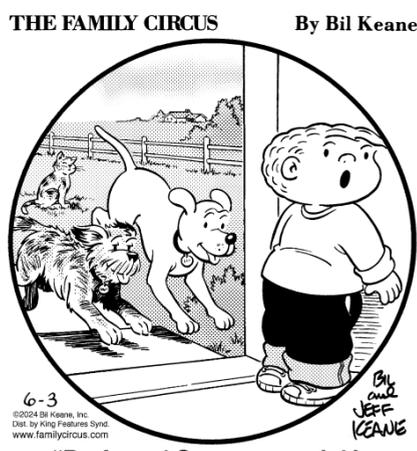
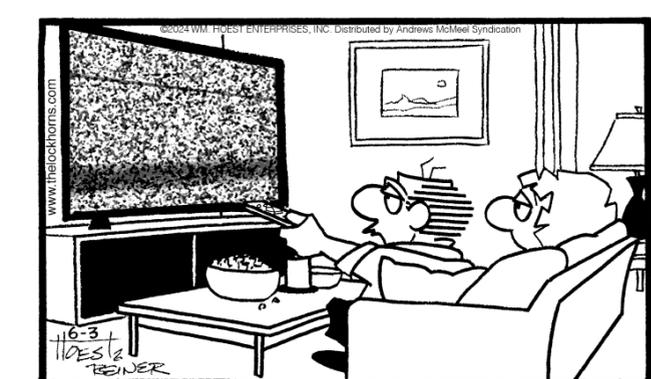


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“Barfy and Sam are comin’ in and Kittycat is thinkin’ about it.”

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

WEST
 ♠ J 9
 ♥ K Q 7 3
 ♦ K Q J 8 7 6 5
 ♣ —

EAST
 ♠ 6 3
 ♥ J 10 5 4
 ♦ A 10
 ♣ A 7 6 5 2

SOUTH
 ♠ Q 10 8 7 5 2
 ♥ A 8 2
 ♦ 3
 ♣ J 4 3

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

Opening lead — three of hearts.
 This deal occurred in the 1991 world team championship final between Iceland and Poland. The bidding shown took place when the Polish pair of Adam Zmudzinski and Cezary Balicki held the North-South cards.

The bidding requires explanation. The Polish pair were using a system wherein an opening one-diamond bid indicates zero to seven points, which explains South's initial bid. West's two-heart overcall, by agreement, showed specifically four hearts and at least six diamonds. After East jumped to four hearts,

Balicki came in with a daring four-spade bid at adverse vulnerability. West, Jon Baldursson, led a low heart from the K-Q-7-3, hoping his partner could win the trick and give him a club ruff. East, Adalsteinn Jorgensen, played the ten, and declarer let the ten hold. He was planning to win the expected heart return and ruff a heart in dummy before drawing trump.

The play to the first trick was not lost on Jorgensen. Since declarer had not taken the ten with the king or queen, West had to have both of those cards. All Jorgensen had to do was to work out why Baldursson had not made the normal lead of the king.

With five clubs in his own hand and five in dummy, Jorgensen had no trouble finding the answer. He cashed the club ace, gave his partner a club ruff, won West's diamond return and gave West another club ruff. Down two, 500 points to Iceland. Of course, had Balicki won the opening trick and drawn trump, he would have made his contract for a gain of 790 points.

At the other table, the Polish East-West wound up in five diamonds doubled, down one, an excellent result considering North-South could make four spades. As it was, though, Iceland gained 100 points at one table and 500 at the other for a 12-IMP pickup on the deal.

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PGYUP
 SIOTJ
 SUWNIE
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 Saturday's Jumbles: GABBY LEAVE UNSURE MANAGE
 Answer: The panda couple broke up after realizing that living together was becoming — UNBEARABLE