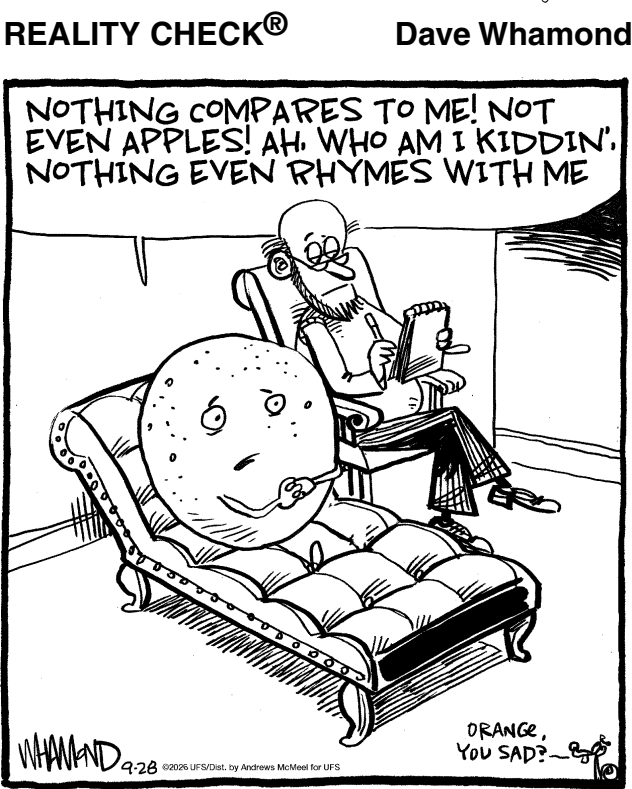
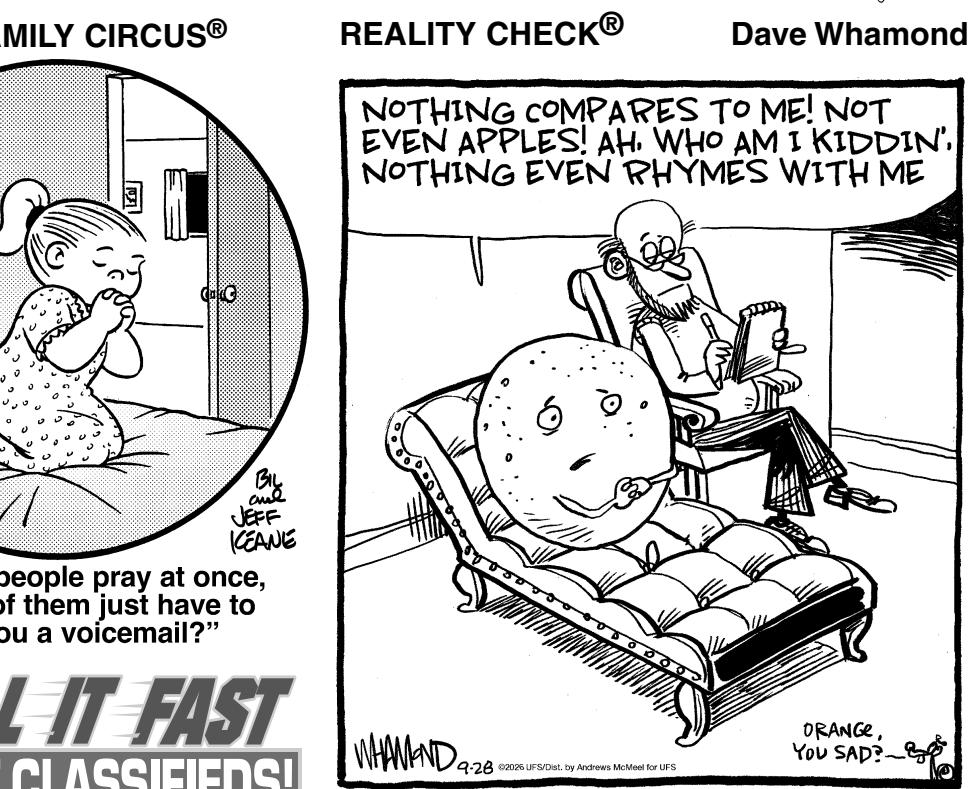
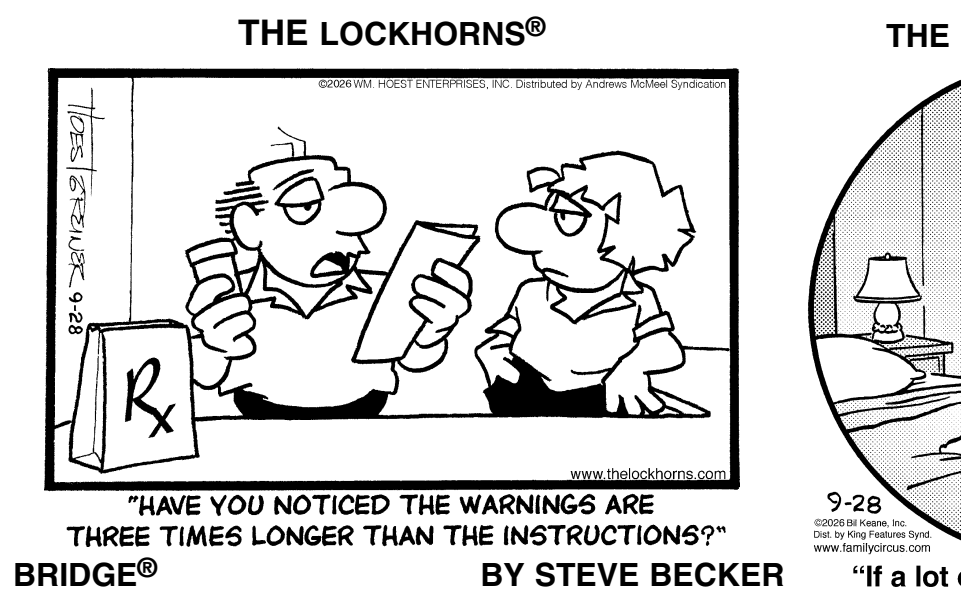
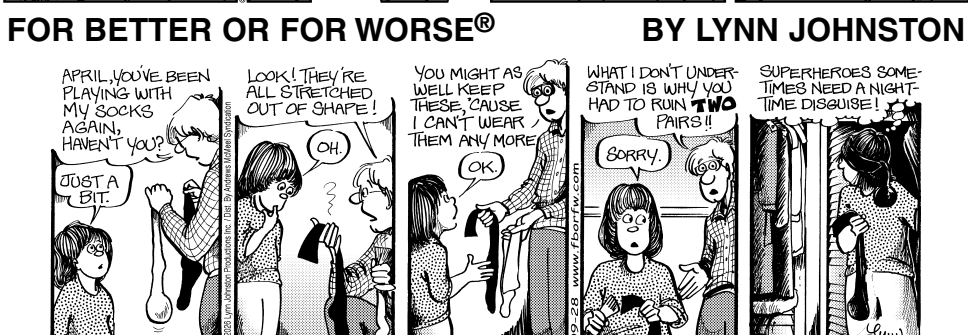
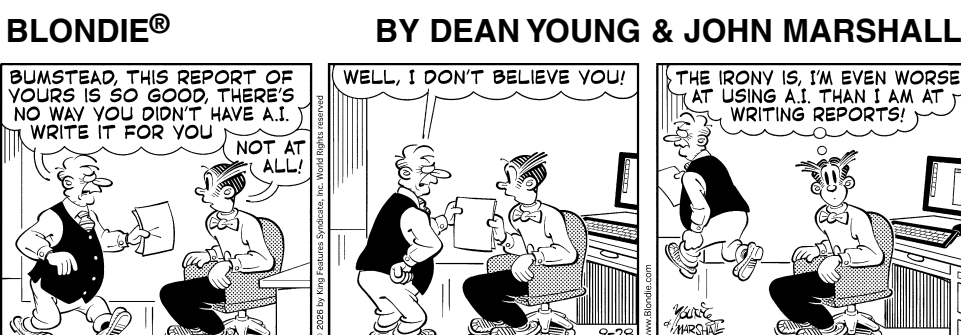
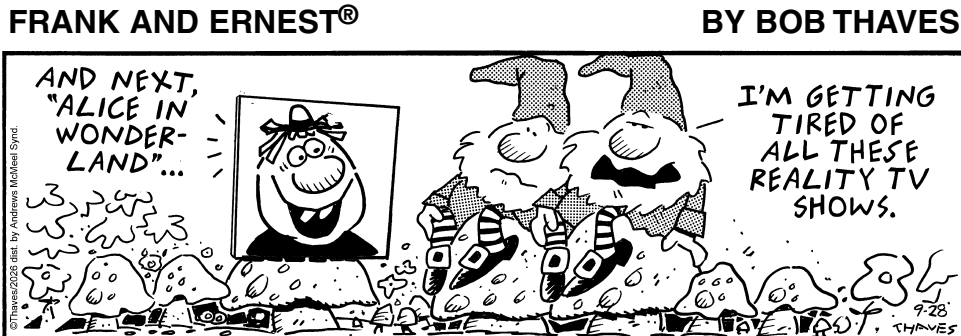




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North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A K 10 9 7 3
♥ 10 6 5
♦ A K 10
♣ 3

SOUTH

♠ Q 5
♥ A K Q 8 3
♦ Q 5 2
♣ K 5 2

WEST

♠ J 8 6 2
♥ 9
♦ J 9 8 7
♣ A 9 6 4

EAST

♠ 4
♥ J 7 4 2
♦ 6 4 3
♣ Q J 10 8 7

The bidding:
North East South West
1 Pass 2♥ Pass
3♦ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥ Pass 4 NT Pass
5♥ Pass 6 NT
Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

This hand was played in South Africa in 1982 by Sami Kehela of Toronto. The renowned Canadian star reached six trump as shown, and West led a diamond.

Kehela won with dummy's king, led a heart to the ace and continued with the king, unblocking dummy's ten after West discarded a club.

Declarer next led a diamond to the ace, finessed the eight of hearts and cashed two more hearts, West discarding another club and two

diamonds. For reasons that at the time mystified the large audience present, Kehela discarded two spades from dummy on his Q-3 of hearts instead of a club and a spade.

Kehela then cashed the diamond queen, West discarding the nine of clubs, to produce this position:

North

♠ A K 10 9
♣ 3

West

♠ J 8 6 2
♣ A

East

♠ 4
♣ Q J 10 8

South

♠ Q 5
♣ K 5 2

The partisan South African audience heaved a collective sigh of relief when Kehela cashed the queen of spades and continued with a spade to the king (instead of finessing the ten).

But their joy was short-lived. When Kehela next led dummy's club to his king, poor West found himself on lead with the ace of clubs and forced to return a spade from his J-8 to dummy's A-10.

Thus Kehela brought home the slam, at the same time solving the mystery of why he had retained dummy's three of clubs. And in true sporting fashion, the South African audience enthusiastically applauded Kehela's masterful display of technical proficiency.

Tomorrow: It works like a charm.

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