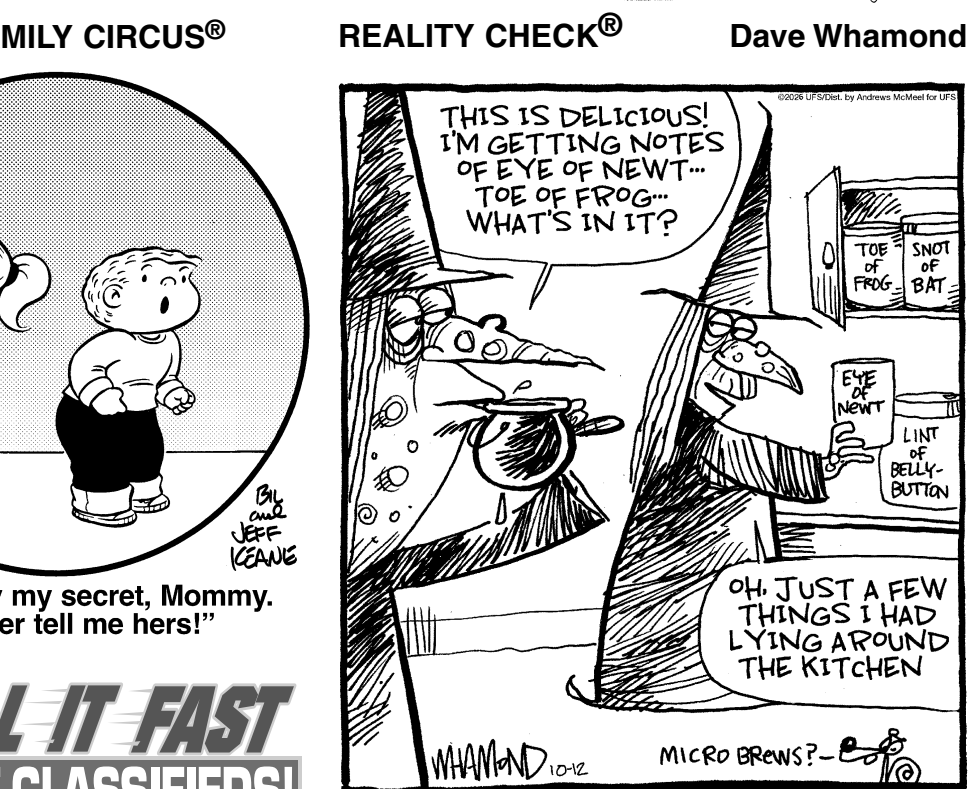
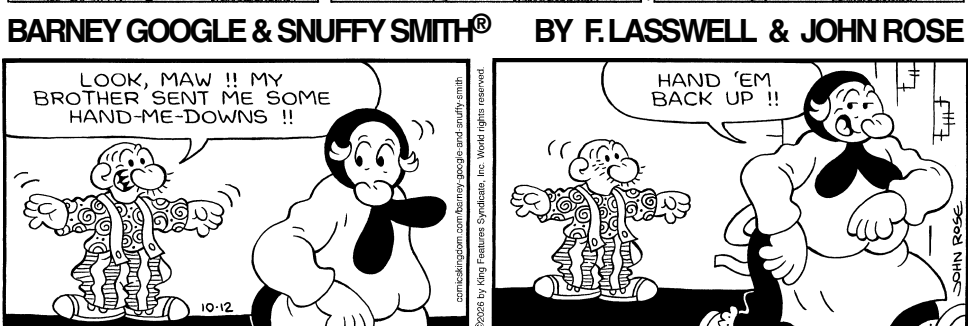
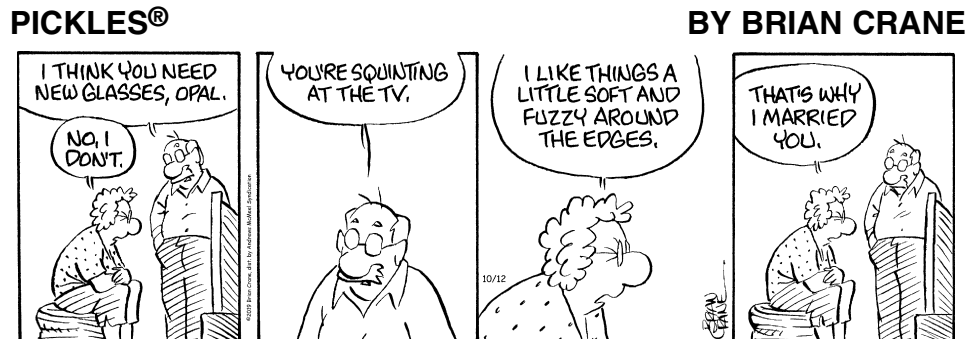
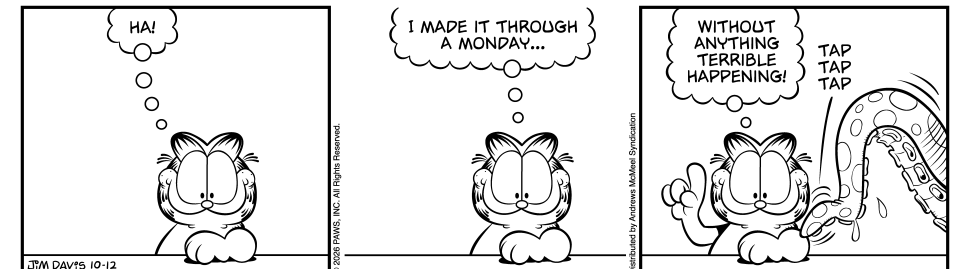
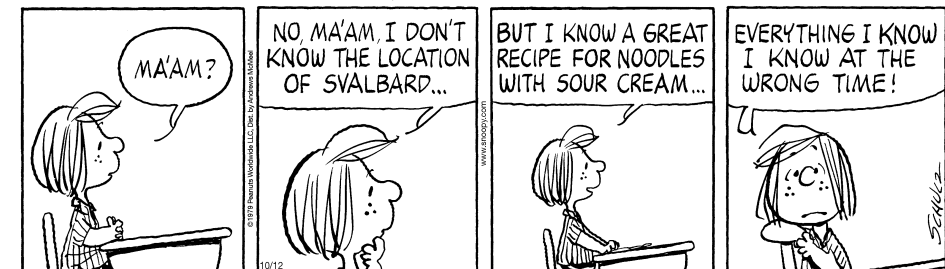




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West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A J 10 7 6

♥ A K 7

♦ A J 3

♣ A Q

EAST

♠ Q 9 8 5 4

♥ 6 3

♦ 6 5 4

♣ K 10 9

SOUTH

♠ 3 2

♥ J 8 4 2

♦ —

♣ J 8 7 5 4 3 2

West

1 ♦

2 ♦

Pass

North

Dble

Dble

6 ♣

East

1 ♠

Pass

Dble

South Pass 4 ♣

Opening lead — king of diamonds.
This deal occurred during the 1984 World Team Olympiad in the round-robin match between Brazil and Poland, which went on to win the title.

The Polish declarer, Tomasz Przybora, got to six clubs doubled as shown. It might seem that he should have lost a club and a heart to go down one, but he managed the play brilliantly and wound up making the slam.

The Brazilian West led the king of diamonds, ruffed by declarer.

Przybora then finessed the queen of clubs, losing to the king. East returned a heart, West's nine forcing dummy's ace.

Declarer cashed the ace of diamonds, discarding a spade, and then played the ace of spades, on which West produced the king. Analyzing the situation perfectly, Przybora continued with the jack of spades and discarded a heart after East followed low. (The outcome would have been the same had East covered the jack with the queen.)

Next came the club ace, followed by a spade ruff and two further rounds of trump, producing this deadly position:

West

♥ Q 10

♦ Q

East

Immaterial

South

♥ J 8

♣ 8

When Przybora now led the club eight, West found himself at the end of his rope. If he parted with a diamond, dummy would discard a heart, and if he parted with a heart, dummy would discard a diamond. Either way, declarer could not be stopped from scoring the last three tricks and the slam.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: GIZMO FLING PHOTON ANYWAY
Answer: The old dog just couldn't finish chewing the whole bone, and it was — GNAWING AT HIM