

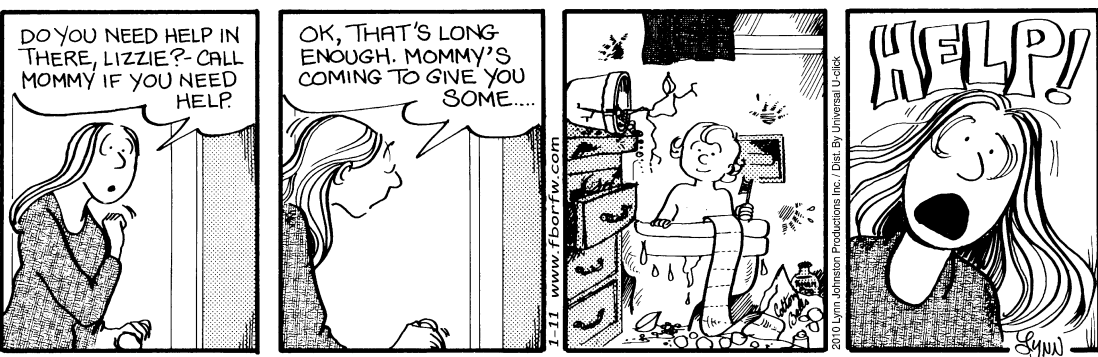
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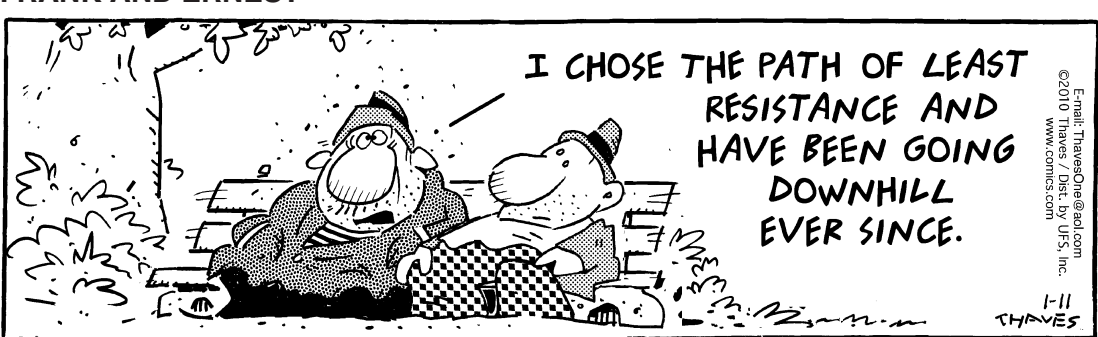
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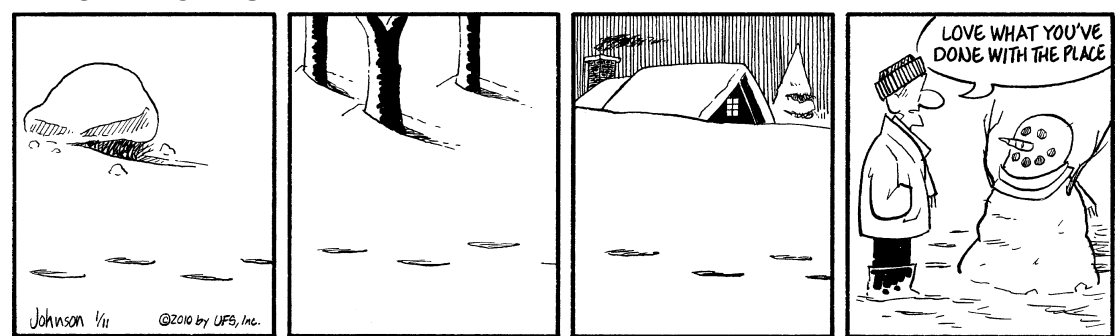
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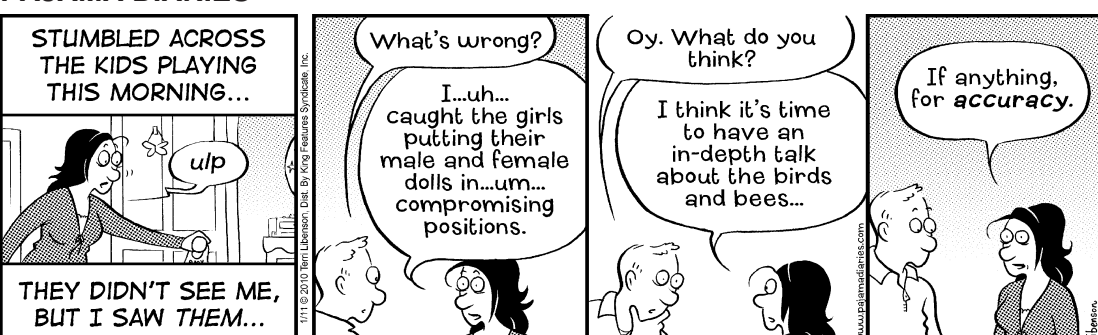
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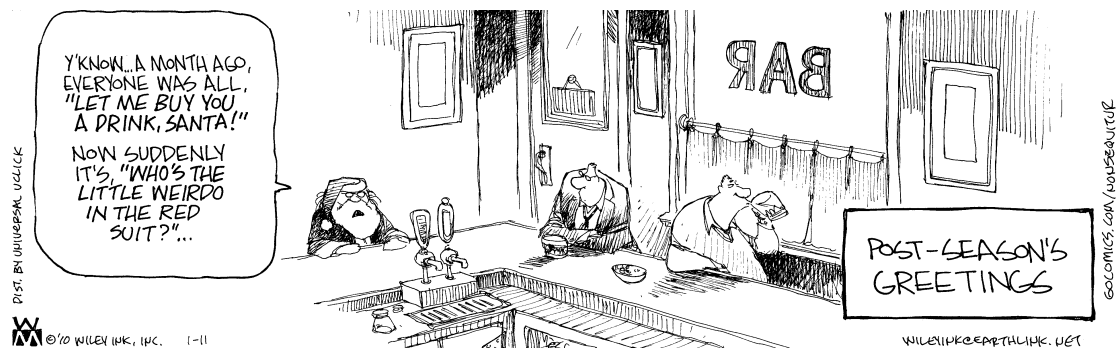
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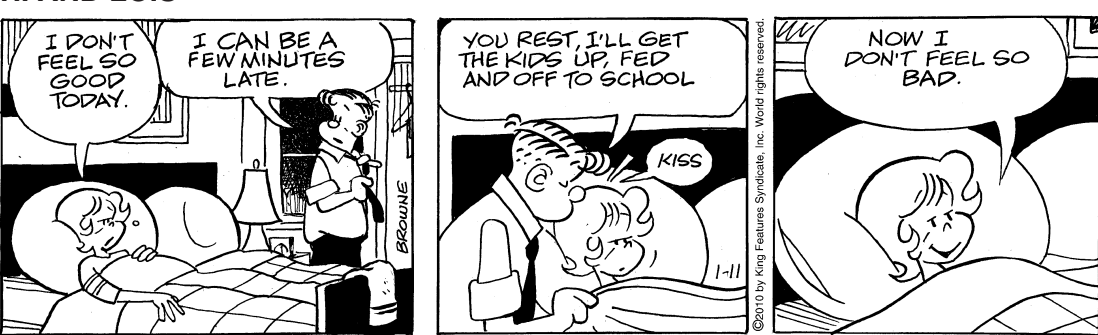
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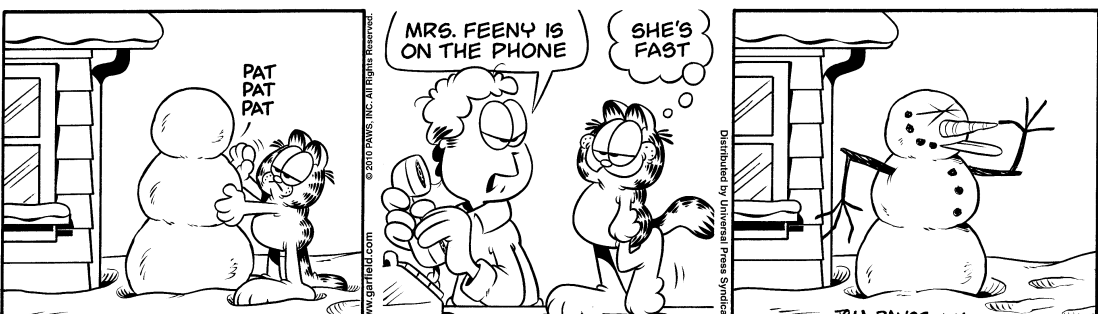
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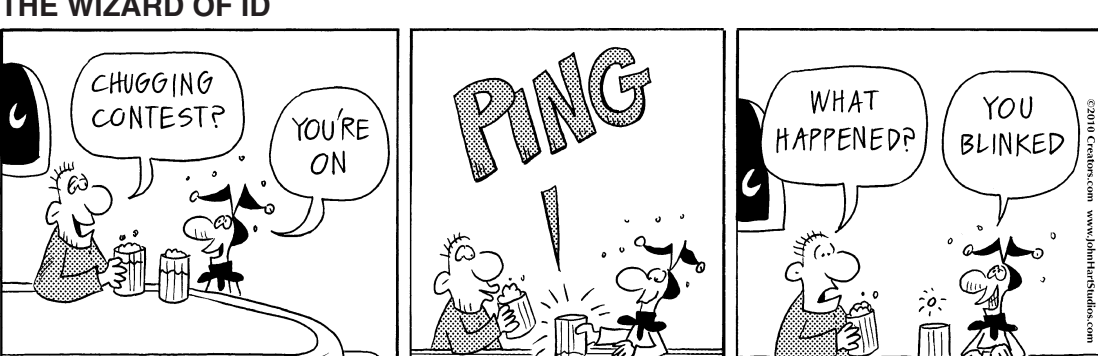
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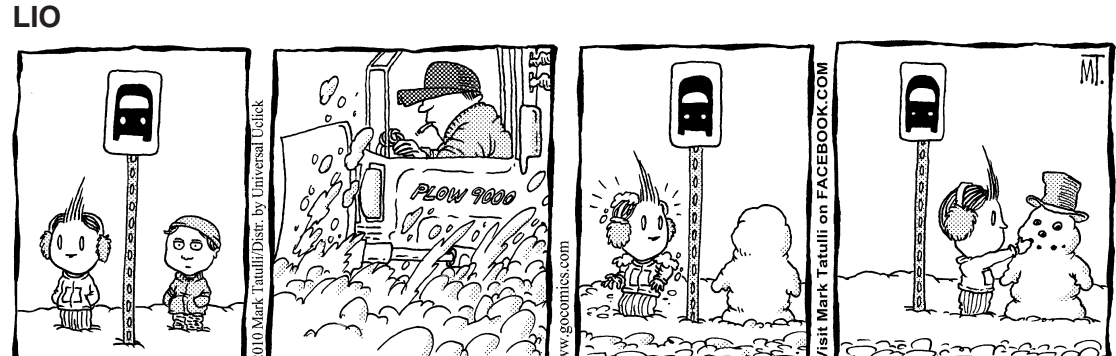
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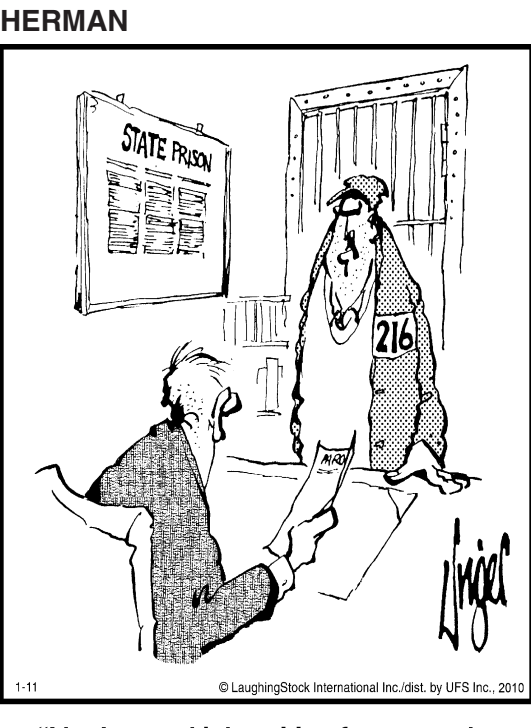
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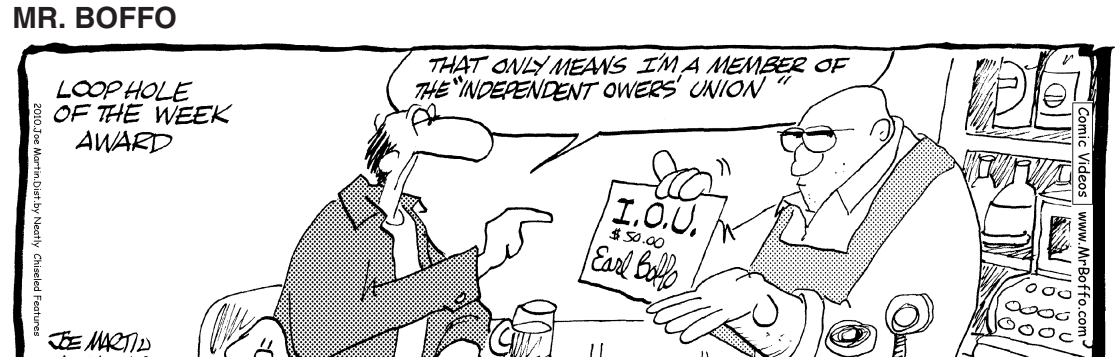
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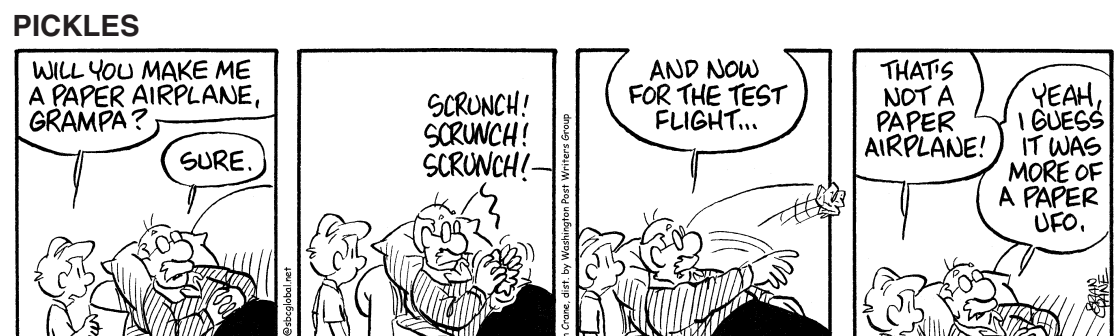
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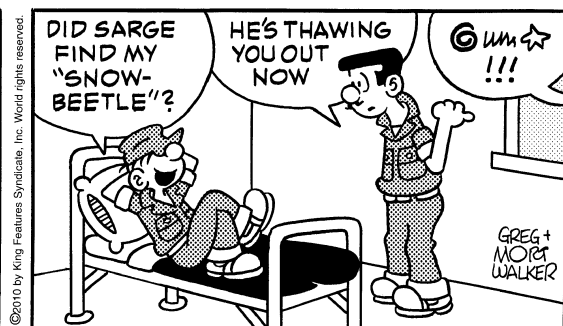
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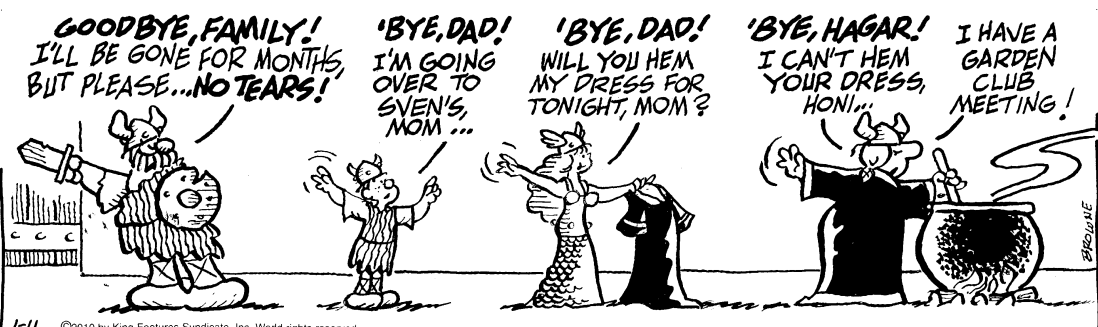
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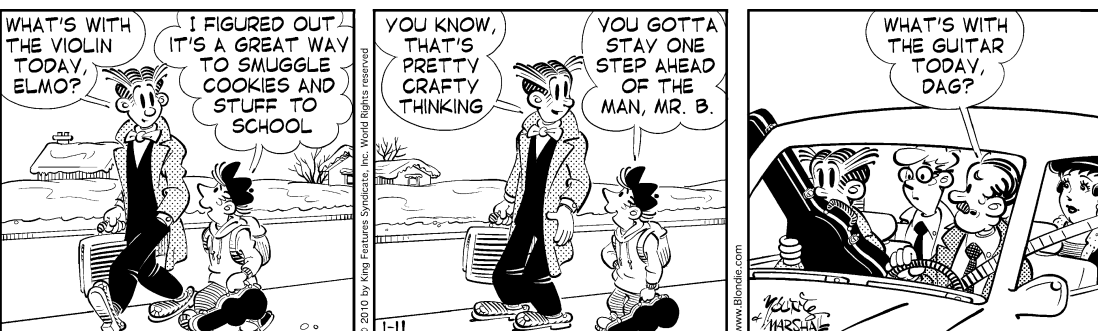
BEETLE BAILEY



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



BLONDIE



LOLA



SHOE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



Astrograph/Jan. 11

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — That quick-study mind of yours will instinctively understand your companions' successful ideas and concepts and know how to put them to work in positive ways.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — The smartest thing to do is to let your heart rule your head, especially with regard to someone who did you a big favor recently. You'll feel great about balancing the account.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Conditions in general are better than usual. This will be especially true in situations where you are working in conjunction with another.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A job close to your heart can be achieved if you provide your full attention without rushing your effort.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A departure from the usual modus operandi is likely to take place when in the company of friends, and a more amicable attitude will replace it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Because both you and a cohort will focus on the same objective, your collective endeavor will prove to be promising. On your own, you are both good; together, you're spectacular.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Even though you may be sold on your ideas, if an intelligent associate expresses what you consider to be a better concept, don't hesitate to change your game plan.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — This could be one of those fortunate days when Lady Luck could put you in the right spot at the right time to benefit from something

that another has already put in motion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Even though this is the start of another workweek, Cupid could have something special in mind. Don't be surprised if some arrows are shot at your heart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — This day could be one of celebration when you identify a positive outcome to an important development. Let your hair down, and enjoy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Because you know how to let your hair down and have fun, you'll have a positive effect on all your companions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — To your delight, you may discover a positive consistency to the way you handle your finances. Celebrate by doing more of the same.

Daily Bridge/If not simple, then with a jump

BY PHILLIP ALDER

A month ago we looked at simple overcalls in a suit. But what does it mean if you make a single jump overcall in a suit? In the old days, say 50 years ago, it showed a powerhouse hand with a good six-card or longer suit and perhaps 17-19 high-card points. It came up about once every 50 years! Now, the weak jump overcall rules the roost. Surprisingly, it was invented by Oswald Jacoby in the 1930s, predating the weak two-bid by nearly 30 years. But each hand is the same: a decent six-card suit and some 6-10 high-card points. How does the advancer — the intervenor's partner — react? For example, in this deal, what should South do after one heart — three clubs — pass? The advancer assesses the

North 01-11-10			
♠	5 2		
♥	6 4		
♦	Q J 10		
♣	K Q 10 9 8 7		
West			
♠	K Q 6		
♥	Q J 7 5 2		
♦	A 9 7 6 2		
♣	—		
East			
♠	9 8 7 3		
♥	9 8		
♦	4 3		
♣	A 6 5 3 2		
South			
♠	A J 10 4		
♥	A K 10 3		
♦	K 8 5		
♣	J 4		
Dealer: West			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
??	1 ♥	3 ♣	Pass
Opening lead: ♦ 6			

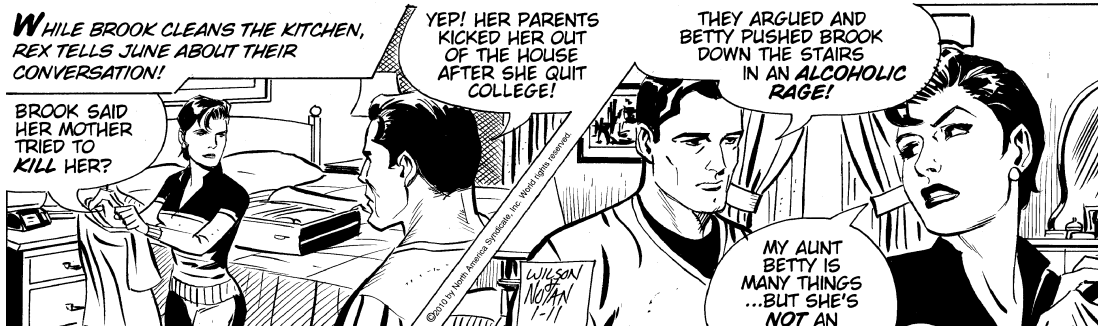
combined strength of his partnership and pays particular attention to his fit for partner's

suit. The more cards he has in that suit, the higher he should go. In this deal, after North bravely jumps to three clubs despite being vulnerable, it could be right to bid five clubs. Here, though, that contract has no chance. Three no-trump isn't a certainty, because declarer might become locked out of the dummy, but it is a justifiable gamble. Against three no-trump, West leads the diamond six, trying a sneak attack. What should South do? Assuming the defender with the club ace can hold up for one round, declarer will need a dummy entry, which can come only from the diamonds. South must win the first trick with his diamond king. Then he drives out the club ace, and the defenders cannot defeat the contract.

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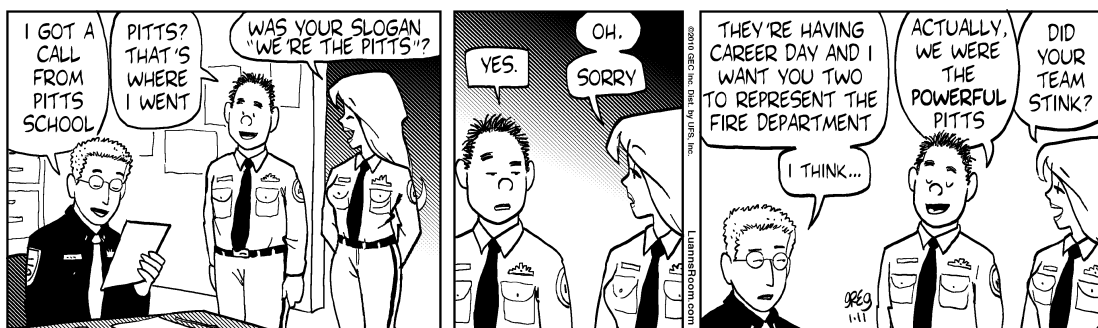
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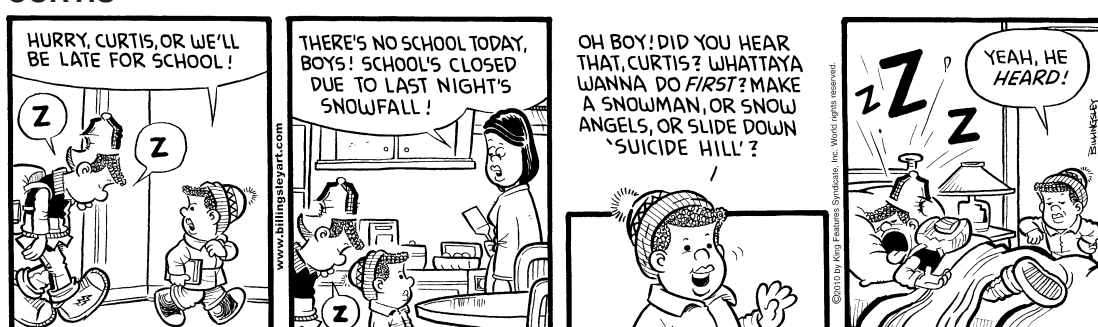
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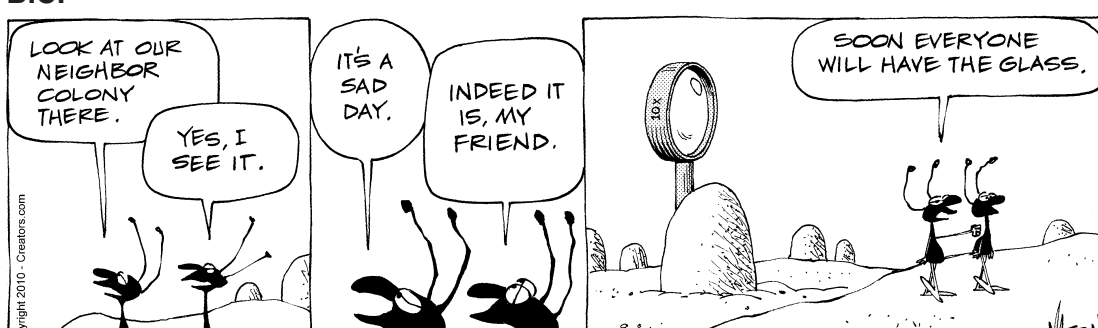
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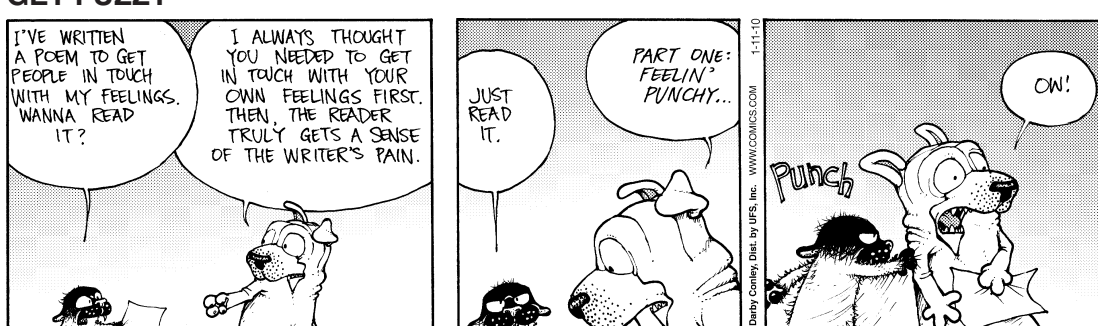
CURTIS



B.C.



GET FUZZY



LOOSE PARTS



It was a beautiful tattoo ... for about a day.

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