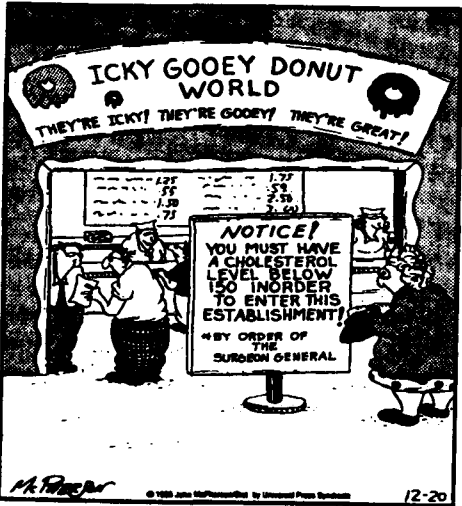


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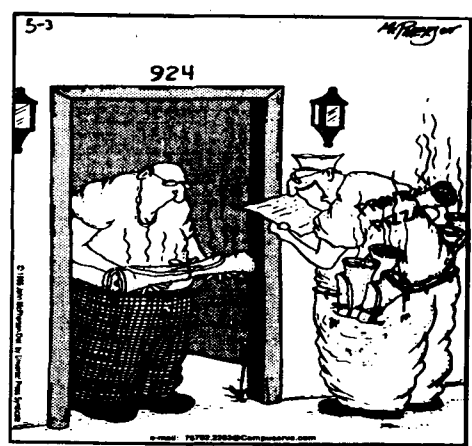


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"Your HMO allots only one hour to perform hip-replacement surgery. After that, our candy strippers Chip and Brenda will take over."

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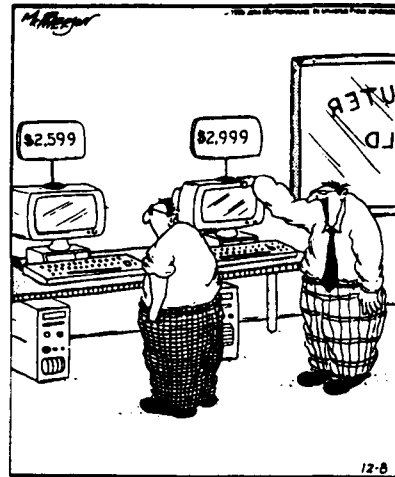


"OK, let's see... one large pizza with pepperoni and mushrooms... that'll be \$9.98."

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"The main difference is that that system will be obsolete in eight months, whereas, for only \$400 more, you can have a system that's guaranteed not to be obsolete for a full year."

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"Here it is, 144 Ingersoll Road. It's got a one-star rating. In '94 they gave out celery, no one was home in '93, and in '92, their dog bit a kid on the head and ate all his candy."

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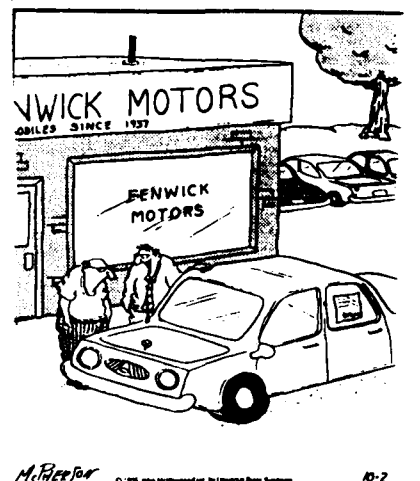
"The only way we can keep the baby from crying is if we hold her at a 48-degree angle while hopping clockwise on one foot."

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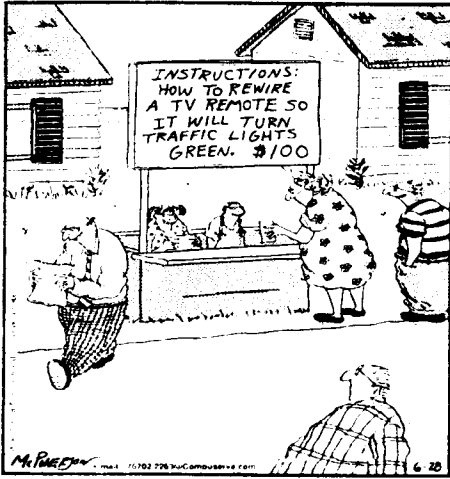
"Get rid of them?! On the contrary, Mr. Westford. Because the geese have begun to nest here, your pool has been declared a protected wetland, requiring that no human activity take place within 180 feet."

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"As a \$700 option, we can install a windshield that's customized to match your glasses prescription."

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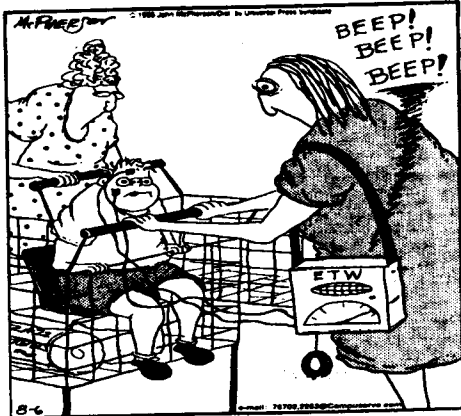
With the help of acupuncture, Gary was able to trim 11 strokes off his game.

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"For an extra \$25, Ruth here will crouch behind you and tug on the back of your scalp so it'll look like you've had a facelift."

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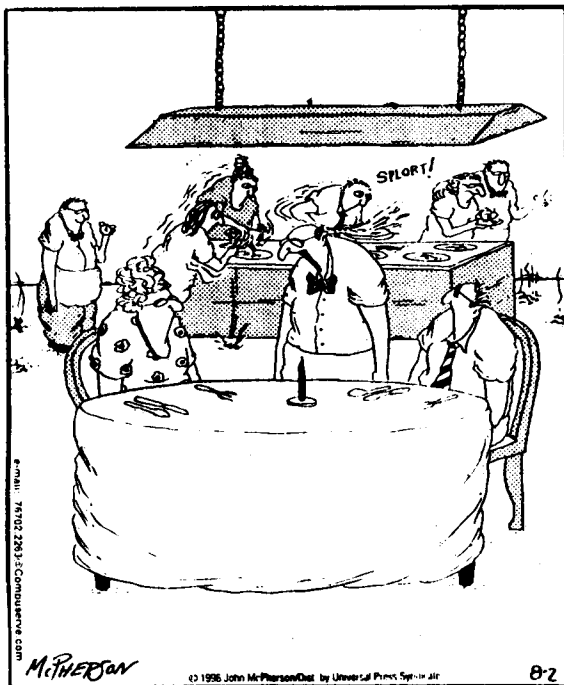
Thanks to her Early Tantrum Warning Device, Cathy had 90 seconds to take evasive action.

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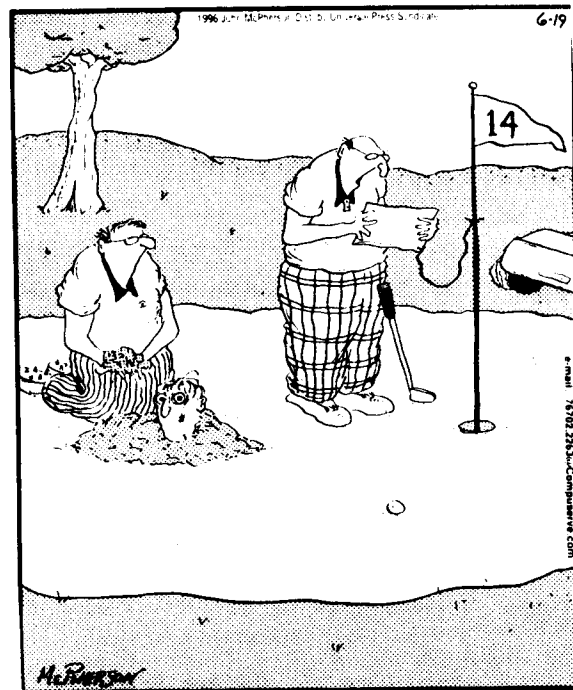
"No, this mixture is no good. The rat turned green and lost most of its fur. Let's go with 30mg of Xylonene. That should be fine for Mrs. Turner."

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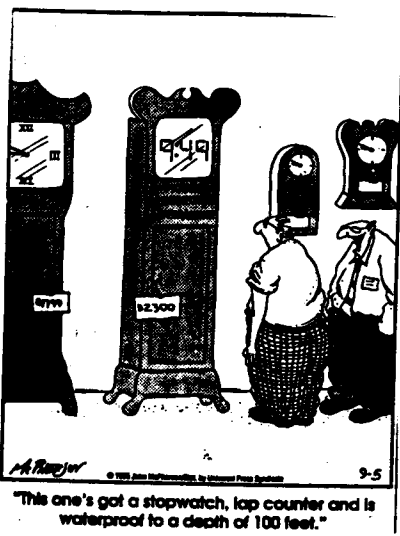


"Our special tonight is 15 seconds at our pasta buffet for \$3.95, or for those of you who are watching your weight, seven seconds for \$2.95."

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"Whoa! Don't help him, Mike. According to this note, he burped, causing another golfer in his foursome to miss a two-foot eagle putt."



"This one's got a stopwatch, lap counter and is waterproof to a depth of 100 feet."

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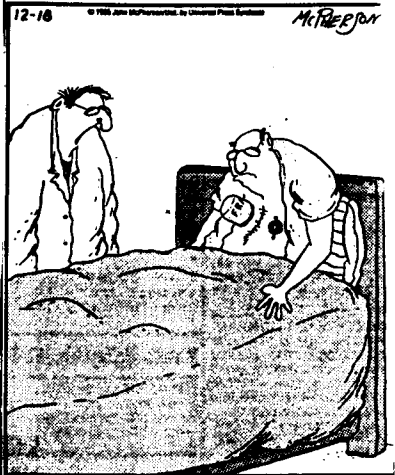


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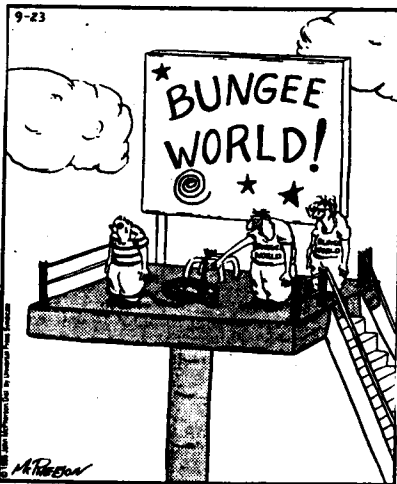
"Not a single mammal was killed to make this coat. It's made entirely out of woolly caterpillars."

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"To ensure that your artificial heart functions properly, it's essential that you change your oil and filter every 100 miles."

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"Okee-doke! Let's just double-check. We're 130 feet up and we've got 45 yards of bungee cord, that's uh ... 90 feet. Allow for 30 feet of stretching, that gives us a total of ... 120 feet. Perfect!"

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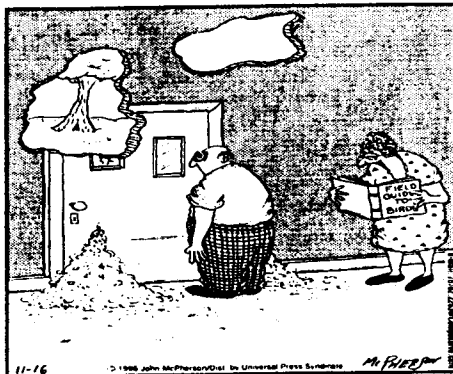
"Is this National Farm Insurance? I need \$200,000 of tornado insurance! Make it effective right now! Here's my credit card number!"

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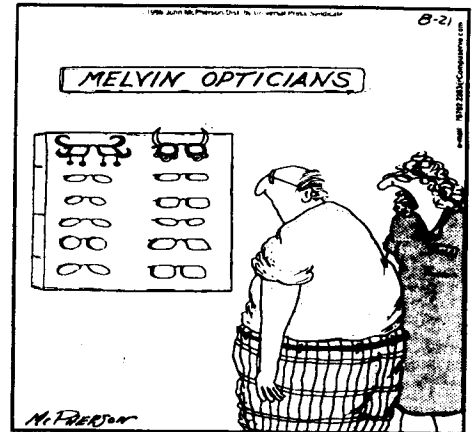
"Mrs Stalaker?! Neil Haggerty, Unity National Health Insurance. Put down the cheesecake now, or we'll double your premium."

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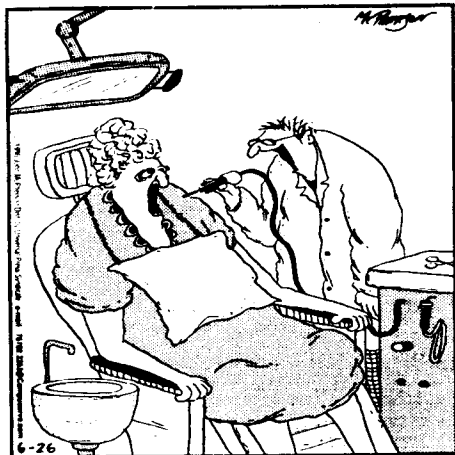
"Oh, and Bill, listen to this! The red-kneed gargantua woodpecker is extremely rare, with confirmed sightings numbered fewer than 50 since 1900! How about that!"

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"The only frames that are covered by your insurance are the two on the top row. Any of the others will be an additional \$150."

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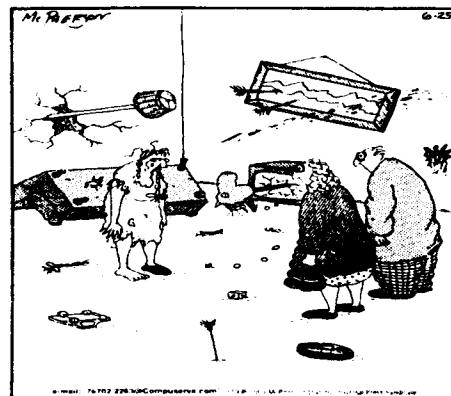
"For \$20 I can get rid of that mole on your nose after I'm done filling this cavity."

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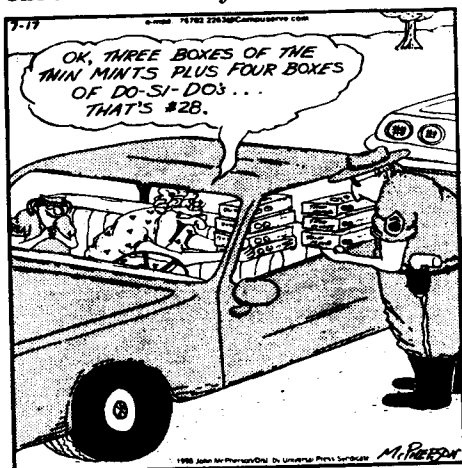
"Well, well, Mr. 75 in a 45-mile-per-hour zone! You really had me going until I noticed the trapdoor under the steering column!"

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"Not only will I never baby-sit for you again, it's gonna cost you a hundred bucks to keep me from squealing to other sitters about your kids!"

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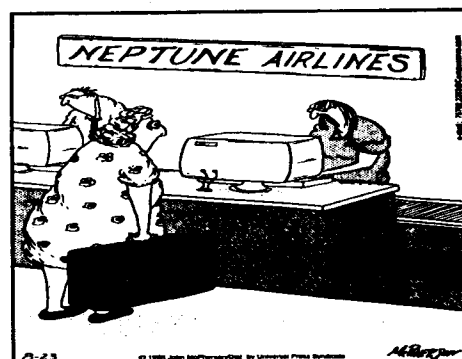
Glenda was a master of turning adversity into opportunity.

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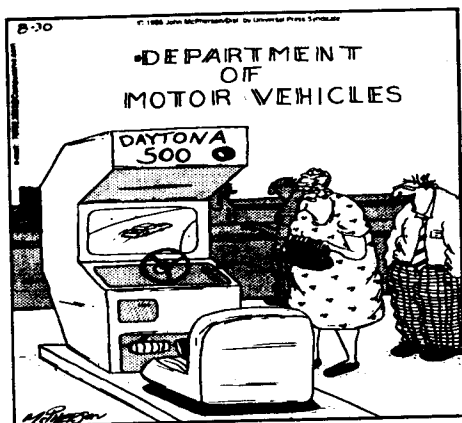
"I'll give you a hundred bucks if you'll watch my kids for 20 minutes while I take a nap."

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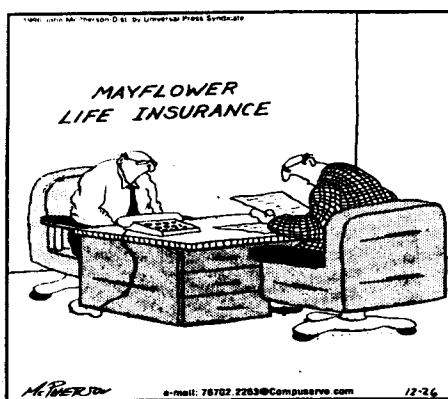
"Well, there are only two seats left. I can put you next to a 3-year-old with an ear infection, or a 75-year-old who will spend the entire flight telling you about his recent prostate surgery."

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"Our driving examiner is out sick, so you'll be taking your road test here. You need to score 900 points to get your license."

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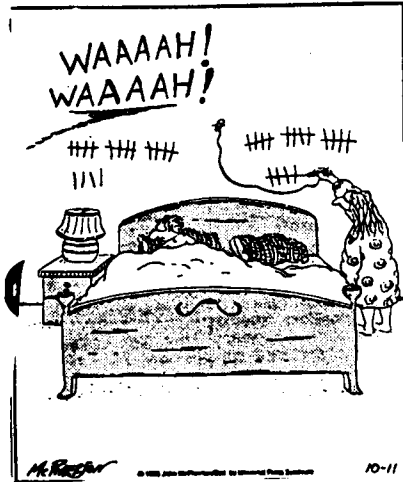


"According to our background check, you missed seven days of kindergarten due to illness. That puts you in our high-risk category."

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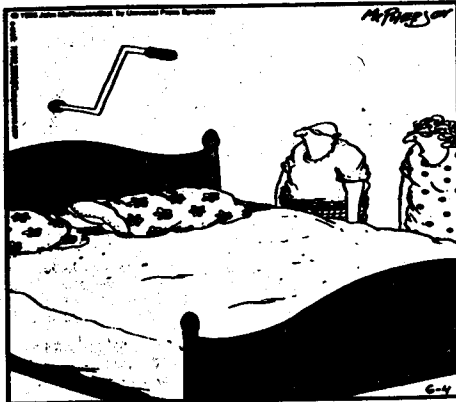
The Fettermans' mortgage officer goes over their list of closing costs.



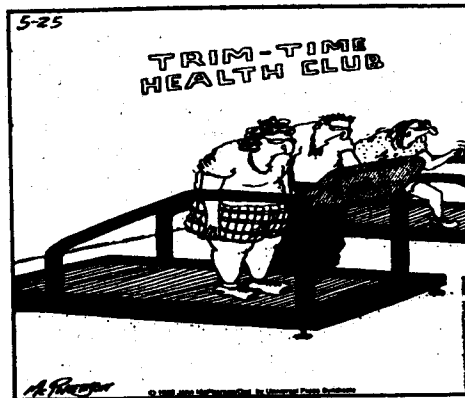
"It's all right. I wrote our PIN number underneath this counter last year."



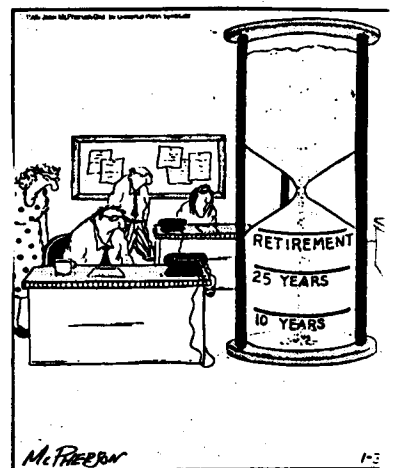
Standard procedure after taking sick leave at Maxwell Global Industries.



"It's something the landlord rigged up. If the guy next door snores again tonight, we're supposed to turn that crank nine or 10 times really fast."



"And this indicator tells you how many miles you need to run before you should attend a high school reunion."



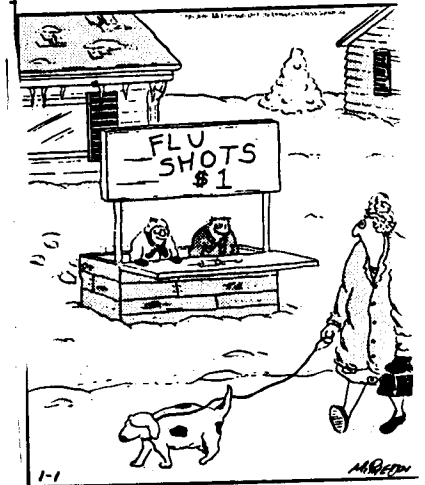
"Ya know, you're not exactly doing wonders for morale around here."



"We don't know what these things are, but everyone who has bought one says they're very affectionate."



How teachers prepare for an upcoming school vacation.

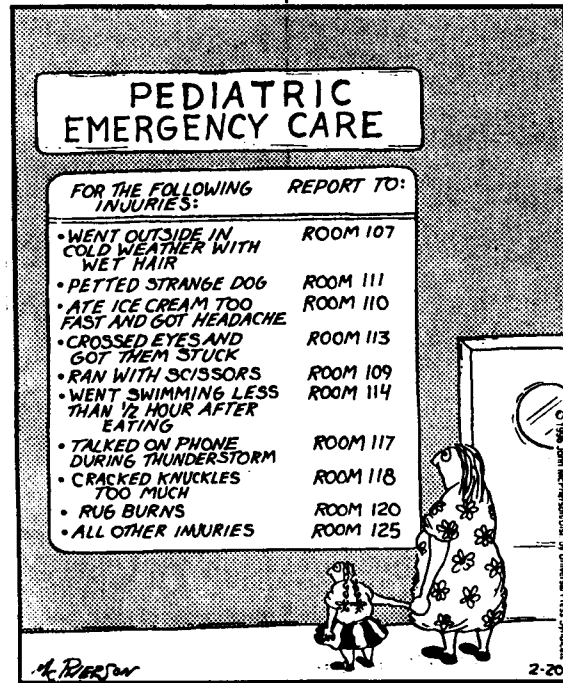


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"Well, good news! Your mortgage has been approved! However, we require that from now on you get written permission from us

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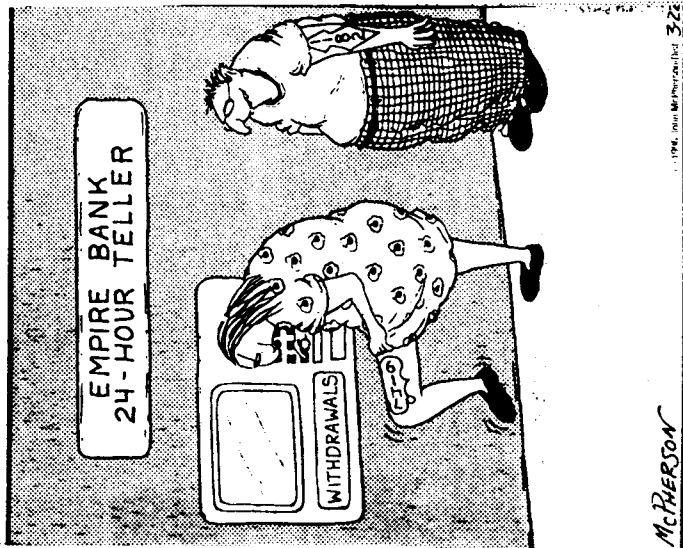


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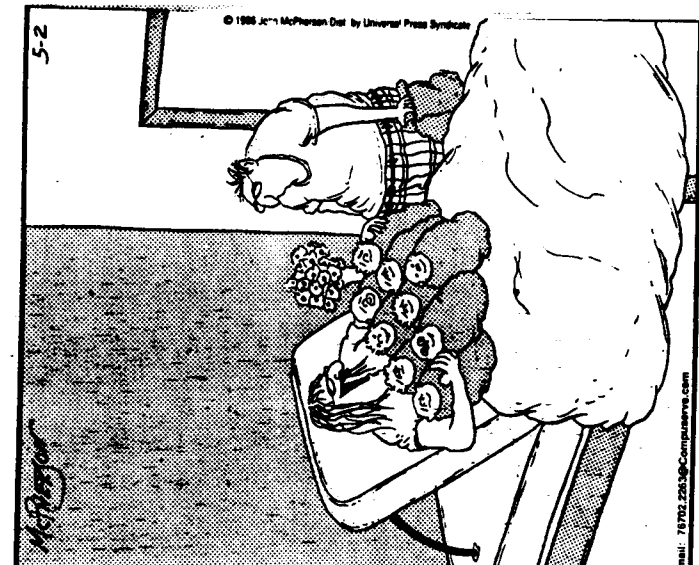
Fortunately, Dave had a can of Cop-Be-Nice in the car.

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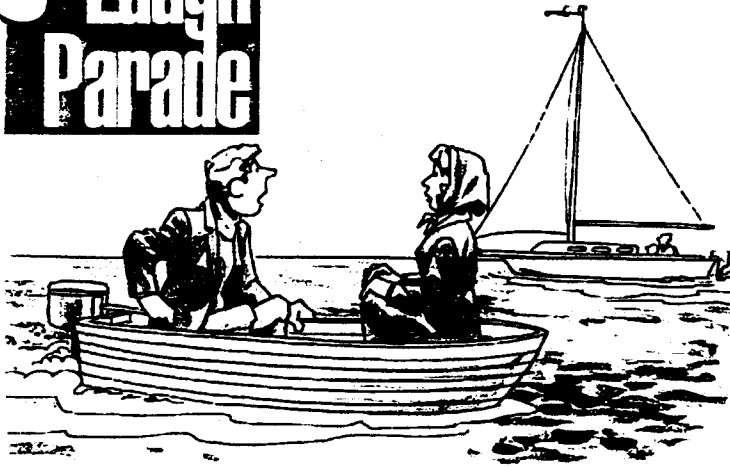
In addition to being practical, PIN tattoos are becoming chic.

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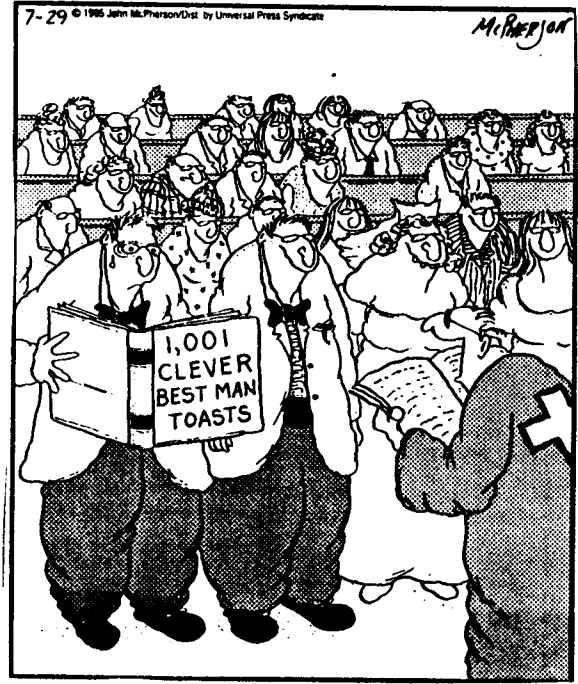


The maternity nurse let me borrow the other eight. I just want to see the look on my mother's face when she walks through the door."

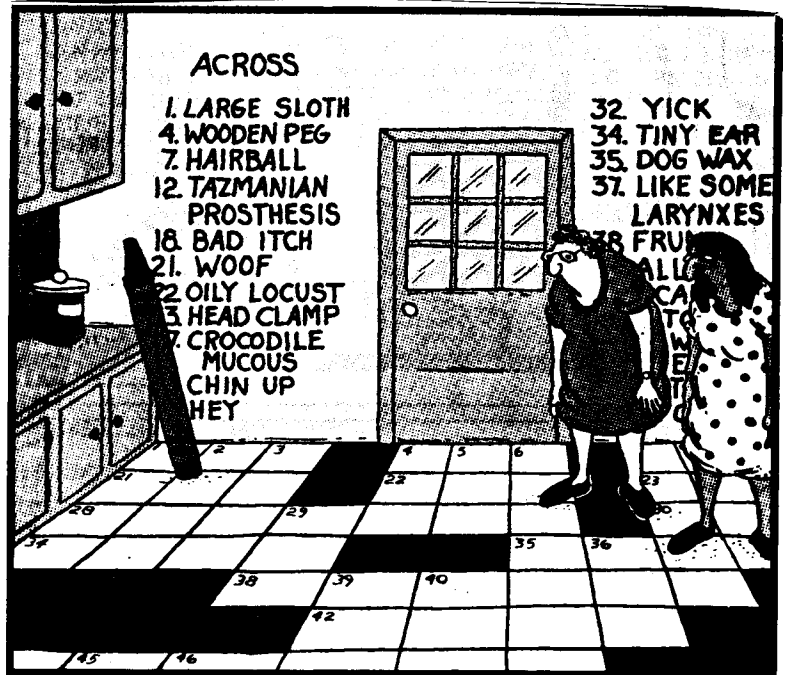
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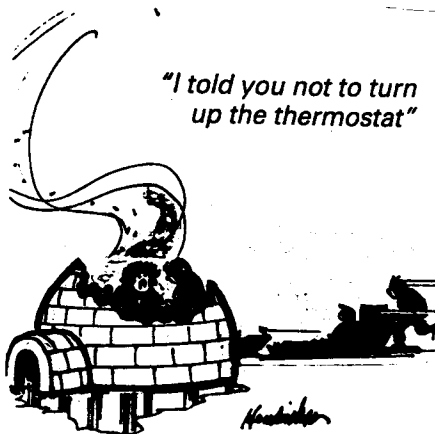
"You know...if we had spent another \$46,382, we could have had a nice yacht."



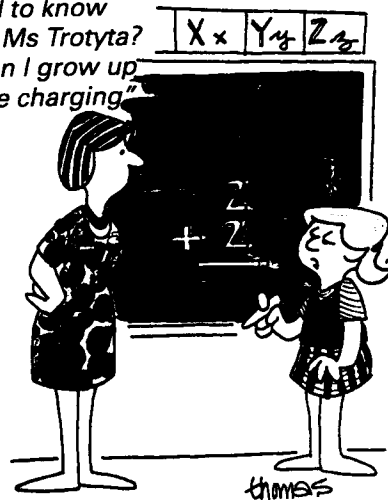
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"This is what I get for marrying a crossword puzzle fanatic."

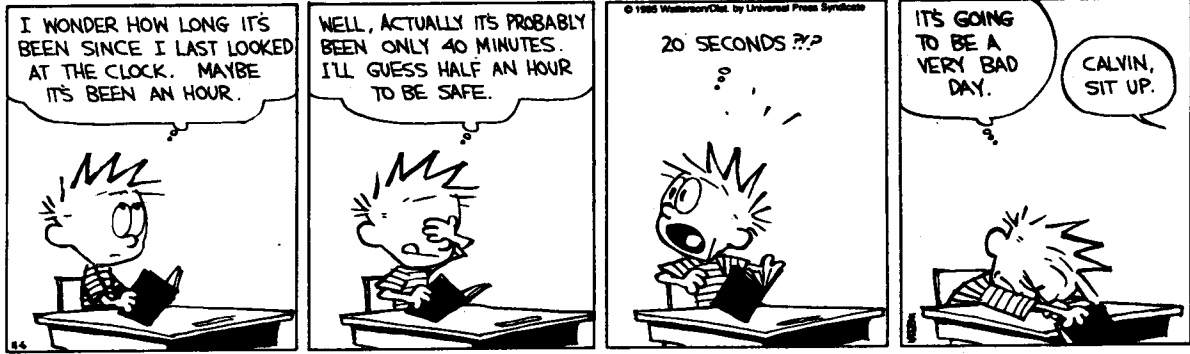


"Are you sure I need to know this, Ms Trotyta? When I grow up I'll be charging."



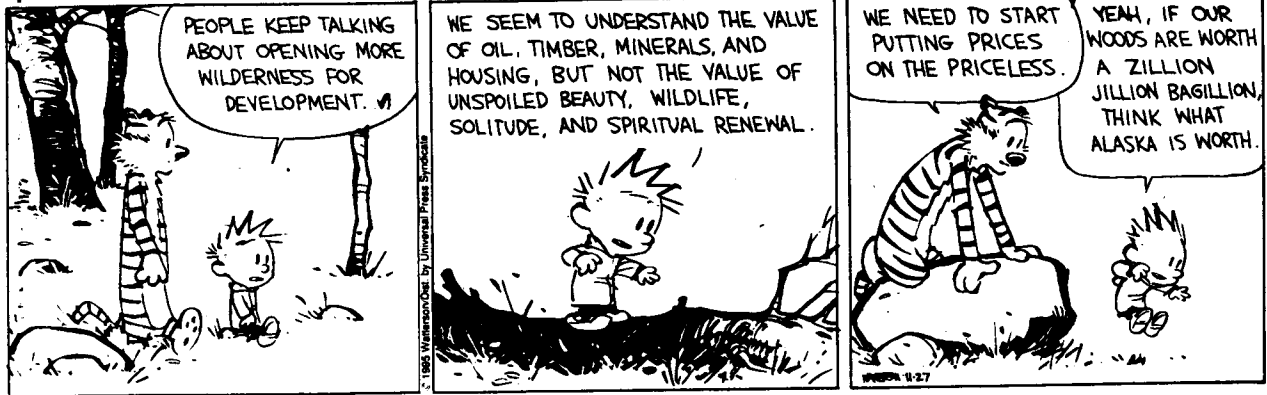
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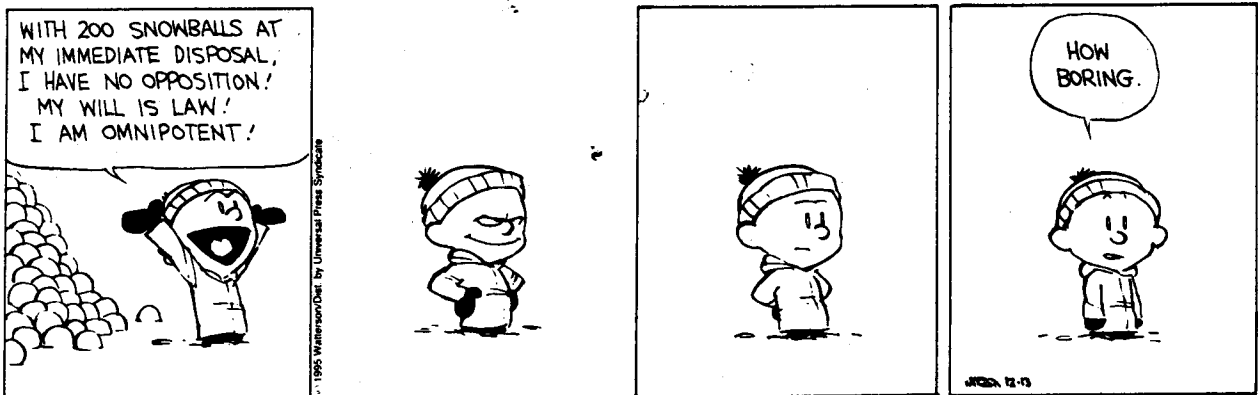
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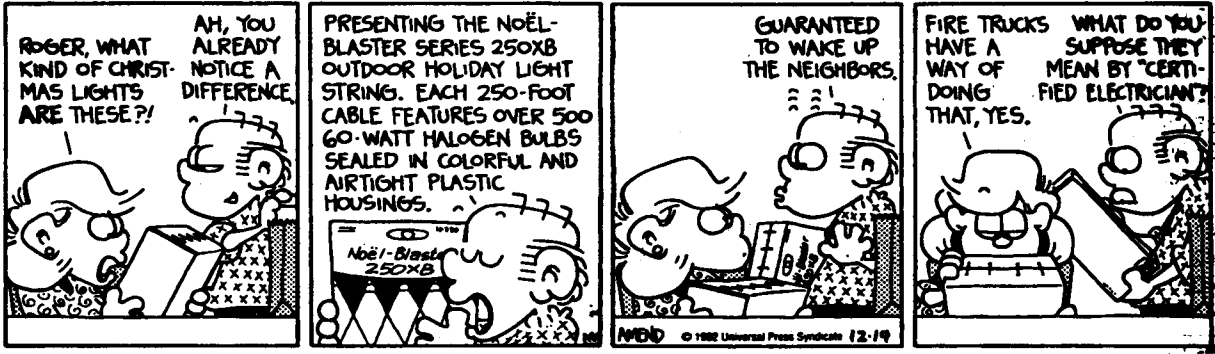


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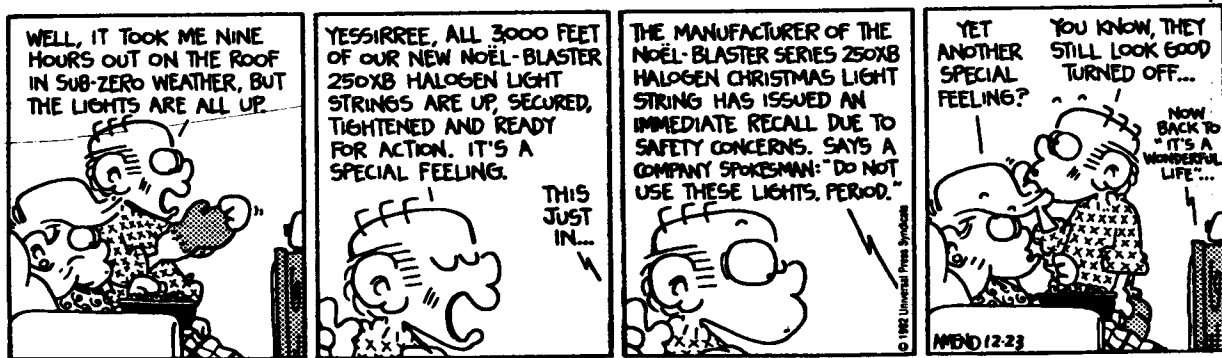
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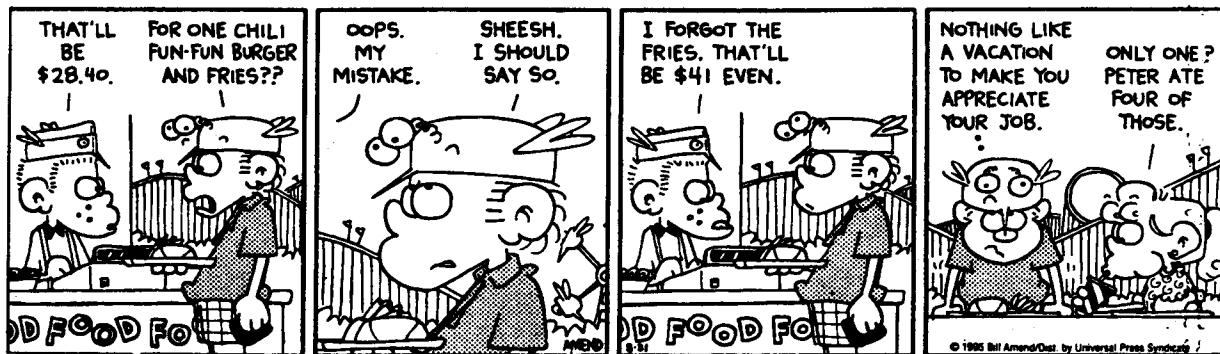
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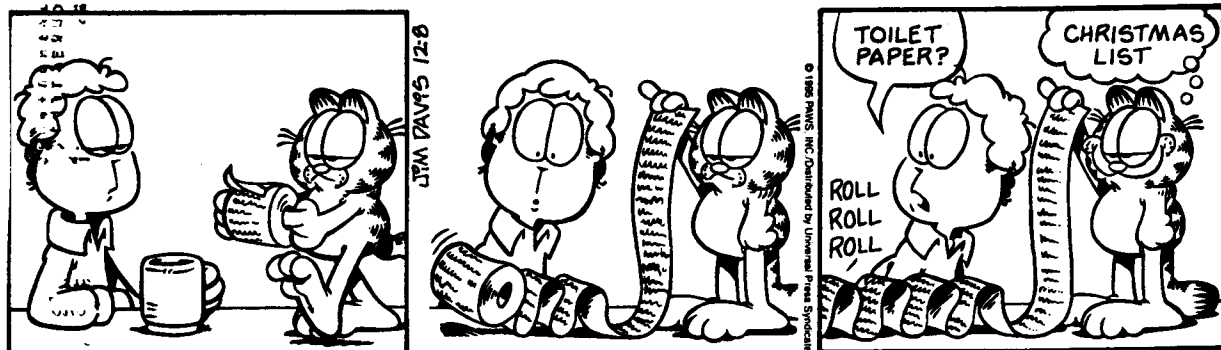
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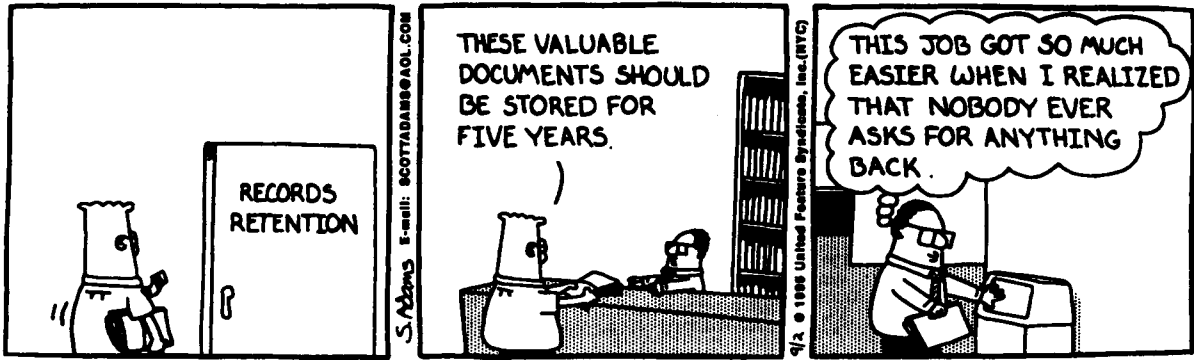
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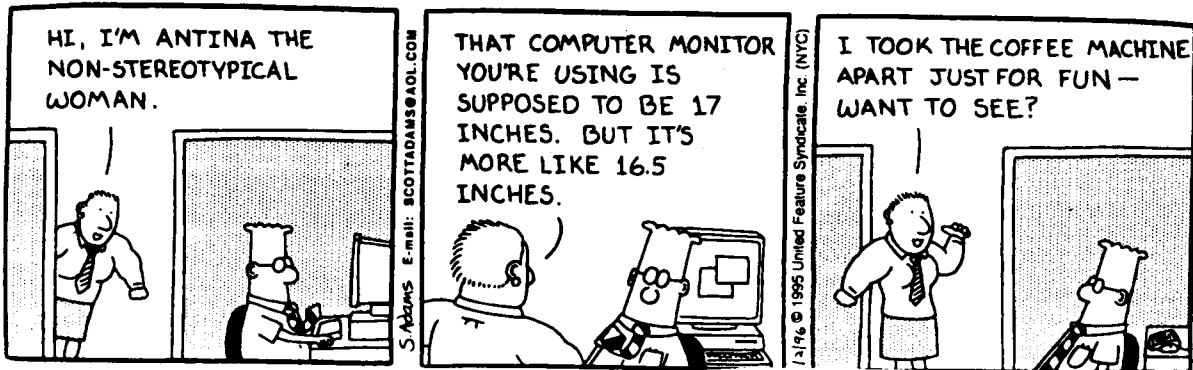
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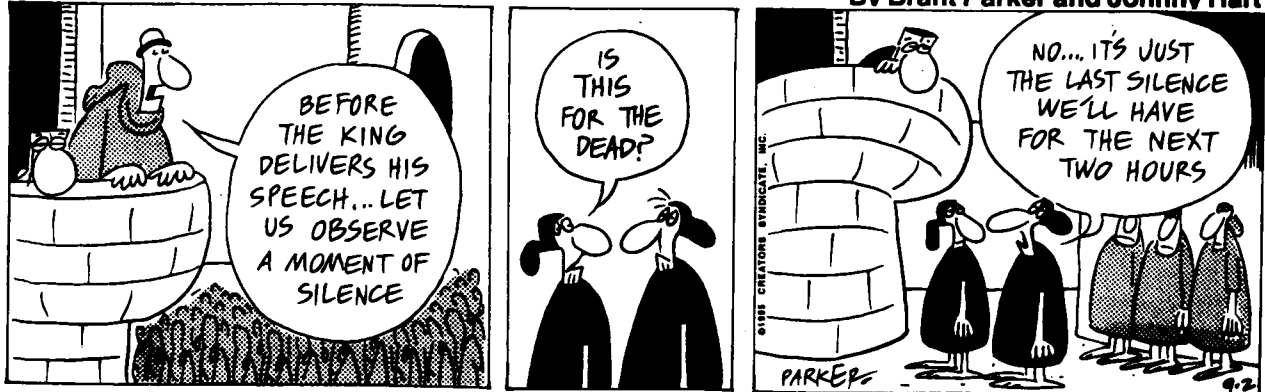
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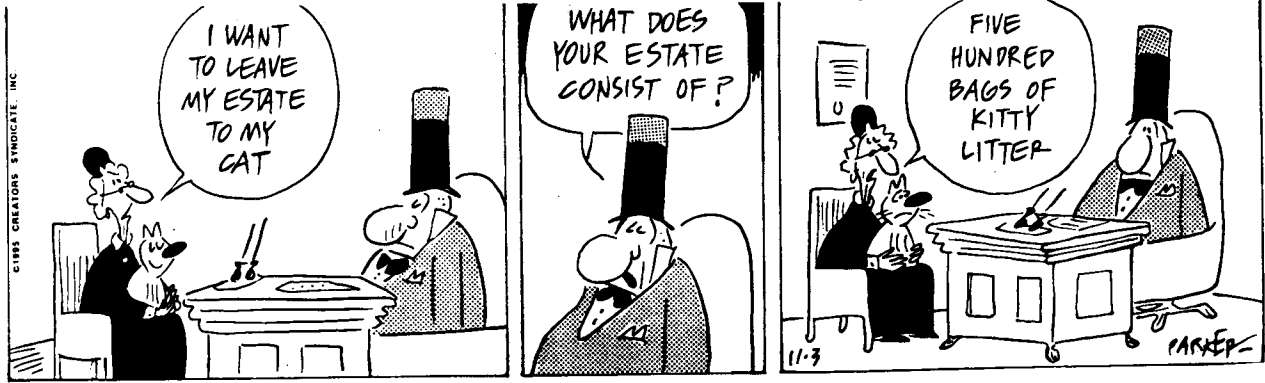
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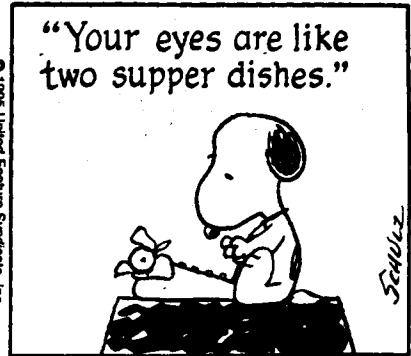
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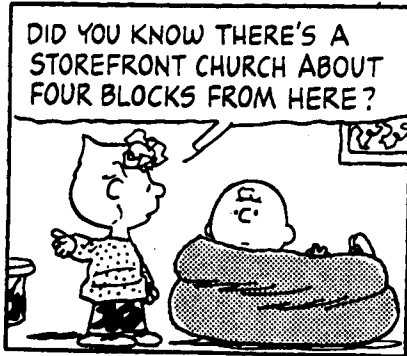
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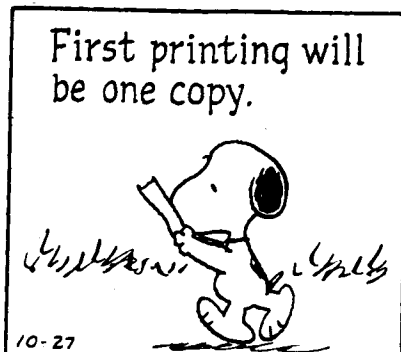
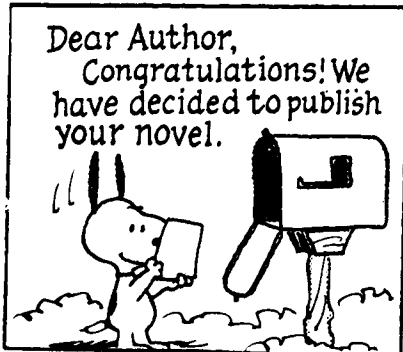
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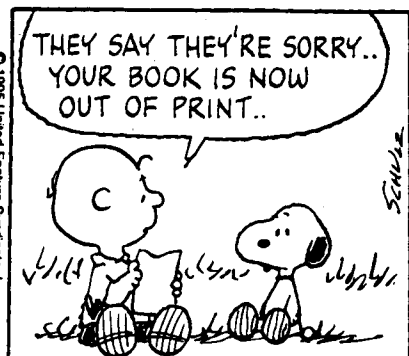
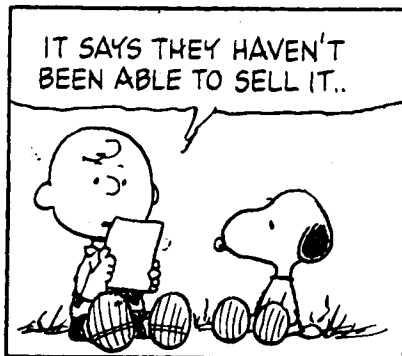
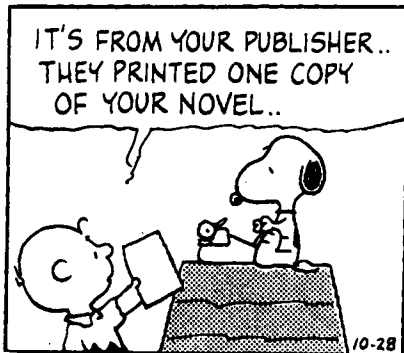
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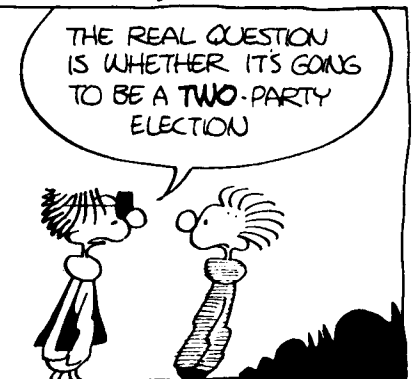
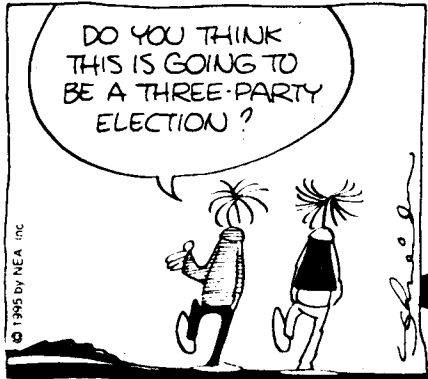
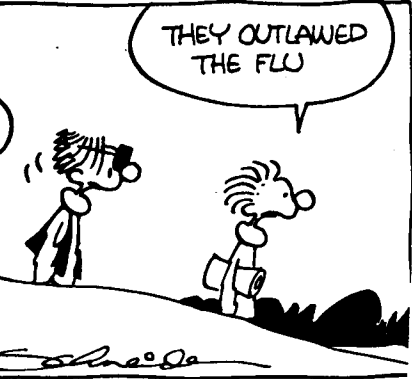
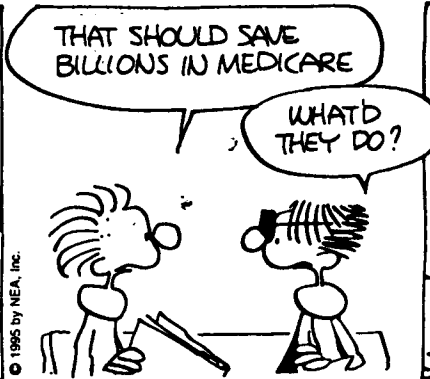
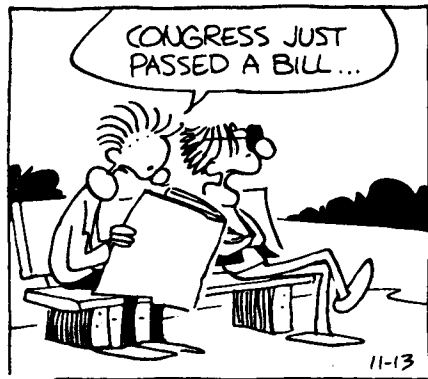
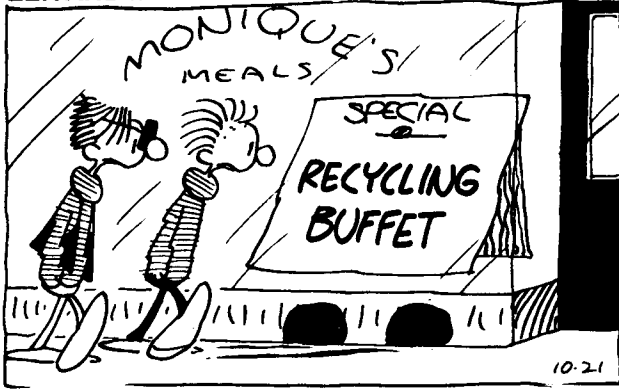
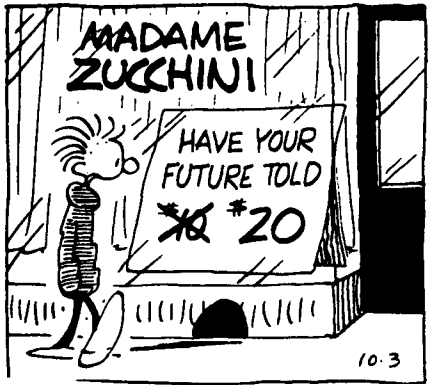
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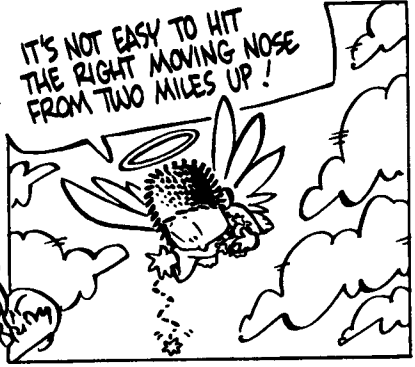
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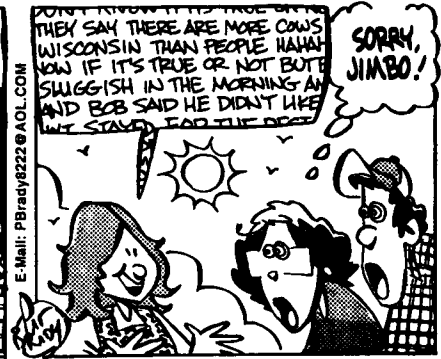


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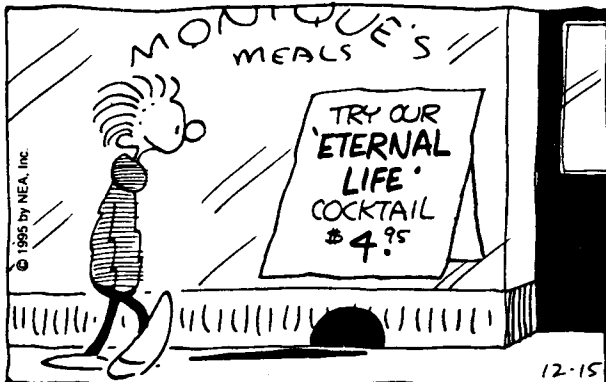
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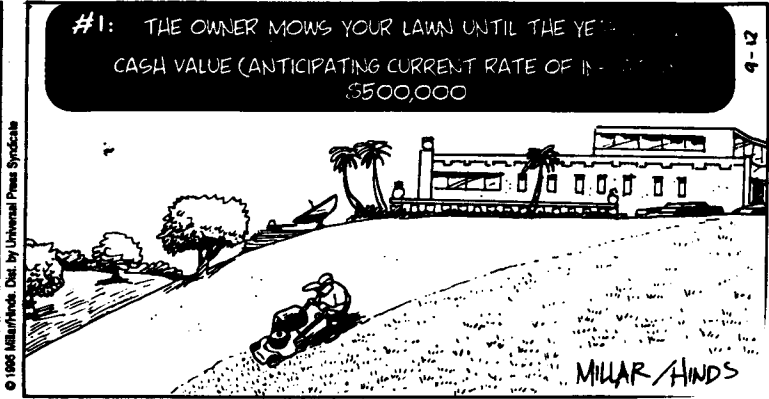


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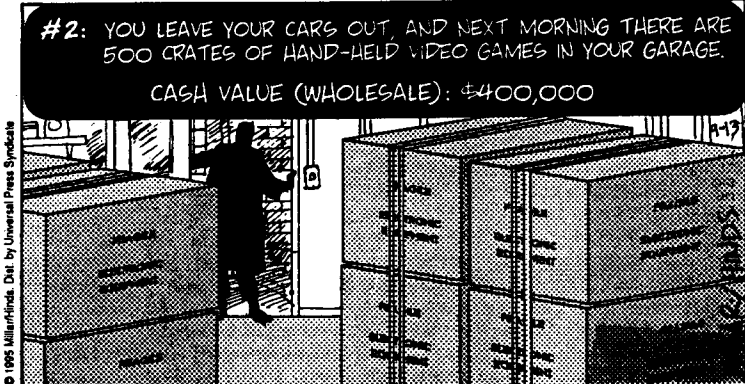
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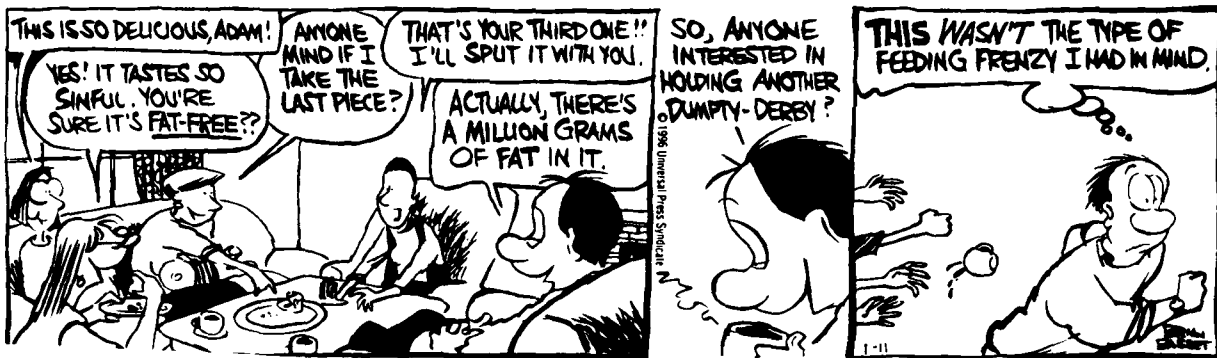
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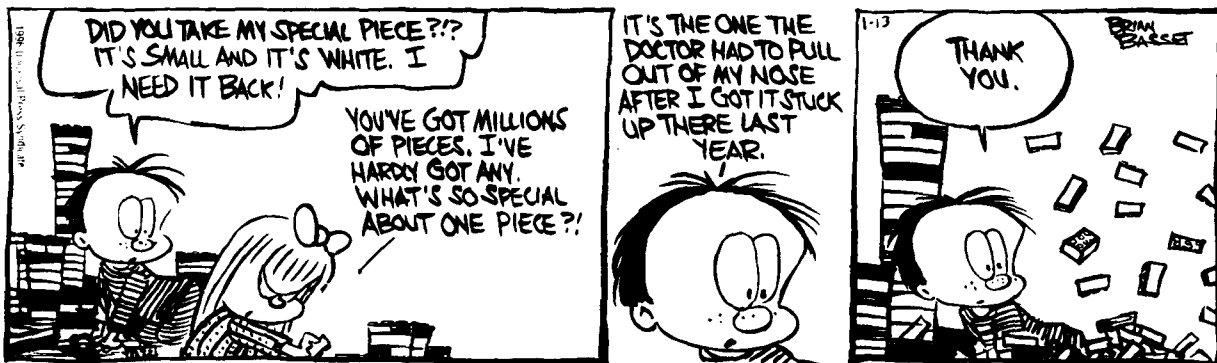
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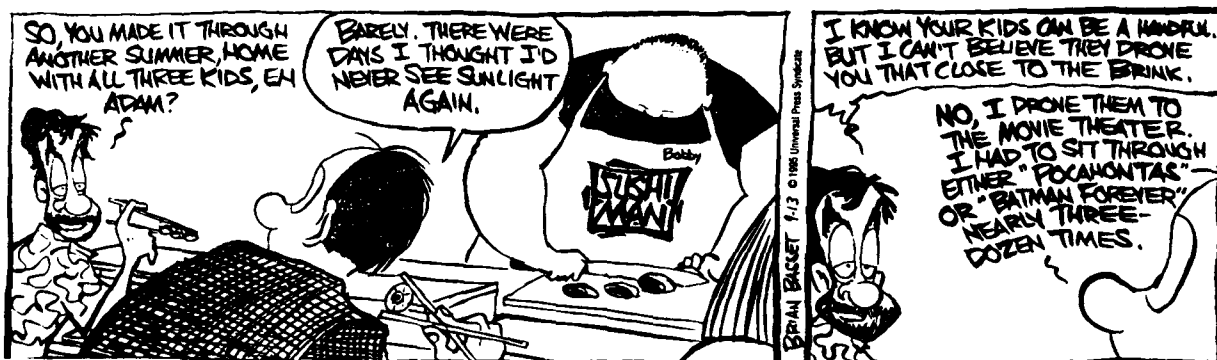




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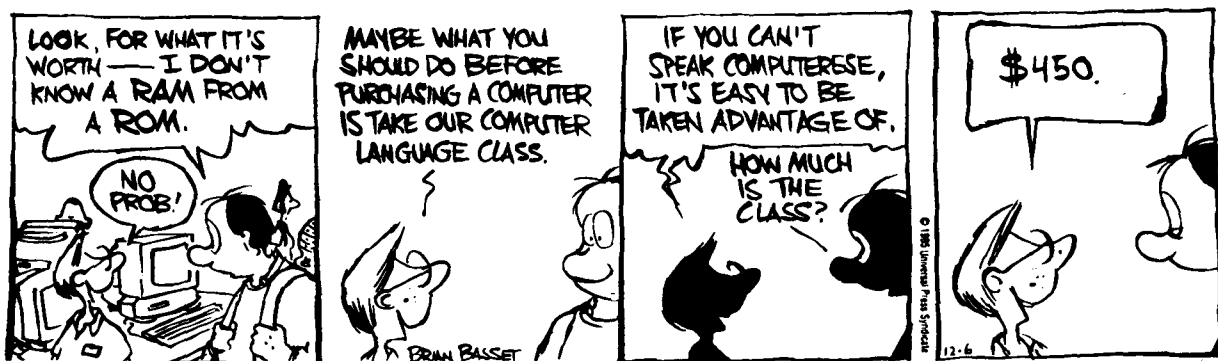
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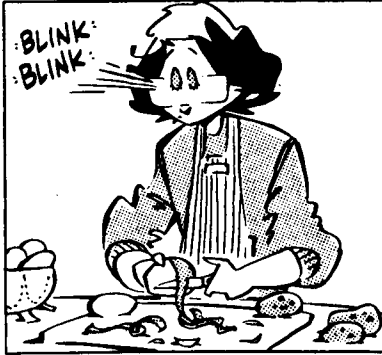


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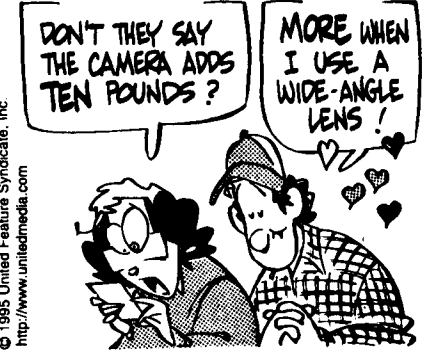
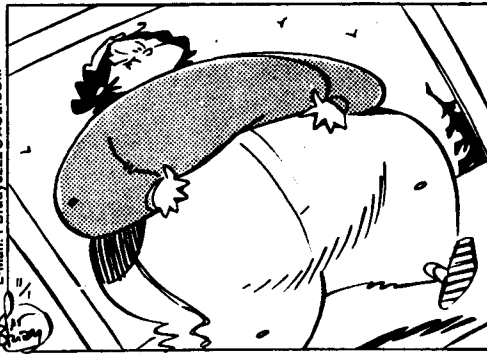
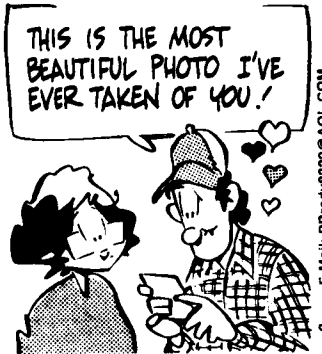
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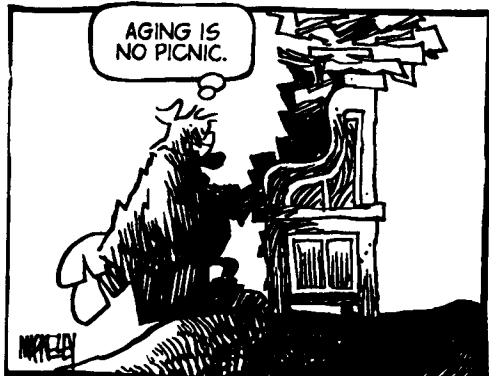


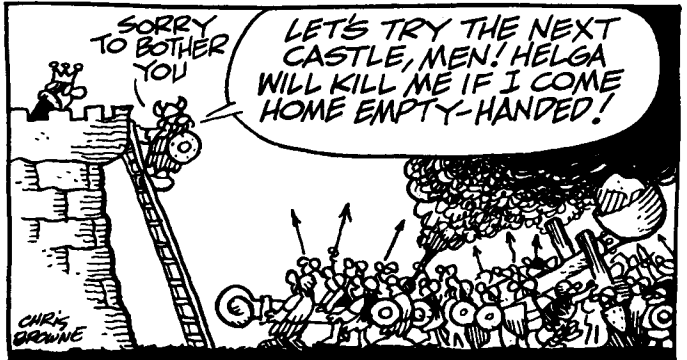
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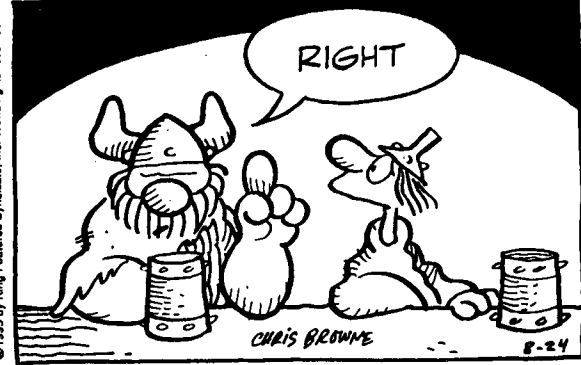
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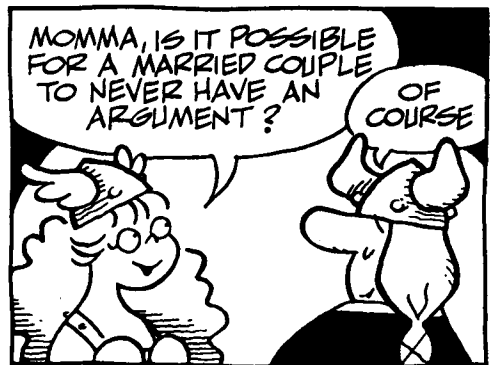
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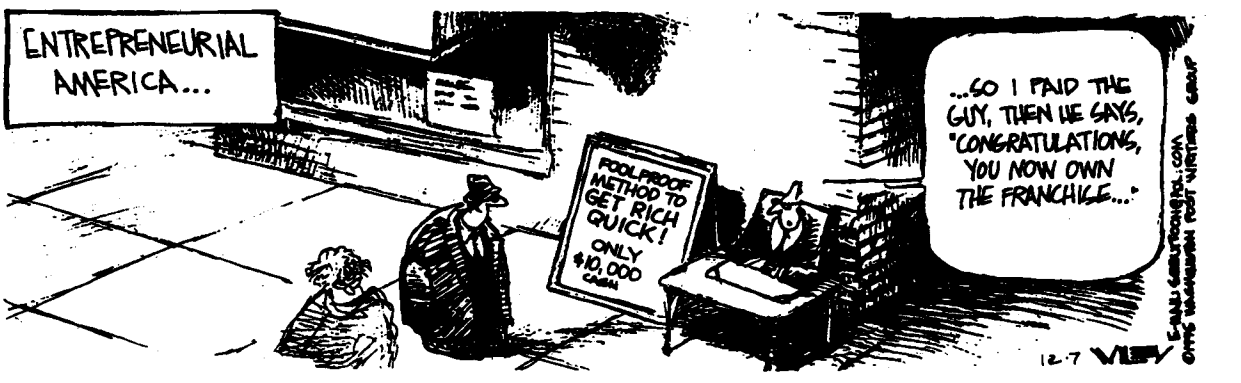


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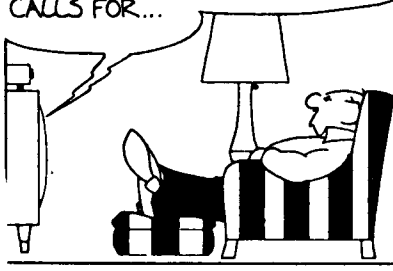


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THE BORN LOSER

AND TONIGHT'S WEATHER FORECAST FOR OUR VIEWING AREA CALLS FOR...



HIGHS IN THE 80S... LOWS IN THE TEENS... WITH CLEAR SKIES AND A 100% CHANCE OF PRECIPITATION...



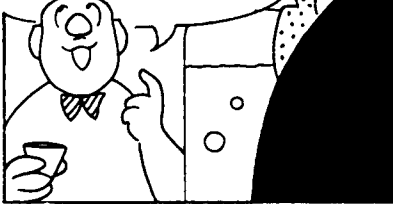
LOCAL FORECASTS DON'T MAKE MUCH SENSE ON CABLE SUPER-STATIONS!



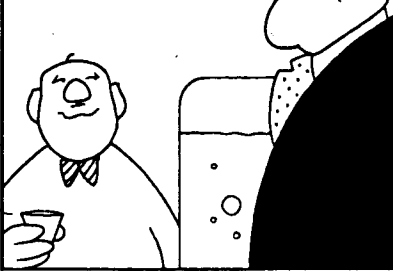
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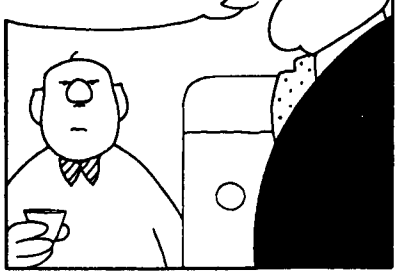
HOW WOULD YOU RATE YOURSELF AS A BUSINESSMAN ON A SCALE OF 1-TO-10?



HMM...



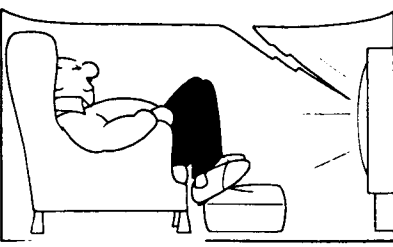
IT ONLY GOES UP TO TEN?



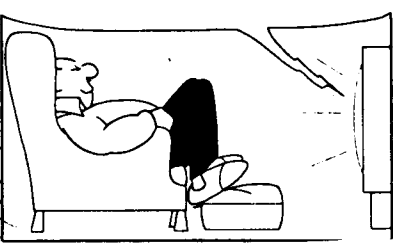
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WE NOW PAUSE FOR A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR WITH TIDINGS OF THE SEASON!



WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU AND YOURS A PEACEFUL AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON...



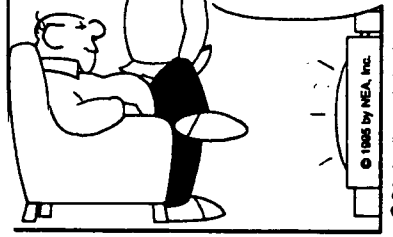
AND REMIND YOU THERE ARE 531 HOURS, 22 MINUTES, AND 14 SECONDS OF SHOPPING UNTIL CHRISTMAS!



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I KNEW WE SHOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN CABLE!



NOW WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?



YOU'VE WATCHED THE PREVIEW CHANNEL RUN THROUGH THE PROGRAM LISTINGS CYCLE AT LEAST A DOZEN TIMES! YOU CAN'T FIND ANYTHING TO WATCH, CAN YOU?

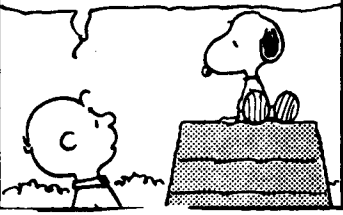


THAT'S NOT IT. IT'S JUST THAT I'VE HEARD THIS BACKGROUND MUSIC SO MUCH IT'S STARTING TO GROW ON ME!

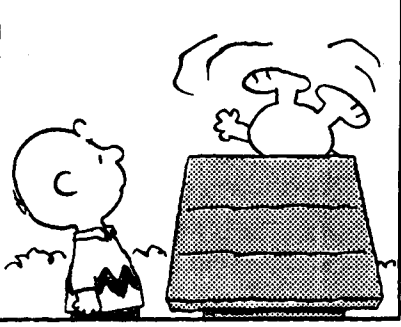
PEANUTS

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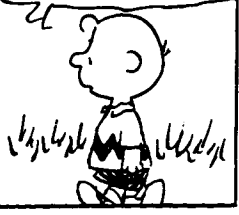
WHAT WOULD BE YOUR REACTION IF I TOLD YOU SUPPER MIGHT BE ELEVEN SECONDS LATE TONIGHT?



9-30



ALL RIGHT, I'LL GO BACK IN THE KITCHEN, AND SEE WHAT I CAN DO..



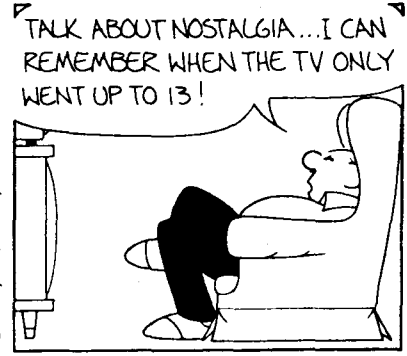
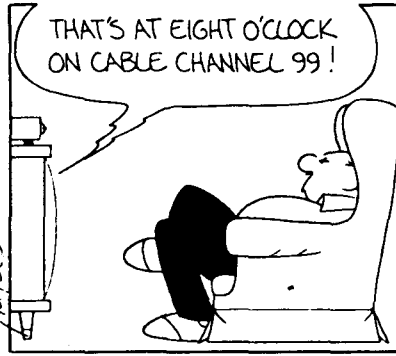
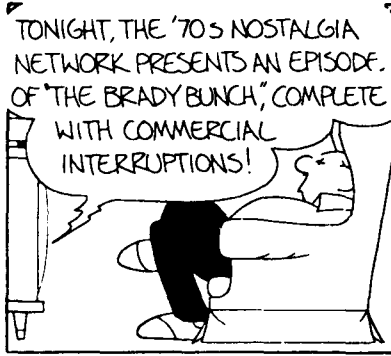
HAS HE NO IDEA HOW MUCH CAN GO WRONG IN ELEVEN SECONDS?



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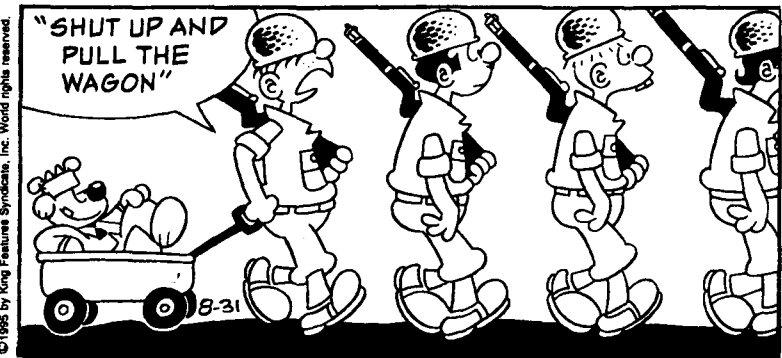
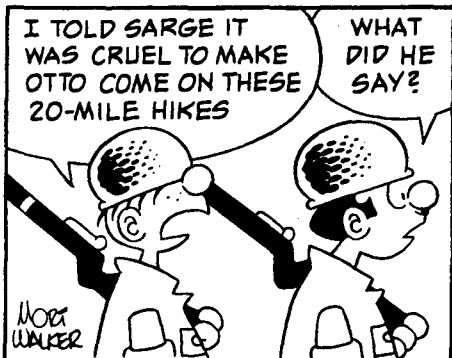
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