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MIRACLE WEATHER FORECAST June 10

Increasing cloudiness late tomorrow, with scattered afternoon showers. Winds will be westerly 5-10 knots.

Temperature: H 95 L 78

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AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

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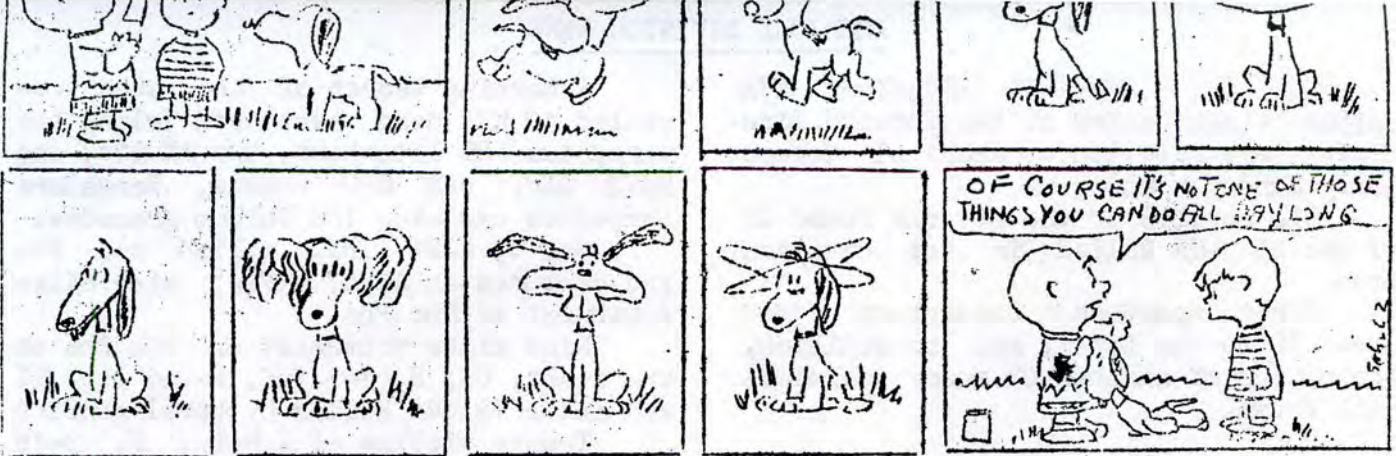
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