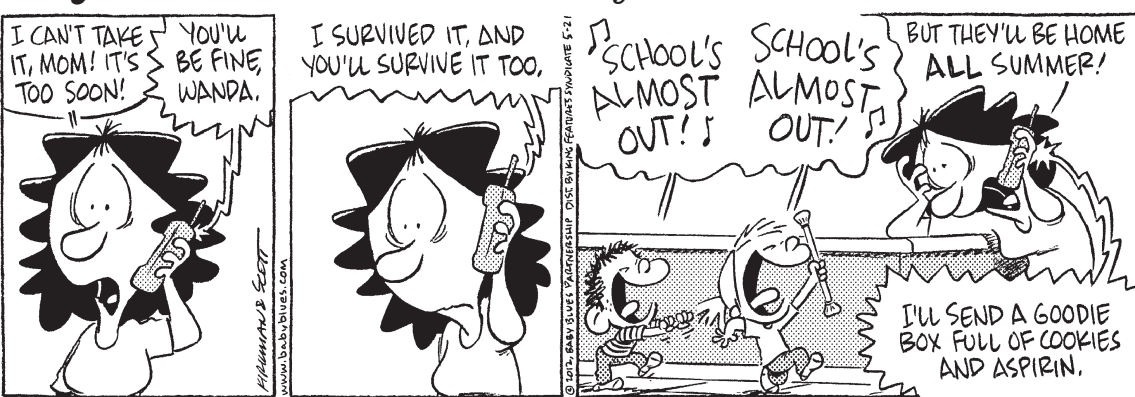
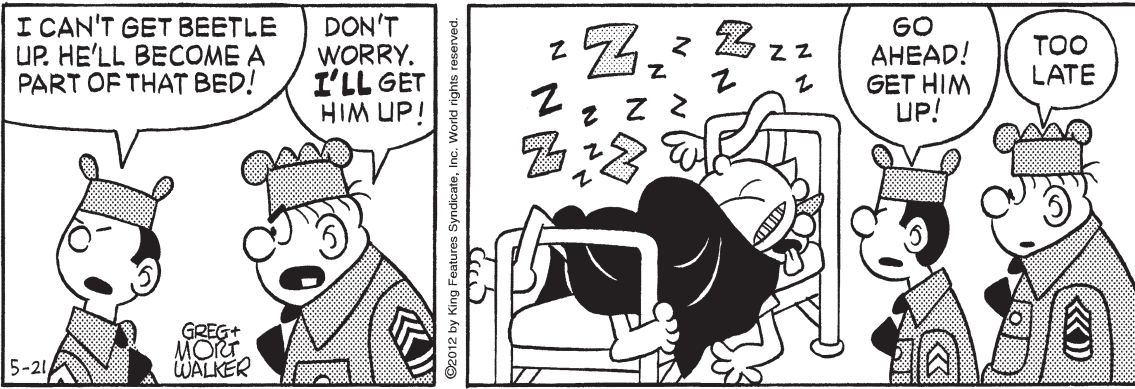


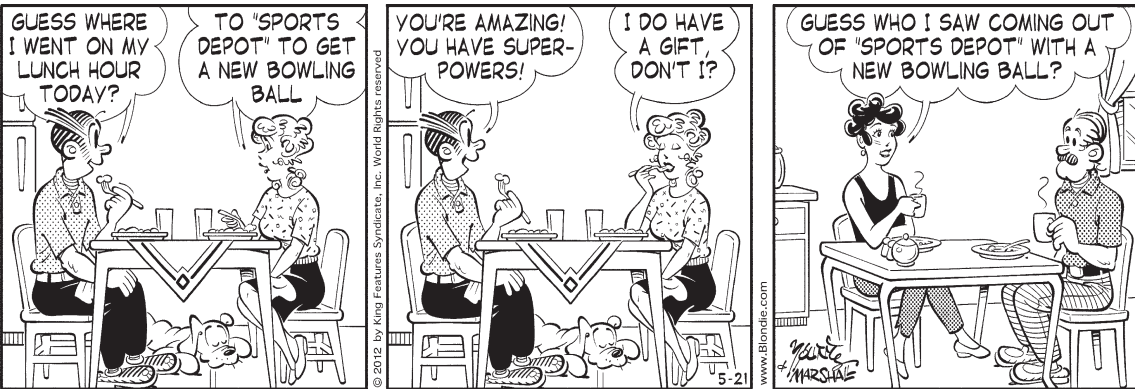
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Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



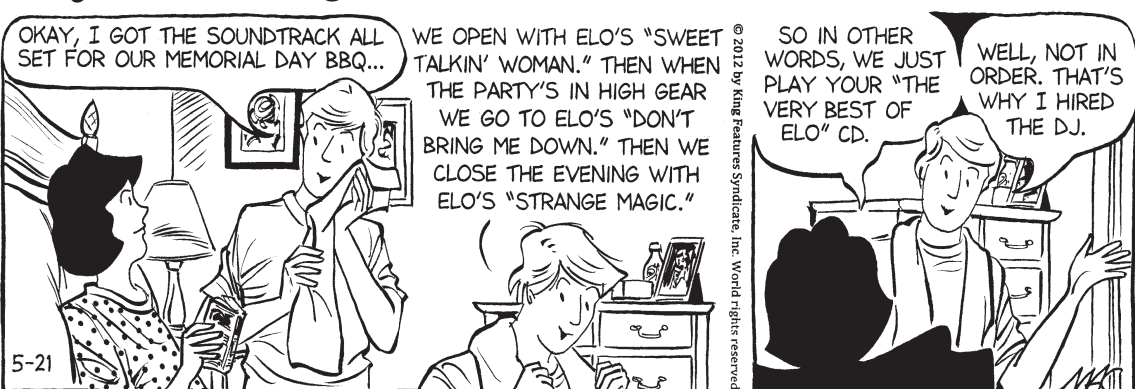
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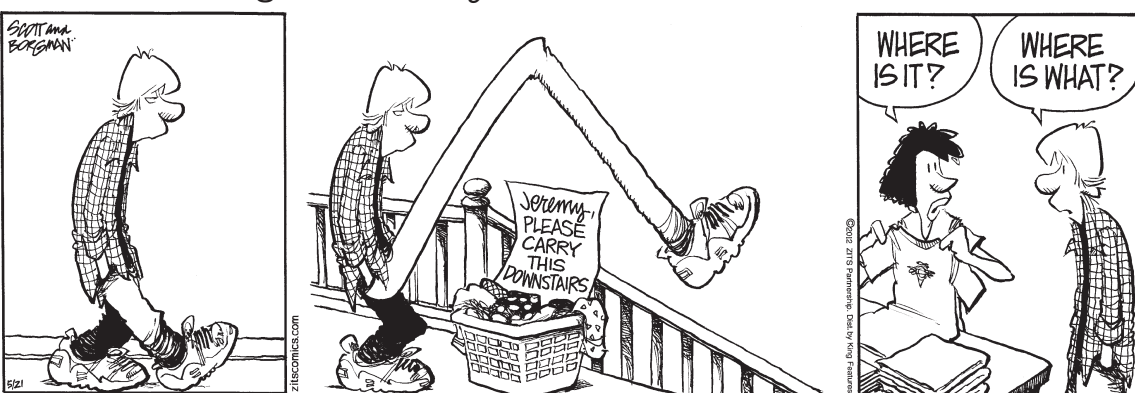
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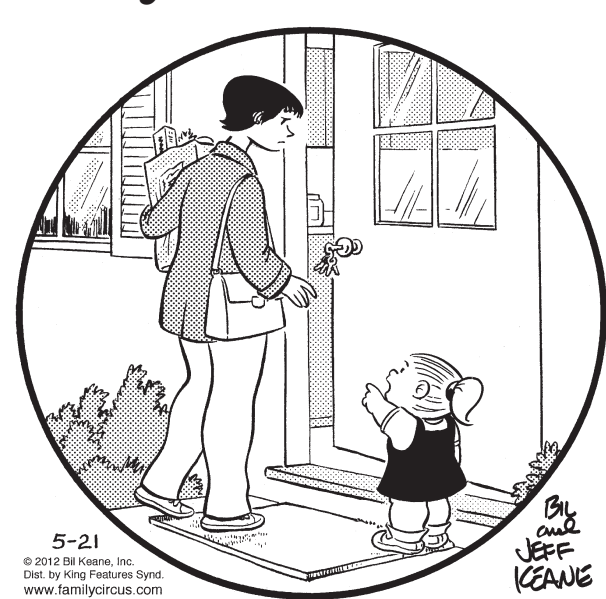
Collectors favor Ohio art pottery

Art pottery made by Weller is a favorite among collectors. The company made art pottery in Zanesville, Ohio, from 1893 to 1948. From the 1920s to the 1940s, Weller also made less sophisticated pottery for the yard called "Garden Ware." Stone-colored birdbaths, sprinklers, fountains, toadstool seats, sundials and urns were available. Large, colorful Garden Ware figures were the most unusual. They were made in several sizes: 4, 7 1/2, 10 and 18 inches. Lifelike dogs, roosters, birds, cats, rabbits, pelicans, ducks, frogs and squirrels were produced, along with humorous frogs, gnomes and unusual "Pop Eye" dogs. All of these figures were made to be half-hidden among plants, a surprise to be glimpsed from a garden path. Many of the figures were created by Dorothy England Laughead. She worked at Weller Pottery from 1925 to 1960. Today a 4-inch Coppertone frog sells for about \$300 and a 4-inch Pop Eye dog for \$300, but a 19-inch "Gnome on Tree Trunk" is worth more than \$5,000. Most Garden Ware has cracks and chips from living outdoors, but minor damage does not change the price very much.



This Pop Eye dog made by Weller Pottery is only 4 inches high. It sold for \$360 at a 2011 Humler & Nolan auction in Cincinnati.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"How come you hafta try all the keys before you open the door?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

		2	1		5			
			4	3			9	
	1	8	3			7		
6	7					4	3	
	9		8		2			
3	8				7		1	
	2		5	9	1			
9	4	6						
	3	1	7					

Difficulty Level ★ 5/21

This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

6	9	3	2	5	7	8	1	4
1	5	2	3	8	4	9	7	6
8	4	7	6	1	9	2	5	3
3	1	4	8	9	2	5	6	7
9	7	8	4	6	5	3	2	1
5	2	6	7	3	1	4	9	8
2	6	5	1	4	8	7	3	9
7	8	1	9	2	3	6	4	5
4	3	9	5	7	6	1	8	2

Cryptoquip

ODNT MBULQKNJU KZFN MZIIU
ZL Z UZTGOVMD UDQE, V
LDVTF LDNX UDQBIG EJQAZAIX
BUN LDN GNIV-EDQTN.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AFTER IT WAS SHOODED OUT OF THE AREA, THE YOUNG FIREFLY LAMENTED "WHERE DO I GLOW FROM HERE?"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Boxing legend
4 Moreover
7 Soft drink
11 "Fiddler on the —"
13 Madam's counterpart
14 A deadly sin
15 New Zealand bird
16 Past
17 Relinquish
18 Trap
20 Vagrant
22 America's uncle
24 Canal country
28 Ballroom dance
32 Improvise
33 Land measure
34 Cushion
36 Remedy
37 Coloration
39 Slip preventer near the tub

DOWN

21 54-Down's remark
23 Swab the deck
25 Grad
26 Actress
27 Help in a crime
28 Quick
29 Eight (Sp.)
30 Picture of health?
31 Bill
35 Slight touch
38 Compass dir.
40 —la-la
42 Travelocity mascot
45 Helen's home
47 Lass
48 Stuffing herb
49 Horn sound
50 Unruly group
51 Exist
52 "Holy cow!"
54 Ram's mate

Solution time: 27 mins.

T	O	W	E	R	C	A	M	I	D	S
A	R	E	N	A	U	M	P	D	U	E
B	E	B	O	P	D	O	G	B	I	T
S	L	I	N	G	S	R	O	C	K	
P	S	I	D	E	E	G	O	T	H	S
R	A	T	S	A	L	A	M	O		
O	C	E	L	O	T	R	A	M	B	L
S	C	A	L	D	S	O	B	X	E	R
E	R	G	O	S	T	R	U	C	K	
T	E	R	M	I	T	E	G	R	I	P
T	E	E	D	I	E	L	U	T	E	S
O	D	E	A	R	M	E	X	T	E	R

Saturday's answer 5-21

Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 5 4
♥ 10 8 7
♦ J 10 2
♣ A J 4

WEST
♠ K J 10 8 3 2
♥ 5 3
♦ Q 7 6
♣ 6 3

EAST
♠ A 9 6 2
♥ 9 4
♦ K Q 8 7 5 2
♣ K Q

SOUTH
♠ 9 7 6
♥ K Q 4
♦ A K 8 5 3
♣ 10 9

The bidding:
East 1♥ South 2♦ West 2♠ North Dble
3♥ 3♣ Pass 3NT
Opening lead — six of clubs.

Famous Hand

Sometimes, a carefully considered play can backfire and lead to a disastrous result. That is precisely what happened on this deal from the 1989 Venice Cup finals between two women's teams from the Netherlands and the United States. The Americans won the 128-deal match by a relatively narrow margin after an exciting contest in which the outcome remained in doubt right up to the final few deals.

The bidding shown occurred early in the match at the table where Beth Palmer and Lynn Deas were North-South for the U.S. Deas reached three notrump after a lively auction, and the Dutch West led the six of clubs.

Declarer played low from dummy, and East won the trick with the queen. East then shifted to the jack of hearts! This unusual play was designed to guard against a holding of Q-x-x in the South hand. If declarer had that holding, the lead of the jack would trap the queen, whereas a low heart return would establish the queen as a stopper after South followed low. However, East's return — well thought out as it was — served only to confuse her partner after declarer won the trick with the king.

When West subsequently gained the lead with the queen of diamonds, she returned a heart! This established South's second heart honor as her ninth trick. In all, declarer scored two hearts, two spades, four diamonds and the ace of clubs. Had West returned a club instead, establishing East's clubs before the ace of hearts was dislodged, South would have fallen a trick short.

At the other table, the U.S. East-West pair wound up in two spades, down two. The combination of +600 at one table and -200 at the other gave the Americans a 9-IMP pickup on the deal.

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1	2	3		4	5	6		7	8	9	10
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15				16				17			
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33				34		35		36			
37				38		39		40			
41				42		43					
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