

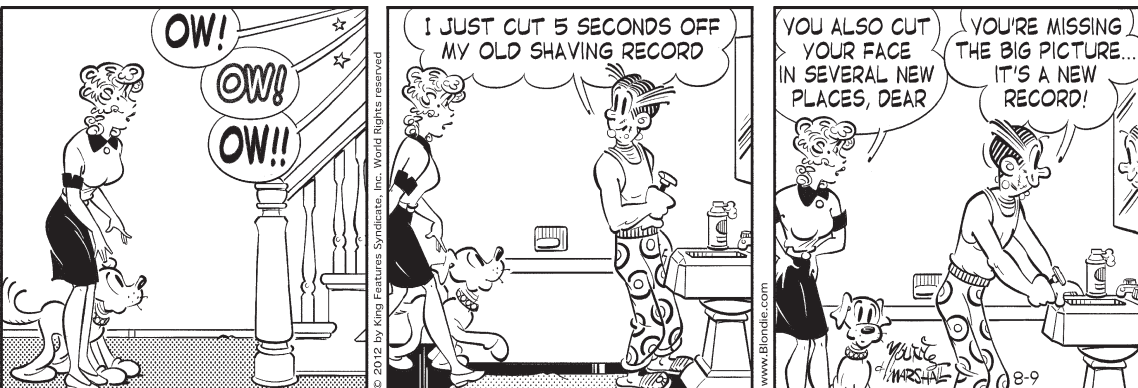
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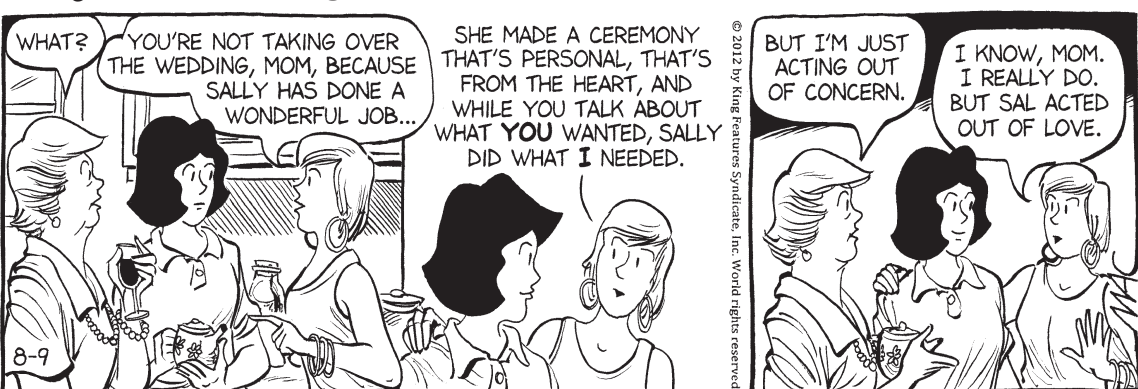
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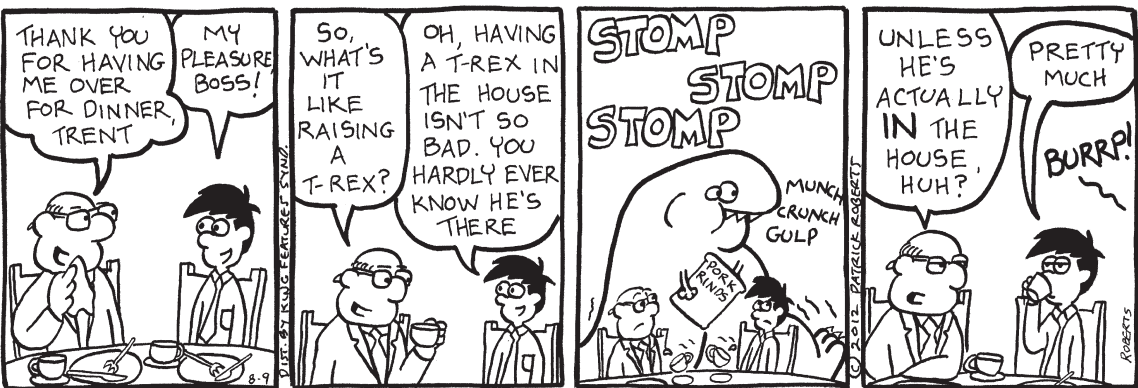
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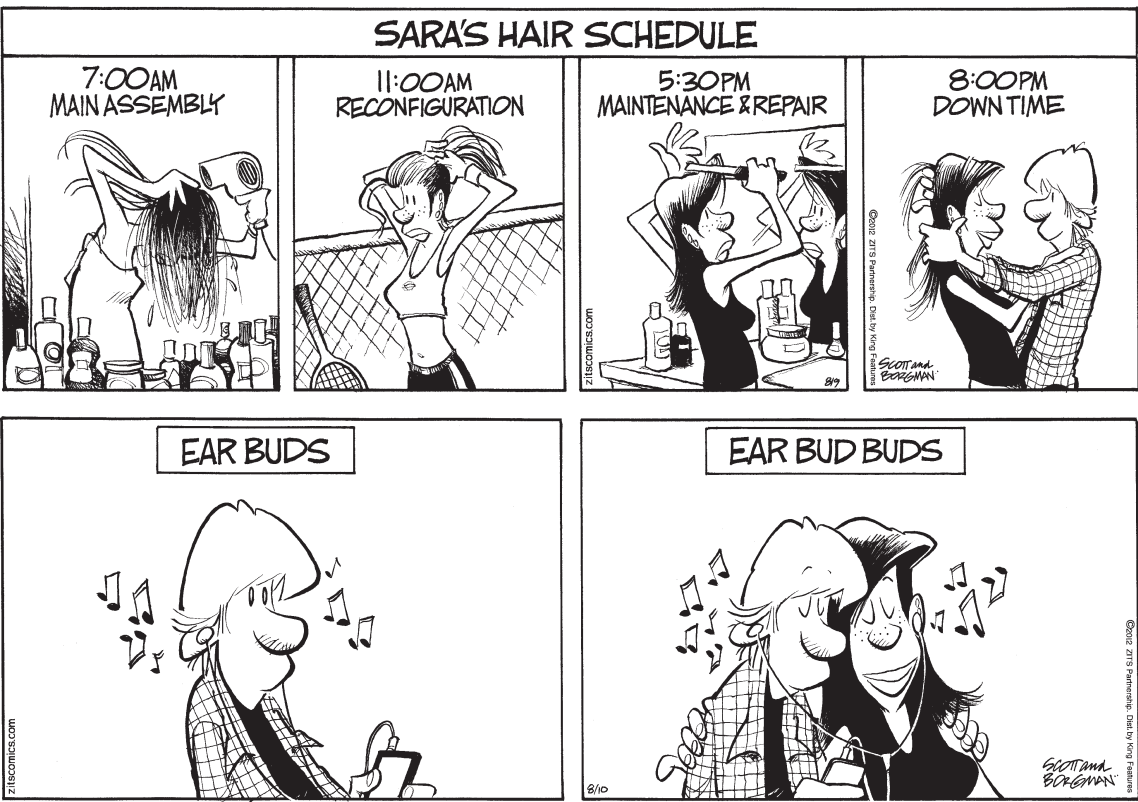
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**Terry Kovel**

• Antiques and Collecting

Machine sewed just cuffs, collars

**Q:** I have an old Cuff 'n' Collar Maker with original patterns and attachments. It was made by Wheeler & Wilson of Bridgeport, Conn., and lists patent dates in 1850, 1851, 1852 and 1865. It is not a regular sewing machine. No one I talk to knows what it is.

A: Wheeler, Wilson & Co. was founded by Allen B. Wilson and Nathaniel Wheeler in Waretown, Mass., in about 1851. Wilson was a cabinetmaker who patented his first sewing machine in 1850. The company became Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co. in 1853 and moved to Bridgeport in 1856. At one point, it was the largest manufacturer of sewing machines in the world.

The detachable collar was invented in 1827, and detachable cuffs in about 1845. Wheeler & Wilson designed a sewing machine to make collars and cuffs as well as shirts, and claimed that an operator could make "80 to 100 dozen collars" in a day by using its machines instead of sewing the collars by hand.

The company also made other special sewing machines, including ones for buttonholes, corsets and boots. Wheeler & Wilson was taken over by Singer in 1905, but sewing machines under the Wheeler & Wilson name continued to be made until 1913.

**Q:** I have an autographed photo of Satchel Paige in a baseball uniform. What is its value?

A: Leroy Robert "Satchel" Paige (1906-1982) was a professional pitcher who played for many different teams during his long career. A black player, he had to pitch in the Negro leagues before the major leagues were integrated.

In 1948 Paige debuted in the majors with the Cleveland Indians at the age of 42, making him both the oldest player ever to debut in MLB and the seventh to integrate it. Paige pitched for the Indians, St. Louis Browns and Kansas City Athletics before ending his career in 1966.

In 1971 Paige became the first player to be elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame as a Negro leagues player. An autographed photo of Paige in his Browns uniform recently sold for \$253 at auction.

**Q:** I have an old hand-cranked candy-making machine. It has several attachments to make lozenges and other hard candies. The label on it reads "Thos. Mills & Bro. Inc., Confectioners & Bakers Tolls, Philadelphia." What is it worth?

A: Thos. Mills & Bro. was founded in Philadelphia in about 1864 by Thomas and George Mills. The company made equipment for confectioners, bakers and ice-cream makers. It was best-known for its clear toy candy molds and other confectionary equipment. A Thos. Mills & Bro. candy press identical to yours with extra attachments recently sold for \$529 at auction.

Terry Kovel answers as many questions as possible through the column. The volume of mail makes personal answers or appraisals impossible. Write to Kovel, (Colby Free Press), King Features Syndicate, 300 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.

Bridge • Steve Becker

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♦ Q 5  
♥ K 6 5 3  
♦ 9 8 4 2  
♣ A K Q

**WEST**  
♦ J 10 9 4  
♥ 9 8 7 4 2  
♦ Q J  
♣ 9 3

**EAST**  
♦ 8 6 3 2  
♥ —  
♦ A K 10 5  
♣ J 8 6 5 2

**SOUTH**  
♦ A K 7  
♥ A Q J 10  
♦ 7 6 3  
♣ 10 7 4

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass 1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥  
Pass 2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠  
Opening lead — jack of spades.

**Rescuing a Lost Cause**  
Assume you're declarer at four hearts and West leads the jack of spades. There seems to be nothing to the play, but when you win the spade with dummy's queen and lead a trump to your queen, East shows out, and you discover that the 10 "sure" tricks you started with are not nearly as certain as you thought they were.

Let's say you next cash the A-K of spades, discarding a diamond from dummy, and then, with fingers crossed, play the A-K-Q of clubs, hoping West will follow suit. But West ruffs the third club and shifts to a diamond, and you go down one.

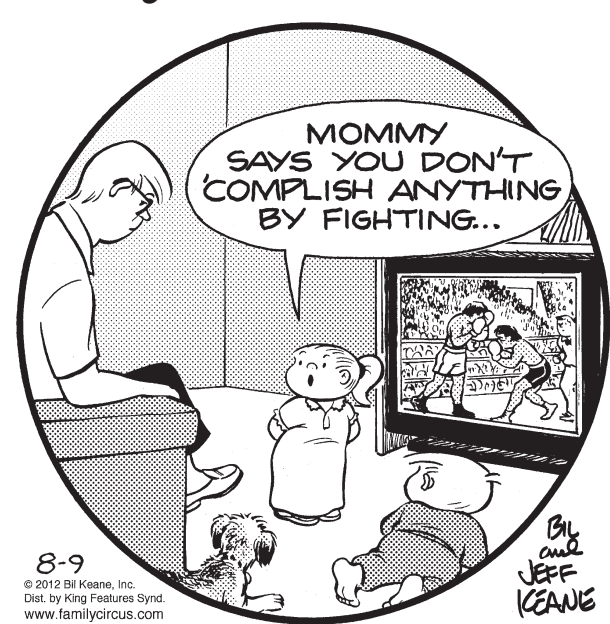
You might lament that you were extremely unlucky to run into a 5-0 trump split as well as a 5-2 club division, but when you think about it a bit more, you realize that you could -- and should -- have made the contract.

Instead of discarding a diamond from dummy when you cashed the A-K of spades, you should have discarded the queen of clubs! You could then play dummy's A-K of clubs, lead a low trump to your ten and play the ten of clubs, ruffing it with dummy's king if necessary. This sequence of plays would have yielded your 10th trick.

Actually, there's nothing fancy about this play -- it just looks fancy. It cannot cost you a trick to discard the queen of clubs, and at the same time it significantly increases your chances of making the contract. Indeed, had the queen of clubs been the deuce of clubs, you would surely have adopted this approach and easily made the contract.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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| 1 | 6 |   |   |  |   |   |  | 2 |   |
|   |   | 3 | 9 |  | 5 |   |  | 8 |   |

Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/09

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.

Cryptoquip

CHEUKUWIHKS MWNUP

KDVIHEKR EWNRIA JFVIV

RWREWDDHMMHWRVC WQQHEVIM

KSJKAM IVHTR: MVITVKRUHRK.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ALTHOUGH THIS ISN'T QUITE THE VARIETY OF FISH I DESIRED TO CATCH, IT'S A ROUGHY EQUIVALENT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals E

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Opposed
  - 5 "Hum-bug!"
  - 8 Duel
  - 12 Leeway
  - 13 — out a living
  - 14 Ointment-yielding plant
  - 15 Handle
  - 16 Paving material
  - 17 Puzzle diagram
  - 18 Elder
  - 20 Le Carre hero
  - 22 Support system?
  - 23 Literary collection
  - 24 Disappear gradually
  - 27 "Close — and I'll kiss you..."
  - 32 Greek X
  - 33 Sea eagle
  - 34 Geologic period
- DOWN**
- 1 Clumsy boats
  - 2 Zilch
  - 3 Animated character
  - 4 Drink
  - 5 Sold out
  - 6 Alias abbr.
  - 7 His and —
  - 8 Motor
  - 9 Exploited successfully
  - 10 Pennsylvania port
  - 11 Vortex
  - 19 On the other hand
  - 21 Scratch
  - 24 TV watchdog org.
  - 25 "Eureka!"
  - 26 Unnerved
  - 28 Raw rock
  - 29 Still in need of convincing
  - 30 Work unit
  - 31 Put into words
  - 36 Poolside structure
  - 37 The whole enchilada
  - 38 Hug
  - 41 Kipling poem
  - 42 Worked with
  - 43 PBS science show
  - 44 Cheese choice
  - 46 Birthright barterer
  - 47 Film sample
  - 48 Rent
  - 51 Deli loaf

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

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Yesterday's answer 8-9

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