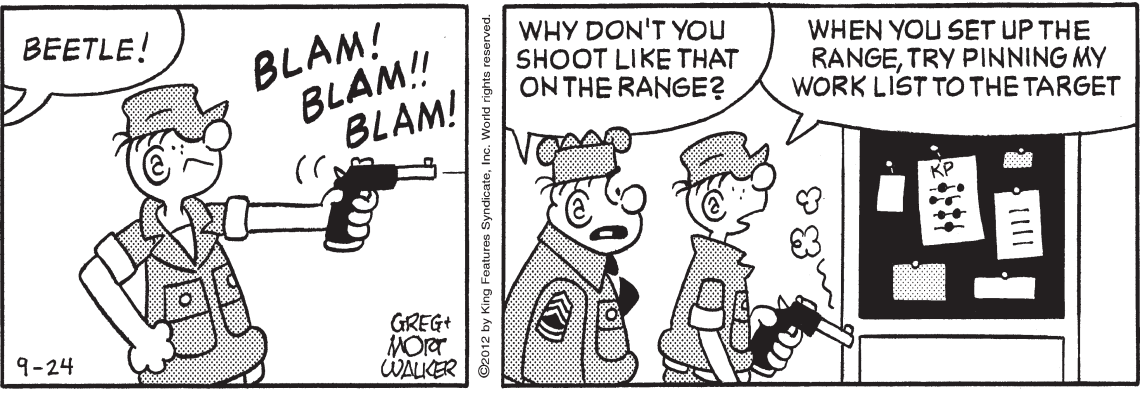


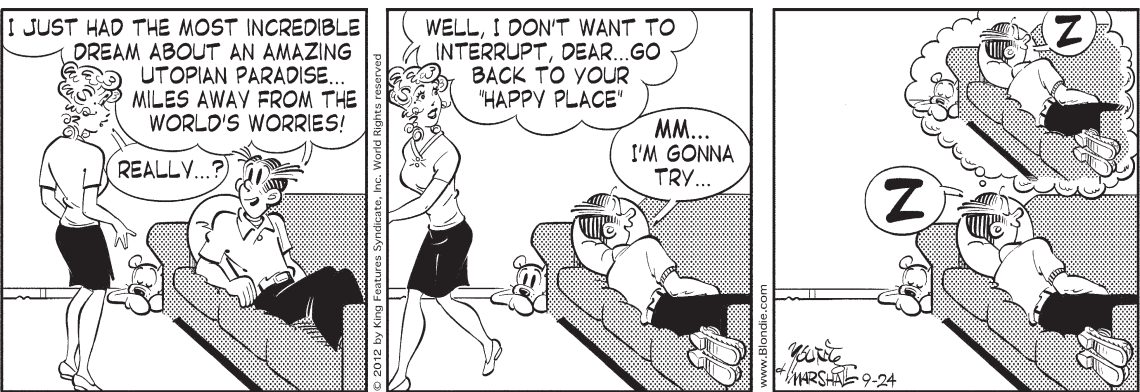
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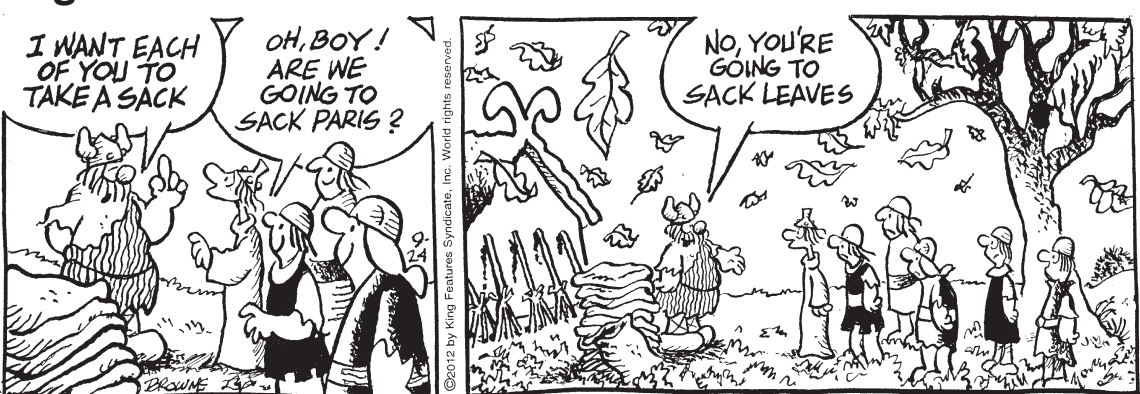
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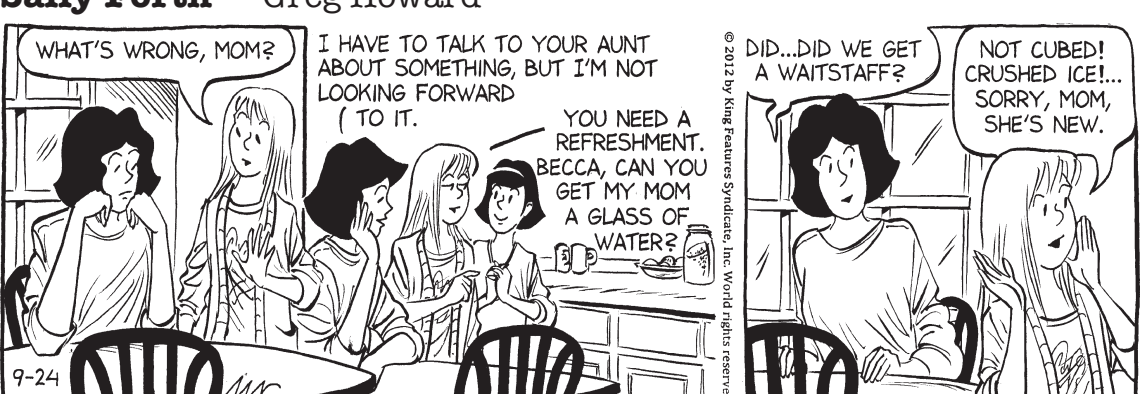
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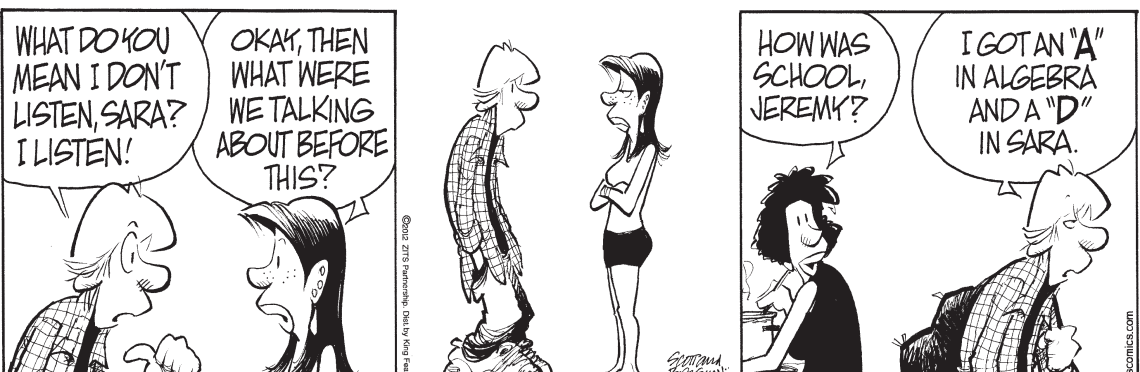
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**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Terry Kovel**

• Antiques and Collecting

**Unusual pieces spark interest**

Sometimes an unusual piece of furniture is offered for sale, and many collectors fight over it.

A "Dr. Byrne's Medical Examination Chair" was offered by Skinner Auctioneers of Boston. The odd chair was clearly labeled with its name and the maker, S. Betz & Co. of Chicago. The red-painted steel chair also was marked on the footrests with the maker's name and the words "Model 1901 Prof. A.H. Ferguson." The 56-inch chair has levers to adjust the back, footrest and height, and it can be flattened to use as a table with stirrups. Nineteenth-century medical chairs are not often sold.



This medical-examining chair was made in the 1880s. It sold for \$475 at auction in 2011. Medical antiques are hard to find.

Few pieces of furniture representing technology (rather than decorative arts) have survived, but all of the ones we mentioned have sold at recent auctions.

**Q: My child-size green lusterware tea set is decorated with white and pink flower blossoms. The set includes four cups and 3-1/4-inch-diameter saucers, a 3-1/2-inch teapot, and a sugar and creamer. Some of the pieces are marked "Made in Japan." There's not a chip anywhere. Age and value?**

**A:** Many lusterware children's tea sets were made in Japan during the 1930s. Your set was probably made then, or perhaps as early as the late 1920s. Your set is a small one, without plates. It would sell for about \$35 to \$50.

**Tip:** Store your card albums flat, not upright. This prevents your baseball cards or old valentines from getting bent or damaged. Check the album periodically to make sure the pages are not sticking together. If you notice any problems, replace the pages.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



"How did the first person get it?"

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 9/24

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**

CDNXQCDJDAE EMTE T KDCZWA  
JXZE ZETL TE T NXTCEDE  
WS ZJTOO MWEDOZ DTYM  
LDTC: SWXC-QAA KWOQYL

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THOSE TWO BLACK BIRDS HAPPENED TO LAND ON THAT ROCK AT THE SAME MOMENT. WHAT A CROW-INCIDENCE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals T

**Bridge** • Steve Becker

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH: ♠K 9 6 3, ♥9 8, ♦A Q J 10 9, ♣Q 5. WEST: ♠8 5 2, ♥2, ♦K 8 6 2, ♣J 8 7 6 4. EAST: ♠Q 10 7, ♥Q 7 6 4, ♦7 5 3, ♣10 9 3. SOUTH: ♠A J 4, ♥A K J 10 5 3, ♦4, ♣A K 2.

The bidding: West 1♦, North Pass, East 2♥, South 4NT. Opening lead — six of clubs.

**Famous Hand**

The scene was the 1947 Vanderbilt team championship. It was the last hand of the 36-board semifinals match, and Dick Frey (South) had left with his team ahead after the 35th board to catch the 1:15 a.m. train for home. Jigger Dornbusch, a reserve member of the team, took Frey's place for the final deal.

Dornbusch was unaware that his North-South adversaries at the other table had already bid and made six hearts and that all he had to do to win the match was to duplicate this result. Instead, he undertook a grand slam.

Dornbusch won the club lead in his hand, played the ace of trumps (to guard against West's holding the singleton queen), led a club to the queen and took a trump finesse. The finesse succeeded, but he could not avoid losing a trump trick and went down one.

Had Dornbusch taken two trump finesses through East — that is, without cashing the ace of trumps first — he would have been 2,310 points better off. He also would have won the match instead of losing it.

It is doubtful whether, in the long history of bridge, there has ever been such a dramatic combination of circumstances revolving about one deal. Dornbusch became the goat of the year by playing a single hand! Moreover, the hand itself proved to be very instructive because, though the ace-of-hearts safety play looked attractive, it was in fact a terrible blunder.

In attempting to guard against West holding the singleton queen, Dornbusch in effect neglected to guard against West's holding the singleton 7, 6, 4 or 2. These four singletons were four times as likely to occur as the singleton queen, so Dornbusch's ace play at trick two was decidedly against the odds.

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**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>             | <b>DOWN</b>          |
| 1 Atomizer output         | 1 Chinese chairman   |
| 5 Annoy                   | 2 Ailing             |
| 8 Picnic invaders         | 3 Witness of         |
| 12 Pub                    | 4 "Much obliged"     |
| 14 Old Italian coin       | 5 Unopened roses     |
| 15 Poisonous evergreen    | 6 Exploit            |
| 16 Alternative to Windows | 7 Apache leader      |
| 17 Greek consonants       | 8 Graduates          |
| 18 Electrical resistance  | 9 1492 vessel        |
| 20 Some silverware        | 10 Advanced math     |
| 23 Soon, in verse         | 11 Old German name   |
| 24 Individuals            | 12 Responsibility    |
| 25 "Hamlet" Oscar winner  | 13 Respon-           |
| 28 Schedule abbr.         | 14 Hoisted, at sea   |
| 29 "Once upon ..."        | 15 Enemy             |
| 30 Periodical, for short  | 16 Aware of          |
|                           | 17 Authentic         |
|                           | 18 Preferred         |
|                           | 19 invitees          |
|                           | 20 Ear               |
|                           | 21 doctor's device   |
|                           | 22 Eastern           |
|                           | 23 potentate         |
|                           | 24 —tat-tat          |
|                           | 25 Operatic solo     |
|                           | 26 Tooth-paste style |
|                           | 27 Buckeye           |
|                           | 28 Always, in music  |
|                           | 29 Show anger        |
|                           | 30 Re-locate         |
|                           | 31 Desert-like       |
|                           | 32 Actress Campbell  |
|                           | 33 Legend            |
|                           | 34 Long, crosser     |
|                           | 35 — and outs        |
|                           | 36 Baseball hat      |
|                           | 37 Crafty            |



Saturday's answer 9-24

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