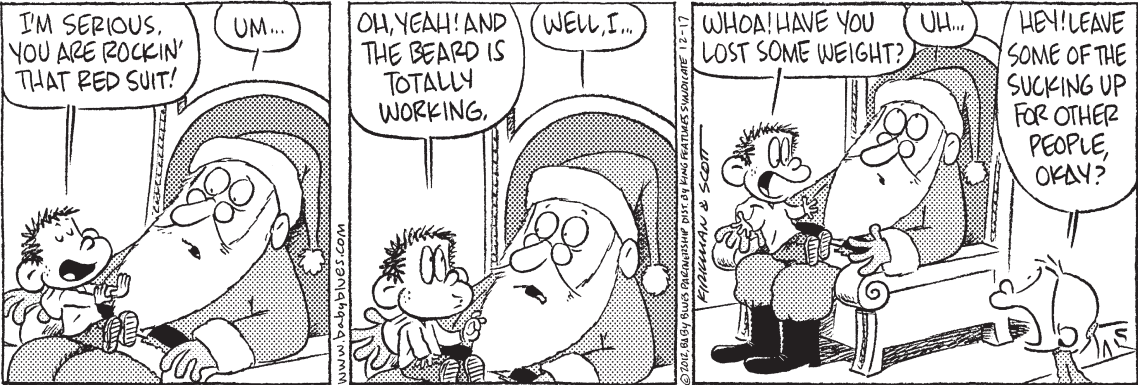


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



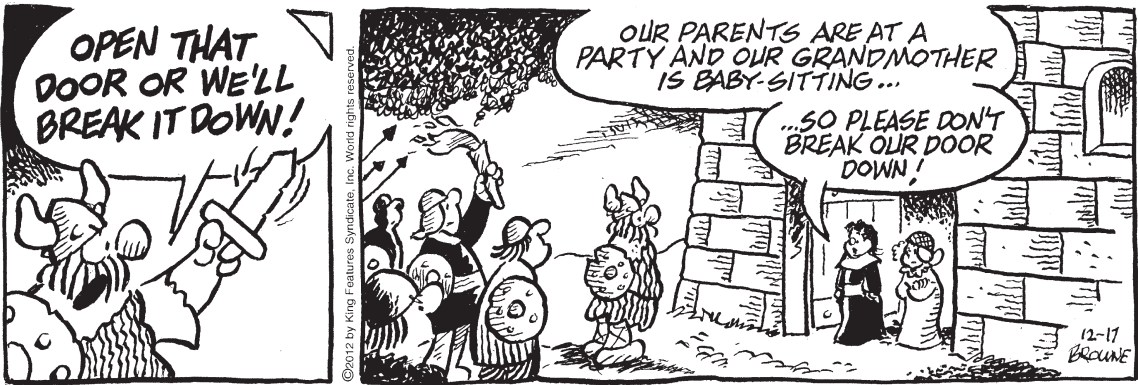
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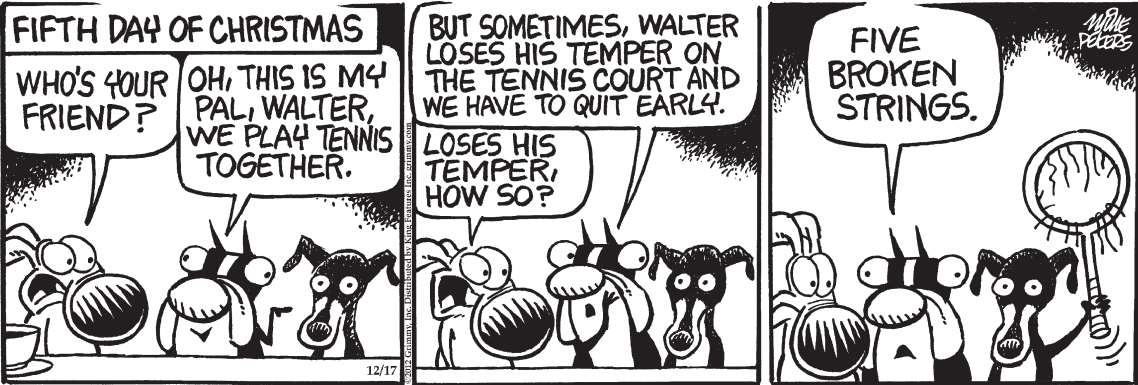
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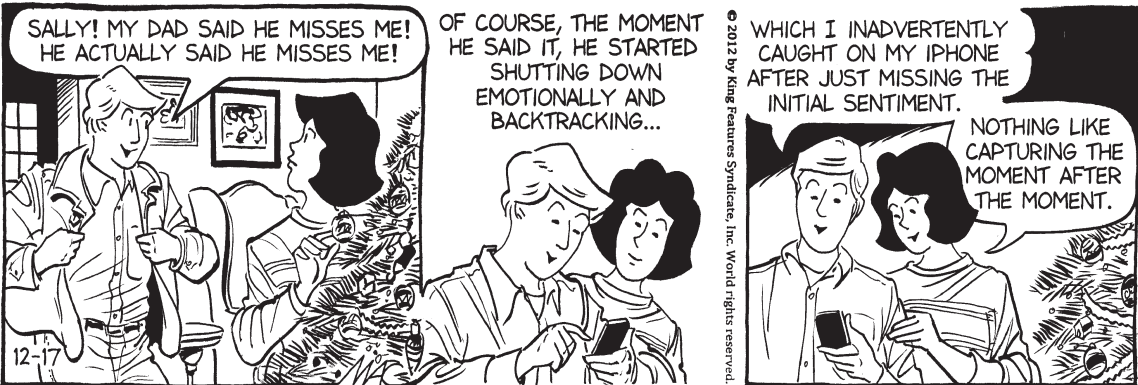
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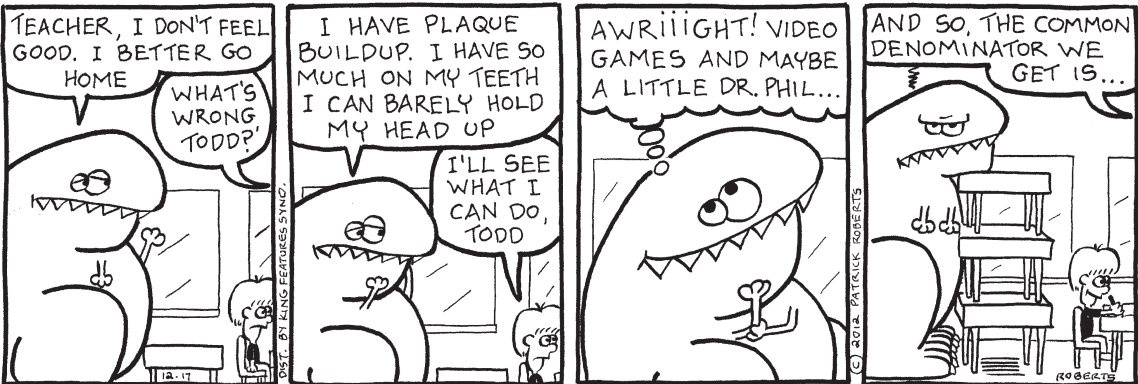
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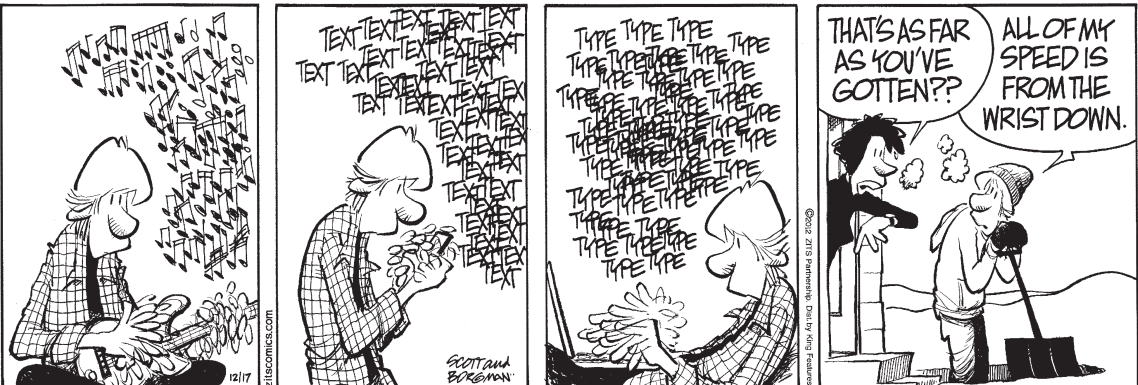
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel
 Antiques and Collecting

Colder homes needed blankets

In the winters of earlier centuries, rooms could become very cold. Heat came only from a fire-place, and a glass of water just 6 feet from the flames could freeze. So blankets, coverlets and quilts were necessities. Only the very rich could import fabrics, most had to use homemade or at least locally made bed covers.

In the 18th and early 19th centuries, the house-wife furnished the wool for a coverlet. White wool sheared from the family sheep was dyed with indigo for blue, red from madder root and yellow from goldenrod or sumac. Black wool came from black sheep. Then the wool was spun on a wheel and woven on a loom. Strips 3 yards long and 42 inches wide were stitched together to make a coverlet.
 In about 1800, traveling weavers started working in New England, New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Women were delighted to be able to buy the finished coverlets. In 1801 the Jacquard loom was invented, and by 1820 it was in use in the United States. It used a series of punch cards to move the threads and create complicated three-color patterns. Large looms could make a full-sized coverlet in one piece.

Most of the weaving was done in factories by the 1870s. Many woven coverlets were marked in a corner with the name of the weaver and sometimes the name of the owner, the county or city and the date.

Very elaborate jacquard coverlets were made and sold at major events like world's fairs. These often pictured buildings and patriotic sayings. Several different 1876 Philadelphia Centennial Exposition coverlets auction for \$600 to \$800.

Some designs have seven colors. If the fringe is in good condition, the colors bright and the coverlet free of moth holes, the price is higher. They can be hung on a wall or used as a bedspread.

Q: My parents left me a walnut Windsor chair that was the first piece of furniture they bought after they were married in 1920.

The paper label on the bottom of the seat reads "Phoenix Chair Co., Sheboygan, Wisconsin, U.S.A." Somewhere I read that 18th-century Windsor chairs were always painted very dark green. I would like to know if it's OK for me to paint it dark green.

A: Phoenix Chair Co. was in business from about 1875 into the 1950s. If your parents' chair was made around 1920 and is in decent shape, it would sell for about \$50. Walnut is a nice unpainted wood, but if you prefer dark green go ahead and paint the chair. However, it is not true that all 18th-century Windsor chairs were painted dark green. Many were painted black or even left unpainted.

Tip: Missing an earring? An antique drop earring can be converted to a necklace pendant. Very fashionable today.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.
 NORTH
 ♠ K Q 5
 ♥ Q J 8 3 2
 ♦ 10 8
 ♣ J 9 7
 WEST
 ♠ A J 10 9 6 2
 ♥ K 9 7
 ♦ J 4 2
 ♣ 2
 EAST
 ♠ 8 3
 ♥ A 5
 ♦ 7 6 5 3
 ♣ Q 10 5 4 3
 SOUTH
 ♠ 7 4
 ♥ 10 6 4
 ♦ A K Q 9
 ♣ A K 8 6
 The bidding:
 East South West North
 Pass 1 NT 2 ♣ 2 NT
 Pass 3 ♣ Pass 3 NT
 Opening lead — two of diamonds.
 Famous Hand

In 2001, less than two years after Rita Shugart astounded the bridge world by becoming the first woman to win two Reisinger team titles in succession, fellow Californian Rose Meltzer went her one better by becoming the first woman to win the world open team championship. Meltzer and her teammates – Kyle Larsen, Chip Martel, Lew Stansby, Alan Sontag and Peter Weichsel – captured bridge's most prestigious title by defeating Norway in the 128-deal final, held in Paris.

Interestingly, both women began their bridge careers in and around Westchester County, N.Y., before finding fame and fortune in California.

Meltzer showed excellent judgment on this deal from the final, helping her team gain 10 IMPs. After West, Norway's Boye Brogeland, overcalled with two spades, Meltzer, North, elected not to show her five-card heart suit. She no doubt reasoned that since she had spades doubly stopped and there was a danger that East might obtain a spade ruff, the nine-trick notrump game was a better bet.

This proved the winning decision on two counts. First, Larsen had no trouble making the contract with an overtrick after an opening diamond lead by West. He lost only two hearts and the spade ace.

Second was what happened at the other table, where the Norwegian North, Geir Helgemo, wound up in four hearts after West had shown his spade suit. Martel, East, led the spade eight to his partner's ace, and Stansby shifted to his singleton club.

Helgemo played the jack and took East's queen with the ace. He then made the normal play of leading a trump, losing to Martel's ace. Martel returned a club for his partner to ruff – the third trick for the defense – and Stansby still had to get the heart king for down one.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Make sure you remind Grandma what's in eight days."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★

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.

Cryptokuip

ZBLLR HUX NT CMJEMC

DYHBN D ADJNEKBUDJUR

XMTEUECS YBLKS HZ ABAAEMC:

"NSM UENNMJ JDCKDUC."

Yesterday's Cryptokuip: SOME SHOE STORE EMPLOYEES STOLE MANY OF THE SHOP'S FLIP-FLOPS, CREATING A REAL SANDAL SCANDAL.

Today's Cryptokuip Clue: T equals V

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	32 Wasp's weapon	DOWN	1 "For — a Jolly Good Fellow"	19 Super-market stack
1 Piece of beef-cake?	34 Culture medium	2 Last (Abbr.)	21 Former mates	20 Shaft of sunlight
5 Chevy Equinox, for one	35 Jaromir of hockey	3 Neither partner	22 Birds' home	23 Title holder
8 Competent	36 Odds' opposites	4 Stabbed	25 Hints at	26 Advantage
12 Stretch out	37 Fluffy dessert	5 Long story	27 Reddish horse	29 "CSI" collections
14 Hoofbeat sound	40 "Hail!"	6 Salt Lake athlete	31 Day fractions (Abbr.)	33 Dutch river
15 News correspondent	41 Mischievous tykes	7 Fact-checker, often	34 Get back at	36 Satanic
16 Golf target	42 TV host Jerry	8 Sore	37 Marceau's forte	38 Portent
17 Air safety org.	43 Follow too closely	9 United nations	39 Doing	40 Operatic solo
18 Big drip?	44 Organic compound	10 Lounge about	43 Drivel	44 Joke
20 Get more magazines	45 Hot tub	11 Dueler's sword	45 Greek H	46 Scarlet
23 In the twinkling — eye	51 "Zounds!"	13 Eat away at		
24 Chopped				
25 One with an exciting social life				
28 "Absolutely"				
29 Sand formations				
30 Homer's interjection				

Saturday's answer 12-17

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