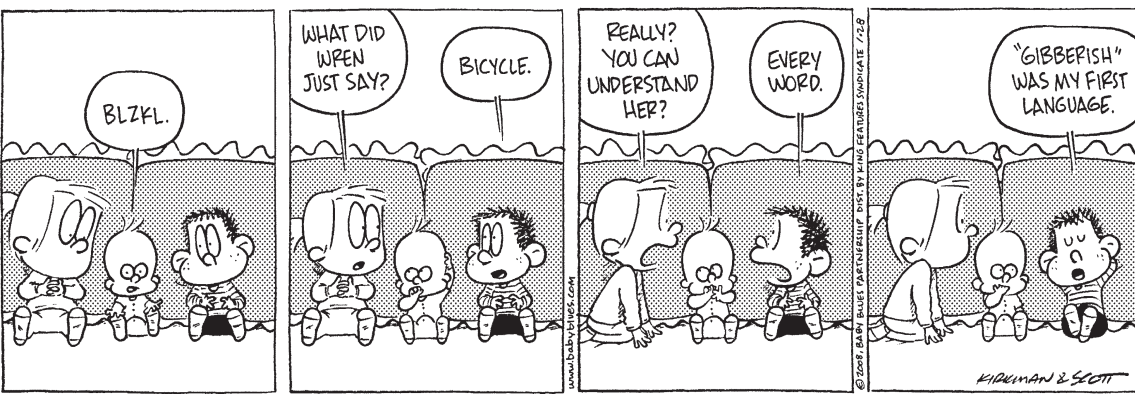
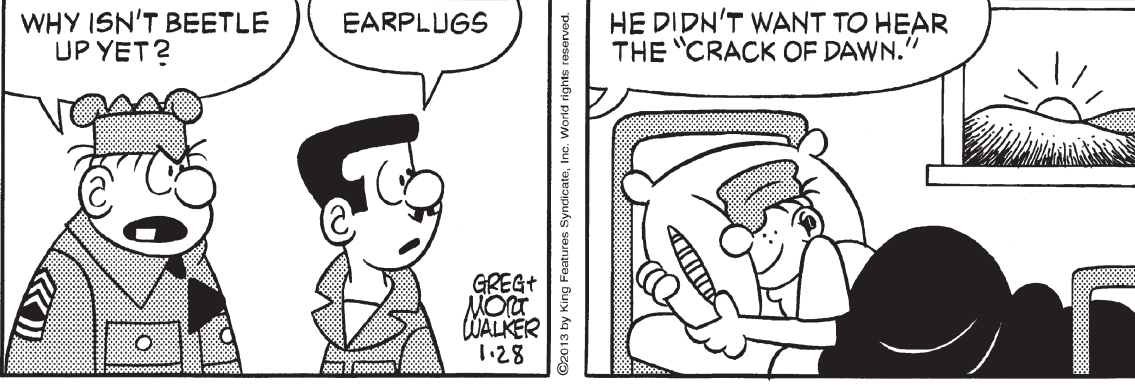


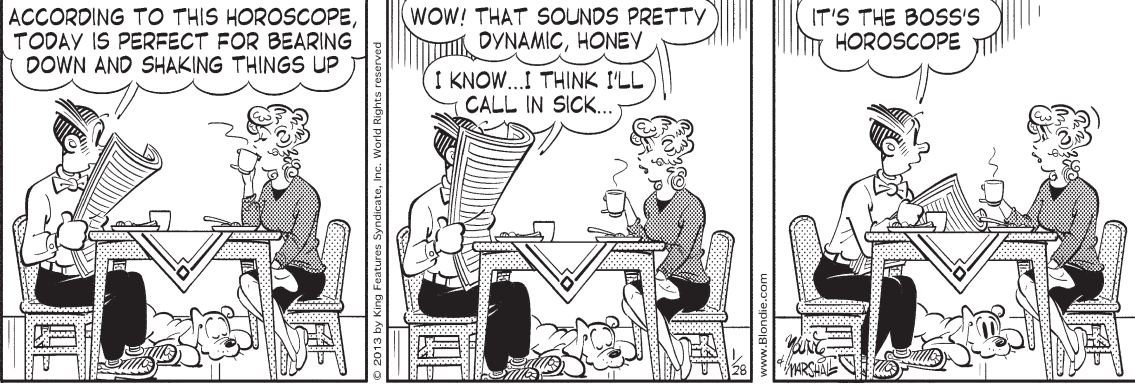
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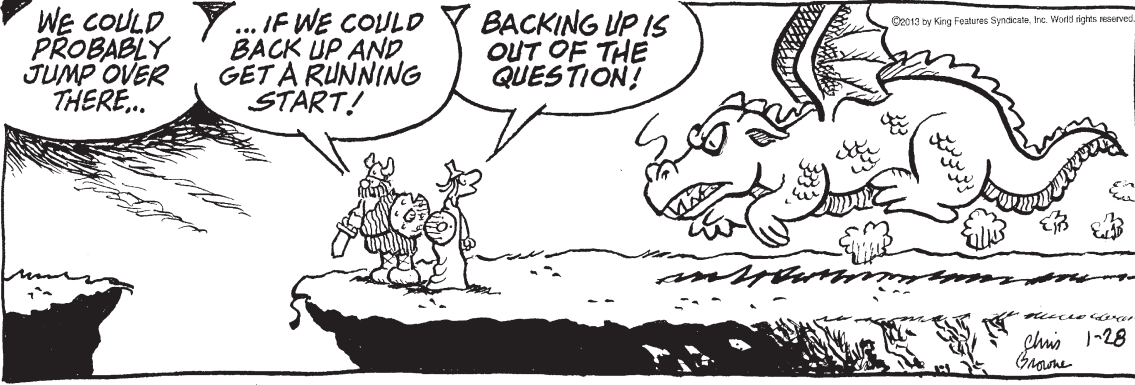
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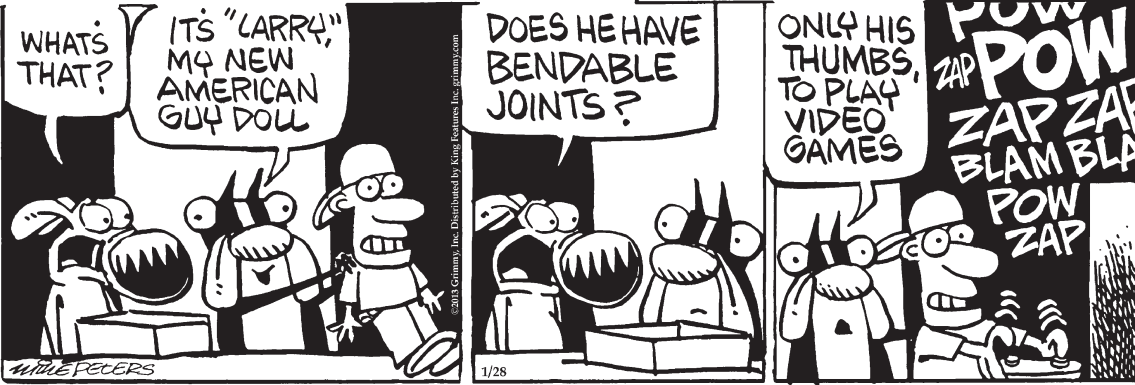
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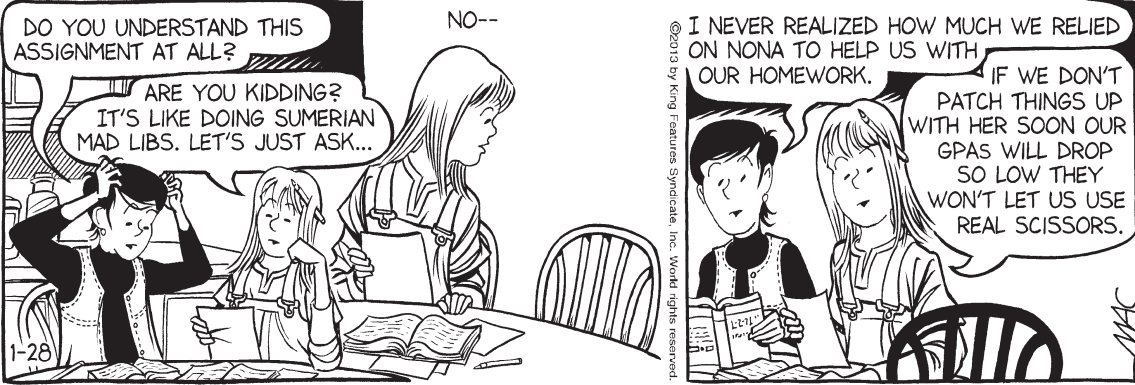
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Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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• Antiques and Collecting

Medicine chest reflects tradition

Korean medicine dates back thousands of years.

Sharp bone needles once used for acupuncture have been unearthed in Korea. But it was not until the end of the 19th century that doctors in the United States and other parts of Asia began to consider using its unfamiliar medical methods.

Koreans practicing medicine 600 years ago used herbs and other natural substances, like ground deer horn or insects. These "medicines" were stored in large cabinets with many small drawers. The herbs were mixed with other substances and administered as salves, drinks, washes or even aromatic environments.

While American physicians treated a person's symptoms, Koreans treated a patient's emotions. In recent years, American doctors have begun prescribing meditation, heat, aromatherapy, acupuncture or Asian herbs along with antibiotics and painkillers. And the herbs often are stored in new wooden cabinets.

Korean medicine chest drawers are marked with a Korean letter or word. Collectors often use them to store marbles. The chests are treated like expensive furniture and are kept in the hall or living room.

A Korean medicine cabinet made of jujube wood sold for \$1,778 at a recent Skinner auction. The 20th-century cabinet, about 5 feet tall and 4 1/2 feet wide, has 96 drawers.

Tip: Rubber bands will stain silver even through several layers of paper wrapping.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A K 4
♥ 9 6
♦ 9 4 2
♣ K Q 10 9 8

WEST
♠ J 9
♥ K Q 7 3
♦ K Q J 8 7 6 5
♣ —

EAST
♠ 6 3
♥ J 10 5 4
♦ A 10
♣ A 7 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 10 8 7 5 2
♥ A 8 2
♦ 3
♣ J 4 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦!! 2♥!! Pass 4♥
4♠!!! Pass Pass 5♣
Opening lead — three of hearts.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in the 1991 world team championship final between Iceland and Poland. The bidding shown took place when the Polish pair of Adam Zmudzinski and Cezary Balicki held the North-South cards.

The bidding requires explanation. The Polish pair were using a system wherein an opening one-diamond bid indicates zero to seven points, which explains South's initial bid. West's two-heart overcall, by agreement, showed specifically four hearts and at least six diamonds. After East jumped to four hearts, Balicki came in with a daring four-spade bid at the adverse vulnerability.

West, Jon Baldursson, made the unusual lead of a low heart from the K-Q-7-3, hoping his partner could win the trick and give him a club ruff. East, Adalsteinn Jorgensen, played the ten, and declarer, unaware of the impending danger, let the ten hold. He was planning to win the expected heart return and ruff a heart in dummy before drawing trumps.

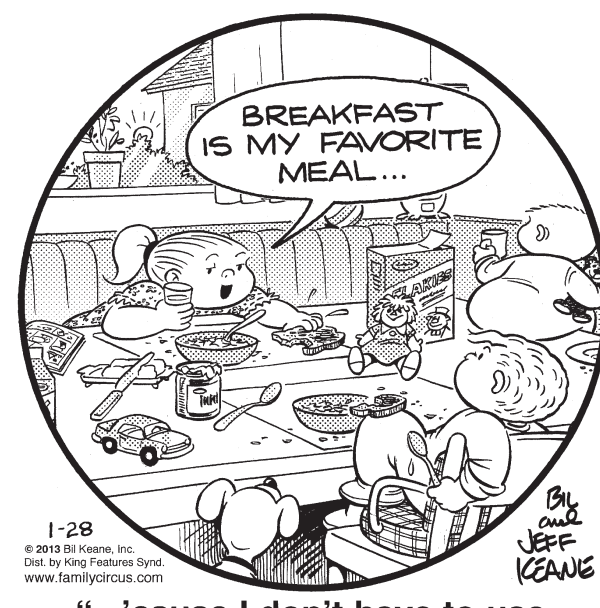
The play to the first trick was not lost on Jorgensen. Since declarer had not taken the ten with the king or queen, West had to have both of those cards. All Jorgensen had to do was to work out why Baldursson had not made the normal lead of the king.

With five clubs in his own hand and five in dummy, Jorgensen had no trouble finding the answer. He cashed the club ace, gave his partner a club ruff, won West's diamond return and gave West another club ruff. Down two, 500 points to Iceland. Of course, had Balicki won the opening trick and drawn trumps, he would have made his contract for a gain of 790 points.

At the other table, the Polish East-West wound up in five diamonds doubled, down one, an excellent result considering North-South could make four spades. As it was, though, Iceland gained 100 points at one table and 500 at the other for a 12-IMP pickup on the deal.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"...cause I don't have to use my good manners."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

Cryptoquip

LFGTYQXFZC VLFI XTZX
FYUFYQYKXQ Z WYCCLV'Q
YKGLOKXYFQ ZFLOKM XTY
MLGI: "UYXYF ZKM XTY VTZFW."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MY INSTRUCTOR ACTUALLY WAGERED THAT I WILL BE HIS BEST STUDENT. I GUESS I'M THE TEACHER'S BET.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN | DOWN | DOWN |
| 1 Holly-wood's Photo-shopping? (Abbr.) | 37 Salvors | 1 Food, slangily | 19 Mess up |
| 4 \$ dispenser | 41 Blew hard | 2 Festive | 21 Calendar abbr. |
| 7 Cheek by — | 43 Greet the villain | 3 Without doing | 23 Almond or pecan |
| 11 Pilgrimage to Mecca | 44 Thing | 4 Plant anything | 25 Libertine |
| 13 "How come?" | 46 Prank | 5 Commandment | 26 Body powder |
| 14 Overwhelms | 50 Celebrity | 6 Gift from the wise | 27 Proof-reading directive |
| 15 Earthenware pot | 53 Unopened flower | 8 Have bills | 28 Dog owner's chore |
| 16 Neither partner | 55 Noble title | 9 Tiny | 29 Beige |
| 17 Require | 56 Congers, e.g. | 10 "Acid" | 30 Symbol on Canada's flag |
| 18 Western star John | 57 Unfriendly | 12 New Year's Day | 31 "Help!" |
| 20 Language of Pakistan | 58 Old portico | | 35 Place for 28-Down |
| 22 Grecian vessel | 59 Ridge caused by a blow | | 38 Prepared |
| 24 Red suit | 60 With 61-Across, finis | | 40 Feathery neckpiece |
| 28 Former Soviet republic | 61 See 60-Across | | 42 Subtraction from an account |

Saturday's answer 1-28

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11			12					14	
15				16				17	
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