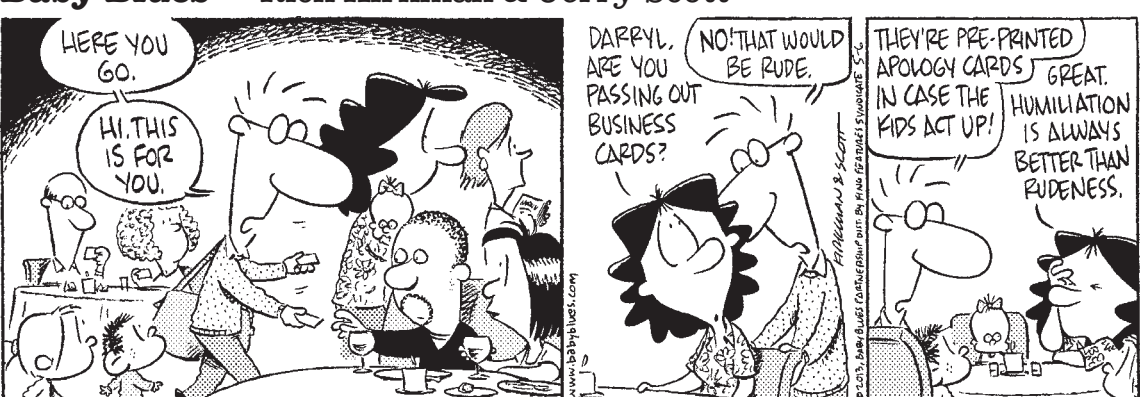


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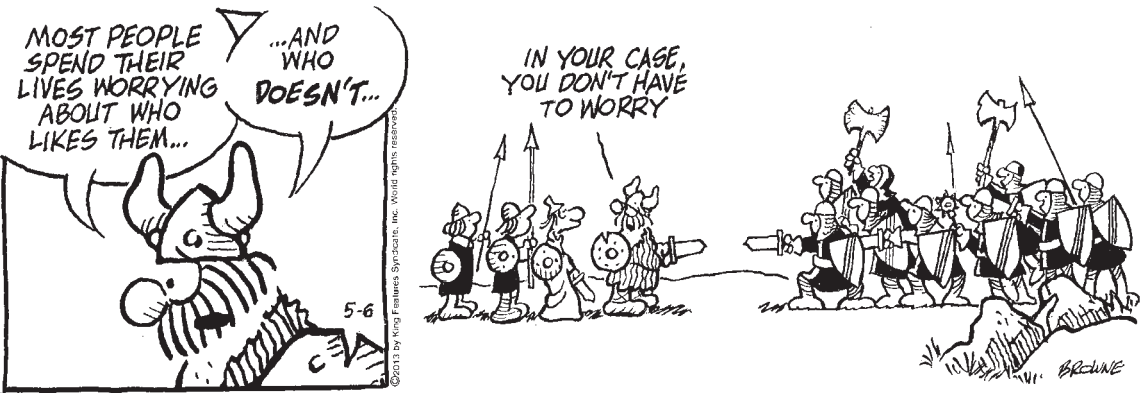
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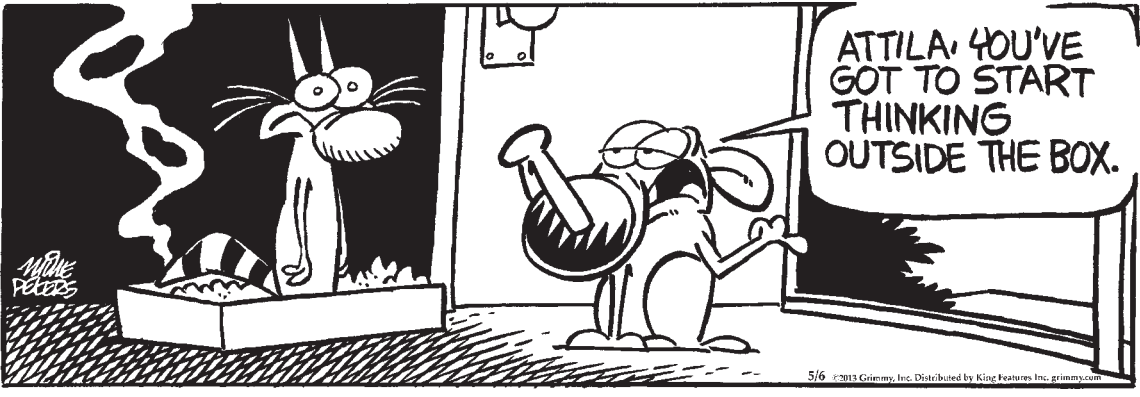
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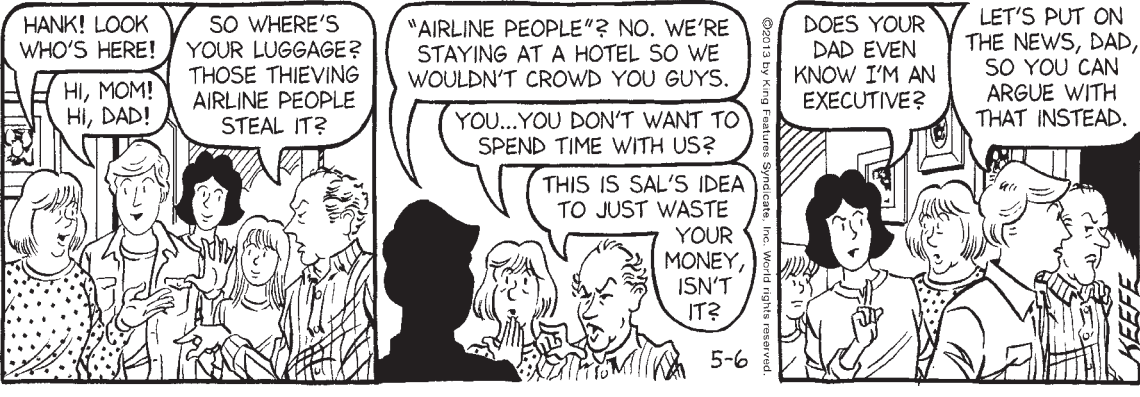
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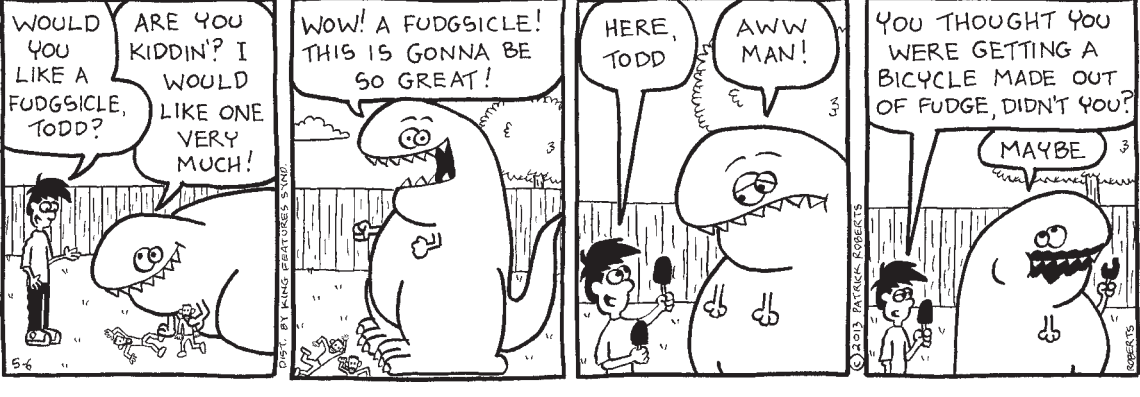
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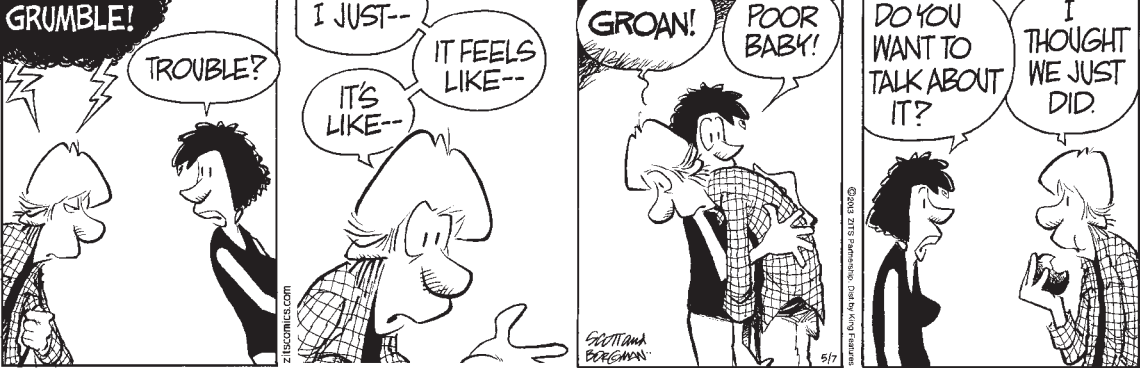
**Sally Forth** • Greg Howard



**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Terry Kovel**

• Antiques and Collecting

**'Chairish' this: seats have history**

A chair has four legs, a seat, a back and perhaps arms — or that was the rule for hundreds of years. Do you ever stop to think about chairs? Before the 16th century, only the king, the church hierarchy or the most important person in the room sat on a chair. Others stood or used stools or benches. And, since chairs represented authority, they were large, ornate and often gilded. The more important the person, the taller the chair and the more extravagant the decorations.

The symbolism has been retained in our language: a "chair" presides over a meeting, and the "first chair" in the orchestra has an important job.



This lounge chair, probably one of a kind, was made for royalty in 1959 by the French designer Jean Royere. It sold at a 2013 auction for \$21,250.

By the 16th century, wooden chairs were for everyone, and styles began to be updated about every 25 years. By Victorian times, there was a chair for each person who sat at the dinner table, and soon sets of chairs were sold. In the late 19th century, technology spurred new ideas and unusual chairs. Some chairs could fold, turn into beds, recline, swivel or be converted to wheelchairs. Updated ideas required dental chairs, office chairs, beach chairs, massage chairs, barber chairs and highchairs. By the 20th century, frames were iron, steel and aluminum, as well as plastic, plywood, webbing and foam rubber. So, chairs no longer had four legs, a seat and a back, but were cone-shape, egg-shape, asymmetrical or even a plastic bubble hung by a chain. In 1959 Jean Royere of France made a canopy lounge chair of enameled steel and corduroy for the daughter of the Shah of Iran, Princess Shahnaz. The chair back was 70 inches high and curved forward to make a roof to protect her from sun or rain. It had bent metal arms and short legs that kept the chair just a little above the ground so she could lounge with her legs extended. The chair sold in 2013 for \$21,250 at Rago Arts and Auction Center in New Jersey, even though it was worn and soiled. Very extreme modern chairs in unusual designs and materials sell today for tens of thousands of dollars. Most are great to look at but uncomfortable to use. The modern chair is sometimes just a piece of sculpture without a job. (c) 2013 by Cowles Syndicate Inc.

**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

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.

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

**Cryptoquip**

G Z X J X F K H L W X X N P B P  
O X Q B P C J Z C I Z - B X O Z  
G L Q V K H P O X H P S I Z , C B Z C J V W L S  
O P H H B Z X F I L L I H X ' N I C I I H X N .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU SPILLED A WHOLE CUP OF PEKOE ON YOURSELF, I RECKON YOU'D END UP WEARING A TEA SHIRT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals G

**Bridge** • Steve Becker

Fast dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♦ 10 2  
♥ K J 9 8 7 3  
▲ Q 10  
♣ 7 5

**WEST**  
▲ A K  
♥ A 6 4  
♦ J 9 3  
♣ J 10 6 4 3

**EAST**  
♦ 6 5 4  
♥ Q 10 5 2  
♣ K 5 2  
♦ Q 8 2

**SOUTH**  
♦ Q J 9 8 7 3  
♥ —  
▲ 8 7 6 4  
♣ A K 9

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 2♣ Pass 2♦  
Pass 2♣

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

**Famous Hand**

It would not be an exaggeration to say that at the world-championship level, no two pairs use exactly the same bidding system. Indeed, it would probably take a 1,000-page volume just to describe briefly the assorted systems in use at a typical world event.

Naturally, differences in systems can have a great effect on the outcome of many deals. Consider this dramatic example from the 1990 world team championship. The deal was the last of the 56-board semifinal match between Canada and Germany. Though the players didn't know it, the Canadians led by four IMPs at this point. The bidding shown took place at the table where Bernhard Ludewig and Jochen Bitschene were North-South for Germany. Bitschene's two-club opening indicated 10 to 15 points and either a six-card major or 5-5 distribution in the minors. Two diamonds asked for clarification, and two spades showed a six-card spade suit with 10 to 12 points. Declarer won the opening club lead, ruffed his third club in dummy and led a trump. He wound up losing only three tricks -- two spades and a diamond -- for a score of +170.

When Canada's Eric Kokish and George Mittelman held the North-South cards, their bidding went:

East South West North  
Pass 1♣ Pass 1NT  
Pass 2♦ Pass 3♥

After Mittelman opened one spade, Kokish responded one notrump, forcing. Mittelman bid his second suit, and Kokish jumped to three hearts, invitational. Mittelman decided he had heard enough and passed. Declarer lost one diamond, three hearts and two spades for down two, -200. This gave the Germans a net pickup of 370 points (8 IMPs) on the deal and a 4-IMP victory in the match. They then went on to defeat the United States in the final to capture the world title. (c)2013 King Features Syndicate Inc.

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Move like molasses  
5 High card  
8 Judicial garment  
12 Place for sports reporters  
14 Vivacity  
15 Aware  
16 Flex  
17 Do sums  
18 Kindle downloads  
20 Sew loosely  
23 Liveliness, in music  
24 Wheel-base terminus  
25 Obama's old title  
28 — de Janeiro  
29 Hawaiian dances  
30 Deity  
32 Dakar's country  
34 Salver  
35 Bacchanalian blast

**DOWN**

2 Raw rock  
3 Buddhist sect  
4 Mansion and its surroundings  
5 Sleeping berry  
6 Opposed  
7 Outer  
8 Start the PC up again  
9 Bread spread  
10 Savings institution  
11 Make — meet  
13 Faction  
19 Prejudice  
20 Tavern  
21 Line of symmetry

22 — gin fizz  
23 Stop, at sea  
25 Hints at  
26 Shrek is one  
27 Bellow  
29 Medal earner  
31 Coloring agent  
33 Idea  
34 Gas bill units  
36 Commandment starter  
37 Commanded  
38 On the rocks  
39 Chess or checkers  
40 Use scissors  
43 Historic time  
44 Wall climber  
45 Can metal  
46 Joan of —

**Saturday's answer 5-6**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12				13				14			
15								16			
20	21	22				23					
24						25			26	27	
28				29					30	31	
	32		33					34			
				35				36			
37	38	39					40				
41						42	43		44	45	46
47						48					
49						50			51		