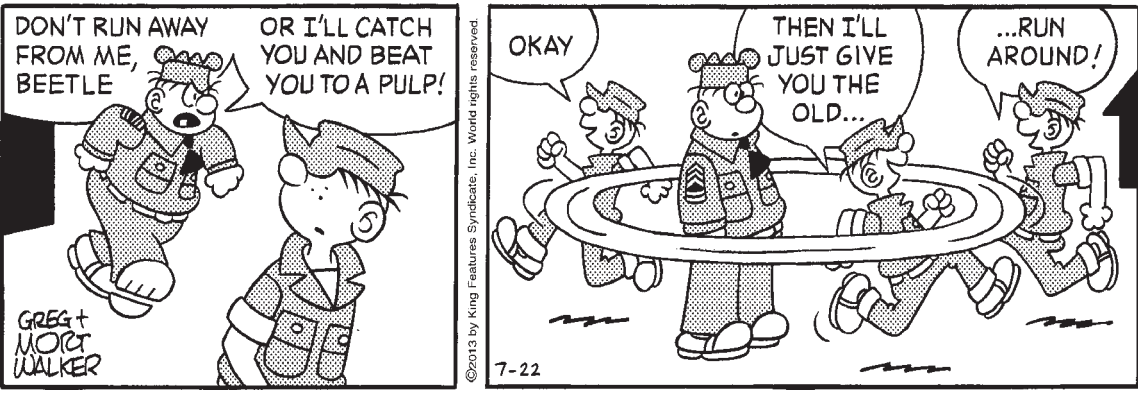


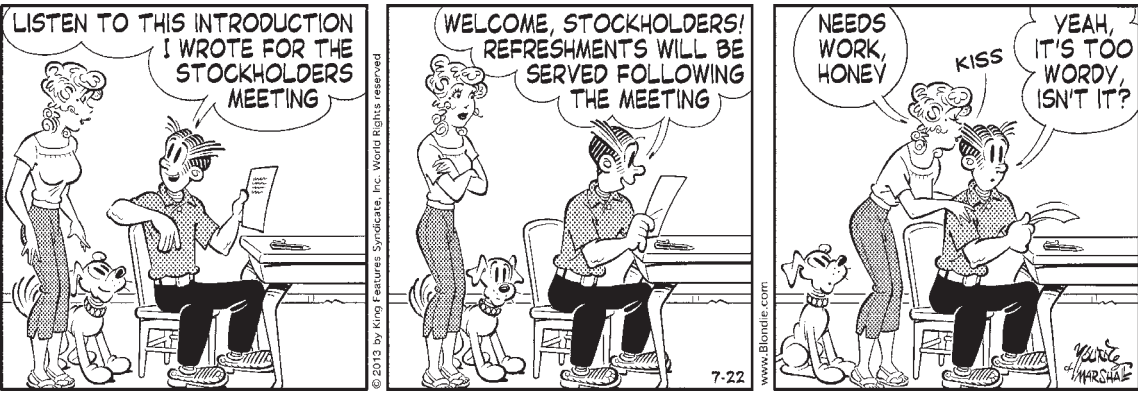
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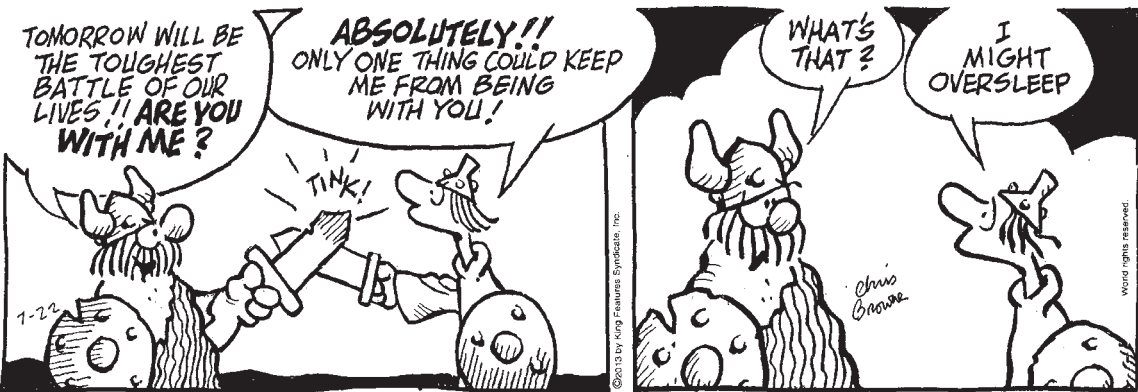
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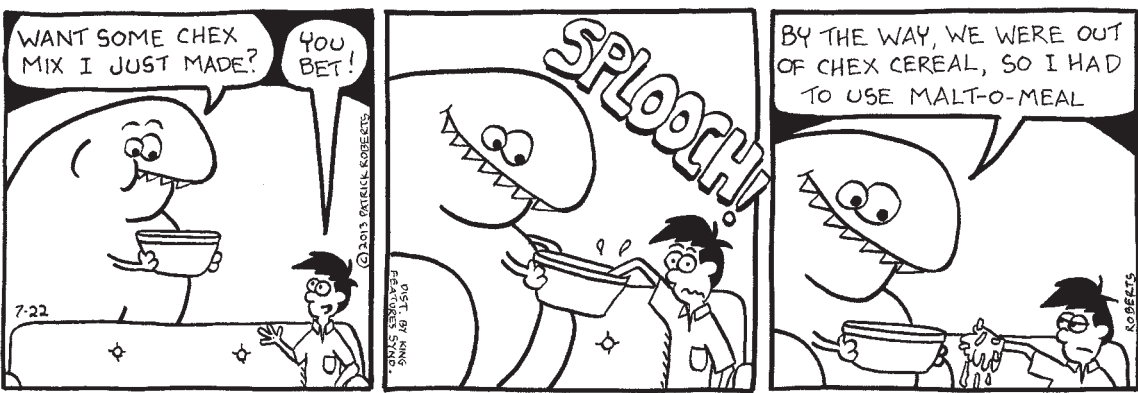
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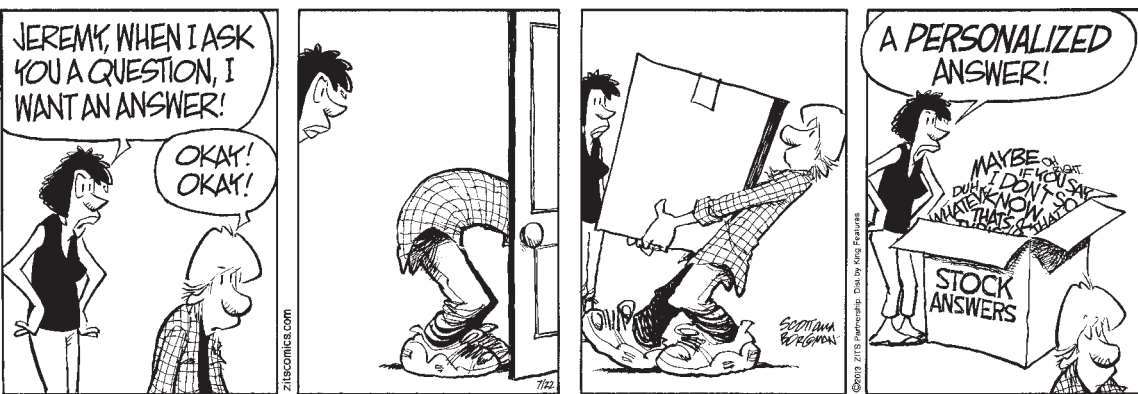
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• Antiques and Collecting

Pins reflect personalities

Jewelry has been worn for centuries as "to-toms," religious or good luck pieces, or just to add beauty and color to an outfit.

Brooches, often called "pins," were made in many sizes and shapes. At first they were made of gold and precious stones to show wealth, but by the 17th century, imitation jewelry made of glass, faux pearls and gold-colored metal made it possible for the not-so-rich to own a pin.



This unusual solid gold pin looks like a miner's pick ax stuck on a gold nugget. It sold for \$1,600 in Chicago.

Designers made jewelry in the fashion of the day, from Victorian cameos to Art Nouveau enameled women in flowing gowns.

Often women chose a pin that represented something in her life. Madeline Albright, the former U.S. Secretary of State (1996-2001), became known for her pins. She wore an eagle for patriotic meetings, a snake when she distrusted her visitor, a bee-shaped pin when angry and zebras when she met with South Africans.

Many pins have been designed to express a personal thought: a typewriter for a writer, an apple for a schoolteacher, a ballet dancer for a performer. Designers made solid gold tigers with diamonds or copies with rhinestones.

Did a prospector for gold or the owner of a gold mine order a pin sold recently that looked like a small pickax with a real gold nugget? It is made of rose gold and has engraved designs. It was owned by someone in Colorado who sent it to Leslie Hindman Auctioneers in Chicago to be sold. An Australian bid and got it for \$1,600.

Q: I have an old table brought here from Germany years ago. There is a mark on the bottom that says "Kiel Furniture Co." Can you tell me anything about the maker?

A: Stories about things handed down in a family don't always turn out to be true. Your table didn't come from Germany; it was made in Wisconsin. Kiel Manufacturing Co. was founded in Milwaukee in 1892. There were many German cabinetmakers in the area and an ample supply of lumber from Wisconsin forests. The name of the company was changed to Kiel Furniture Co. in 1907, so your table was made after the name change. The company also operated a factory in Milwaukee from 1910 to 1932. The name of the company became A.A. Laun Furniture Co. in 1932. It is still in business.

Tip: Wicker can be vacuumed carefully or dusted. Then mix soap – not detergent – and water to make suds and wipe with the suds to clean. If you find breaks unraveling, try to have the wicker fixed immediately to avoid future damage.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

WEST
♥ Q 10 8 6 4 3
♦ K 4
♣ J 8 5 3
♠ 9

EAST
♠ 2
♥ 9 6 2
♦ K 9 7 4
♣ K Q 8 6 5

SOUTH
♠ A K 9
♥ A J 10 7 3
♦ A 6 2
♣ 7 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass
2 NT Pass 3 ♥ Pass
4 ♥

Opening lead — six of spades.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in the 1975 London Sunday Times Invitational Pairs. At five of the nine tables where South got to four hearts, the play followed identical lines.

West led a spade, invariably won with dummy's jack. Declarer then took a heart finesse, losing the queen to West's king. West returned a spade, ruffed by East, who exited with a trump to declarer's ace. South then led a club and finessed the ten, putting East on lead in this position:

North
♥ 7
♦ 8
♣ Q 10
♠ A J 4 2

West
♥ Q 10 8 3
♦ J 8 5 3

East
♥ K 9 7 4
♣ K 8 6 5

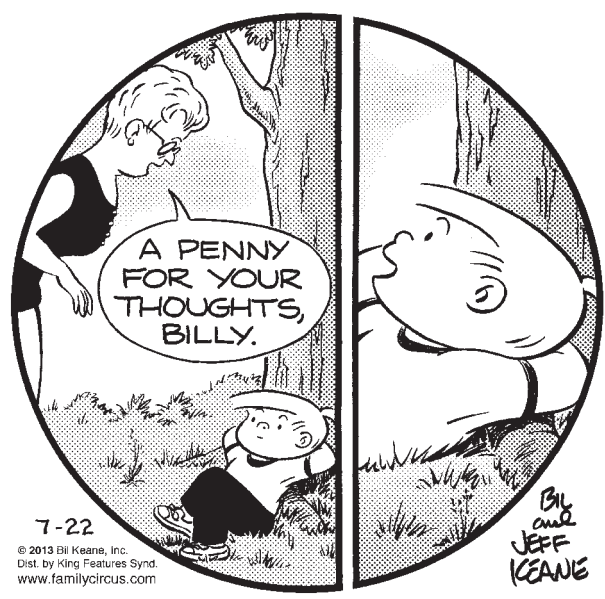
South
♠ A
♥ J 10 7
♦ A 6 2
♣ 7

At four of the five tables where this position was reached, East returned a low diamond. Declarer played low and had no trouble making the rest of the tricks. But at one table, East (Peter Weichsel, partnered by Alan Sontag, the winners of the event) returned a club. As a result, South had to lose a diamond trick and go down one.

It is truly astonishing that in such a high-caliber field, four Easts could make the same error. The play to this point indicated that declarer had started with exactly three spades, five hearts and two clubs, leaving him with three diamonds. A club return, even though it gave South a trick, was therefore clear-cut, as declarer could not avoid a diamond loser if West had the diamond jack.

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"Sorry, Grandma. In this 'conomy the price for that has gone up."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

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

Cryptoquip

E A J F P R A K G A J O K S K G F K
A U O Z G S Q M N K O R K Z O U A R O M
O R J F Z J P K K F , O R P Q Q N R A
G A ' R F E A M W F Z O R U A M W F Z O .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: EACH TIME THAT LARGE GROUP OF FRIENDLY PHOTOGRAPHERS MEET, THEY SHARE A GENUINE CAMERA-DERIE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals S

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Coin aperture
5 A billion years
8 Half a ticket
12 Heart of the matter
13 Playwright Levin
14 Sharpener
15 Eastern bigwig
16 Operation Overlord site
18 Winter-time quaffs
20 Stars' bit roles
21 "The Thin Man" dog
23 Energy
24 Strong winds from Canada, e.g.
28 Entrance
31 Spelling contest
32 Square dance group

34 Actress Longoria
35 Circle segments
37 Ancient Scandinavian
39 — and hers
41 Flat bread of India
42 Shrimp recipe
45 Orison
49 "Just because"
51 Relocate
52 Jason's ship
53 False-hood
54 Raw minerals
55 Hammer-head part

56 Right angle
57 Landlord's due

10 Loosen officials
11 Ottoman
17 Navigation aid
19 Arthur of tennis
22 Noble gas
24 Cagers' org.
25 — the ramparts ...
26 Tend a dead battery
27 Explosion fragments
29 Eggs
30 Scooted
33 Despot
36 A son of Jacob
38 Enchant
40 Hot tub
42 Break suddenly
43 Apple residue
44 Capri, e.g.
46 Bygone times
47 Tied
48 Remainder
50 Lubricate

Saturday's answer 7-22

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15				16				17		
18				19				20		
24	25	26				27		28	29	30
31				32				33		34
35				36				37		38
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42	43			44				45		46
49						50				51
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