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Blondie • Chic Young



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Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



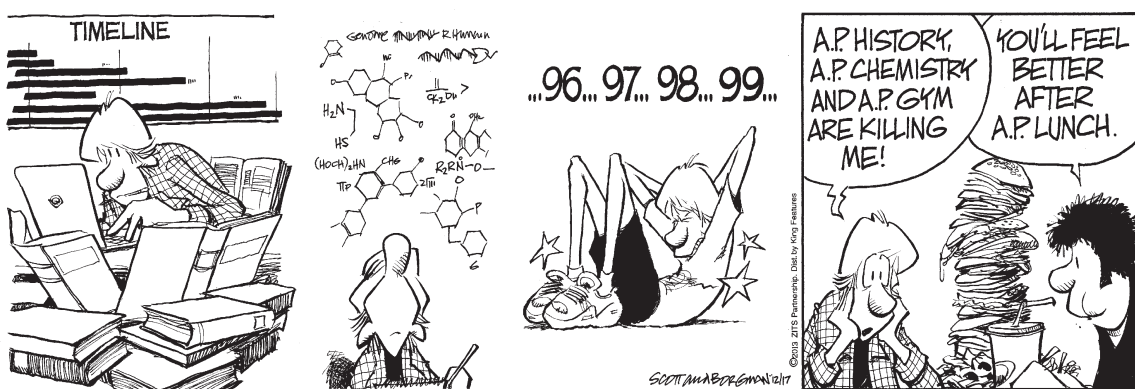
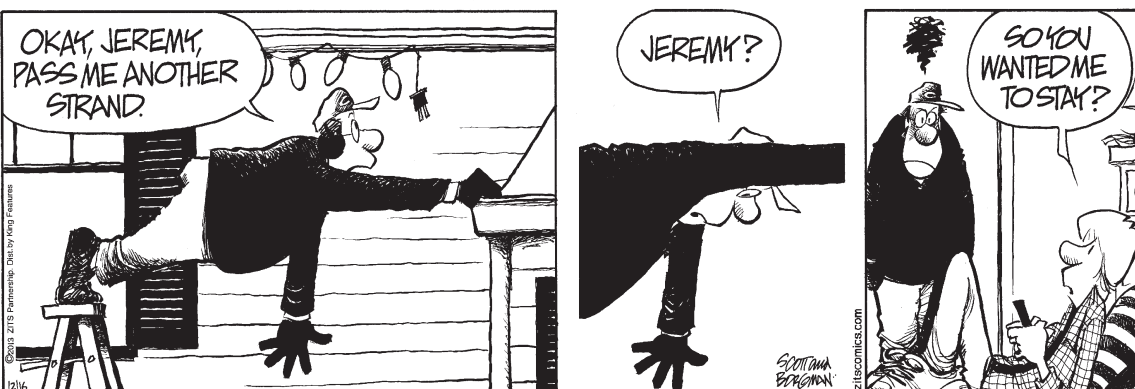
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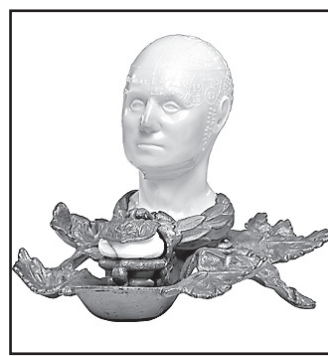


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• Antiques and Collecting

Phrenology items collectible

Hundreds of reproduction phrenology heads are sold online, although few understand what the word phrenology means.



It was not a medical theory or a science, but rather a way to "determine" the character and temperament of a person. In 1796, German physician, Franz Joseph Gall, began teaching a discipline he called phrenology — the study of a patient based on the bumps on the patient's head.

Gall said there were 27 different bumps, each caused by the brain mass inside the skull. He called each bump an "organ," and very soon prints and 3-D ceramic heads covered with "maps" of the brain were produced — all of them collectible today.

From about 1810 to 1840, phrenology was widely accepted. From the measurement of the skull and the size of the "organ" inside, Gall claimed to identify character traits. For example, he said that all women had undeveloped organs for success as artists or scientists, but that their other organs indicated they were religious and good at child care. Bumps also could indicate a criminal nature, risk-taking, combativeness, love of life or self-esteem.

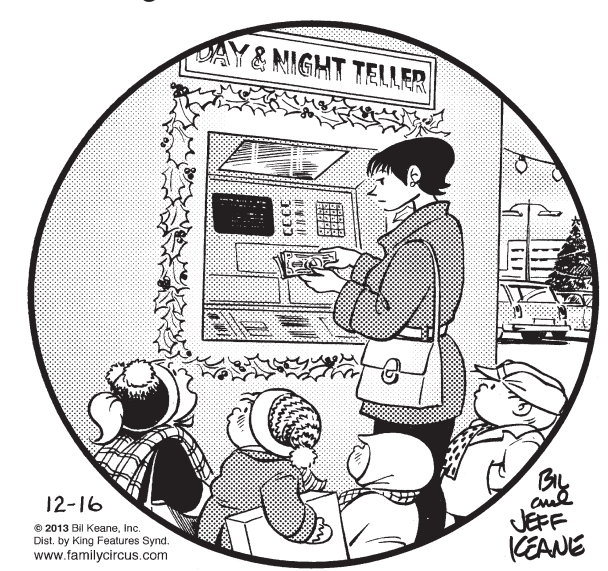
Phrenology eventually was debunked as a pseudoscience and has few followers today. But the heads are popular conversation pieces. Phrenology items recently offered for sale online included an iron inkwell stand topped by a 6-inch-high milk glass head with appropriate marks, six different styles of busts marked with black lines showing the "organs," and charts old and new.

You also can find instruments to measure the bumps, and even a bicycle helmet painted with the names of the bumps. A bump over the top of the front of the right ear, just about where the sidepiece of your eyeglasses would sit, indicates acquisitiveness, a trait needed by every collector.

Tip: Don't buy collectors something for their collection. Buy a book about the collectible or something related to the collection, like a T-shirt picturing a bank for a bank collector.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 12/16

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.

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

Cryptoquip

NHP MNJYHSW UNMA ZONQS

Z UFKVHY KZBGFMY GZJFMA

OYYM BNJYTYP DFGS UGYYY

GZFT: "DNNHW VQHHYW."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN YOU FEED SOME ANTLERED ANIMALS WAY TOO MUCH, IT WILL DEFINITELY RENDER REINDEER ROUNDER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals E

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 — Hawaiian song

5 Bill mater

8 Philosopher Immanuel

12 Victoria's Secret wares

14 Needle case

15 Skin cream ingredient

16 Oxen's burden

17 Born

18 Caught some z's

20 "Surprise Symphony" composer

23 Humane org.

24 Neighborhood

25 Many, many

28 Wire measure

29 Vodka brand, for short

30 Pal of Wynken and Blynken

32 Popular

DOWN

1 — carte

2 " — Abner"

3 Sequence after

4 To-do list stuff

5 Genealogy chart

6 Melody

7 Scrawny person

8 Calculator component

9 On

10 Microwave, slangly

11 Neck and neck

13 Neck and neck

19 Antioxidant

20 Emoter

21 Met solo

22 Scream

23 One-masted ship

25 Not upright

26 Sole

27 Lather

29 "Pygmalion" playwright

31 Coloring agent

33 Valencia, for one

34 "Friends" role

36 Libertine

37 Long story

38 "Be a sport"

39 Landlord's due

40 Attend

43 Depressed

44 Rocky peak

45 Heavy weight

46 — out a living

Saturday's answer 12-16

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15								16		
			17				18	19		
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		

Bridge • Steve Becker

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 3
♥ 10 9 5
♦ A Q 9 8 7 5
♣ J 6 5

WEST

♠ J 10 9 8 7 5 4 2
♥ —
♦ 3 2
♣ K 7 4

EAST

♠ K Q 6
♥ A Q 4 3
♦ J 10 6 4
♣ 9 2

SOUTH

♠ A
♥ K J 8 7 6 2
♦ K
♣ A Q 10 8 3

The bidding:
West North East South
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ 4 NT
Pass 5 ♣ Dble 5 ♥
Pass Pass Dble

Opening lead — jack of spades.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in the semifinal of the 1992 United States Bridge Championship to determine the U.S. representative to the World Team Olympiad in Italy later that year.

The bidding shown took place when Mike Passell and Brian Glubok held the North-South cards against Peter Boyd and Steve Robinson. Boyd's decision to open an offbeat vulnerable pre-empt on a jack-high suit backfired when it propelled Passell and Glubok into a makable five-heart contract.

Glubok's four notrump was ostensibly a take-out in three suits, but he knew he could retreat to hearts if his partner bid diamonds, thereby implying a heart-club two-suiter. When Passell did bid diamonds, Glubok followed his game plan, and Robinson doubled.

Glubok won the opening spade lead, overtook the king of diamonds with the ace, led the ten of hearts and let it ride after East followed low. Robinson won the next heart with the ace and shifted to a club, on which declarer played low.

West took the club king and returned a club, but Glubok won with dummy's jack, picked up East's queen of trumps via a finesse and claimed the remainder for a score of plus 650.

At the other table, Boyd and Robinson's teammates, holding the North-South cards, also had a pre-empt backfire. Here the bidding went:

West North East South
Pass 3 ♦ Pass Pass
3 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

After West, Norman Kay, passed in first seat, North, Ed Manfield, opened three diamonds. South elected to remain silent for the rest of the auction, and Kay wound up in three spades, making four, to give his team a total pickup of 820 points (13 IMPs) on the deal.

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