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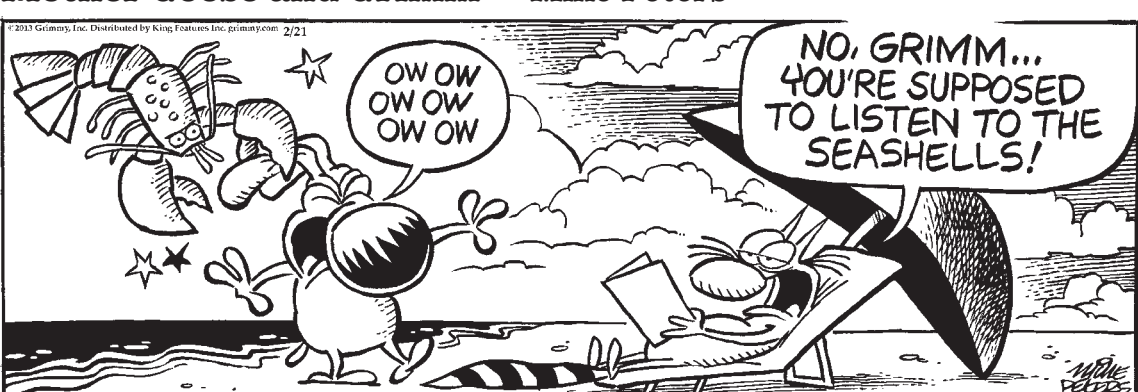
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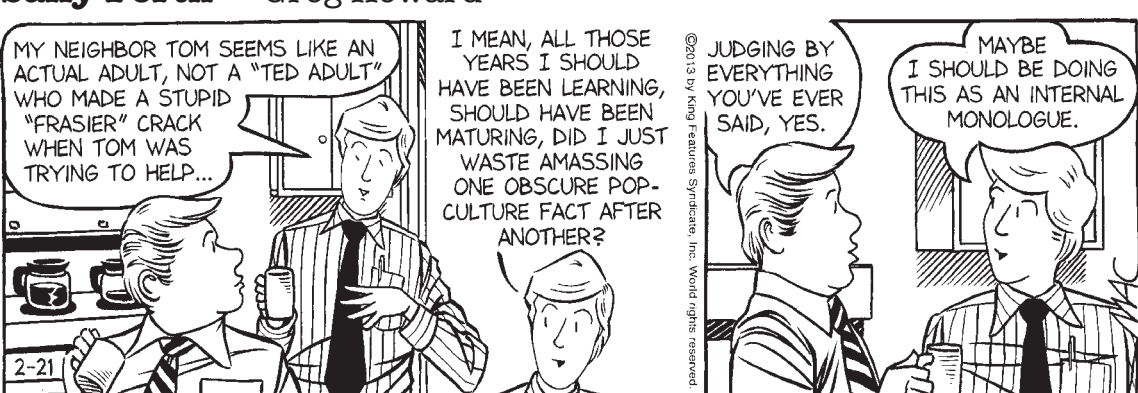
Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



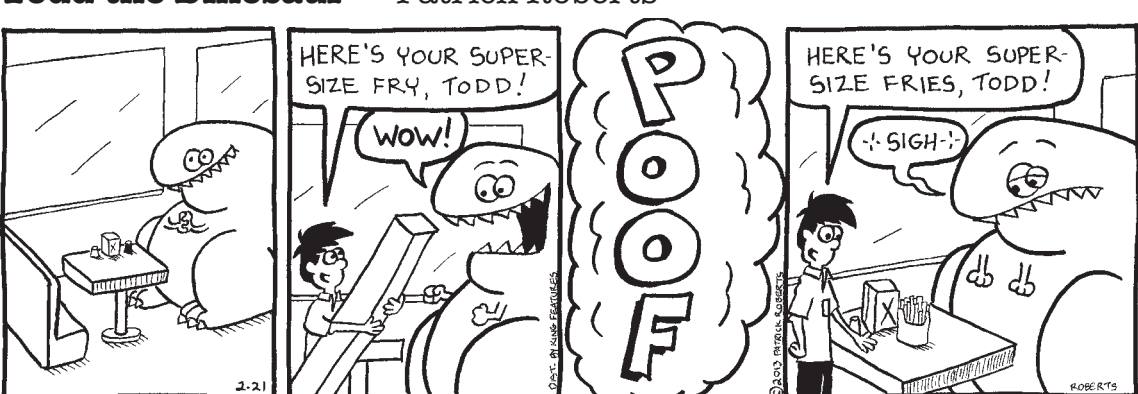
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Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel
• Antiques and Collecting

Family's radio drew neighbors

Q: My mother said she and my father had the first radio in our area, and people came from all over to listen to it. She thought it was about 1919 or 1920.

A: My dad built the radio, then bought a cabinet to put it in. The cabinet has a label that says "American Beauty Radio Cabinets & Console Speakers, Mfg. by Pierson Co., Rockford, Ill."

The radio was disposed of long ago, but we still have the cabinet. It has all its original knobs and is in good condition. I'd like to know when it was built and what it's worth.

The first commercial radio broadcast was made when KDKA of Pittsburgh broadcast the results of the presidential race between Warren Harding and James Cox on Nov. 2, 1920. Radio receivers were not widely available at the time.

In the 1920s, many people made their own radios by assembling the necessary components and attaching them to a board. By the late 1920s, radios were being manufactured for sale, and furniture companies began making cabinets to put them in.

Pierson Furniture Co. was founded in 1927. It became Pierson Radio Co. in 1930 and began making radio cabinets. In 1940 the company switched from manufacturing to retail, and its name was changed to Pierson Factory Showrooms.

Your empty cabinet would sell as used furniture and might bring a few hundred dollars.

Q: I have a 9 1/2-inch-high oval crystal vase that's heavy and has lots of detail on it. Mother said it was "Imperial Crystal." I found Imperial listed in a book at the library, but it said the company made only pottery. Who made my vase?

A: The name "Imperial" has been used by several companies. Some made pottery or porcelain and others made glass. The Imperial Glass Corp. produced glass in Bellaire, Ohio, from 1901 to 1984. Glass made by this company was sometimes marked "Imperial," but we have never seen any marked "Imperial Crystal."

A company named Imperial Crystal exists today, but it doesn't make vases like yours. It personalizes items made by other companies. Your vase probably was made by the Ohio company.

Tip: Do not store jewelry in silk or wool bags. The fabric may contain sulfur or plastic that can discolor silver and copper.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ J 5 4
♥ A K Q
♦ A K 2
♣ Q 7 5 3
WEST
♠ 9 7 6 2
♥ 10 9 4 3
♦ 9 7 6 5
♣ 6
EAST
♠ 7 6 5
♥ J 10 8 4 3
♦ A K 8 4 2
SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10 8 3
♥ J 8 2
♦ Q
♣ J 10 9
The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♥ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass
Opening lead — six of clubs.

Larceny at the Crossroads

When you hold J-10-9 of a suit, they are, of course, all equal in value. Nevertheless, which of these cards you choose to play at a given point might determine the fate of a hand.

Take this deal played by France and Belgium in the European Championship some years ago. At the first table, a French pair reached six spades as shown, missing the A-K of clubs. West led his singleton club, won by East with the king. If you were South, which card would you play?

South played the jack, but this did not fool East in the slightest. He knew that the jack had to be a falsecard, and he therefore continued with the ace and another club to set the slam two tricks. East reasoned that the jack couldn't be a singleton, since West would have led the ten rather than the six had he held the 10-9-6.

At the second table, the Belgian South also found himself in six spades following a different sequence of bids. He too got the six-of-clubs lead, but when East took the trick with the king, South played the ten on it. This left East to ponder whether West had led the six from the J-9-6, or whether the six was actually a singleton.

East finally decided in favor of the former possibility and made the neutral return of a heart. This proved less than a howling success when declarer later discarded the J-9 of clubs on the A-K of diamonds and made the slam.

There is no doubt that the ten is the better play and offers the best chance of misleading the defense. The jack is wrong for the reason already mentioned, and so is the nine, since West would not lead the six from the J-10-6. Only the ten offers some hope of stealing the slam.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"When I get to heaven, do I get to hug God or just shake His hand?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 2/21

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

GRQLPQ LAKG OLHUY ABPA LPWQ

AHDQZ XRHXBQ DQYORPDR.

TKO UQQZ P WPIKD

GRPAHAOZQ PZIOLAWQUA.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AFTER MY MOUSE POINTER STOPPED FUNCTIONING WITHOUT WARNING, I DID SOME CURSOR-Y RESEARCH.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals Y

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Troubadour's instrument
5 Brit. fliers
8 Legal document
12 Tiny bit
13 Right angle
14 Present
15 Poetic foot
16 By way of
17 App symbol
18 Stingy, slangily
20 Major-ettes' props
22 One of the kin (Abbr.)
23 Yon maiden
24 Wait in hiding
27 Porches
32 Eisenhower
33 Before
34 Wapiti
35 Barack Obama, e.g.
38 Quarry
39 Altar
40 Blond shade
42 Baseball division
45 Weather-map line
49 Extinct bird
50 Web address
52 Author Morrison
53 Stead
54 "A pox upon thee!"
55 Not ignorant of
56 Blunders
57 Supporting
58 Method (Abbr.)
21 "Eureka!"
24 Cover
25 Luau musician
26 String around your finger
28 Geological period
29 Merchant
30 Hearty quaff
31 Firmament
36 Hateful
37 Inmate
38 Snapshots
41 Baseball position (Abbr.)
42 Not working
43 Bleak, in Hollywood
44 Verbal abuse
46 Skeletal
47 Picnic invaders
48 Laugh-a-minute
51 Carnival city

Solution time: 25 mins.

D	O	P	E	L	O	B	A	C	T	S
T	R	I	S	E	W	E	R	A	R	E
C	A	P	T	A	I	N	S	P	I	T
K	N	E	A	D	T	H	O	U	G	H
				T	O	A	D	I	N	C
P	A	C	E	C	O	W	L	H	E	M
U	S	A	J	E	W	E	L	I	V	E
T	S	P	U	S	E	R	A	N	E	W
			S	A	M	L	E	W		
C	H	I	M	P	S	R	O	G	E	T
O	O	Z	E	C	A	P	Y	B	A	R
O	P	E	N	A	L	E	E	V	I	L
K	I	D	D	M	P	G	S	E	E	K

Yesterday's answer 2-21

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	
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