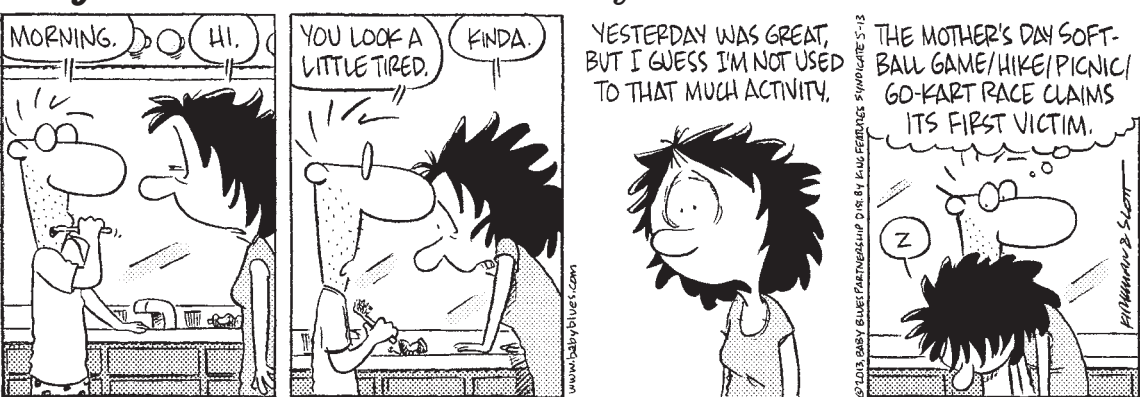
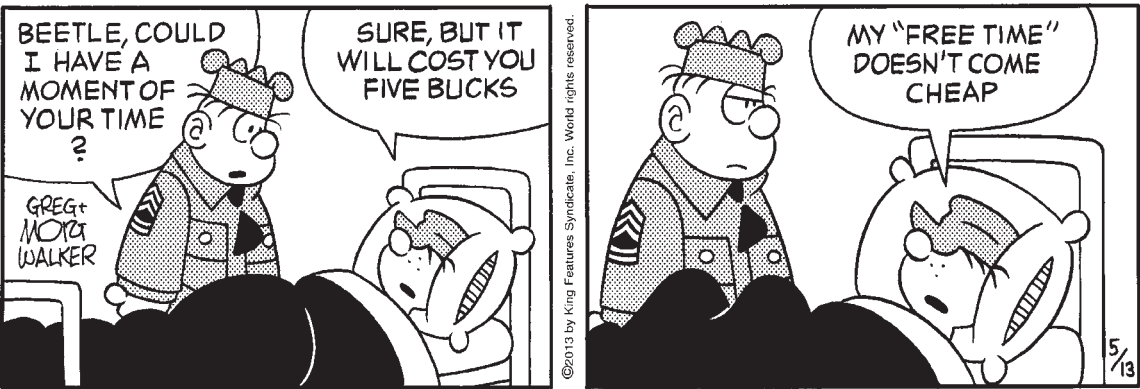


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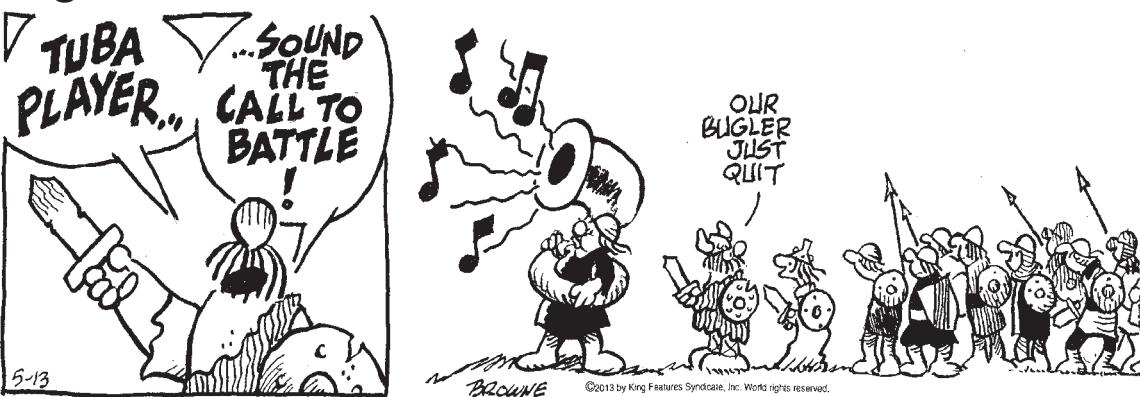
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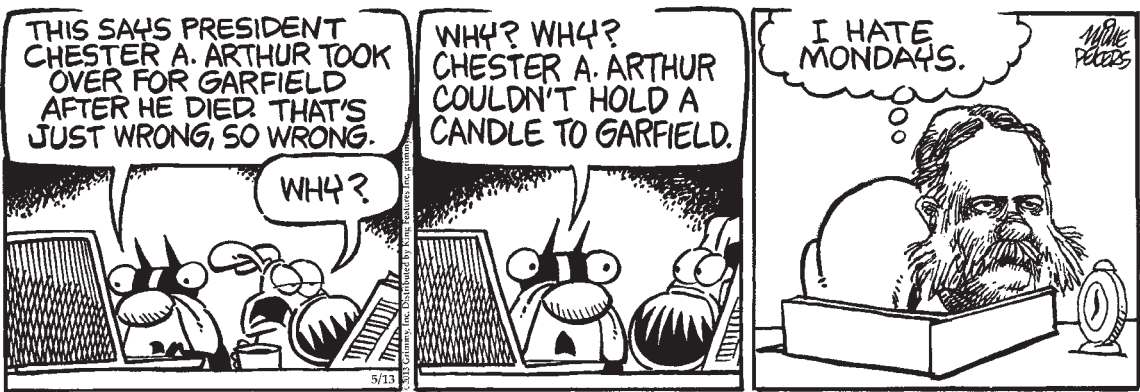
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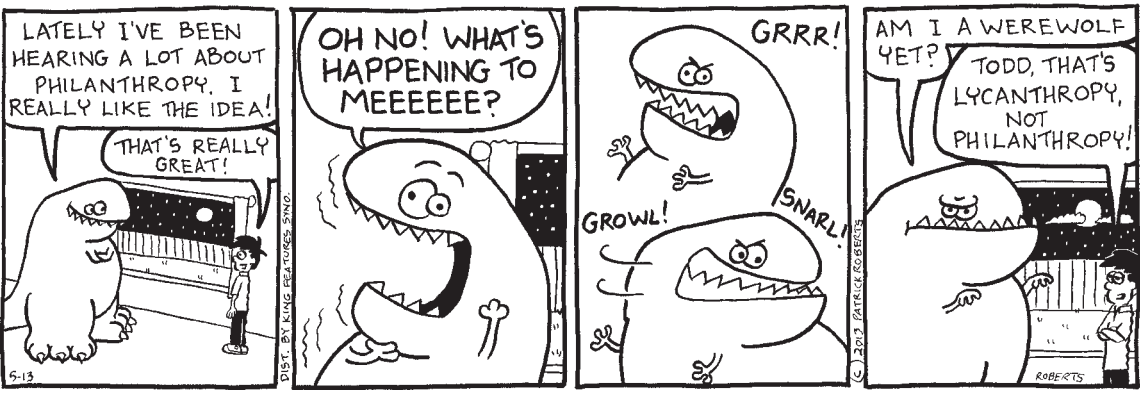
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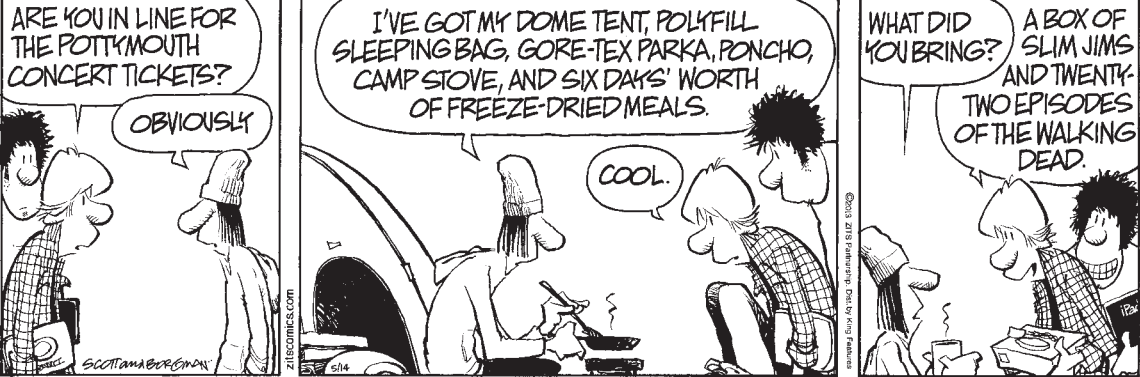
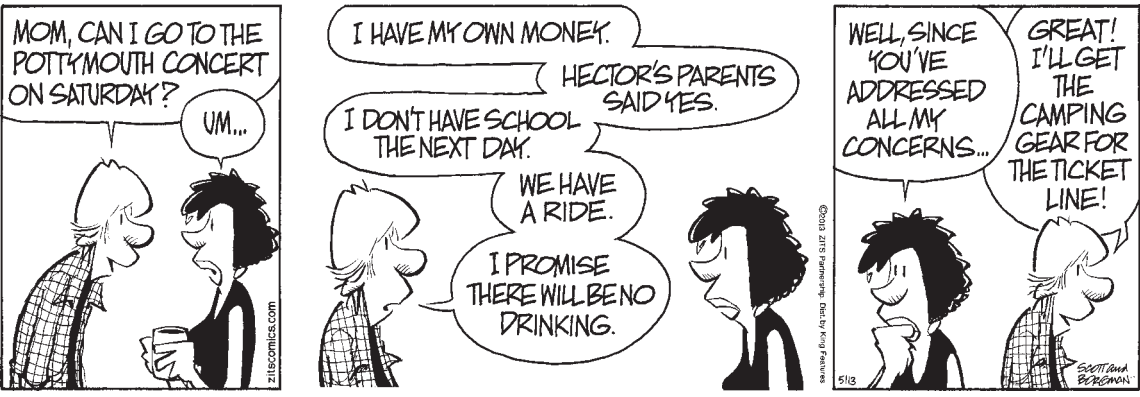
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• Antiques and Collecting

'Penny' banks worth big dollars

Children's toys often tell us how times have changed.

Canada stopped making pennies last year, so saving money a penny at a time will soon be a problem in Canada. The United States also may stop making pennies, since the cost of the copper in a single coin is more than one cent.

But, ironically, the cost of a 19th-century mechanical bank has gone up. A Speaking Dog bank set a record at \$63,250 a few years ago.

The girl with the dog on that bank was wearing a blue dress. Most of these banks have a girl with a red dress. The bank was sold at Morphy Auctions in Pennsylvania in 2007, before the economic downturn in 2008. And the record bank had almost perfect paint.

The Speaking Dog bank still is popular. It sells today for prices ranging from \$150 for one with worn paint and rust to over \$14,500 for an excellent example. Watch out: copies have been made.

The cast-iron mechanical bank was made by the J. & E. Stevens Co. of Cromwell, Conn., in about 1895. Place a penny on the tray in the girl's hand. When the lever is pushed down, the dog opens its mouth, swallows the penny and wags its tail.

Q: I have an electric clock that pictures the Trylon and Perisphere and the words "New York World's Fair 1939" in gold on the face. The clock is in the shape of a ship's wheel and is about 11 inches tall. It was made by Sessions Clock Corp. and keeps perfect time. Does it have any value?

A: The New York World's Fair opened on April 30, 1939, the 150th anniversary of George Washington's inauguration as president of the United States. It ran until the end of October that year, reopened in May 1940 and closed on Oct. 27, 1940. Many souvenirs were made for the fair. Items that picture the Trylon and Perisphere are especially wanted by collectors. The three-sided Trylon and spherical Perisphere, symbols of the fair, were temporary structures made of plasterboard over steel frames. Check the website 1939NYWorldsFair.com for more information on the 1939 fair. Value of your clock: about \$100.

Q: I inherited an antique Chippendale maple dresser with four drawers. A large tag inside one drawer reads "Florian Papp." Handwritten information says the dresser is a "genuine antique" made in New England and that it was sold by Florian Papp in 1927. I would like to learn more.

A: Florian Papp (1883-1965) was born in Hungary and immigrated to the United States in about 1900. He worked as a cabinetmaker and furniture restorer before opening a gallery in New York City, where he specialized in selling European antiques. The Florian Papp antiques and art gallery is still in business, now operated by the third generation of the Papp family. It has always been a very important gallery, and the provenance on the card is a guarantee that the dresser was made in New England and is not a reproduction.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH	
♠ A Q 3	
♥ A Q J 10	
♦ J	
♣ 10 9 8 7 6	
WEST	
♠ 5	
♥ 8 7 6	
♦ K 9 8 7 6 2	
♣ Q 3 2	
EAST	
♠ 9 8 7 6 4	
♥ 9 5 2	
♦ A Q 10 5 4	
♣ A	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Pass

Opening lead — five of spades.

Famous Hand
This deal occurred at the 1978 world team championship in the match between Canada and the Philippines. At the first table, with Sami Kehela and Eric Murray North-South for Canada, the bidding went as shown. Certainly six clubs was a good contract, but it would have failed had West led a diamond. However, West led a spade, and Murray then had to find the winning line of play to make the slam.

He won the spade lead with the ace and cashed the A-K of trumps, learning that West had a sure trump trick. Murray then had to decide whether to try to play spades or hearts in an effort to avoid a diamond loser. As usual, he guessed correctly. He played three rounds of hearts as West followed helplessly, then discarded a diamond from his hand on the fourth heart to bring home the slam for a score of +1,370. His only loser was a trump trick.

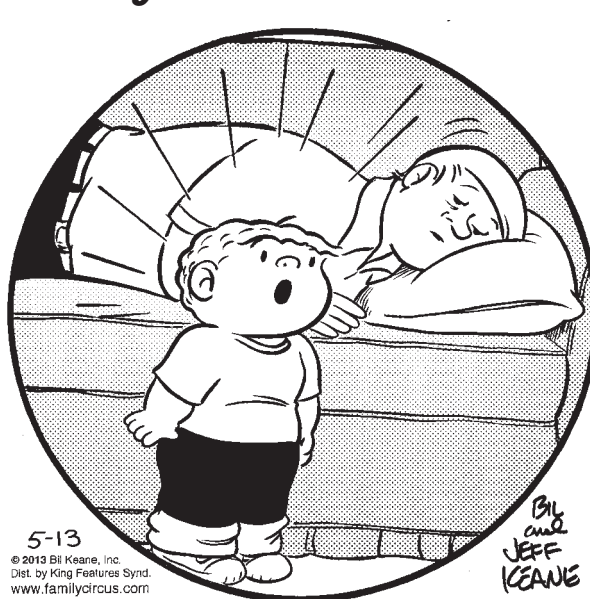
At the second table, with a Philippine pair now North-South, the bidding took this unexpected turn:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	2 ♣	3 ♦	5 ♣
Pass	Pass !	5 ♥	6 ♦
7 ♣ !	Pass	Pass	7 ♦
Pass	Pass	Dble	

Obviously, the Canadian East was afraid that South would make the grand slam because West had failed to double seven clubs. He therefore bid seven diamonds as a sacrifice. This went down four doubled — 700 points in those days — sparing the Philippine declarer from going down either one or two tricks in seven clubs. Thanks to Murray's fine guess at the other table, though, the Canadians still showed a 670-point profit on the deal.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Cryptoquip

AEX TNA NRR VBCHHGF HE N

QFNQJ-OCBBCDV QETUEXDR

CO AEX OGGB BCJG TNJCDV

AEXF ZUNQJBG ZUNFJBG.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE I AM DESCRIBING SEVERAL DIFFERENT SOUND SYSTEM VARIETIES, I SUPPOSE I'M STEREO TYPING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals Y

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	36 Boredom	58 "When pigs fly!"	10 Jacob's brother
1 Do arithmetic	40 Morning moisture	59 Conclusion	11 Cried
4 Long tales	41 Village People		16 Dine
9 Stitch	hit		20 Whip
12 Take to court	43 Express sorrow		21 "The Way We —"
13 Treasure cache	for		22 "So be it"
14 Work with	45 Like a duck's feet		23 Sense of humor
15 Newly-weds' trip	47 — Jima		27 Pooch
17 Siesta	48 Past		29 Tied
18 Chicken-link	49 Wealthy one		30 Mr. Ginchich
19 Waldorf salad ingredient	54 Beer container		32 Foolish
21 Floated on air	55 Over story, for short		34 Accept as true
24 Remain	56 Life		37 "The —"
25 Ostrich's cousin			39 Attorney city
26 Blue			42 Pueblo
28 Ruhr Valley city			44 Unruly bunch
31 Tear			45 Texas
33 Cry loudly			46 "Zounds!"
35 Apiary structure			50 Autumn mo.
			51 Honest politician
			52 Martini ingredient
			53 Turf

Saturday's answer 5-13

