

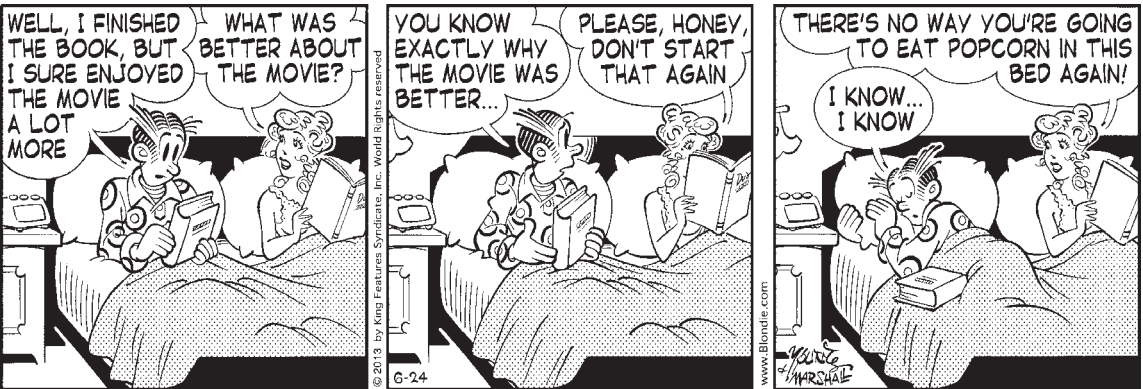
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Blondie • Chic Young



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



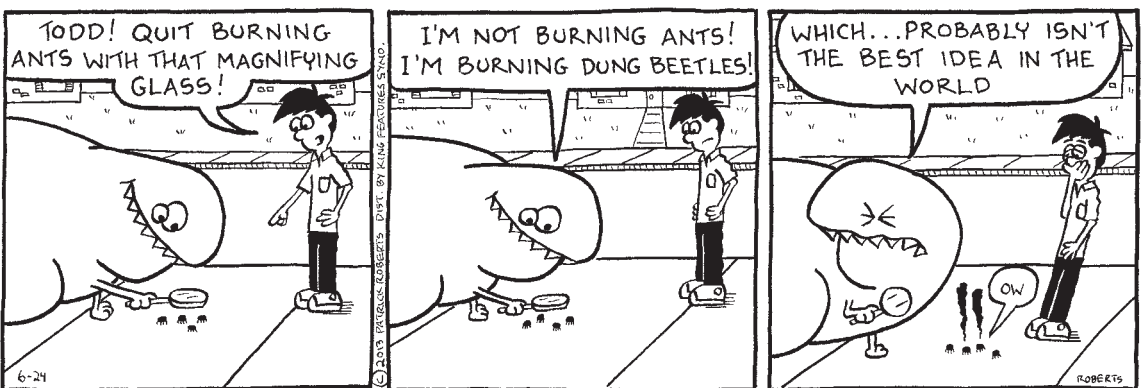
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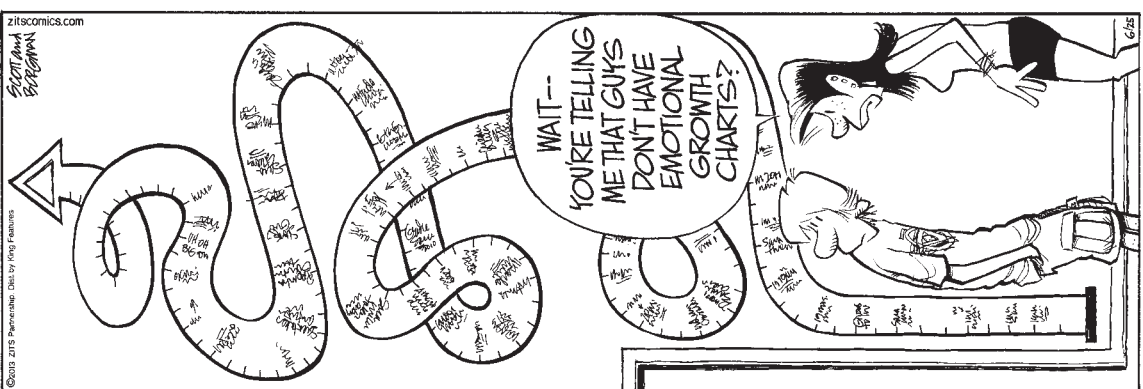
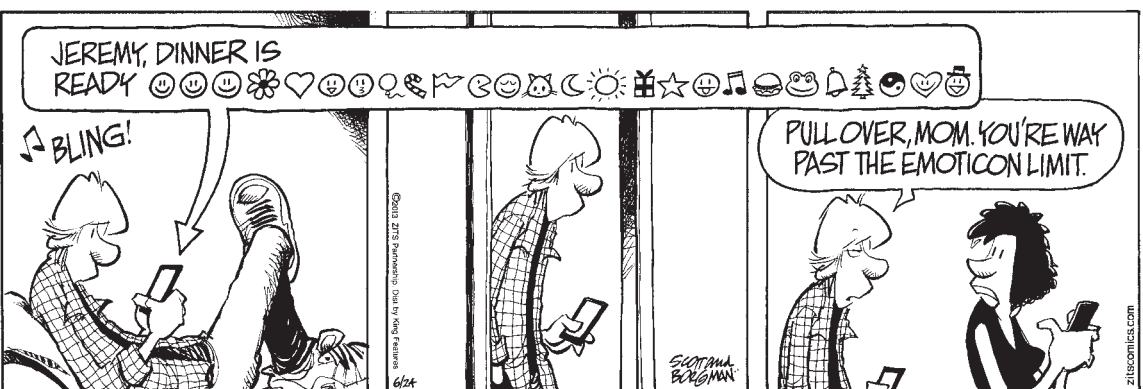
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Unusual chairs can be confusing

Some old chairs have very strange added parts that can confuse today's collectors. A Windsor chair from the 18th century might be made with an added piece at the end of the arm because it is a "writing arm" Windsor. There can be a drawer beneath the seat of a Shaker sewing chair.

Many types of chairs were made into rocking chairs with the addition of pieces of curved wood or a bouncy platform with springs.

A chair with paddlelike arms and a rectangular wooden piece attached to the back at an angle is known as a "cockfighting chair." It was thought the user sat facing the back of the chair to see the fight, but now it is believed that the wooden piece was meant to hold a book and that the chair is a "reading chair" once used in libraries.

A similar chair was made by the Roycroft Colony in East Aurora, N.Y., in about 1905. It had a narrow ledge at the top of the chair back. The user sat facing the back and straddling the chair, with arms leaning on the leather-covered wooden ledge. It is a meditation chair. There is a modern group at the Roycroft Colony today that is interested in art and meditation.

Q: My 1910 telephone is in excellent shape. A label on it reads, "Property of the American Bell Telephone Co." What is the phone worth?

A: By 1910, telephones were being manufactured as both wall phones and upright "candlestick" phones - and you don't tell us what yours looks like. Some antique phones sell for under \$100 and some for thousands. American Bell Telephone Co. was formed in 1880 and acquired a controlling interest in Western Electric Co. in 1881. Western Electric then became the manufacturer of American Bell Telephone Co. phones. In 1899, American Bell was acquired by American Telephone & Telegraph Co., which had been an American Bell subsidiary. Telephones the age of yours sell for about \$100 to \$200, depending on style and condition.

Tip: When looking up a pewter mark, don't just check pewter books. Try looking at a list of American silversmiths and silver-plate makers. Many of these people worked with all three types of metal.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 6
♥ K 9 7 6 4
♦ A Q 9 8
♣ A 8 4

WEST
♠ Q 7 5 2
♥ —
♦ K J 4 3 2
♣ K Q J 3

EAST
♠ J 9 8 4 3
♥ A 10
♦ —
♣ 10 9 7 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 10
♥ Q J 8 5 3 2
♦ 10 7 6 5
♣ —

The bidding:
South 1♥ West 3♠ North 4♠ East 4♠
Pass Pass 5♦ Dble Dble
6♥ Pass 5♠ Pass Dble
Opening lead — king of clubs.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in the final of the 2009 Bermuda Bowl held in Sao Paulo. The 128-board final saw the U.S. triumph over archrival Italy by a margin of 36 IMPs.

The deal produced no swing, as the same result was registered at both tables. But it could have yielded a 16-IMP pickup for either team if East-West had found the way to defeat six hearts doubled, the final contract at each table.

The bidding shown took place when Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell of the U.S. held the North-South cards. Meckstroth's three-club bid indicated a game-forcing heart raise, and one round later East doubled Meckstroth's five-diamond cuebid, ostensibly asking for a diamond lead against a likely heart slam.

When East subsequently doubled six hearts, there was some question -- debated at length by the Vu-Graph panel and many others during and after the play -- as to whether this second double canceled the previous message. West apparently thought this to be the case when he elected to lead the king of clubs rather than a diamond, which would have defeated the slam. After the club lead, declarer had no trouble overcoming West's diamonds via repeated finesses after trumps were drawn, and so made the slam for a score of +1,210.

Remarkably, an almost identical scenario was repeated at the second table, where the bidding went.

South 1♥ West 3♠ North 2NT* East 4♠
5♥ 5♠ 6♦ Dble
Pass Pass 6♥ Dble

* forcing heart raise

Here, too, West disregarded his partner's first and/or second double and led the king of clubs, resulting in a score of -1,210 and a standoff on the board.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"It's gonna be a lot longer wait now Mommy just changed ears."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

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

Cryptoquip

NU E LRH HEPZNC QUCF
SK ZCOW E IKFRIQNOFCA
SNLZSCJ ZNU HQUPOCU E
PKJSAEPSNKJ PKJSAEWSNKJ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AT THE BELT FACTORY, THE BOSS WARNED MANY SLOTHFUL WORKERS THAT IT WAS TIME TO BUCKLE DOWN.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals I

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

41 Tater
42 Wall plaster
45 Warren by
49 Bullring
51 Lotion additive
52 Yemeni city
53 Scrap
54 Anger
55 Got up
56 They're between
10 English river
11 Equal
17 Can metal
19 Locks
22 Chorus members

DOWN

2 Missile house
3 Divisible
25 Yoko of music
26 States of ecstasy
27 LaGuardia and Logan, e.g.
29 Perched
30 Day
31 fractional (Abbr.)
33 Ostrich-est's kin
36 Dawn-of-mammals epoch
38 Name of many English kings
40 Longtime record label
42 Celebrity
43 Big fuss
44 Smell
46 Winged
47 Corporate symbol
48 Profound
50 Raw rock

Saturday's answer 6-24

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15				16				17		
18				19				20		
				21				22		
24	25	26						27	28	29
31				32				33		34
35				36				37		38
				39				40		
42	43			44				45		46
49				50				51		
52				53				54		
55				56				57		