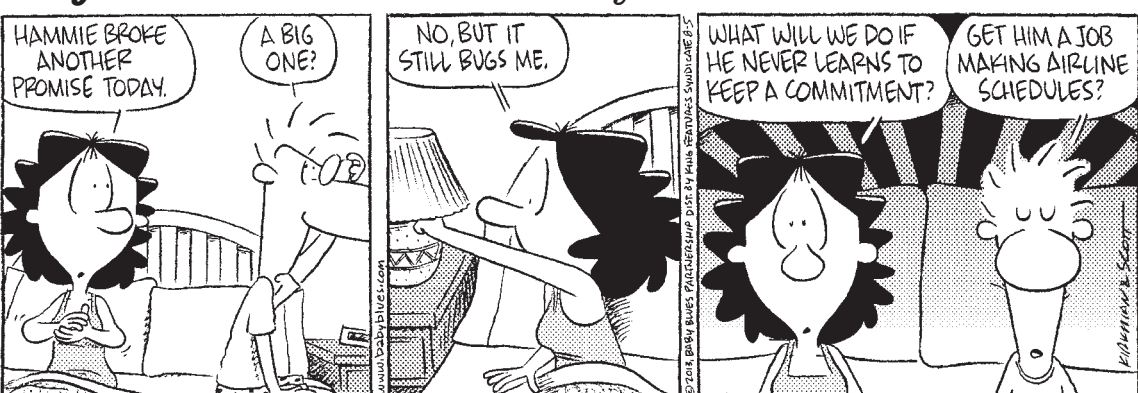


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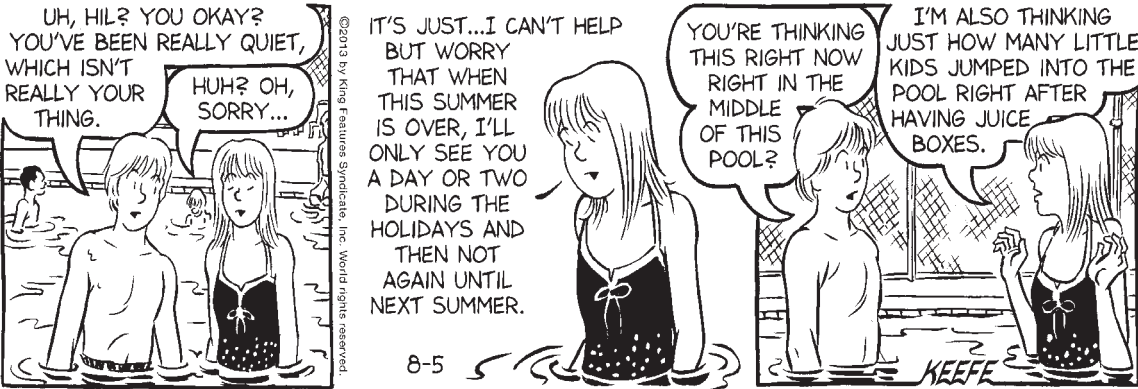
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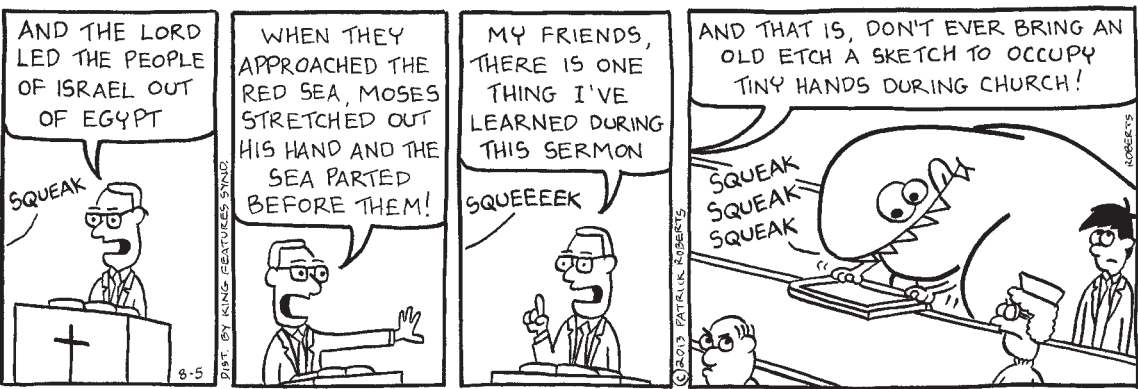
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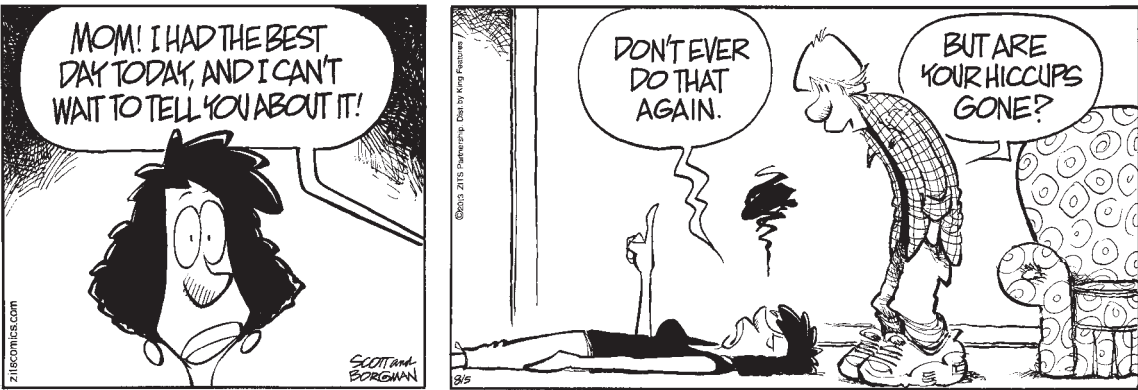
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Doll maker aimed at details

Lenci is a famous name among doll collectors.

Lenci dolls were first made by Elena Konig Scavini (1886-1974). She ran away from home when she was 14 and joined a circus. A few years later, she started making dolls.

In the early 1900s, she married Enrico Scavini, and by 1919 she had established the Scavini company to make dolls. By 1922 the company was listed as Lenci di E. Scavini. "Lenci" may have been a pet name for Elena.

Her felt dolls were carefully made, with pouty mouths, googly eyes and elaborate felt costumes. They were expensive. The single word "Lenci" was used as a trademark as early as 1925.

The company later had financial trouble and was sold in 1939. It closed in 2002.

Lenci dolls are very popular with collectors, but few know about the company's line of "fetish dolls." They were shaped like vegetables or flowers or imaginary creatures. Fetish dolls were introduced in 1926. A later group was made in the 1960s.

One rare fetish doll is a grasshopper wearing a top hat. A collector paid \$336 for it at an important Theriault's doll auction in November 2012.

Q: My vintage gold-tone pocket cigarette lighter is marked "Regel pat. pend." History and value?

A: Regel lighters were made in Rhode Island in the 1930s. Most were marketed under the brand name "Regeliter." The mechanism, manufactured by Regel under a German patent that belonged to Altenpohl & Pilgram, is not considered safe today. But your lighter still is collectible. If it's in good condition, it would sell for about \$40.

Tip: Keep old, worn, vintage doll accessories. Even if you substitute new accessories, save the old ones. They add value.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ 10 9 4 2
♥ 3
♦ Q 8 5 4
♣ 10 8 7 2

EAST
♠ A K
♥ K J 9 8 6
♦ 10 2
♣ J 9 6 3

SOUTH
♠ Q J 7 6 3
♥ A Q 5
♦ K J 7
♣ A Q

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

Opening lead — two of clubs.

Famous Hand
This was one of the favorite hands of B. Jay Becker, the former editor of this column. The declarer was the legendary Helen Sobel, thought by many to be the greatest woman player of all time.

Mrs. Sobel won the club lead with the ace and deduced at this point that East had the doubleton A-K of spades! So at trick two she led the spade three from her hand and eventually wound up making 10 tricks on a deal where many players might not make nine.

The question, of course, is how Mrs. Sobel could have known, at trick one, that the A-K of spades could be driven out without wasting a high card or using up her limited entries to dummy to lead toward the Q-J.

When the logic of the low spade play at trick two is examined, it is found to be flawless. There were only 14 high-card points missing, so East had to have the A-K of spades and king of hearts for his opening bid.

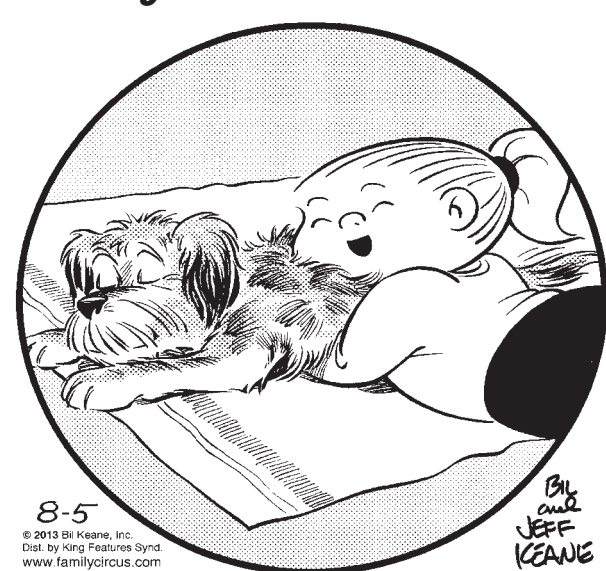
It was highly unlikely that West had as many as two hearts. In that case, he would surely have led his partner's suit rather than his own, which could be only 10-9-x-x at best, since East had played the jack of clubs at trick one. Therefore, West had either one heart or none.

But West couldn't have none. If he had no hearts, he'd have to have a five-card suit somewhere, and if so, he would have led it rather than a four-card suit (as indicated by his lead of the club deuce). Hence, West had precisely one heart.

This in turn meant that West had a 4-1-4-4 distribution, leaving East with only two spades, which had to be the A-K! It was therefore unnecessary to waste a potentially important entry to dummy to start the spades. So Mrs. Sobel simply conserved her resources and led a low spade at trick two!

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 8/05

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.

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

Cryptoquip

S F I X G O U - S F O K T W T D

E B U W T O U U E O D B T E L Q K Y I B U

F I T D X W Y O Q I I X E K F F S I K S G

X I Y : F K T A V L ' U F K B T A V L .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: LIKELY NICKNAME FOR ANY WORLD REPUBLIC ABUNDANT IN A RED-BROWN METAL: LAND OF COPPER-TUNITY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals Y

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Kitten's comment
 - 4 Say "cheese"
 - 9 Massachusetts cape
 - 12 Past party
 - 13 Sweat outlets
 - 14 Raw mineral
 - 15 Keeper of secrets
 - 17 Indian flatbread
 - 18 Mature insect
 - 19 Short-lived Trojan War hero
 - 24 Mix
 - 25 U.N. workers' grp.
 - 26 Explosive letters
 - 28 Lyric poem
 - 31 Phyllis Diller's "husband"
 - 33 Potential syrup
- DOWN**
- 35 Peevish fit
 - 36 Prefix with "red"
 - 38 Apprehend
 - 40 Afternoon party
 - 41 Privation
 - 43 Fermentation fungi
 - 45 Trivial
 - 47 Rowing tool
 - 48 Twitch
 - 49 "Analec's" philosopher
 - 54 Dine
 - 55 Soaring
 - 56 Rage
 - 57 Wife's title
 - 58 Filled with information
 - 59 Hostel
 - 60 Corpulent
 - 61 Cheese partner
 - 62 Id counterpart
 - 63 Tri-umphed
 - 64 Tap some rays
 - 65 Contemporary people
 - 66 A Gershwin brother
 - 67 Gives temporarily
 - 68 Will subject
 - 69 Faces
 - 70 Exam format
 - 71 Say it isn't so
 - 72 Stereotypical barks
 - 73 Stereo setup
 - 74 Verve
 - 75 Clashes
 - 76 Catch some
 - 77 Contemporary people
 - 78 A Gershwin brother
 - 79 Gives temporarily
 - 80 Will subject
 - 81 Faces
 - 82 Piratic potable
 - 83 Profits receptacle
 - 84 Garbage
 - 85 Will subject
 - 86 Faces
 - 87 Joan of —
 - 88 Branch
 - 89 Tale-teller
 - 90 Present
 - 91 Midafternoon, in a way
 - 92 Grecian vessel
 - 93 Sun Yat- —

Saturday's answer 8-5

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
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