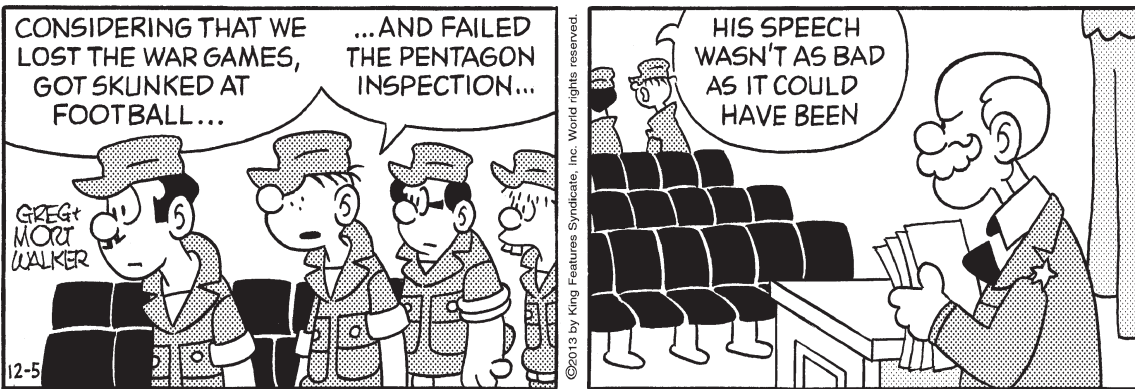


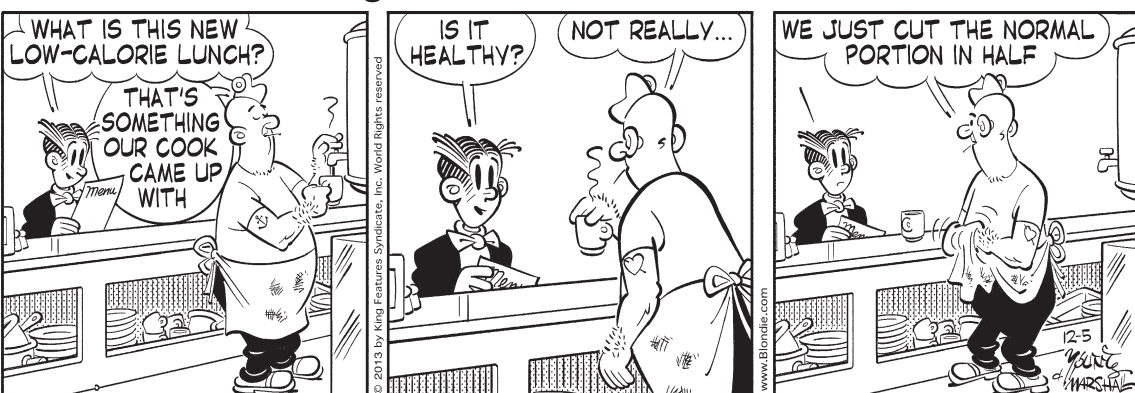
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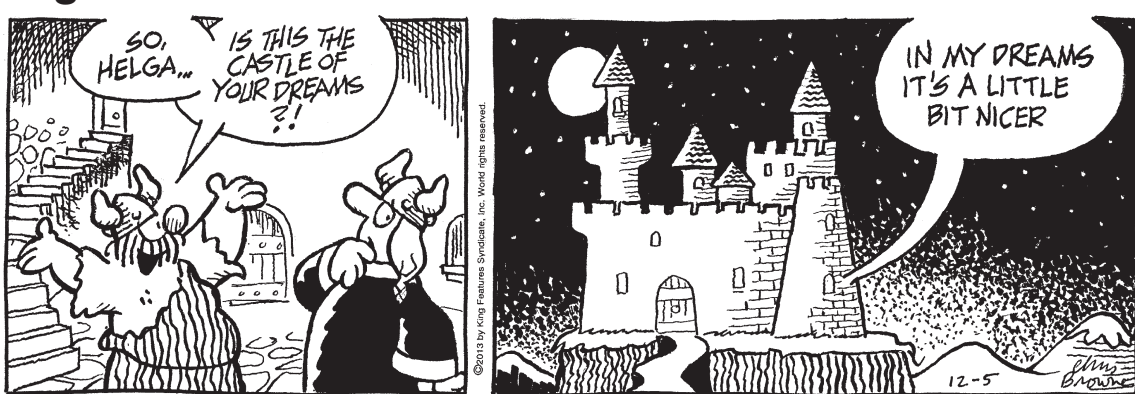
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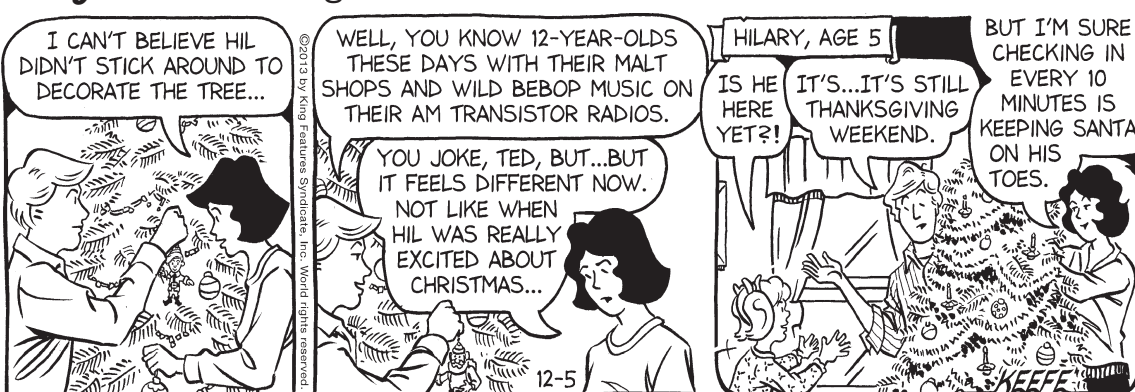
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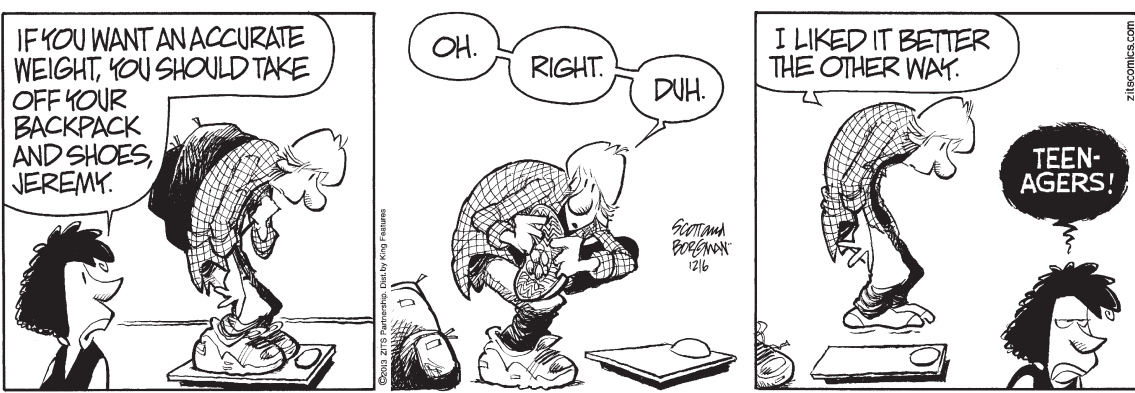
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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Terry Kovel
• Antiques and Collecting

Library shelves from old maker

Q: A few months ago, my husband and I bought a mahogany bookcase with four leaded glass doors at an estate sale. It's about 54 inches high, 66 inches wide and 12 inches deep. There is a small brass plaque on a shelf that reads "Library Bureau Sole Makers." Can you give us the history of this bookcase?

A: Library Bureau was founded by Melvil Dewey (1851-1931), a librarian and the inventor of the Dewey Decimal Classification System used by many libraries today. He published his system in 1876, the same year he founded a company that sold library supplies.

The company operated under different names until it became Library Bureau in 1881. It made a bookcase that could be joined with others to create a long wall of bookcases. The company was bought by Remington Rand in 1927 and became part of Midwest Library Systems in 1976. Library Bureau products still are being sold.

Q: I have a 9 1/2-inch Orrefors decanter decorated with an etching called "Susanna bathing with the old men watching her." I can't find any information about it. Do you know what it's worth?

A: Orrefors, a Swedish glassworks, has been in business since 1898. It has made many styles of decorative and useful glass. The story of Susanna bathing is an apocryphal chapter in the Bible's book of Daniel. The story, about a pair of old men trying to blackmail a virtuous young woman, has been the basis of many pieces of artwork throughout the centuries. It is likely your decanter isn't yet an antique (100 years old), but in 1993 one like it auctioned at Christie's for \$690.

Q: I'm trying to identify a plate given to the Point Cabrillo Light House Museum. It has a white cabrillo with roses in the center and on the border. There is no mark. People have told me it was a Quaker Oats premium. I found the company gave Homer Laughlin's Tea Rose plates as premiums. Our plate has similar flowers in a different arrangement. The interior of the museum is being restored as it would have been in 1935 and we want to know if the plate is from that period.

A: In 1891, Quaker Oats became the first company to include dishes as premiums in its packages. Dinnerware made by Homer Laughlin, Royal China and Taylor, Smith & Taylor were included as premiums from the 1920s until the 1960s.

Tea Rose is a Homer Laughlin shape. Plates have a scalloped edge and a six-panel border. The shape was decorated with different decals, many of flowers, and also was made in solid colors. Tea Rose was introduced in about 1937, but it is not known when it was used as a premium.

Tip: Never store celluloid jewelry with metal or rhinestone jewelry. Celluloid ages and gives off an acidic gas that eats metal. The metal will become pitted and greenish. Celluloid "disease" also attacks pearls, paper and other organic materials. Store celluloid by itself.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K J 5 2
♥ 6
♦ A Q 9 7 4
♣ K 9

WEST
♠ Q 9 7 6 4
♥ 8 3
♦ 1 6
♣ Q J 10 2

EAST
♠ 10
♥ Q 10 5 2
♦ J 8 5 2
♣ A 8 7 3

SOUTH
♠ A 8 3
♥ A K J 9 7 4
♦ 3
♣ 6 5 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass
2♥ Pass 3NT Pass
4♥

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Partnership Defense

Bridge is essentially a partnership game in which each side employs special agreements to impart specific information about their hands. These agreements, also known as conventions, are absolutely essential to achieving good results. Without conventions, bridge would be largely a guessing game.

Consider this case, which features partnership defense. West leads the club queen against four hearts. East takes dummy's king with the ace. West wins East's three-of-clubs return with the ten, and the question is what West should do next.

Only two tricks have been played, but West knows a great deal about declarer's hand. Judging from the bidding, South must have at least six hearts and must also have the ace of spades for his opening bid. So from West's viewpoint, the only hope of defeating the contract is that East can somehow score two trump tricks.

In order to protect whatever East's trump holding might be, West should continue with the jack of clubs at trick three, forcing dummy to ruff. How does West know that South has another club? He knows because East, in accordance with convention, returned the three of clubs, his original fourth-best club. Since West has the deuce of clubs, East cannot have five clubs, so West knows declarer started with exactly three clubs.

After ruffing the third club in dummy, South can do no better than lead a spade to his ace and play the A-K of trumps, hoping the ten or queen will fall. When neither of them appears, South leads another trump, hoping the ten and queen will fall together. When they don't, the contract is down one.

Observe that if West does not return a club at trick three, declarer can make the contract by leading a trump from dummy and finessing the jack.

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12-5

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"OK, Billy wears a 7 ... no, wait ... he IS 7... so, maybe Dolly wears a 7 ... but she's only 5 ... so, Billy ... let's see ..."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★ 12/05

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★

Cryptoquip

H ZHCK QP QEHOC T
FKYQTHO GPJQE TSKYHFTO
YKDJUZHFG DEPOK UPPCG
ZHGO GJYHOTSKG GJYOTSKG

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AFTER THE ANGLERS PUT GOBS OF FISH EGGS ON THE SHIP, THEY ALL SANG "ROE, ROE, ROE YOUR BOAT."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bunch of buddies
 - 5 Pinochle
 - 9 Dog's foot
 - 12 Lotion additive
 - 13 Eastern bigwig
 - 14 Blunder
 - 15 Ritz apartment
 - 17 Born
 - 18 Playground fixture
 - 19 The Devil
 - 21 "I think, therefore I —"
 - 22 Trattoria
 - 24 Cried
 - 27 Tri-
 - 28 Reverberate
 - 31 Shock and —
 - 32 Mimic
 - 33 Started
 - 34 Kindly bloke
 - 36 A handful
 - 37 Flex
 - 38 Queen of Hearts' recipe
- DOWN**
- 2 Sheltered
 - 3 Zilch
 - 4 Reaches
 - 5 Cat call
 - 6 Flightless bird
 - 7 Grafton's " — for Lawless"
 - 8 Garb
 - 9 Occult
 - 10 Occult five-pointed star
 - 11 Vicinity
 - 11 Small song-bird
 - 16 Scenery chews
 - 20 Noshed on
 - 22 They're calling Danny Boy
 - 23 From the start
 - 24 Witty one
 - 25 Ram's mate
 - 26 Big brass container?
 - 27 Float gently
 - 29 Coop dweller
 - 30 Peculiar
 - 35 "The Price Is Right" feature
 - 37 Lynx
 - 39 Settle a debt
 - 40 Seek damages
 - 41 Un-
 - 42 Oliver Twist's request
 - 43 Celeb
 - 44 Meds
 - 45 Handles
 - 46 Greek vowels
 - 49 Before
 - 50 Actress Vardalos

Solution time: 25 mins.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12					13					14	
15					16					17	
18								19	20		
				21		22	23				
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