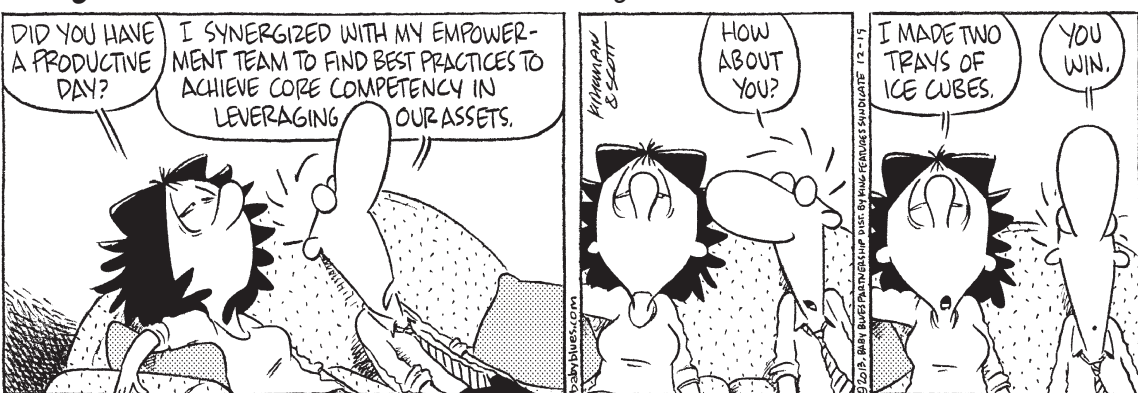


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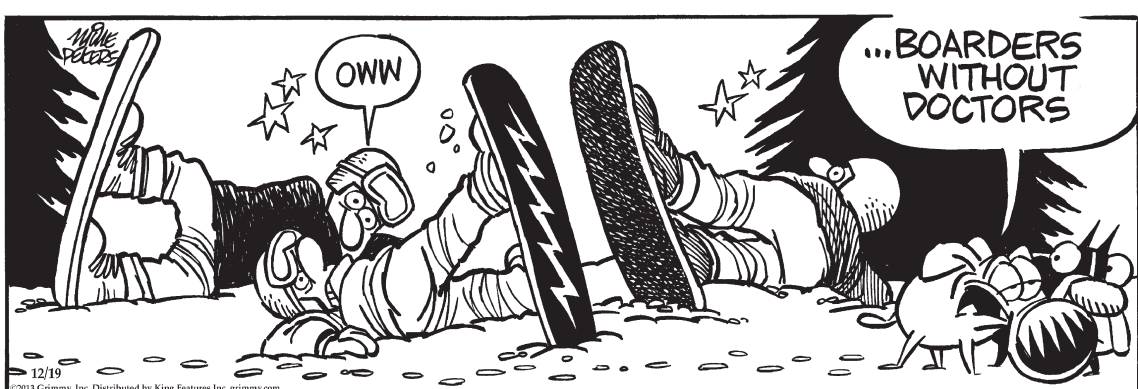
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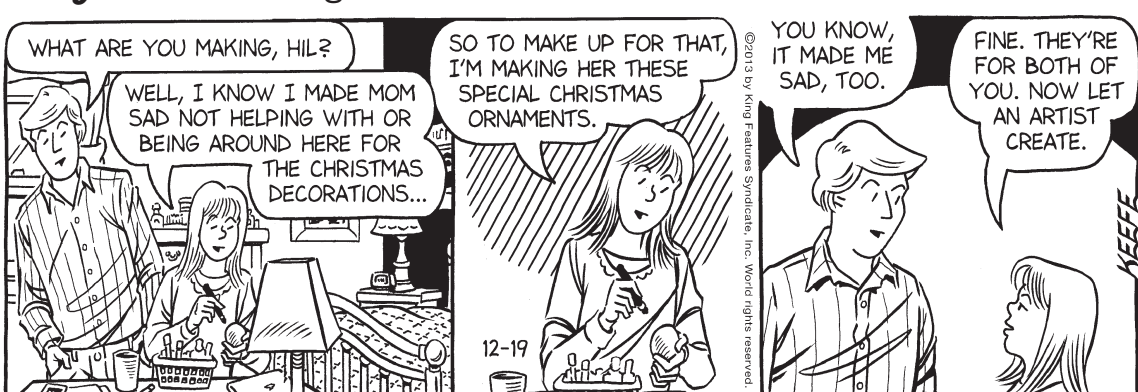
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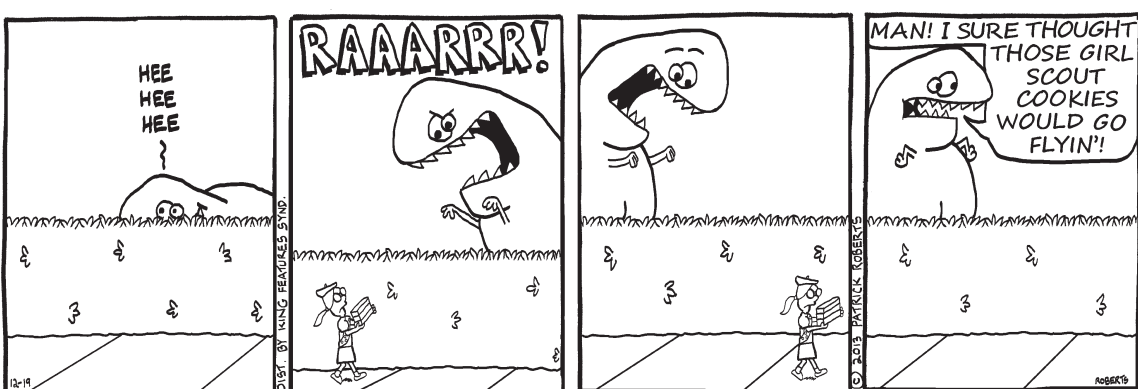
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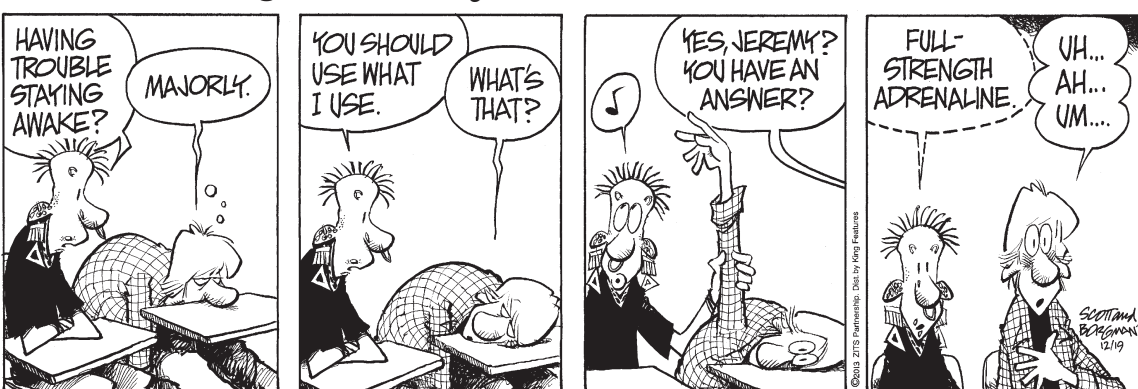
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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel

• Antiques and Collecting

Chairs useful, not expensive

Q: I have two chairs that each have a metal plate underneath that reads "Made in England by Jaycee Furniture Ltd., Brighton, Sussex" and another that reads "Made in England expressly for Carson Pirie Scott and Co." I would like to sell them. Can you tell me what they're worth?

A: Jaycee Furniture made reproduction furniture in traditional styles. The company was founded by Jack Cohen in 1947 and closed in 1998.

Carson Pirie Scott & Co. was a furniture store headquartered in Chicago. It started when Samuel Carson and John Pirie founded a dry-goods store in Amboy, Ill., in 1854. The company moved to Chicago during the late 1860s. It became Carson Pirie Scott & Co. when Robert Scott became a partner in 1890. The company still is in business, now operating under the name Carson's.

The labels on your chairs suggest they were sold after 1950. The chairs would sell as useful pieces of furniture, but not as antiques. The price probably will be less than half the cost of a similar new chair.

Q: I have a couple of vintage issues of a French comic book titled "Les Pieds Nickelés." Is there a collecting club for this sort of thing?

A: The French comic strip titled "Les Pieds Nickelés" (loosely translated as "The Nickel-Plated Feet Gang") was first published in 1908. The strips must have been collected later for publication as comic books. Several U.S. auctions specialize in selling old comic books, although yours is not well-known here and won't be high-priced. One club for collectors is the Comic Book Collectors Club (ComicBookCollectorsClub.com).

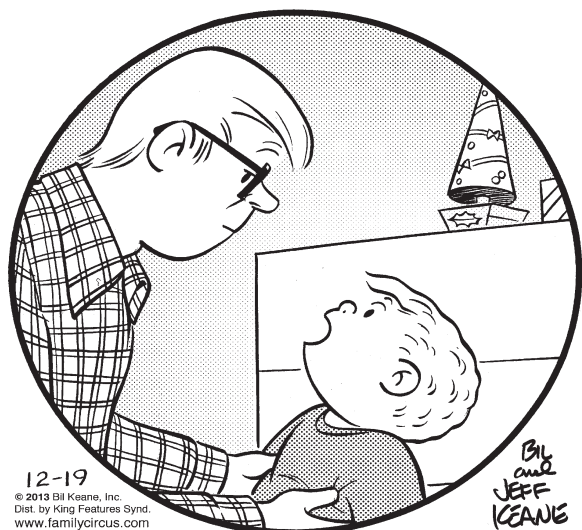
Q: In 1973, I was working for the post office in Whitewater, Calif. When the post office moved into a trailer, its furniture was sold or tossed. I was lucky enough to buy a wooden postal sorting table for \$5. It includes a mail-sorting case with 100 small cubbyholes - four rows of 25. The table is 70 inches long by 26 inches deep. Including the case, it's 64 inches high.

The case is stamped on the back: "516-B Carriers Routing Case & Table, Property of the Post Office Dept., from Corbin Cab't. Lock Co., New Britain, Conn., 1929." We consider it a family heirloom, but would like to know what you think of it.

A: Corbin Cabinet Lock Co. was founded in 1882 and still is in business. Today it's owned by the Eastern Co., based in Wheeling, Ill. Corbin sold all sorts of locks, post office boxes and postal furniture to the U.S. Post Office Dept. (now called the U.S. Postal Service). The 1929 date on the back of your case probably is the date the piece was made. Collectors hunt for old post-office furniture like your case-table. It could sell for more than \$1,000 if it's in excellent condition.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 12/19

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.

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Cryptoquip

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A H D T K W S L L J L E D H Z L J W L R H .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE PEOPLE AT THE RELIGIOUS STORE ARE PURCHASING ROSARIES. I ASSUME THEY'RE PRAYING CUSTOMERS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals Y

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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| ACROSS | 39 Broom closet item | 2 Bullring bravo | 22 Timber wolf |
| 1 Chore | 41 Journal | 3 Rolled in waves | 23 Have a meal |
| 4 Ice-cream flavor, for short | 44 Riches | 4 Overcast | 27 Cattrail or |
| 8 Blogger's | 46 Patella | 5 "Please explain" | 29 "..." |
| 12 "The Greatest" | 50 Id counterpart | 6 Cartel acronym | 31 Unuttered "alas" |
| 13 Easy stride | 51 Longtime Stealers coach | 7 Fragrant wood | 30 Jog name |
| 14 Wings | 52 Pursued | 8 Sleep-wear | 31 Unuttered "alas" |
| 15 Aged, as paper | 56 Being (Lat.) | 9 Royal Norwegian name | 33 Sang Swiss-style |
| 17 Coffee | 57 Escape period | 10 Rescue name | 35 Do lawnwork |
| 18 Late singer | 58 Historic | 11 Rip | 38 Pouch |
| 19 Crime lab "client" | 59 Kept tabs on | 16 Chaney of old films | 40 Kitchen gadget |
| 21 Fair | 60 Calendar quota | 20 Society new-comer | 43 Cohort of Bugs and Elmer |
| 24 Sleep phenom | 61 Lair | 21 Rorschach picture | 45 Earlier |
| 25 Despondent | | | 46 "... with a banjo on my ..." |
| 26 Talk on and on | | | 47 Inquisitive |
| 28 Bangkok money | | | 48 Otherwise |
| 32 Do as you're told | | | 49 Staff |
| 34 Quarterback | | | 53 Michele of "Glee" |
| 36 Rani's raiment | | | 54 Before |
| 37 Big bothers | | | 55 Aykroyd or Marino |

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 12-19

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