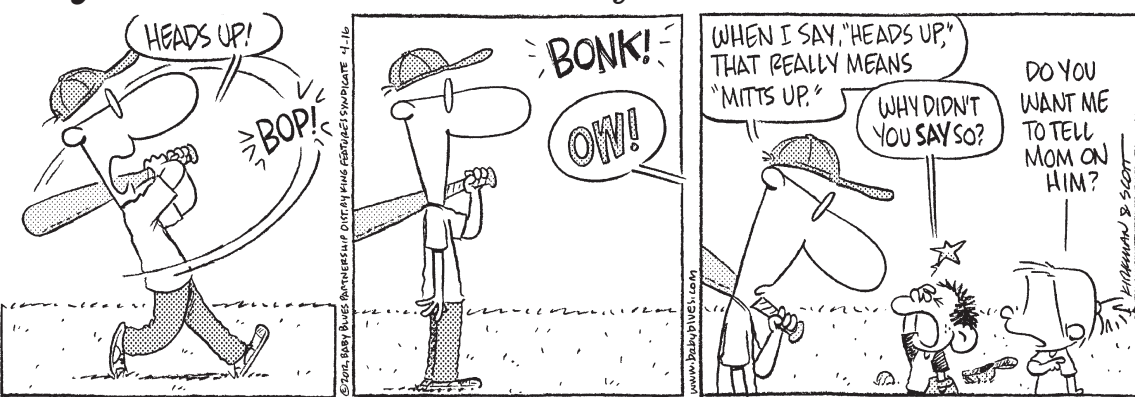
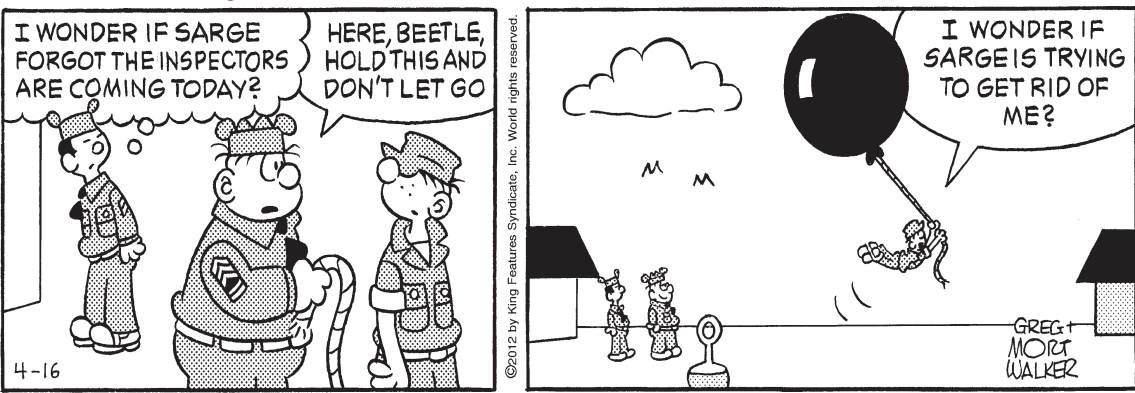


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



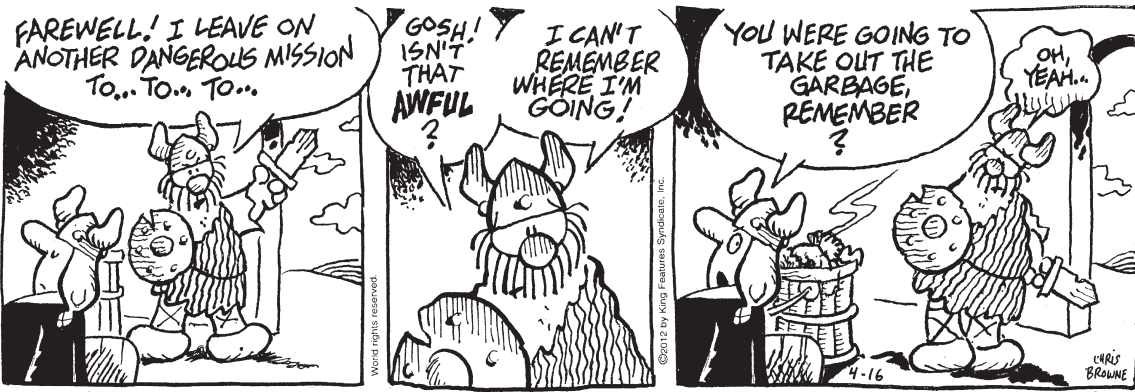
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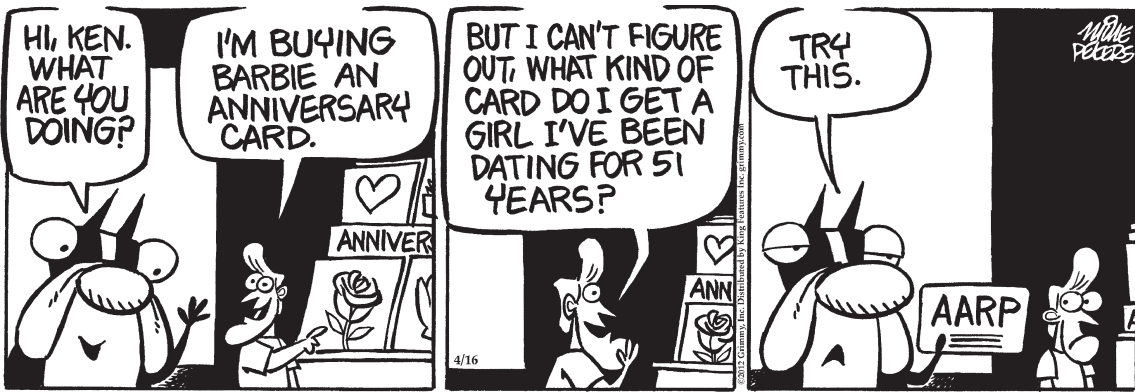
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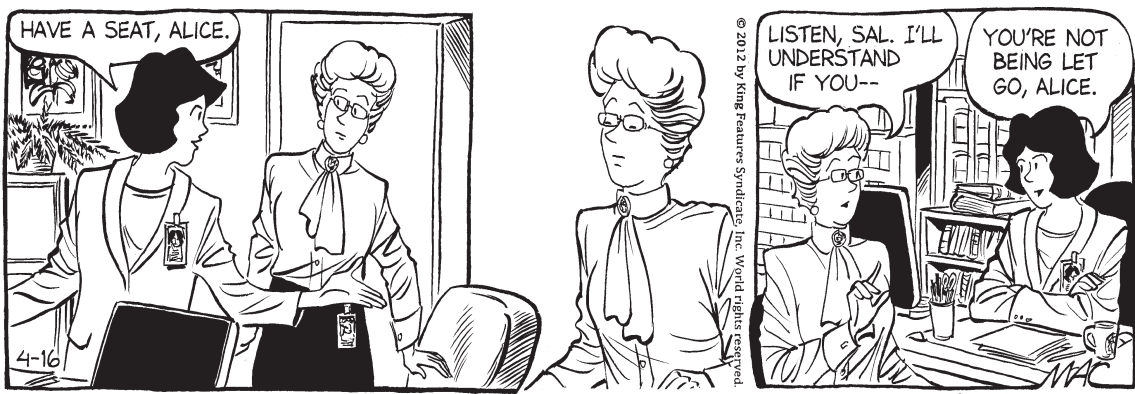
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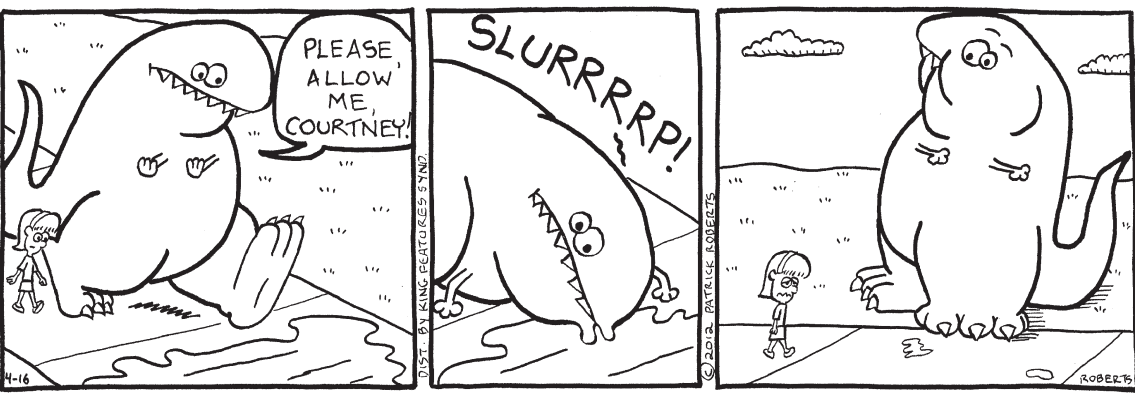
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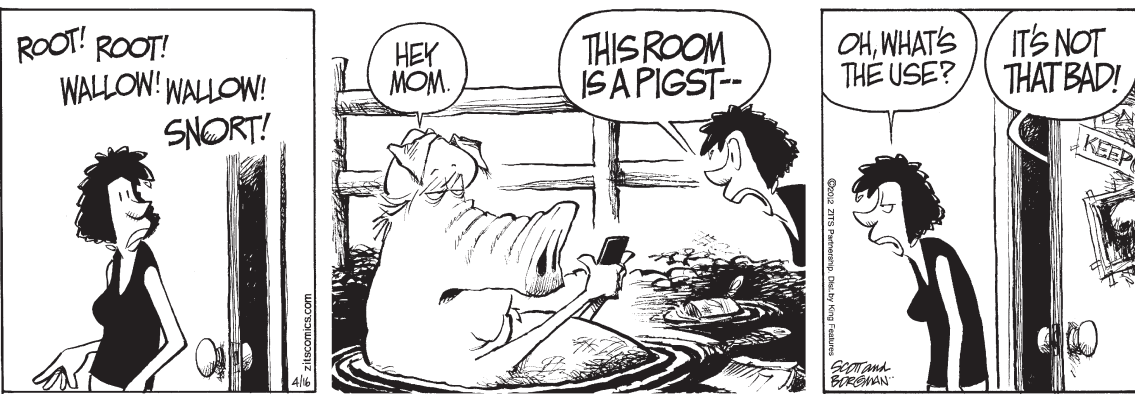
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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



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Terry Kovel
• Antiques and Collecting

Antique rabbit can fool friends

If you don't already have rabbits hopping around your garden, you might want to buy an antique garden rabbit to fool your friends. The wealthy English and French of the 17th century liked formal gardens with paths, fences and planned flower beds. They put urns, statues, fountains, sundials, gates, furniture and odd pieces like finials and wall sculptures into their gardens. In America, ornaments and furniture were being used in gardens by the 1600s.

A brass sundial from 1630 is the earliest American garden piece that still exists. A wooden bench from the 1700s is the earliest known wooden piece. Gardens first had wrought-iron furniture and gates in the 18th and early 19th centuries. By the mid 19th century, most garden pieces were made of cast iron, not wrought iron, because cast iron was stronger.

Full-size deer, dogs and other animals, tiered fountains, iron benches made to look like vines or tree branches, obelisks and sundials were all made of cast iron.

In the 1930s, there was even more interest in cast-iron objects. Inside houses you could find cast-iron doorstops, bookends, hardware and toys. And in today's gardens, life-size rabbits, squirrels, frogs and even alligators and birds are among the iron guests. Many were made years ago and have survived with just a little loss of paint. A vintage rabbit or squirrel can cost from \$50 to \$200 today, and a three-tier iron fountain with a bird pedestal and leafy edges costs \$3,000. Look in backyards when you go to a house sale. You might find a garden figure no one noticed.

Q: I have four cafe chairs, each with a paper label that says "Jacob Josef Kohn & Mundus." The backs have a bentwood frame with three horizontal slats. Can you tell me age and value?

A: Your chairs were made after 1914, the year Mundus, a German chair-manufacturing conglomerate, merged with Jacob & Josef Kohn, a competitor in Vienna. And they probably were made before 1923. Thonet, the company whose founder invented the bentwood chair in the 1830s, merged with Mundus in 1923. Many different styles of bentwood chair-backs have been made. If yours are in excellent condition, each one would sell for about \$100.

Tip: Silver saltshakers should be emptied after every use or lined with gold plating to avoid corrosion.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer, North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 10 8 7 5 2
♥ A 9 3 2
♦ K 9
♣ A 10
WEST
♠ A 3
♥ 7 5
♦ A Q J 10 8 2
♣ Q 8 5
EAST
♠ Q 9 4
♥ K J 4
♦ 7 6 5 3
♣ 7 4 3
SOUTH
♠ K J 6
♥ Q 10 8 6
♦ 4
♣ K J 9 6 2
The bidding:
East South West North
Pass Pass 1 NT Pass
Pass 2♣ 3♦ 4♠
Pass 4♥
Opening lead — ace of diamonds.

Famous Hand

This deal from the U.S.-Great Britain match at the 1991 world team championship brought together two pairs noted for their aggressive bidding styles. North-South were Americans Eric Rodwell and Jeff Meckstroth, pitted against Britain's Tony Forrester and Andy Robson. Both pairs lived up to their advance billing.

Robson began by opening an off-shape one notrump (12-14 points in the partnership style). When this rolled around to Meckstroth, he bid two clubs for takeout. Robson then showed his true colors by leaping to three diamonds. This did not silence Rodwell, who cuebid diamonds to ask his partner to choose a major suit, and Meckstroth's four-heart bid ended the auction.

Robson led the ace and another diamond, declarer discarding a spade on the king. Meckstroth then had to resolve the problem of how to tackle the trump suit.

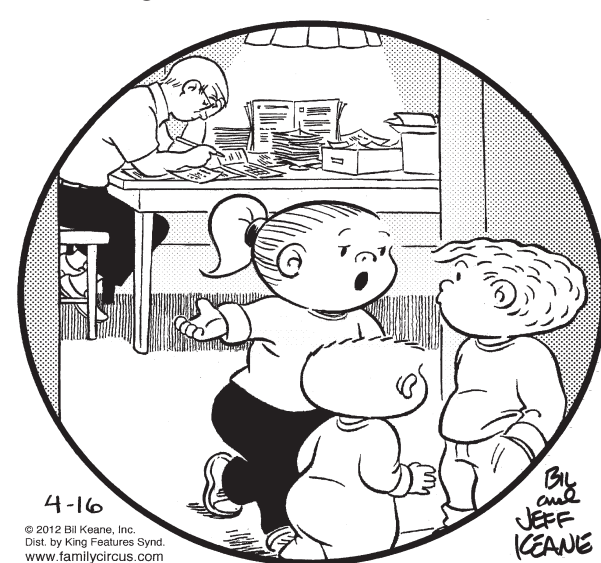
Meckstroth decided to delay playing trumps until he could learn a little more about the opponents' holdings in the other suits. So at trick three he led a spade to the jack and was gratified to see this force the ace.

Declarer won West's spade return with the king and reviewed what he had learned up to this point. West had to have six diamonds for his three-diamond bid, so he could not hold more than three clubs (more than three clubs would give him a singleton — not consistent with his original notrump bid). So Meckstroth next played the A-K and another club, ruffing the third round in dummy without fear of being overruffed by East.

Declarer was now ready to tackle the trump suit. Since West had already shown up with the ace of spades, queen of clubs and a strong diamond suit headed by the ace, he could not hold the heart king. So Meckstroth played the ace and another heart, and when East produced the king, the game was home.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 4/16

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.

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

Cryptoquip

Q K E T N K G D O F G N G W U E F

G J Q D O Q T Y E X K Q R O

Y E T R O K U A E L X . E Q ' T U T O F E O T

G W J L W G F Q J L U Q O A O L Q T .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WANTING EVERYONE TO LIVE IN THE PRESENT, THE ORTHOPEDIST WILL SOMETIMES CRY "CARPAL DIEM!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 35 Willy Wonka's creator | 58 Uses a swizzle stick | 16 — and downs |
| 1 Use the couch | 36 Narrow cuts, e.g. | 59 Rhyming praise | 20 Pay attention |
| 4 Fidel Castro, e.g. | 38 Sleuth, for short | 60 Born of a lineup, briefly | 21 Rock band's gear |
| 9 Picks out of a | 40 Born of a | 41 — moss | 22 Bar |
| 12 Japanese pond carp | 43 Fed well, as a | 44 Halley's et al. | 23 Just beginning |
| 13 Last Greek letter | 45 Twist in pain | 5 Resentment | 27 Explosive letters |
| 14 Ultra-modernist | 47 Mrs. McKinley | 6 Spelling contest | 29 You |
| 15 Office-holder | 48 Coloration | 7 Actress Moore-head | 30 Coaster |
| 17 Pitcher's topper | 49 Rainy, perhaps | 8 Talk on and on | 32 Undo a dele |
| 18 Apiece | 54 Hostel | 9 Nonstop stuff | 34 Graffiti writer, e.g. |
| 19 Merman and Mertz | 55 Surround | 10 Trans-action | 37 Masters, in old India |
| 21 Label founded by Clive Davis | 56 Sticky | 11 Bribes | 39 West Pointers |
| 24 Gets a gander at | 57 Encountered | | 42 Doctrine |
| 25 Fellow | | | 44 Scot's chapeau |
| 26 Pvt.'s superior | | | 45 Caprice |
| 28 Takes five | | | 46 Mysterious character |
| 31 Snapshots | | | 50 Vegas-based crime show |
| 33 Finish | | | 51 Swelled head |
| | | | 52 Agree silently |
| | | | 53 Part of the foot |

Solution time: 27 mins.

PAL	LUZ	RECAP			
ALA	ONE	AMUSE			
VIM	SILK	PURSE			
EBB	STINT				
DISC	EGO	HATE			
	HAD	WEAPON			
TROOP		CREED			
AUDITS		HOE			
BEER	HMO	MAGI			
	KOALA	TON			
SATI	NDOLL	BUS			
ORATE	ROT	AGE			
DENSE	IWO	YET			

Saturday's answer 4-16

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
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