Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

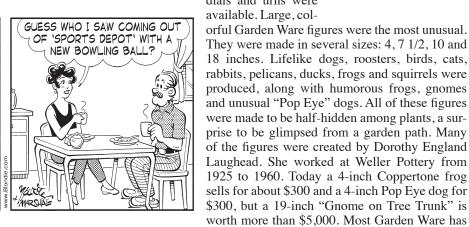


Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker









Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne





Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



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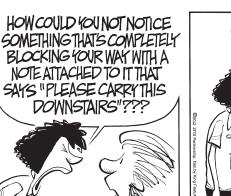
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Terry Kovel

Antiques and Collecting

Collectors favor Ohio art pottery

Art pottery made by Weller is a favorite among collectors. The company made art pottery in Zanesville, Ohio, from 1893 to 1948. From the 1920s to the 1940s, Weller also made less sophisticated pottery for the yard called "Garden Ware." Stonecolored birdbaths, sprinklers, fountains, toadstool seats, sundials and urns were available. Large, col-



made by Weller Pottery

is only 4 inches high. It

sold for \$360 at a 2011

Humler & Nolan auc-

tion in Cincinnati. orful Garden Ware figures were the most unusual. They were made in several sizes: 4, 7 1/2, 10 and 18 inches. Lifelike dogs, roosters, birds, cats, rabbits, pelicans, ducks, frogs and squirrels were produced, along with humorous frogs, gnomes and unusual "Pop Eye" dogs. All of these figures were made to be half-hidden among plants, a surprise to be glimpsed from a garden path. Many of the figures were created by Dorothy England Laughead. She worked at Weller Pottery from 1925 to 1960. Today a 4-inch Coppertone frog sells for about \$300 and a 4-inch Pop Eye dog for \$300, but a 19-inch "Gnome on Tree Trunk" is

Q: I recently saw an ad for new Bauer pottery. Pieces shown were in solid colors with molded rings. Is Bauer being reproduced?

cracks and chips from living outdoors, but minor

damage does not change the price very much.

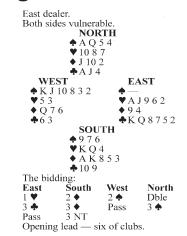
A: Bauer pottery was originally made by J.A. Bauer Pottery Co. from 1885 to 1962. After the factory closed, the molds were destroyed. In 1998 Janek Boniecki, a collector, began making new Bauer under the name "Bauer Pottery Co. of Los Angeles." Original colors are used and the molds are made from pieces of original Bauer pottery. A plaster model of an original piece is made about 8 percent to 10 percent larger so the finished piece will be the correct size after it shrinks. Then a master mold, which is known as the block-andcase, is made from the plaster model. Production molds or dyes are made from the master mold. About 150 different pieces of new Bauer have been produced in Highland, Calif. New Bauer pottery is marked "Bauer Pottery 2000 Highland LDVTF LDNX UDQBIG EJQAZAIX USA." To see the complete line, check the company's website, BauerPottery.com. **CURRENT PRICES**

Current prices are recorded from antiques shows, flea markets, sales and auctions

Umbrella, white, allover pattern of children in red and turquoise outfits, Japan, 1950s, child's, 17 x 21 inches, \$30.

License plate attachment, "Hood Tires" ad, man in uniform holding flag with brand emblem, tin lithograph, 4 1/2 inches, \$605.

Bridge • Steve Becker



Famous Hand

Sometimes, a carefully considered play can backfire and lead to a disastrous result. That is precisely what happened on this deal from the 1989 Venice Cup finals between two women's teams from the Netherlands and the United States. The Americans won the 128-deal match by a relatively narrow margin after an exciting contest in which the outcome remained in doubt right up to the final few deals.

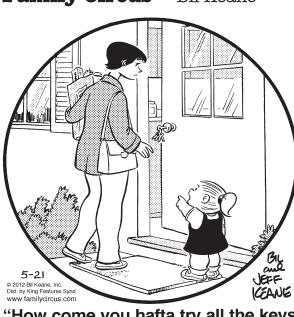
The bidding shown occurred early in the match at the table where Beth Palmer and Lynn Deas were North-South for the U.S. Deas reached three notrump after a lively auction, and the Dutch West led the six of clubs. Declarer played low from dummy, and East

won the trick with the queen. East then shifted to the jack of hearts! This unusual play was designed to guard against a holding of Q-x-x in the South hand. If declarer had that holding, the lead of the jack would trap the queen, whereas a low heart return would establish the queen as a stopper after South followed low. However, East's return – well thought out as it was -- served only to confuse her partner after declarer won the trick with the king. When West subsequently gained the lead with

the queen of diamonds, she returned a heart! This established South's second heart honor as her ninth trick. In all, declarer scored two hearts, two spades, four diamonds and the ace of clubs. Had West returned a club instead, establishing East's clubs before the ace of hearts was dislodged South would have fallen a trick short.

At the other table, the U.S. East-West pair wound up in two spades, down two. The combination of +600 at one table and -200 at the other gave the Americans a 9-IMP pickup on the deal. (c)2012 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"How come you hafta try all the keys before you open the door?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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Difficulty Level 🖈 This is a logic-based num-

ber placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a num-

ber, 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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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AFTER IT WAS SHOOED OUT OF THE AREA, THE YOUNG FIREFLY LAMENTED "WHERE DO I GLOW FROM HERE?"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals T

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23 Swab the

deck

26 Actress Sorvino

27 Help in a

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30 Picture of

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28 Quick

29 Eight

31 Bill

35 Slight

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40 — -la-la

42 Travel-

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(c) 2012 by Cowles Syndicate Inc. **Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

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