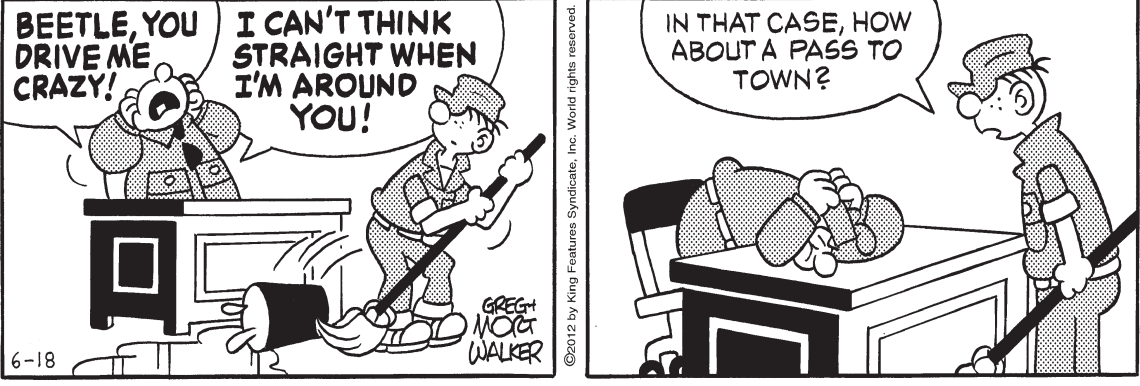


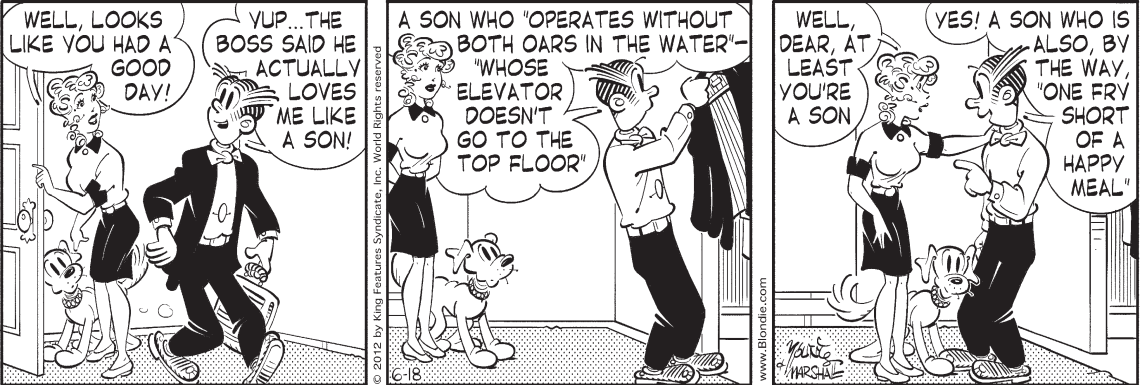
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**Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



**Blondie** • Chic Young



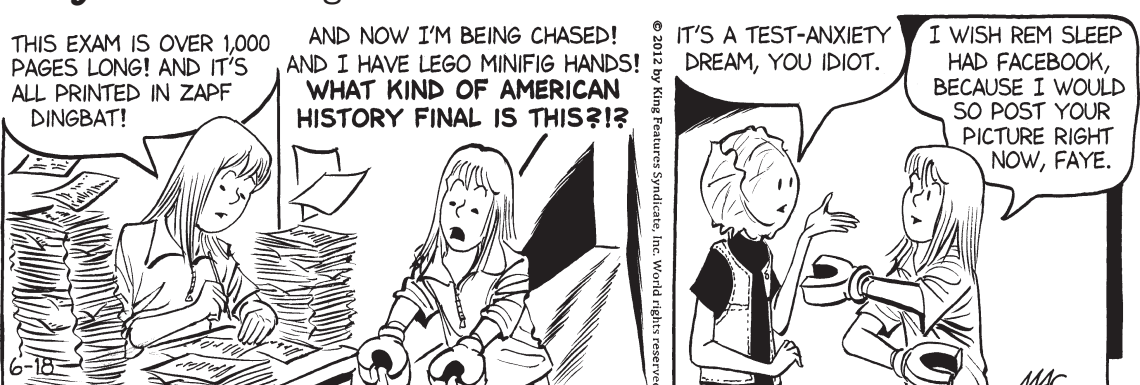
**Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne



**Mother Goose and Grimm** • Mike Peters



**Sally Forth** • Greg Howard



**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Terry Kovel**  
• Antiques and Collecting

**Porcelains sell for high prices**

Chinese porcelains of past centuries are selling for high prices today. There are many types. Some we identify by the color — like celadon (pale-green glaze) or blue and white (blue decoration on white porcelain, including varieties called Canton or Nanking) or multicolored patterns named for their dominant color, including famille rose, rose medallion, rose mandarin or famille verte (green). Another American name for some Chinese porcelain is “Chinese export porcelain.” It was the made-to-order dinnerware manufactured in China but decorated in the European manner and sold to foreign countries in the 18th and 19th centuries. Because the Chinese often copy old pieces, those who have not studied antique Chinese porcelains can't tell old from the new. Unrecognized bargains have been found in American homes. The properly identified pieces sell for thousands of dollars. Look for flawless glazes without unintentional bumps or flaws. Turn a vase over. The bottom rim that touches the tabletop is usually unglazed if Chinese. European foot rims and bottoms of lids are glazed. Decorations should be carefully painted in light, pleasing colors. Twentieth-century Chinese wares sold to other countries are often decorated with large figures without much detail and with gold and other bright colors. A close look at a fine-quality famille rose vase would show a scene with many small people and animals in a woodland or interior setting. Prices of Chinese porcelain vary with the quality of the work and the age. If you plan to buy an expensive piece, get expert advice. If you own any heirloom porcelains, take a close look at them. Many 18th-century and earlier pieces have been rediscovered in recent years. A decorative piece your grandma or great-grandma bought years ago could be a treasure.

**Q:** I own a British coronation mug dated June 22, 1911. On the front, there's a picture of King George V and Queen Mary above the phrase “Urmston Coronation 1911.” Is this of any value? My grandmother brought it to the United States from England.

**A:** Your coronation mug is 100 years old, which qualifies it as an “antique.” It's a souvenir mug made for the coronation celebration held in Urmston, a town outside of Manchester, England. The coronation of King George V (1865-1936) took place in London on June 22, 1911. He had actually risen to the throne the year before upon the death of his father, King Edward VII. Many souvenirs of King George V's coronation were made. A mug like yours auctioned last year for 10 British pounds, or a little more than \$15.

**Tip:** Don't mechanically buff silver. It will change the color and wear away bits of the silver.

Take advantage of a free listing for your group to announce events or to find antique shows and other events. Go to [Kovels.com/calendar](http://Kovels.com/calendar) to find and plan your antiquing trips.

**Bridge** • Steve Becker

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q  
♥ A K Q J 10 3  
♦ A Q 9 5  
♣ J 9

**WEST**  
♠ K 10 9 4 2  
♥ —  
♦ K 6 4 3 2  
♣ 8 7 3

**EAST**  
♠ A 7  
♥ 9 8 7 6 5 4 2  
♦ 8  
♣ 6 5 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ J 8 6 5 3  
♥ —  
♦ J 10 7  
♣ A K Q 10 4

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ 2 ♣ 3 ♥ Pass  
3 NT Pass 6 NT  
Opening lead — three of diamonds.

**Famous Hand**  
This deal occurred in the 1990 world team championship final between Germany and the United States. It arose early in the match and put the Germans, who ultimately won the title, ahead for the first time.

When a German pair held the North-South cards, they stopped at a quiet three notrump, making seven with the aid of no opening spade lead and a couple of diamond finesses.

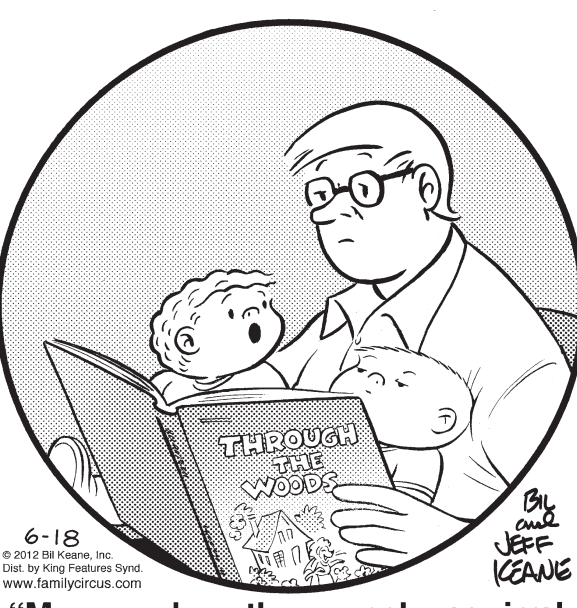
At the other table, where Charles Coon and Mike Moss of the U.S. sat North-South, the bidding went as shown. West's two-spade overcall was pre-emptive, leaving Moss awkwardly placed after Coon bid three hearts. He tried three notrump, which Coon raised to six.

Had West led a spade, South would have been down two before he could blink. However, West (Roland Rohowsky) did not lead a spade, seemingly handing declarer the slam. But Rohowsky's choice of a low diamond lead instead proved to have diabolical consequences.

From Moss' perspective, after dummy was tabled he could count 12 virtually ironclad tricks — six hearts, five clubs and the ace of diamonds. It would therefore have been the height of folly to risk a diamond finesse, which, if it lost, would give the opponents a chance to cash their top spades.

So Moss put up dummy's ace and tried to run the hearts. But when West showed out on the first heart, Moss' six heart tricks quickly shrunk to five, and he finished down one for a team loss of 820 points and 13 IMPs to the Germans.

**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★

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.

**Cryptoquip**

DETWQJH HXUP ZXTQVW ZUVV  
ATE DUH JNHZ KXT EUNVVP  
VLCU KNVCLSM LS ZDNECVPP  
ZHQA A: CLHHP MVLHHUE.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHENEVER I DAMAGE SOMETHING IN A SHRUBBY WASTELAND, IT'S ALWAYS COVERED BY MY HEATH INSURANCE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals I

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 "I — Camera"  
4 Film director  
Van Sant  
7 Lather  
11 Cabin  
makeup  
13 Fire  
residue  
14 Not  
working  
15 Time of prosperity  
16 Writer  
Buscaglia  
17 Bridle  
strap  
18 Inert gas  
20 Nitwit  
22 Family  
24 Pre-  
eminent person  
28 Diamond merchant  
32 Skeptical sort  
33 Line of symmetry  
34 Child  
36 Eat  
37 Craze  
39 Made a map of  
41 Like urban air, maybe

**DOWN**

1 Actress  
Jessica  
2 Heath  
3 Wide-eyed  
4 Cowboy's  
sweetie  
5 Second-hand  
6 Trembled  
7 Hoses  
are  
8 Praise in  
verse  
9 Clay,  
today  
10 Fellows  
12 Old West  
communi-  
cations  
21 Atl.  
counter-  
part  
23 Badmin-  
ton  
barrier  
25 One  
26 Baseball  
team  
27 Scored  
100 on  
28 Jellies'  
mates  
29 Physical  
hooked  
up to  
them  
31 Sinbad's  
bird  
35 Definite  
article  
38 Past  
40 Exist  
42 Delicious  
45 California  
grape  
valley  
47 You,  
old-style  
48 Rod's  
part-  
ner  
49 Tug  
50 Trot  
51 Gorilla  
52 Cistern  
54 Resistance  
measure

**Saturday's answer 6-18**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11			12			13			14
15						16			17
18			19			20			21
			22			23			24
25						26			27
28	29	30				31			32
33						34			35
36						37			38
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51	52					53			54
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61						62			63