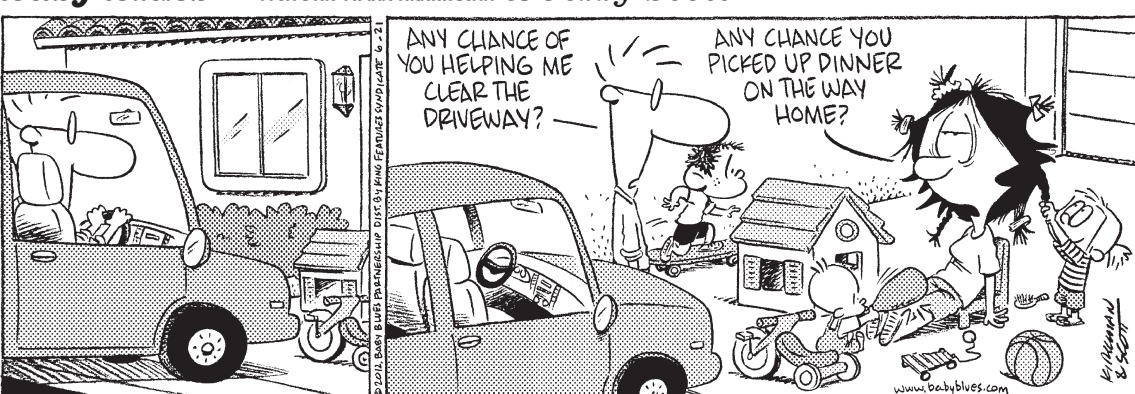
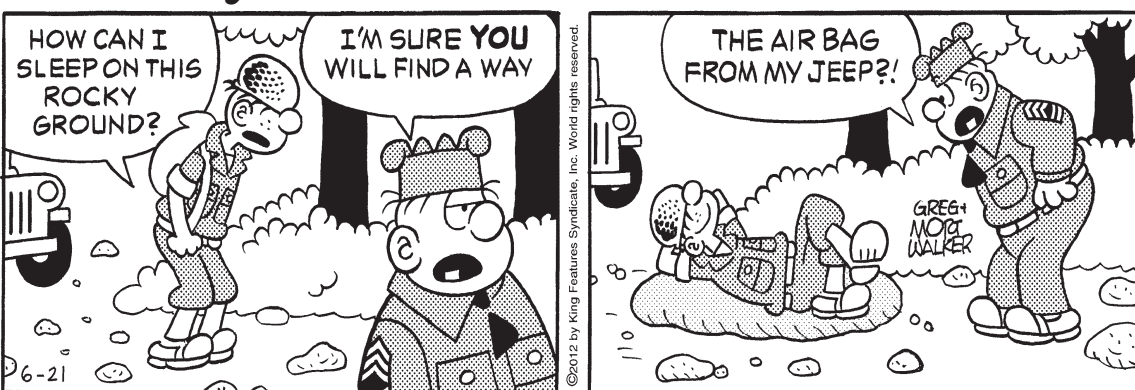


**Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



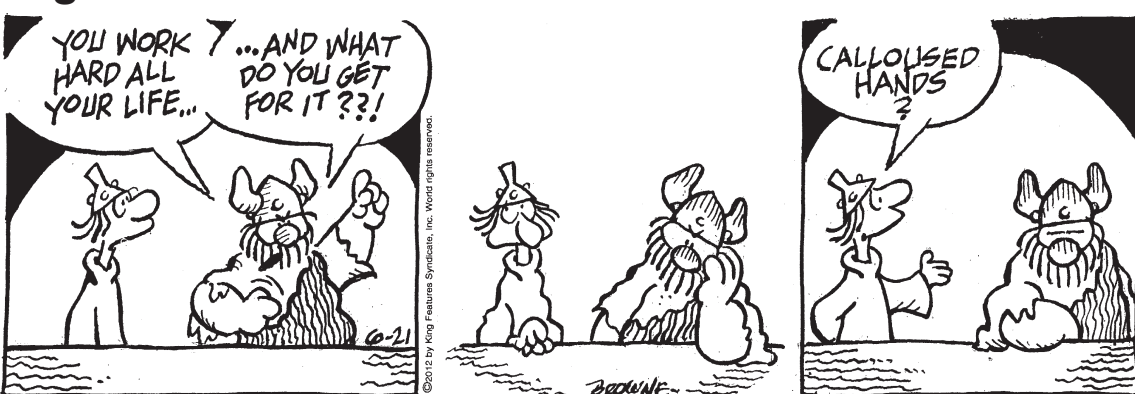
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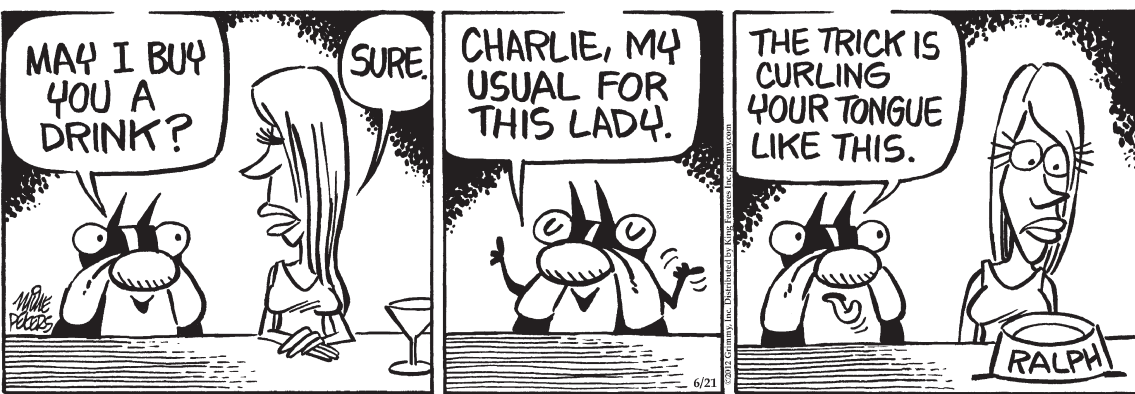
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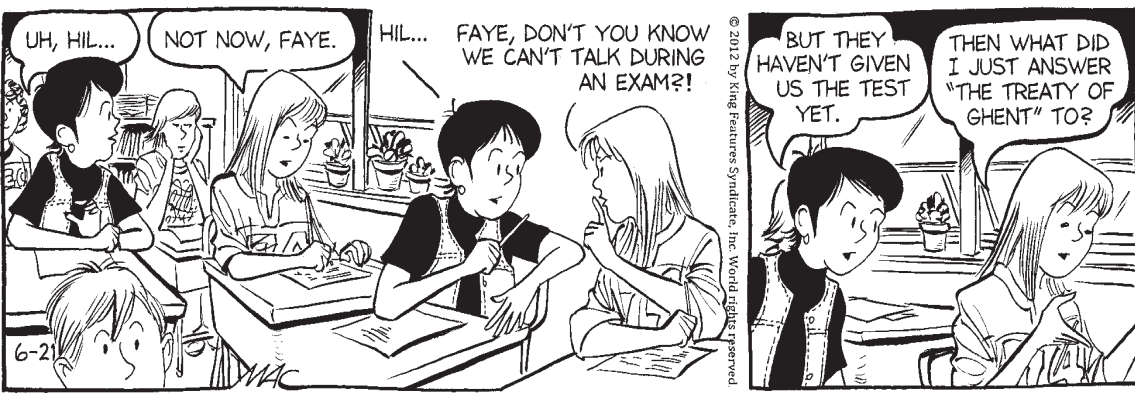
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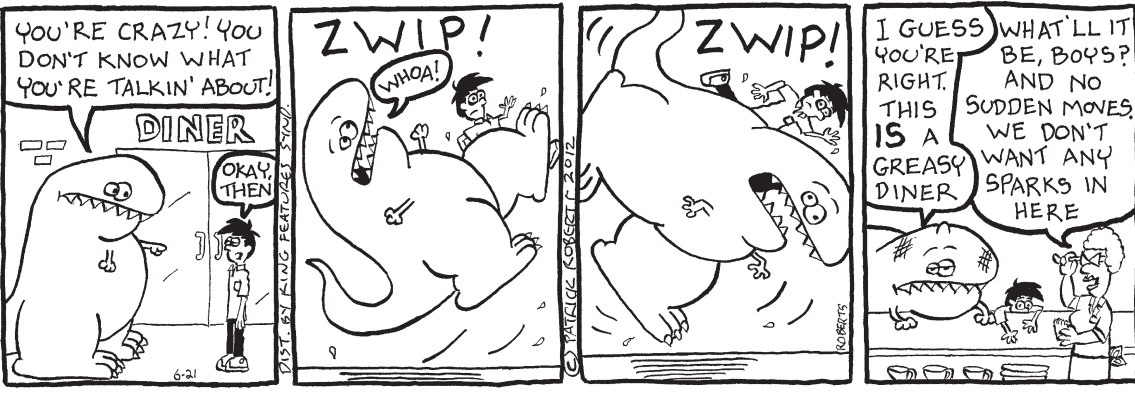
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**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Terry Kovel**  
 • Antiques and Collecting  
**Silk hankie of modest value**

**Q:** I have a commemorative silk handkerchief of the coronation of King George VI, given to my mom by her brother years ago. It's off-white with British flags and red polka dots along the sides and a picture of the king in one corner. The words "H.M. King George VI, May 1937" circle his portrait. The edge of the 11-inche square handkerchief is blue. The movie "The King's Speech" and the age of my handkerchief have made me curious. Does my hanky have any value beyond sentimental?

**A:** Great quantities of commemorative souvenir items from the coronations, weddings and birthdays of royalty have been made since the 1800s, most with pictures of the monarchs and the date of the commemorated event.

The movie may have stimulated interest in items related to King George VI, but the value of your handkerchief has probably not increased. It is worth about \$30.

**Q:** I have a table lamp that was given to my aunt as a wedding present in 1922. I know it was made by the Mosaic Lamp Shade Co. of Chicago, but it looks so much like a Tiffany that it has been mistakenly appraised as such. I hope you can tell me something about the company and give me some idea of the value.

**A:** Lamps with stained glass shades and bronze bases were first made by Tiffany in 1899. They were so popular that similar lamps were soon being made by other companies.

The company that made your lamp was listed in the 1910 Chicago city directory as "The Mosaic Shade Co." It was in business from about 1905 to 1914. All Tiffany lamps are signed, and Tiffany lamps made after 1902 also are marked with the model number on the base and shade. Not all lamps made by competitors are marked.

Some lamps made by the Mosaic Shade Co. are marked with the name of the company on the base. The value of your lamp depends on the color and design of the shade, its size and its condition. Your lamp could sell for \$2,000 to \$3,000, if the shade is in good condition.

**Q:** I have my mother's copy of the 1915 "Priscilla Crochet Book." Would someone be interested in buying this?

**A:** Your book was published by the Priscilla Publishing Co. of Boston. Several "Priscilla Crochet" pattern books were published in the early 1900s. The secret to selling a collectible like yours is to reach a wide audience. You are almost sure to find someone interested. Several early Priscilla pattern books are being offered online for \$10 to \$20. The books have been reprinted.

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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ 10 8 5 3  
 ♥ A J 7 6 5  
 ♦ K 2  
 ♣ 6 4

**WEST**  
 ♠ K 7 4  
 ♥ Q 9 4 2  
 ♦ 7  
 ♣ Q J 10 9 3

**EAST**  
 ♠ Q J 9 6 2  
 ♥ K 10 8 3  
 ♦ 8 5 4  
 ♣ 7

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A  
 ♥ A  
 ♦ A Q J 10 9 6 3  
 ♣ A K 8 5 2

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 2♦\* Pass 2♥ Pass  
 3♦ Pass 4♦ Pass

\* strong, artificial  
 Opening lead — queen of clubs.

**It Pays to be Pessimistic**  
 When declarer is confronted with what appears to be a laydown contract, his first obligation is to ask himself, "What can defeat me?" The failure to ask this one simple question has been responsible for the demise of many a makable hand.

Consider today's deal where South was in six diamonds and West led the queen of clubs. Declarer won with the ace and promptly played the king, ruffed by East. East returned a trump, and South found himself fighting a losing battle.

He won the trump in his hand, ruffed a club with the diamond king and discarded another club on the heart ace. But South had no place to put his remaining small club, and he eventually went down one.

Declarer was very unlucky to run into a 5-1 club division, but if he had taken this possibility into account and sought a means to deal with it, he might have found the way to assure the contract.

South can see that the slam is sure to make if the adverse clubs are divided 3-3 or 4-2. He can ruff a club with the diamond king in either case, guaranteeing at least 12 tricks.

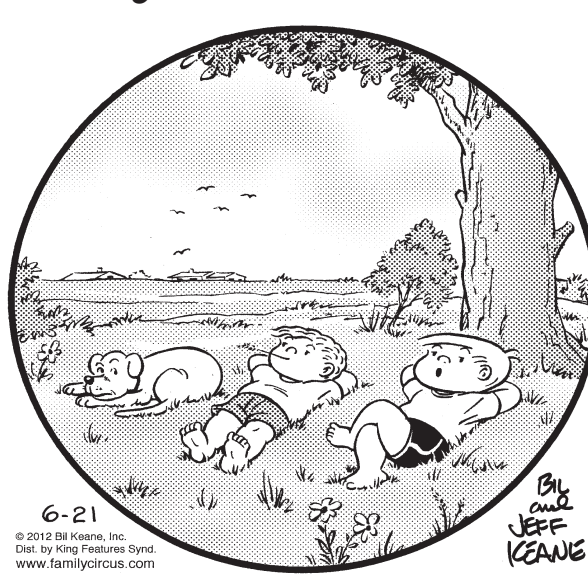
However, he should also think about the possibility of a 5-1 club split. Should that division exist, the contract is in danger. If declarer tries to cash a second high club prior to ruffing a club in dummy, an opponent might ruff, as in the actual deal.

To cater to this possibility, as well as the normal 3-3 and 4-2 breaks, declarer should invoke a safety play. Rather than try to cash his second high club, he should lead a low one instead!

West wins the trick but cannot do anything to stop the contract. South has only two small clubs left, one of which can be trumped with dummy's king while the other can be discarded on the ace of hearts.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



"The only thing that would make this a better day would be building a snowman."

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/21

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

**Cryptoquip**

GWZNTJ VYK WOOPC JLFJHEWOCF

HNBJMETHMCS GENZ KEWF

ZCMWZNEOQYH ENHL: MQC

CZOYEC JPWMC VTYPYBK

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE THE SLUMBERING BUNNY IS DREAMING, I ASSUME IT COULD BE HAVING RABBIT EYE MOVEMENT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals T

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Hanks role  
 5 Love (Sp.)  
 9 Cauldron  
 12 Vicinity  
 13 Sandwich shop  
 14 Lawyers' org.  
 15 Computer access codes  
 17 Fa-la link  
 18 Small chalkboards  
 19 Art supporter  
 21 Blood type  
 22 Antilean language  
 24 Osculation "tools"  
 27 Every iota  
 28 Additional  
 31 "Little Teapot"  
 32 Great the villain  
 33 Erstwhile acorn  
 34 Cold War initials  
 36 Leading lady?

**DOWN**

2 Caspian feeder  
 3 Arizona city  
 4 Penne and ziti  
 5 Commotions  
 6 Mal de —  
 7 On in years  
 8 Stair part  
 9 Depositor's record  
 10 Reed instrument  
 11 Lofty game  
 16 Symbol of intrigue  
 20 Intend  
 22 Piece of garlic  
 1 Spaces

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

ESAU ELM JIBE  
 GELT POE AGES  
 AMBITION SNAP  
 DIALOG DIMITT  
 EAR SLITTY  
 OAF DAB SNIDE  
 LIRA MEW EONS  
 DRUNK ERA NAP  
 IDES END  
 OUTAGE STARTS  
 AGIN PETITION  
 SLOT ILL ECRU  
 TYNE ALLE SONG

Yesterday's answer 6-21

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	39				40			
41	42					43		44	45	46
47					48	49	50			
51					52			53		
54					55			56		