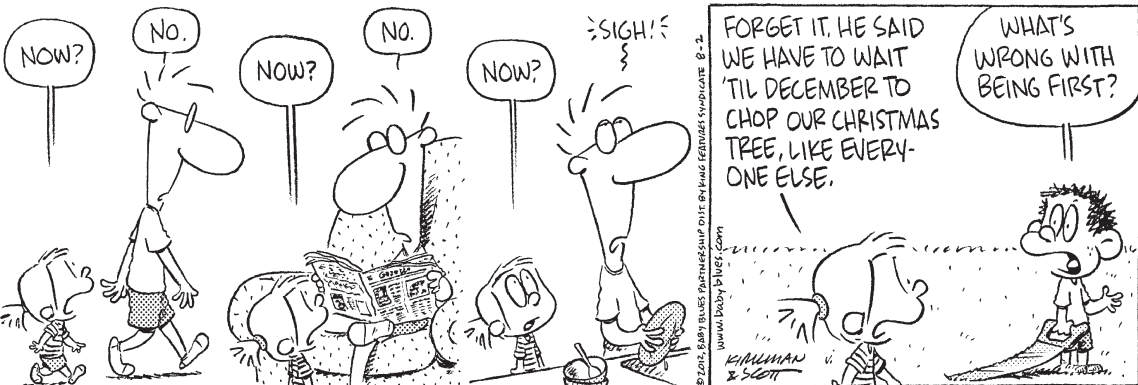


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



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

Triangle pots sold at parties

Q: I have several pieces of my mother's Guardian Ware cookware, including three triangle pots with lids and a large roaster pan with a lid. What are the pieces worth?

A: Guardian Ware, also called Guardian Service cookware, was made by Century Metalcraft Corp. of Los Angeles from the 1930s until 1956, when the factory burned. Pieces were sold at in-home parties. It was made of heavy-duty hammered aluminum. Before World War II, the ware's high-domed lids were metal. Because of shortages during the war, the company started making oven-proof glass lids.

Your pots were designed to be used as a set on a trivet that sat on a burner. That way, three different vegetables could be cooked at the same time. Guardian Ware is a popular collectible today. Pieces sell online for \$5 to \$150. Sets can sell for several hundred dollars.

Q: My in-laws left an Abraham Lincoln picture to us, mounted in a carved oval wooden frame. The president is on the right in a chair facing left and holding an open book. Mrs. Lincoln is seated on the left and holding a closed book in her left hand. The Lincolns' oldest son, Robert, is standing behind his mother's chair. Their youngest son, Tad, is standing close to his father. A portrait of son Willie, who died in 1862, is on the wall. There's a typed memo on the back of the picture: "Eng'd by A. Robin, NY, Entered according to act of Congress in the year 1869 by G.W. Massee in the Clerks office of the District Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania." What is it worth, and how can I sell it? Should we reframe it?

A: What you own is a print made from an engraving. After Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in 1865, the public clamored for Lincoln memorial souvenirs. Augustus Robin, a New York engraver, used a Matthew Brady photograph of Lincoln and Tad as a model to create a steel engraving of the family. The engraving was used by G.W. Massee, a Philadelphia printer, to make copies that could be sold to the public. You own one of Massee's prints. Many were probably made, but not many have survived for 150 years. The frame may be original, so don't reframe it. If you want to sell it, you can try online. It might sell for about \$100.

CURRENT PRICES

Current prices are recorded throughout the United States. Prices vary in different locations. "Little Cub Scout" book, by Mabel Watts, illustrated by William Timmins, Rand McNally Elf Book, 1964, \$20.

Dole "Banana Man" doll, inflatable plastic, long legs, red sneakers, white gloves, product premium, sealed, original bag, 8 x 8 inches, \$65.

Beswick Beatrix Potter figurine, Goody Tip-toes, squirrel holding basket of yellow nuts, marked, 1974-85, 3 1/2 inches, \$75.

Twiggy doll, shaggy blond hair, black lashes, pink lips, open mouth, Twigster dress, orange and yellow, checked knit top, striped bottom, scarf, Mattel, 1967, 11 1/2 inches, \$165.

Faux bamboo corner shelf, four shelves, mottled, spindle gallery, scalloped edges, c. 1900, 51 x 23 x 19 inches, \$210.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH	
♠	5 4
♥	K 7 5 4
♦	K 7
♣	K Q 10 7 6

WEST	
♠	Q 9 8 7 2
♥	Q J 10 8 3 2
♦	Q
♣	A

EAST	
♠	A J 10
♥	6
♦	10 9 2
♣	J 9 8 5 4 3

The bidding:
South 1♦ West 1♥ North 2♦ East Pass
2♦ 2♥ 3♦ 3♥
5♦
Opening lead — ace of clubs.

Partnership Rapport

Good defense depends largely on partnership cooperation. A fine defensive pair nearly always finds the best defense once the opening lead is made and they have a chance to help each other during the ensuing play.

Today's deal shows how good defensive teamwork can solve a difficult problem. West led the ace of clubs, on which East played the nine. Had East not played the nine, West would have had a difficult choice as to whether to shift to a spade or a heart. As it was, though, West had no problem.

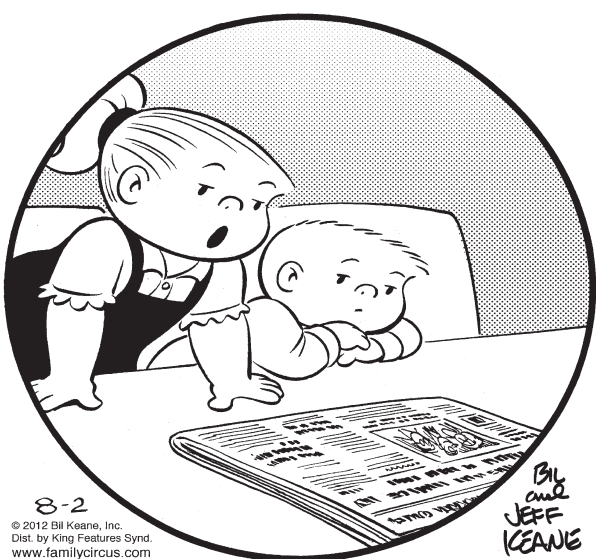
East's play of the nine was an obvious a suit-preference signal. Considering the club strength visible in dummy, East could hardly be signaling for a club continuation. His high card, the nine, could be interpreted only as directing a shift to the higher ranking of the two side suits (spades and hearts). Had East preferred a heart return because he was void of hearts or had the ace, he would have played his lowest club, the three, on the ace to ask for the lower-ranking suit return.

Accordingly, West led a spade at trick two. But in order to convince East that he wanted a club return at trick three, he led the queen instead of his fourth-best spade. Had West led the seven, East might have won with the ace and been tempted to return a spade, hoping West had the king.

East had no trouble reading the situation correctly. He took the queen of spades with the ace and returned a club. South now could not avoid going down one, and when in practice he tried to make the contract by ruffing with the jack, he was overruled by the queen and later lost another trump trick to East to finish down two.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

8/02

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

Cryptoquip

OU BOCFWJXWMM SJLCBR

QDA KLSOVLM ULZDJR, O ID

XWMOWZW QDA RPDAMI RQ

"BPLCF QDA ULOJQ KAVP!"

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A BURGUNDY WINE IS GOOD, BUT TOO RED, IT PROBABLY SPENT WAY TOO LONG IN THE TANNIN BOOTH.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals Y

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Tooth-paste type | 1 "My — Sal" |
| 4 Pom-pom | 2 Quarter-back |
| 8 Decisive defeat | 3 Mature organism |
| 12 Foreman opponent | 4 Pad |
| 13 Frizzy coiffure | 5 Venusian vessel? |
| 14 Therefore | 6 "Animal House" group |
| 15 Titanic aid | 7 Sum |
| 17 Dropped | 8 Mirror |
| 18 Right angle | 9 Dunkable treat |
| 19 Type of newspaper | 10 Wrinkly fruit |
| 21 Star-bucks supply | 11 Snitched |
| 24 Caustic solution | 16 Sprite |
| 25 In times past | 20 "See ya" |
| 26 Tariff | |
| 28 Brilliance | |
| 32 Make 21-Across, in a way | |
| 34 Cage component | |
| 36 Ocean motion | |
| 37 Big rigs | |
| 39 Dine | |

Solution time: 25 mins.

PEA	SHOO	AGES
OWL	HAWK	GOOP
MET	AMERICAN	
PROUD	ATE	
	SOCK	SPATE
BOTSWANA	TROT	
AVE	STABS	ION
BEER	SVETLANA	
ANNUL	ETRE	
	MEG	EXTOL
TOP	BANANA	AGO
EVIL	ALUM	URL
DANE	WEBS	TEA

Yesterday's answer 8-2

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
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				57					58	
59				60					61	