

Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



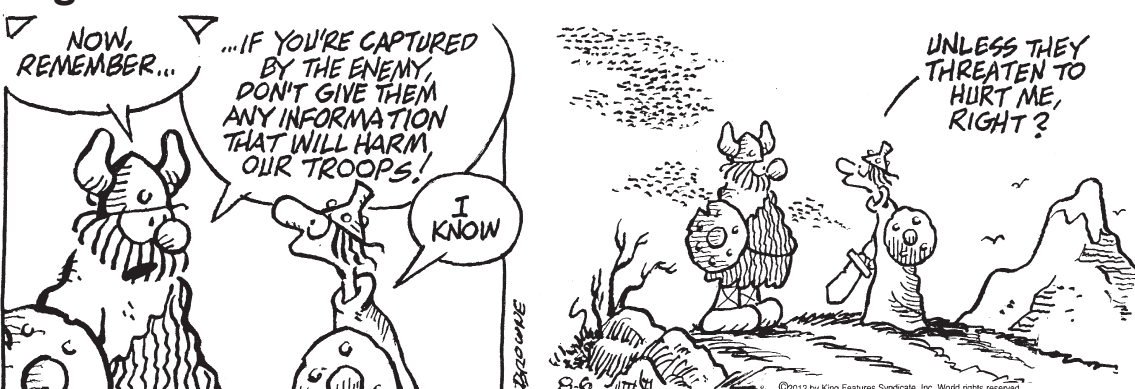
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



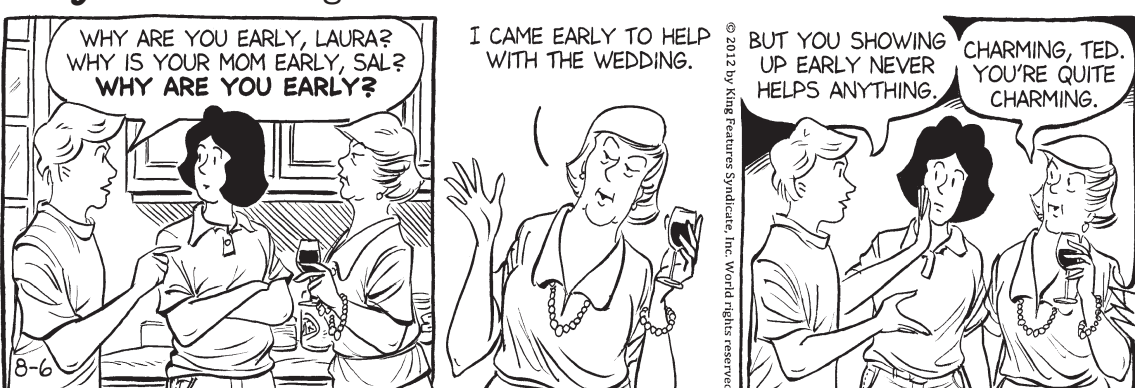
Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



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

Bronze bells difficult to find

Often when restoring a historic church or school, a large bronze bell is needed for the bell tower.

The bells are difficult to find because many have been sold as scrap and melted, and others are too heavy to be moved for a reasonable price. But a vintage bell often is less expensive than a new one. A bronze bell that sold a few years ago had the name "Vanduzen and Tift" molded into the metal. It identifies a Cincinnati maker, a partnership founded in 1837. The partners made top-quality bells during the 19th century. The bell also was molded with a date, which was worn but appeared to be 1864.

A four-digit number on a cast-bronze bell indicates the year of the casting. The mold for a cast bell can be used only once; it is broken to get the bell out after it cools. If a small bell is marked with a date, it probably is a design patent, because the mold can be re-used. Vintage bells of all sizes often need to be cleaned or restored. A cast-bronze bell should not be painted. Once it's cleaned, it should be left to develop its natural patina.



This 13-inch-high bronze bell sold for \$823 at a Garth's auction in Delaware, Ohio. Its presale estimate was \$1,500 to \$3,000. The name "Vanduzen and Tift" and the date "1864" are cast into the bell.

Q: I have a Windsor chair my parents bought in the early 1930s. It is 44 inches high and has a fan back with nine straight spindles and two brace spindles. The chair is black with gilt striping. On the bottom is a metal medalion that reads "The Simonds Furniture Co., Syracuse." Can you tell me more about it?

A: Elgin A. Simonds was a business partner of Gustav Stickley in the late 1890s in Syracuse. In 1898 Stickley bought out Simonds, who then bought the Hayden & Couch Chair Manufacturing Co. of Rochester, N.Y., and formed the Brown & Simonds Co. That was renamed the Elgin A. Simonds Co. in 1901 and became part of a consortium of furniture manufacturers. The Simonds company made faithful reproductions of traditional furniture. Windsor chairs made by Simonds sell for \$100 to \$350.

Tip: Do not put an alabaster figure or vase outside. Alabaster is softer than marble and will eventually fall apart if exposed to rain.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	Q 7 2		
♥	A K 8 2		
♦	K 7 4		
♣	8 5 4		
WEST			
♠	10 6 5		
♥	10 3		
♦	A J 5 3 2		
♣	J 10 2		
EAST			
♠	A 4 3		
♥	Q 7 4		
♦	Q 9 8 6		
♣	A 9		
SOUTH			
♠	K J 9 8		
♥	Q J 6 5		
♦	—		
♣	K Q 7 6 3		

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♣		

Opening lead — ten of spades.

Famous Hand

Odd things sometimes occur during the bidding — even in world championships. Consider this deal from a match between the United States and Thailand.

With a U.S. pair North-South, the bidding went as shown. Certainly a majority of players would open the South hand with one club, but the American South in this case elected to pass his access 12-point hand.

But something went drastically wrong on the next round when North passed South's jumpshift response in clubs. South obviously thought that three clubs was forcing, but the bidding ended abruptly when North decided that his skimpy 12-point hand couldn't possibly produce a game opposite a partner who had previously passed.

South made four clubs, scoring 130 points, but this was nothing to cheer about since four hearts (worth 620 points) could not be defeated.

However, not to be outdone, the Thai North-South pair did even worse at the other table! Their bidding went:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1♣	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	3NT

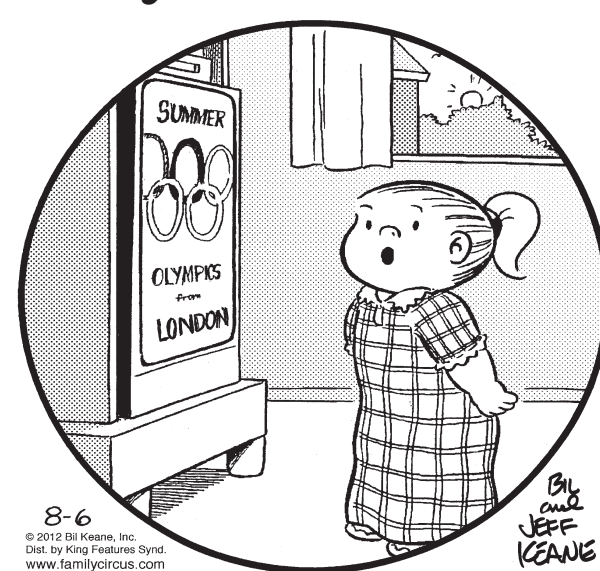
The opening one-club bid, in the Bangkok System, was artificial. It showed 12 to 20 high-card points, and furthermore denied a five-card or longer suit, except possibly in clubs. The one-trump response was forcing to game and asked for clarification of the opening bid.

South's two-club rebid showed at least five clubs and minimum values, but North then made no allowance, when he jumped to three notrump, for the possibility that South could have the sort of hand he had.

East made the normal opening lead of a diamond, and North could not avoid going down two for a net loss of 330 points on the deal.

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"Why does London get to have its afternoon so early in the morning?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★

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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.

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

Cryptoquip

VYKHA LNAVA QGPV FK LNA

TKKGTO HTKFAYKQ LJYX

TJA LTOBYKQ KFKVLFX,

TJA LNAP BTPTBYKQ YL GX?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WINDOW SIGN FOR A FOREST MARKET AT WHICH MANY MALE DEER BUY SUPPLIES: "THE BUCK SHOPS HERE."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Health resort | 1 Pouch |
| 4 Actor Lorenzo | 2 In favor of |
| 9 Massachusetts cape | 3 \$ dispenser |
| 12 Paintings et al. | 4 Fallers |
| 13 Put into law | 5 Bening or |
| 14 Japanese sash | 6 Crazy |
| 15 Captain's subordinate | 7 Tart in |
| 17 Pal of Larry and Curly | 8 Rd. |
| 18 "— Got a Secret" | 9 Fuss |
| 19 Enlarged a hole | 10 Pitch |
| 21 1964 Burton/O'Toole movie | 11 Wicker-work willow |
| 24 Indonesian island | 12 That girl |
| 25 From — Z | 13 Type measures |
| 26 Pigpen | 14 Reed instrument |
| 28 French subway | 15 Transmits |
| 31 Addition results | 16 Cut the grass |
| 33 Hearing organ | 17 "Ferdinand" cartoonist |
| | 18 Pub orders |
| | 19 Wild party |
| | 20 Needle case |
| | 21 Many riders |
| | 22 Tibetan bovine |
| | 23 Back |
| | 24 Chooses |
| | 25 Aching |
| | 26 Picked up |
| | 27 where you left off |
| | 28 Former Philippine leader |
| | 29 Crocs' kin |
| | 30 Slack |
| | 31 Cudgel |
| | 32 Loathe |
| | 33 Actress — Rachel Wood |
| | 34 60 secs. |
| | 35 Doctrine |
| | 36 Discoverer's call |
| | 37 Fresh |

Saturday's answer 8-6

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		
57			58					59		