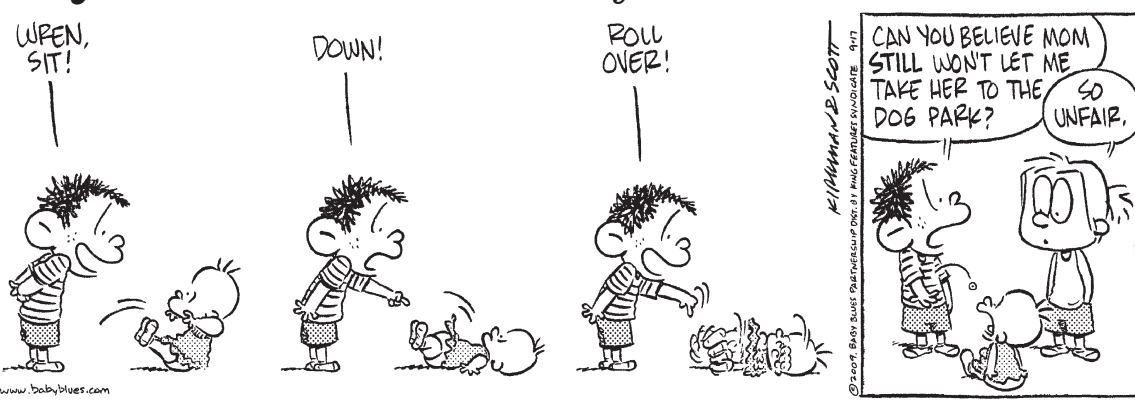
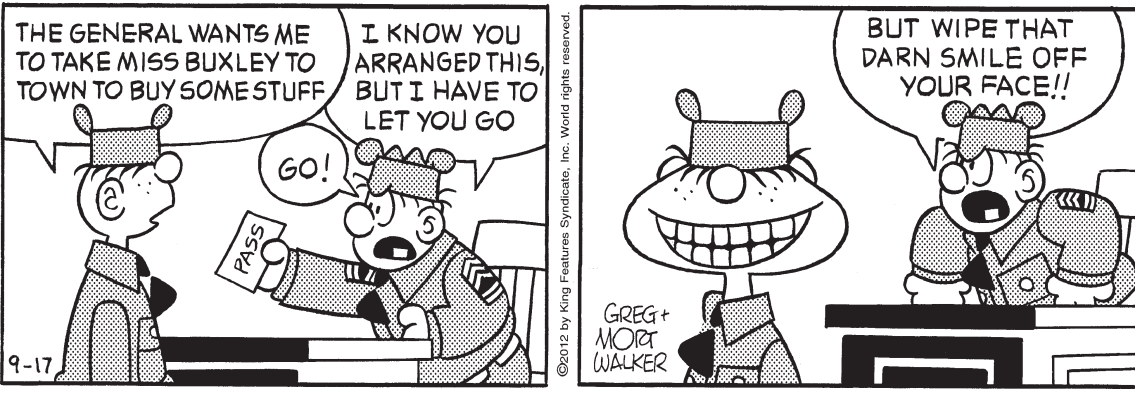


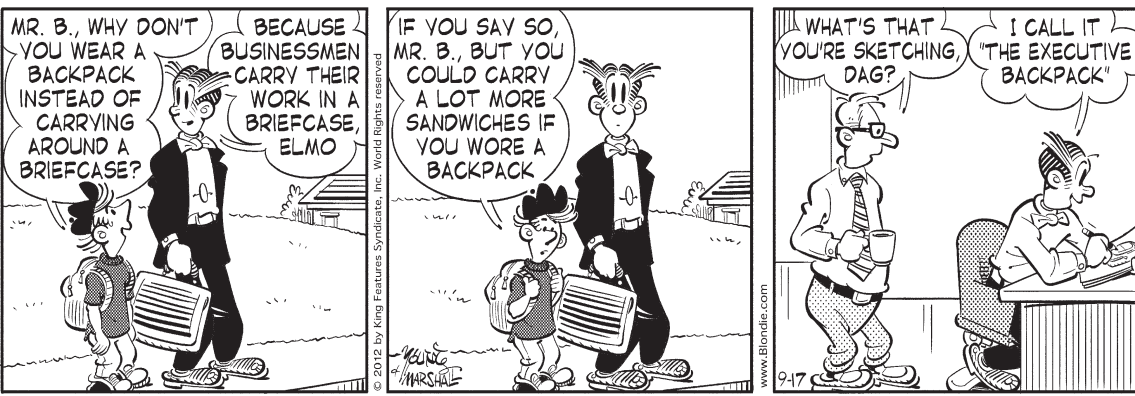
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**Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



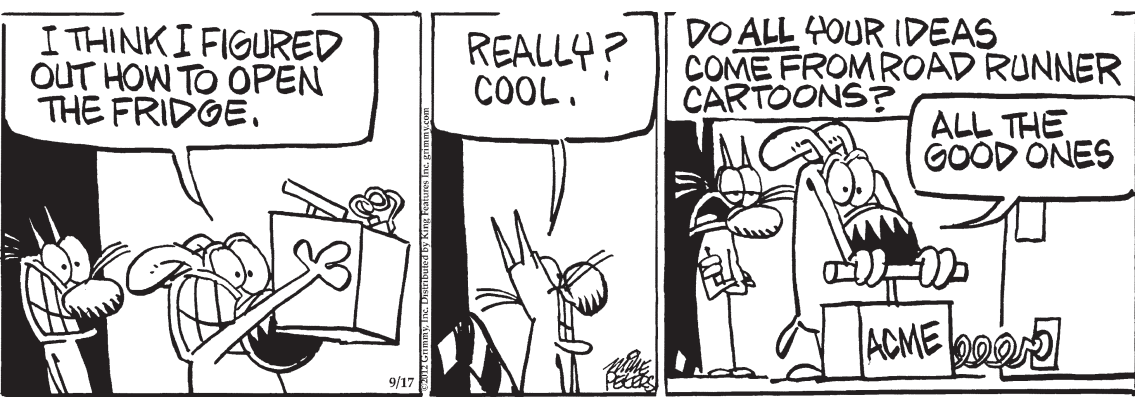
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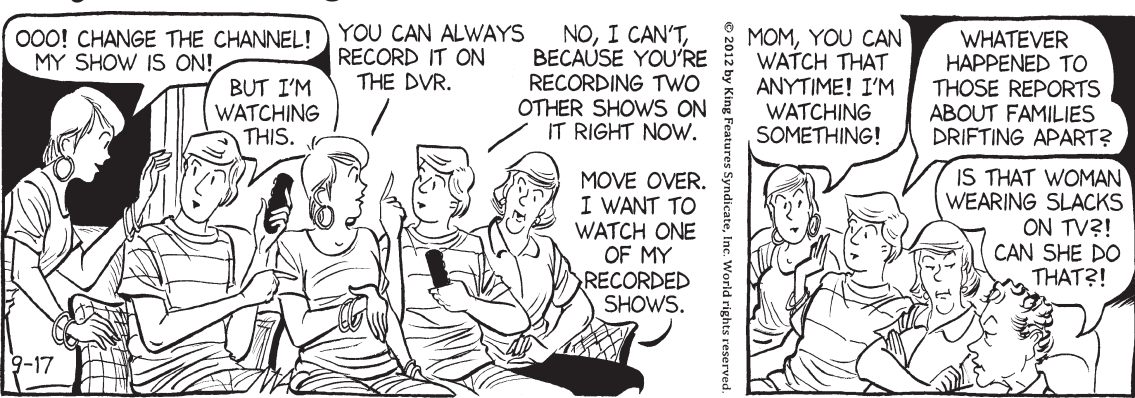
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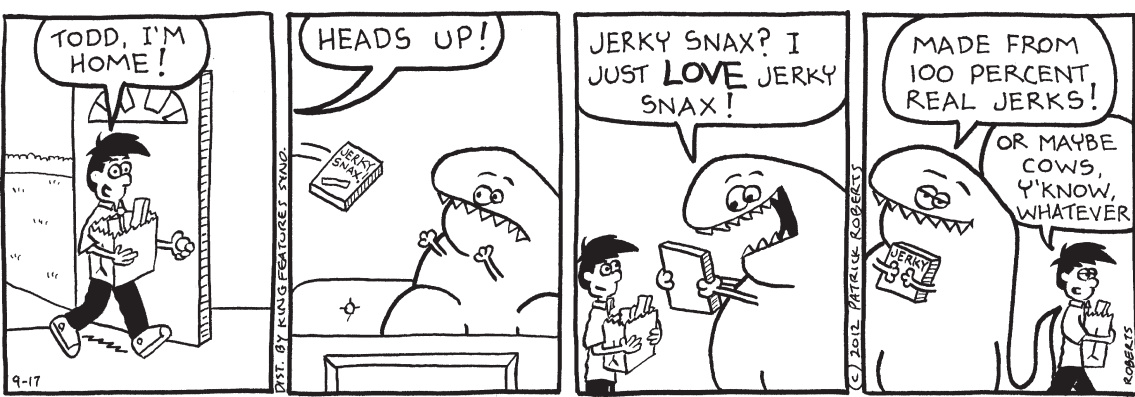
**Mother Goose and Grimm** • Mike Peters



**Sally Forth** • Greg Howard



**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Terry Kovel**

• Antiques and Collecting

**Imported trees recalled in glass**

The first fig trees were brought to America from Spain in 1520. A ripe fig is very sweet, so it was often used when sugar was not available. The Mt. Washington Sugar Co. of New Bedford, Mass., made fig-shaped containers for sugar and salt. The bottom was glass, the top silver-plated. The company also used the "figmold" shape for saltshakers with metal tops and for toothpick holders and glue pots that were altered to have open tops.



The 4-inch fig-shaped sugar shaker with a silver-plated top was given a presale estimate of \$3,000-\$5,000 at a Humler and Nolan auction in Cincinnati. The Mt. Washington red glass shaker is decorated with tiny yellow and white flowers. Some collectors call this shape beet, onion or garlic. The Mt. Washington fig pieces are popular, and some sell for thousands of dollars.

**Q:** At an estate sale in the 1950s, I bought a cherry drop-front desk with Queen Anne legs. It's 39 inches high by 30 inches wide. There is a mark in a drawer that says: "Wilhelm Furniture Co., Sturgis, Michigan. Manufacturers of library and sewing tables, ladies' desks, bookcases." What is the desk's value?

**A:** Stebbins Furniture Co. was founded in Sturgis in 1887. It was renamed Stebbins-Wilhelm Furniture Co. in 1907 and became Wilhelm Furniture Co. sometime between 1913 and 1917.

Wilhelm Co. made desks, radio cabinets, bookcases, tables and smoking stands in a variety of woods and styles. The company closed in 1939. A cherry Wilhelm Co. desk recently sold for \$70.

**Q:** I inherited a picture of a horse named Greyhound, a world champion trotter. It says it is "an exact reproduction of the original by R.H. Palenske reproduced in talio-crome." My father-in-law bought it at the Par Soap Co. in Oakland, Calif., in the 1930s. Can you tell us what talio-crome is?

**A:** Talio-crome is a printing process that uses red, green and blue to make all colors. "Talio" is derived from the word "intaglio," the process of etching a design on a plate. Reinhold H. Palenske (1884-1954) was an artist born in Chicago. Greyhound was a famous horse, a trotter who set his first world record in 1935 when he ran from last place to first to win the Hambletonian in Goshen, N.Y. By the time he retired in 1941, Greyhound held 15 world records. The Harness Racing Hall of Fame called him the "Trotter of the Century." (c) 2012 by Cowles Syndicate Inc.

**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 9/17

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**

ZQ KL FWWIRKXP IFSQJ SC FX  
CIN DFII DKSZ QJWQBSKLO  
FXN FPKIKSR. K'N LFR  
SZFS'L LWBR WFKXSKXP.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MUSICAL MOVIE ABOUT A MAGICAL NANNY WHO PERFORMED WONDERS WITH WEAVING SPOOLS: "MARY BOBBINS."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals T

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**  
1 Circle portions  
5 Owned  
8 Open slightly  
12 Milne bear  
13 Eggs  
14 Rage  
15 Rewrite, maybe  
16 What "old soldiers" do  
18 Take out of context?  
20 Inbox fillers  
21 Santa's bagful  
23 -tactoe  
24 All-American dessert  
28 Use an old phone  
31 Allow  
32 "No man is an island" writer John  
34 Brewery product
- DOWN**  
35 Item on stage  
37 What George Washington couldn't do  
39 Central  
41 Sagacious  
42 Ranking  
45 In truth  
49 Ultra-formal  
51 Neighborhood  
52 Top-rated  
53 Coffee vessel  
54 Shade of blue  
55 Raised  
56 -relief  
57 Slave to cross-words?
- 19** Three-sloth  
**22** Tendon  
**24** Matter-horn, for one  
**25** Apiece  
**26** Type of food poisoning  
**27** Peps up  
**29** Boxing legend  
**30** CSA VIF  
**33** Other-wise  
**8** Scared  
**9** Re our legal system (opposing)  
**10** Seed covering  
**11** Deli loaves  
**17** 911 responder (Abbr.)  
**38** Infuse with CO<sub>2</sub>  
**40** Payable deck  
**42** Mop the deck  
**43** Hammer wielder of myth  
**44** Theatergoer's souvenir  
**46** Enrages  
**47** Tilt  
**48** Connecticut campus  
**50** A Gershwin

Saturday's answer 9-17

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
49						50			51	
52						53			54	
55						56			57	

**Bridge** • Steve Becker

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ J 9  
♥ A 5 3  
♦ K Q J  
♣ A J 10 7

**WEST**  
♠ 4 3  
♥ K 8 2  
♦ 8 5  
♣ K Q 9 8 5 2

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K Q 10 5  
♥ Q 10  
♦ A 6 4 3 2  
♣ 6

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass 1♥ Pass 1♦  
Pass 1NT Pass 3♦  
Pass 4♦ Pass 5♦  
Pass 6♦ Pass 6♣  
Pass 7♦

Opening lead — king of clubs.

**Famous Hand**

This deal occurred in the match between Italy and the United States in 1951. It is notable chiefly because both the Italian and American declarers misplayed the hand but made the maximum number of tricks anyway.

The U.S. team gained 750 points because its North-South pair bid seven diamonds while the Italians stopped in six diamonds at the other table. Both Wests led the king of clubs, and after taking the ace, both declarers cashed five diamonds and five spades, leaving South with only the Q-10 of hearts.

On the last spade, West — who had been reduced to the K-8 of hearts and queen of clubs — had to discard before dummy, which held the A-9 of hearts and jack of clubs. West was squeezed, so both declarers finished with all the tricks.

The squeeze succeeded only because West had the king of hearts and the club queen. But there was a much better approach available that would have yielded 13 tricks even if East had held the heart king.

The proper line of play is to win the club lead and ruff a club. Declarer then cashes dummy's K-Q of trumps and, after he sees that the missing trumps are divided 3-2, ruffs another club.

A spade to dummy's jack is followed by a third club ruff with South's last trump, the ace. Declarer then crosses to the ace of hearts, draws East's last trump with the jack while discarding the queen of hearts from his hand, and scores the last four tricks with the A-K-Q-10 of spades.

Ruffing dummy's J-10-7 of clubs is better than relying solely on West to hold the heart king — about a 50 percent chance. The suggested line of play will succeed whenever the trumps are divided 3-2, a 68 percent probability.

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