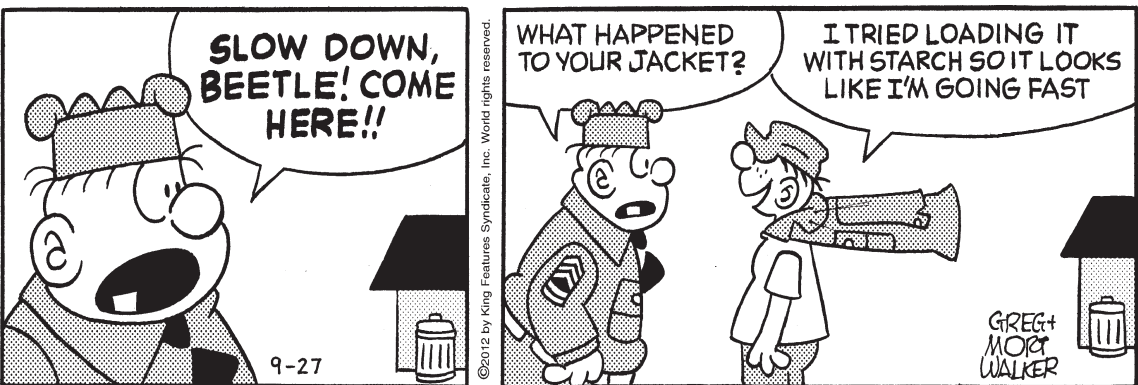


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Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



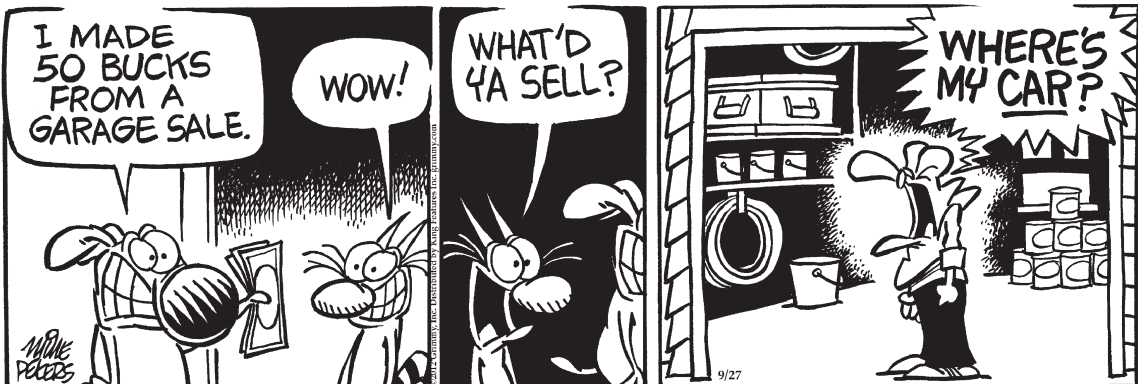
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Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



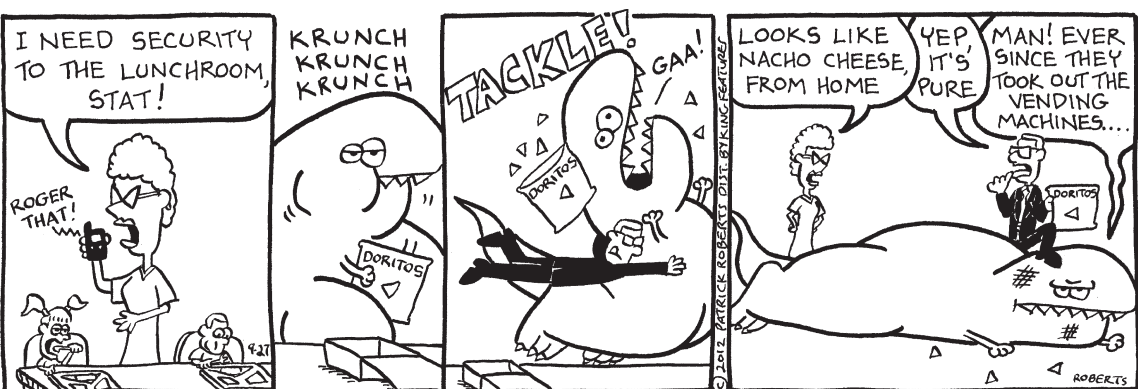
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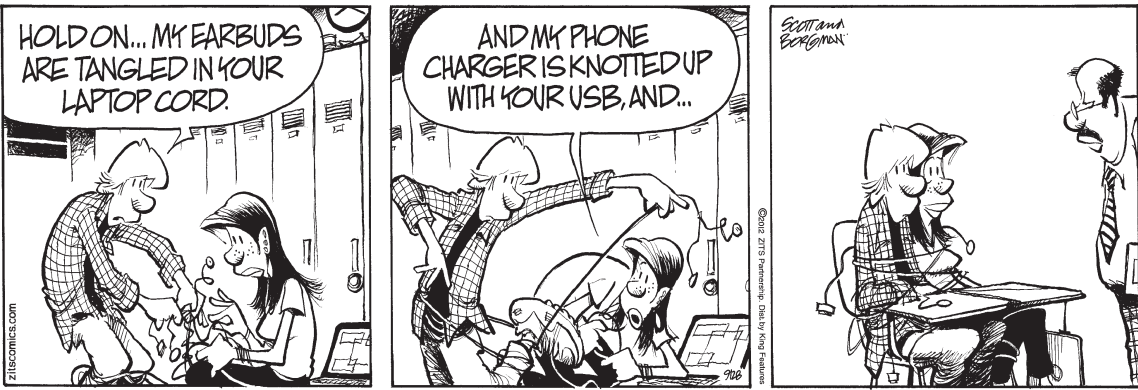
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel

• Antiques and Collecting

Poster captures piece of history

**Q: I have an original Woodstock poster in mint condition. What is it worth?**

**A:** The famous Woodstock Music and Art Fair, considered one of the most important moments in American music history, was held near White Lake, N.Y., in 1969.

The best-known Woodstock poster was designed by Arnold Skolnick and came in two sizes, 18 by 24 inches and 32 by 24 inches. It was printed on either heavy cardstock or very thin paper, and features a white dove perched on the neck of a guitar on a red background. The true "original" poster was designed by David Edward Byrd and shows a nude woman surrounded by cupids and flowers. When the location of the festival was changed, Byrd was unreachable, so Skolnick was commissioned to create the new poster.

Woodstock memorabilia are popular collectibles. An original Byrd poster in excellent condition recently auctioned for \$468. The Skolnick version in near-mint condition sold for \$1,156. But beware. Many reproductions exist.

**Q: We bought an elaborately decorated silk robe while on a trip to Japan years ago. What is the best way to display this? Is it better to hang it up or to frame it?**

**A:** If the robe is in good condition and not too heavy, it can be hung on a hanger. The Textile Museum recommends wrapping a wooden hanger in polyester quilt batting to support the shoulders. Cover the padding with washed muslin. If you are hanging it in a closet, you should cover it with washed muslin to protect it from dust. Archival storage items can be purchased at closet shops.

Don't display the robe where it will be exposed to sunlight or fluorescent light. Even incandescent lighting can cause fading over time. Extreme heat or cold also can damage textiles. If the robe is framed, special UV-filtering glass and acid-free materials should be used.

**Q: I have an old Grover & Baker sewing machine. It has all of the original pieces and works well. What is it worth?**

**A:** Grover & Baker Sewing Machine Co. of Boston was founded in the mid-19th century by tailors William O. Grover and William E. Baker. The company is known for technology that revolutionized the modern sewing machine, including the first portable sewing machine and fabric-feed systems. In 1875 the company merged with the Domestic Sewing Machine Co., and the brand ceased to exist. Grover & Baker machines are popular with collectors. In 2004 a Grover & Baker sewing machine sold for \$1,397 at auction.

**Q: I own a canceled check from Mae West's personal account at California Bank in Hollywood. The check, in the amount of \$25, is signed by West and dated Dec. 24, 1945. How much would it sell for?**

**A:** Mae West, originally named Mary Jane West, was an American actress, screenwriter and playwright. She was born in 1893 in Brooklyn, N.Y. West started her career on Broadway. In 1932 she made her debut in the film "Night After Night." West went on to star in many films, and has been named as the 15th-greatest female star. One of her signed checks drawn on the same bank recently auctioned for \$96.

Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K J 8  
♥ 7 2  
♦ 8 5 3  
♣ A K Q J 3

**WEST**  
♠ 6 3  
♥ A Q 5  
♦ A Q 9 6 4  
♣ 9 4

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q 10 7 4 2  
♥ K J  
♦ 10 7  
♣ 8 6 5

The bidding:  
North 1♣ East 1♠ South 1♠ West 2♦  
North Pass East Pass South Pass West 4♦  
Opening lead — king of diamonds.

**The Case of the Telltale Deuce**  
Things are not always what they seem; in fact, sometimes they are exactly the opposite! Assume you're West and lead the king of diamonds against four spades. East plays the deuce and South the seven. Looking at only your own hand and dummy, what should you do next?

If you continue with the ace of diamonds, which seems the natural thing to do, declarer easily makes the contract. But if you lead a low diamond at trick two, South goes down one. Your partner wins with the queen and returns a heart, bless him, and it's all over.

How can you possibly be expected to know that a low diamond lead at trick two is the only winning play? Actually, it's the right play, but it takes a few mental gyrations to reach this conclusion.

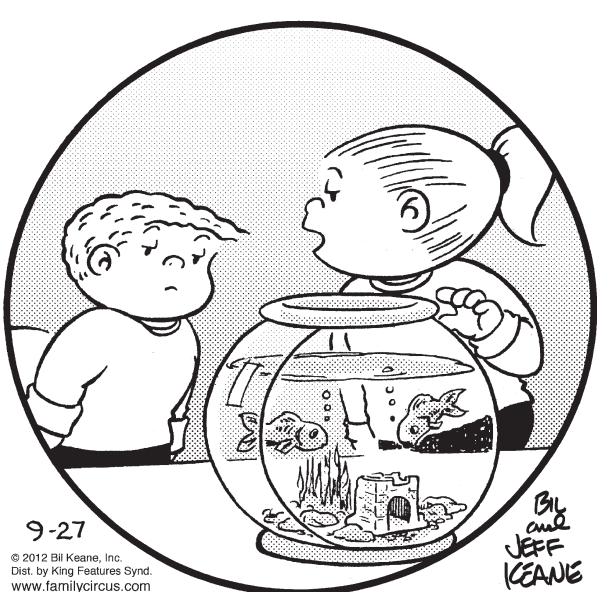
Your sole task is to interpret the meaning of your partner's deuce of diamonds. Ordinarily, a deuce means "stop playing the suit." But in the present case it would be a serious error to attribute this meaning to it.

After the play to the first trick, you should reason that East cannot have either the Q-10-2 or the 10-2, since he would have played the ten from either holding to ask for a continuation. Therefore, he must have either the singleton deuce or the Q-2 doubleton.

Consequently, no harm can come from leading a low diamond at trick two. If East has no more diamonds, he will ruff and return a heart; if East started with the doubleton queen, he will win and also return a heart. So, oddly enough, the deuce cannot possibly mean what it appears to say.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Fish need to stay in water. They're allergic to air."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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Cryptoquip

ORN PYS IKIA'O DNMEES

XMAO OJ PYET IJXA ORMO

CDNXNI CNZNDMPN, CYO RN

PMZN KA OJ CNND TDNQYDN.

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** IF YOU PUT SYMBOLS AFTER THE WORDS "BAM" AND "KAPOW," COULD YOU CALL THOSE PUNCH-URATION MARKS?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals D

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>41</b> Caviar base	<b>61</b> Mound stat	<b>23</b> Color
<b>1</b> Vacation-ing	<b>42</b> Type measures	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>27</b> "A mouse!"
<b>4</b> Rotating parts	<b>44</b> Fifth and Main, e.g.	<b>1</b> Lum-mox	<b>29</b> Elsa's story
<b>8</b> Grouch	<b>46</b> Take away (from)	<b>2</b> Ever-green type	<b>30</b> Reed instrument
<b>12</b> Melody's target	<b>50</b> Dict. information	<b>3</b> Mooch	<b>31</b> Transvaal trekker
<b>13</b> Garfield's pal	<b>51</b> Jai follower	<b>4</b> Java	<b>33</b> With a suspicious eye
<b>14</b> Golf	<b>52</b> Out of jeopardy	<b>5</b> Fuss	<b>35</b> Fond du —
<b>15</b> Not restricted by convention	<b>56</b> Uninteresting	<b>6</b> Actress Sorvino	<b>38</b> "CSI" evi-dence
<b>17</b> Facility	<b>57</b> Sweater material	<b>7</b> Big rigs	<b>40</b> Sings in 60-Across?
<b>18</b> Sprite	<b>58</b> Chow down	<b>8</b> Fast cat	<b>43</b> Un-stressed vowel
<b>19</b> Wing part	<b>59</b> Partner	<b>9</b> Bellow	<b>45</b> Ump
<b>21</b> Strolled	<b>60</b> Swiss range	<b>10</b> As well	<b>46</b> Arp's genre
<b>24</b> Perched		<b>11</b> Existed	<b>47</b> Hebrew month
<b>25</b> Yoko of music		<b>16</b> Wapiti	<b>48</b> Lofty
<b>26</b> Storm center		<b>20</b> "Mighty — a Rose"	<b>49</b> Implement
<b>28</b> Skewered entree		<b>21</b> Troubles	<b>53</b> Swab the deck
<b>32</b> And others (Lat.)		<b>22</b> Opposed	<b>54</b> Corn spike
<b>34</b> Moray, e.g.			<b>55</b> Greek H
<b>36</b> Vagrant			
<b>37</b> Aligned oneself (with)			
<b>39</b> Cosmetics mogul Mary — Ash			

Solution time: 25 mins.

S	A	V	J	I	G	S	H	U	N	T
U	F	O	U	L	N	A	O	R	E	O
R	A	G	N	O	P	R	O	B	L	E
F	R	I	S	K	I	O	N			
			D	E	E	M	H	O	W	D
	N	O	H	I	T	T	E	R	B	R
	A	L	E	S	O	L	O	S	I	R
	R	I	N	D	N	O	M	A	T	T
	C	O	S	E	C	N	A	N	A	
		A	I	R		G	R	U	N	T
	N	O	B	R	A	I	N	E	R	R
	E	A	R	L	G	I	G	I	G	U
	T	R	A	Y	A	L	G	A	E	N

Yesterday's answer 9-27

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	