

Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



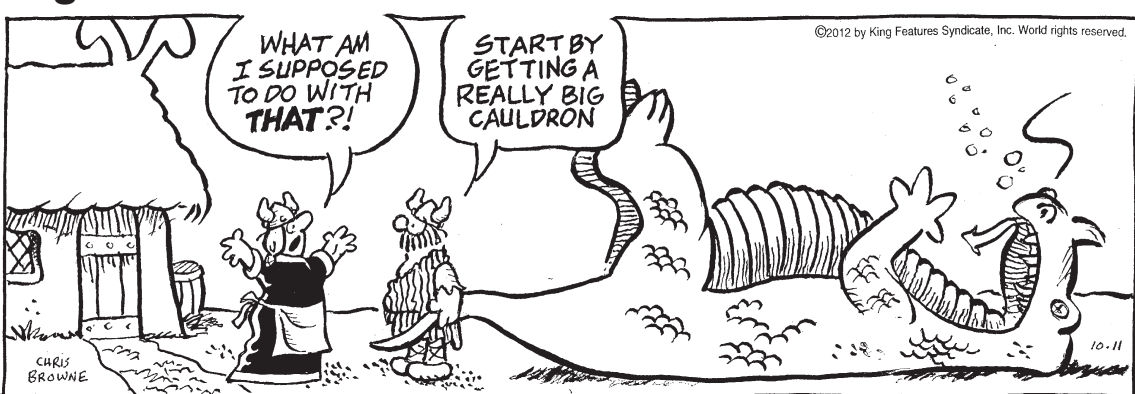
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



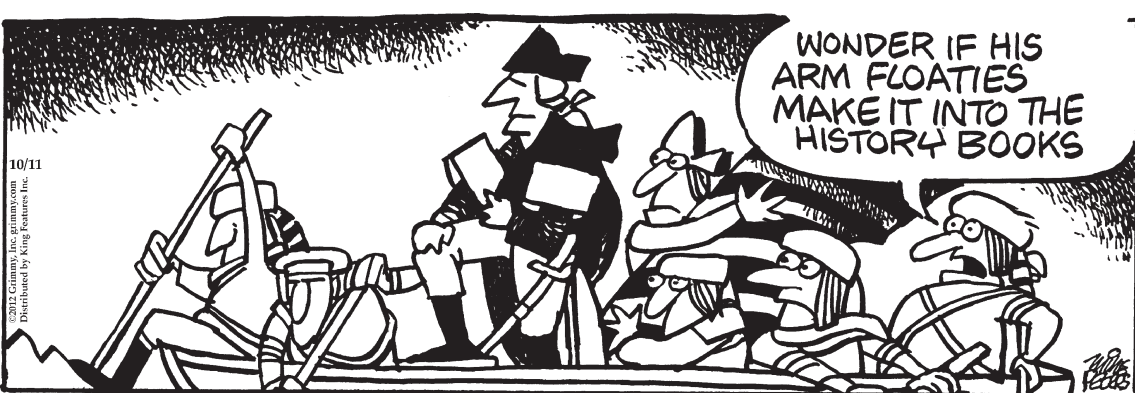
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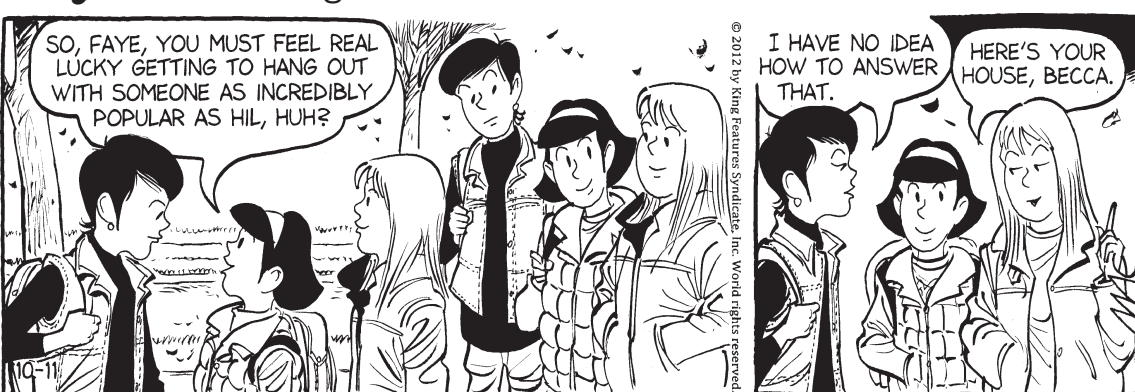
Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



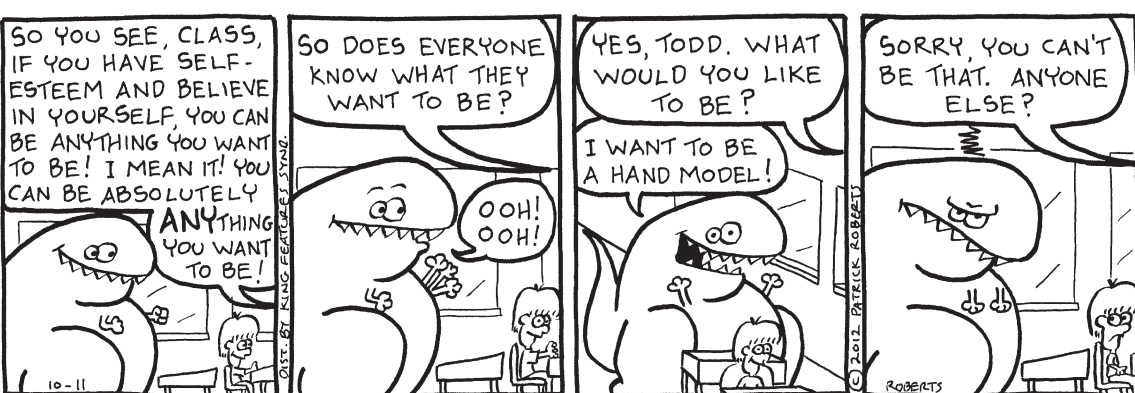
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



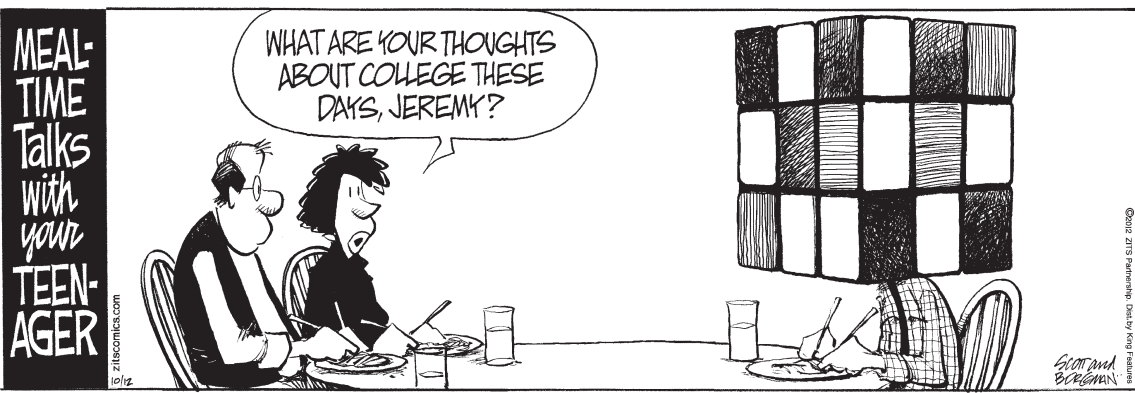
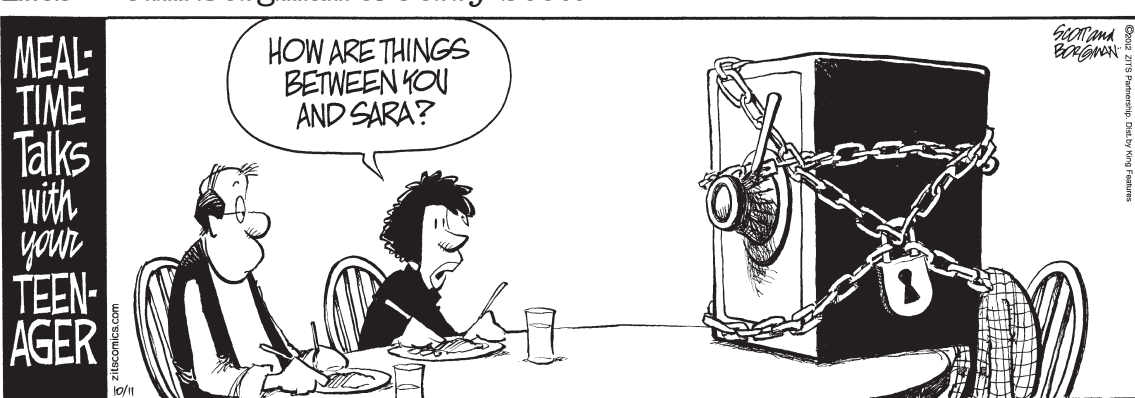
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Terry Kovel

• Antiques and Collecting

Appliance made entire breakfast

Q: What can you tell me about my electric percolator? It not only makes coffee, but can toast a slice of bread at the same time. The attached metal plate says, "Armstrong Perc-o-Toaster Model PT." What is the age and value?

A: The Armstrong Perc-o-Toaster Model PT was made by Armstrong Electric and Manufacturing Corp. of Huntington, W.Va. The company was founded in 1899 and made table stoves, electric ranges and other electrical appliances.

Your combination percolator-toaster was first made in 1918, and was still being made in the 1930s. A waffle iron mold, which could be inserted after removing the toast drawer, was available as an accessory. A 1931 ad in the *Saturday Evening Post* claimed that the Perc-o-Toaster also could cook bacon and eggs. The base of the appliance was made in different finishes, including nickel plate, black enamel and white enamel.

The price in 1931 was \$11.85. Perc-o-Toasters today sell for about \$200. However, the appliance can be used only with its original cord, which has a non-standard double-plug arrangement.

Q: Is there any value to the old toys given out with McDonald's Happy Meals?

A: McDonald's introduced Happy Meals in 1979. The meal came in a box decorated like a circus wagon, and included a "McDoodler" stencil, McDonaldland character eraser, ID bracelet, puzzle lock, spinning top or "McWrist" wallet, a wristwatch-shaped wallet. Millions of Happy Meal toys have been made since then. Disney toys were first included in 1987, and Teenie Beanie Babies in 1997. These toys appealed to adult collectors as well as children. Toys are tested to make sure they are safe for young children before they are included in Happy Meals. A choice of a toy for a boy, a girl or a child 3 years old or under usually is offered today. Toys from McDonald's Happy Meals often are listed for sale online. Most sell for \$5 or less.

Q: I have 38 black-and-white photographs of the 1927 Rose Parade. There's a description of each photo on the back. They're all 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches and in excellent condition. Are they collectible?

A: Original photos of the 1927 Tournament of Roses Parade (its official name) sell online for \$5 to \$10 apiece. The first Rose Parade was held in 1890, but 1927 was the first year the parade was broadcast on the radio. A set of 38 photos from the parade might be of interest to a historical society or museum in Pasadena or nearby communities. If so, you could consider donating the photos.

Tip: Changing temperatures bothers a grandfather clock. An inside corner is the best place for such clocks.

Terry Kovel answers as many questions as possible through the column. Write to Kovels, (Colby Free Press), King Features Syndicate, 300 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/11

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.

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

Cryptoquip

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RVQEYHRVXHA XOOMIAVH:

"GUAV M QXNN MV NXJX."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE TYKE GOT UPSET AFTER WE ALL PRODDED HIM WITH MUSHROOMS. WE WERE ONLY POKING FUNGI AT HIM.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals I

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN | ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Wagon | 1 Long-handful | 36 Pismire | 23 Help a hood |
| 5 Part of MYOB | 24 Hee | 37 Dish damage | 24 Hee |
| 9 Young fellow | 25 Time of your life? | 38 Cabbies | 25 Time of your life? |
| 12 Lotion additive | 26 Lacking balance | 40 Other-wise | 26 Lacking balance |
| 13 Small plateau | 27 Criticism | 41 Bizet work | 27 Criticism |
| 14 Bobby of hockey | 29 Midafternoon, in a way | 43 Online image | 29 Midafternoon, in a way |
| 15 Very hush-hush | 30 Fool | 47 Mauna | 30 Fool |
| 17 Shell-game item | 35 Pitch | 48 Leading comedian | 35 Pitch |
| 18 "A Streetcar Named Desire" role | 41 Callaloo ingredient | 51 Gun the engine | 41 Callaloo ingredient |
| 19 German artist Max | 42 Hammer-head part | 52 Manitoba native | 42 Hammer-head part |
| 21 Form of 22-Across | 43 Sleeping | 53 Black, in verse | 43 Sleeping |
| 22 One of the media | 44 Forbidden (Var.) | 54 Whatever number | 44 Forbidden (Var.) |
| 24 Millinery | 45 Soon, to a bard | 55 Stamping group | 45 Soon, to a bard |
| 27 Winter mo. | 46 — and file | 56 Went under | 46 — and file |
| 28 Elevator name | 49 Raw rock | | 49 Raw rock |
| 31 Past | 50 Apiece | | 50 Apiece |
| 32 Whopper | | | |
| 33 Spy org. | | | |
| 34 Cried | | | |

Solution time: 25 mins.

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G	E	R	M	G	A	P	W	I	R	E
S	O	L	I	E	R	S	A	T	M	S

Yesterday's answer 10-11

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