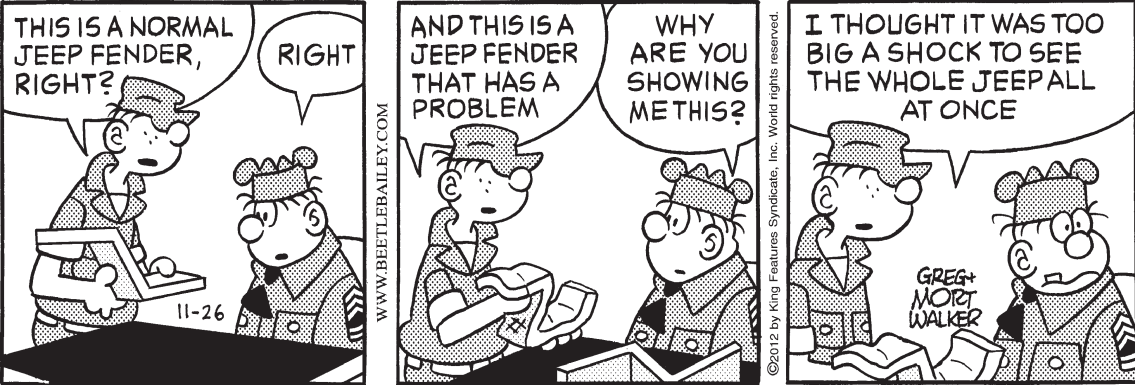


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



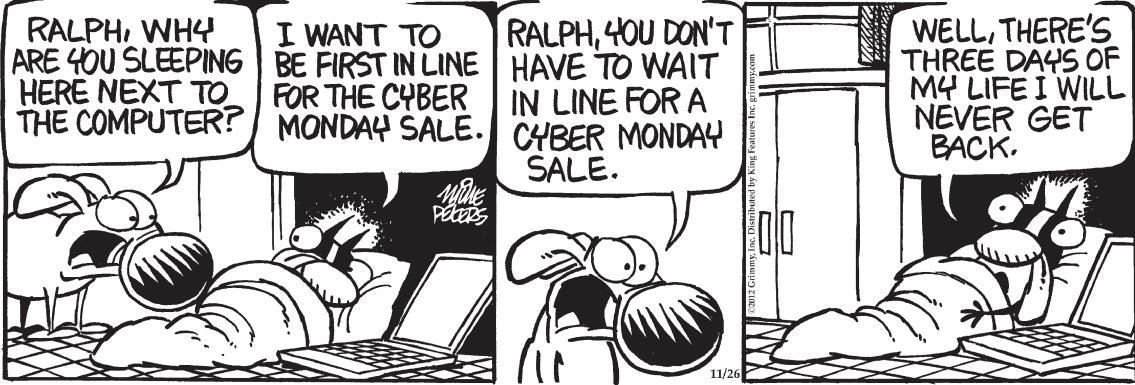
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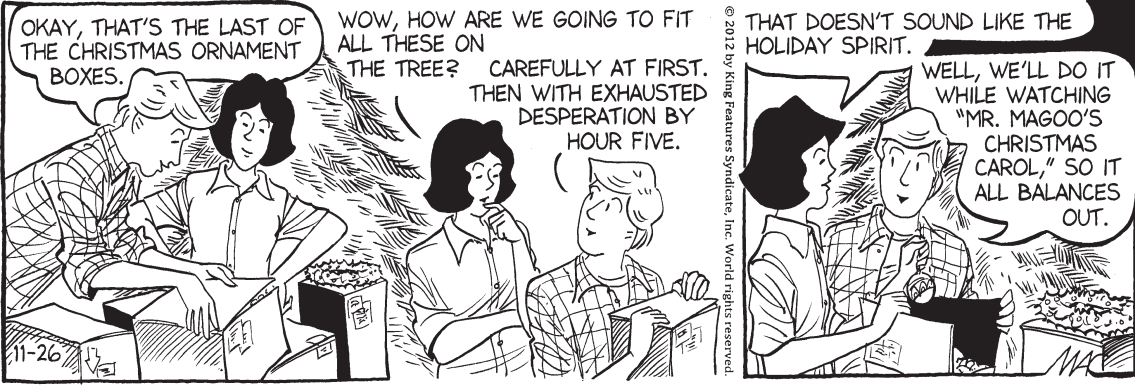
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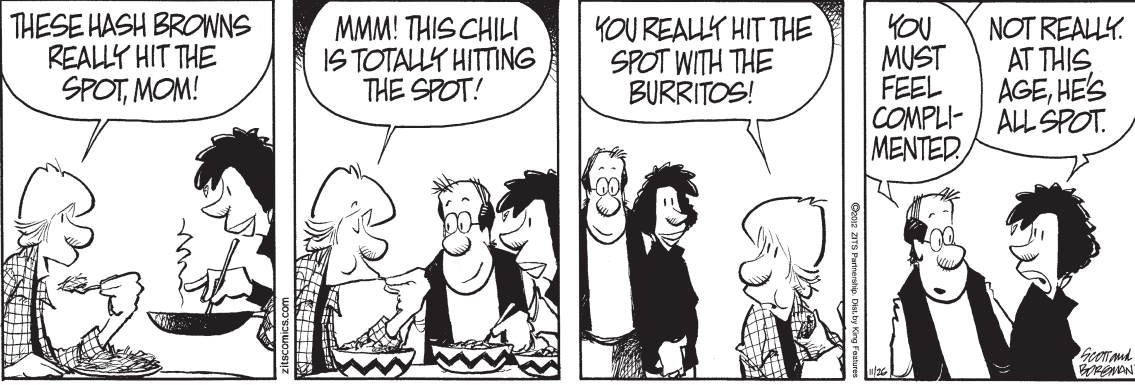
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel • Antiques and Collecting

Form shaped by lamp's fuel

The shape of a lamp once was determined by its power source. A candle required a holder that kept the candle upright, caught drippings and was not damaged if the candle burned too low. Most early candlesticks were made of metal, and many had drip pans and handles so the lit candle could be moved.

Whale oil and kerosene needed a lamp that had a way to adjust the wick and burned oil in the font, a special ball-shaped container. In the late 1890s, when electricity was available in many homes, some lamps were designed for a light bulb that could be positioned to direct light down toward the top of a table. But manufacturers also created electric lamps that looked like old-style "kerosene" lamps. They had new parts that included an on-off switch, a light cord and a plug. Even today some modern electric lamps look as if they were made before 1900.

The Fenton Art Glass Co. started making glass in 1907 – dishes, bowls, lamps and other molded glass pieces. The L.G. Wright Co. of New Martinsville, W.Va., opened in 1937 and soon ordered and sold lamps made by Fenton and other glass-houses. Wright also bought old glass molds from several companies. Today there often is confusion about who made a particular piece, about whether the piece is a copy made from an old mold and about the piece's age.

Collectors search for Fenton pieces sold by Fenton, and for Fenton pieces made for and sold by L.G. Wright. The Fenton Art Glass Collectors of America is an active club still researching and collecting the glass.

Q: I inherited a small, antique wall clock. The case is wood, and the clock works well as long as I wind it every six days. The pendulum swings inside a small extension of the case, covered with plain curved glass. The only mark, "Heiss," is on the clock face. Can you tell me about the maker and the clock's value?

A: A clockmaker named James Heiss was working in Philadelphia in the 1860s and may have made your clock. If it's that old and in good condition, your clock could sell for several hundred dollars.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
North East South West
3 ♦ Pass 6 NT
Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

Famous Hand

This deal occurred in a match between Italy and France many years ago. When the French held the North-South hands, they got to six notrump as shown.

Eugenio Chiaradia, winner of six world championships, had a wide choice of opening leads. In an effort to find a neutral lead – one that would not cost his side a trick – he chose the nine of diamonds. He acted on the mistaken assumption that the opponents' diamonds were solid, or nearly solid, and that his diamond lead would do no harm.

Sadly, this did not prove to be the case. Declarer covered the nine with the ten, trapping East's jack. South then had no trouble making the slam, losing only a diamond trick.

At the second table, with an Italian pair now North-South, the bidding went:

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

Both club bids by the Italians were artificial and merely denoted high-card strength. Pierre Ghestem, West for France, had the same difficult choice of leads and finally decided on the ten of hearts.

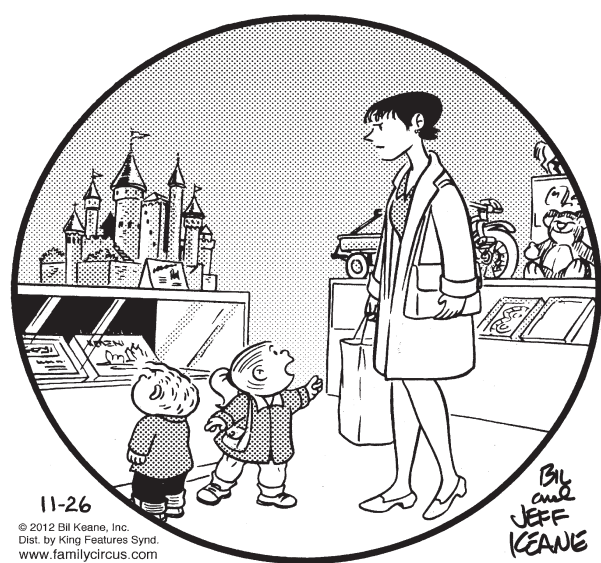
Declarer covered the ten with the queen and won East's king with the ace. A low diamond to the king lost to the ace, and East returned a heart, ducked to West's seven.

After a heart continuation forced out his jack, South cashed the queen of diamonds, entered dummy with a club and played another diamond to establish the suit. East took the jack and cashed two heart tricks to put the contract down one.

As a result, one more oddity was recorded in the annals of world championship bridge. At one table, declarer bid six notrump and made it; at the other, declarer bid three notrump and went down. Bridge is at times a strange game!

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"It won't cost you any money, Mommy. You can just pay with a credit card."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Cryptoquip

DGDJCTX HDGXN DCTRIW

PR DIGDCI MKG KTQI OTWI

NKIVX KGOIH PINMIE NMG

OGJENTVEH: QTCCIR-PTCC.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHILE THE MAJOR COMBAT USUALLY INVOLVED BULKY WAR VEHICLES, THIS SKIRMISH WAS A TANKLESS JOB.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals P

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS		41	Bus rider's payment	DOWN		11	Chooses, with "for"
1	— out a living			1	Sprite		
4	Chops clumsily	43	Walk like a duck	2	Japanese pond carp	16	Sitter's creation
9	Zodiac feline	45	Original	3	CBS logo	20	Some-where out there
12	"The Thin Man"	47	Modern-day actress	4	Stashed	21	Bee's home
13	Foolish	48	Fib	5	Scorpio's brightest star	22	Neighborhood
14	Sixth sense, for short	49	Voles, e.g.			23	Actress Jayne
15	Students' excursion	50	Every bit			27	Existed
17	Chubby	51	Terrycloth item			29	Arldor
18	Oklahoma city	52	Illuminated			30	Advantage
19	Ranking	53	Homer Simpson's neighbor			32	Squad
21	Laundry container	54	Cubic meter			34	Time waster
24	"I'll — and I'll puff ..."					37	Con-scrip-t
25	A Gershwin brother					39	Some-thing wicked?
26	Just out					42	His work inspired "Cats"
28	Corn					44	Beaver's structure
31	Outlet					45	Blueprint
33	De-pressed					50	Female sheep
35	Oboe insert					51	Ailing
36	Relaxed					52	Spy org.
38	Pouch					53	And so on (abbr.)
40	Trail behind						

Saturday's answer 11-26

