

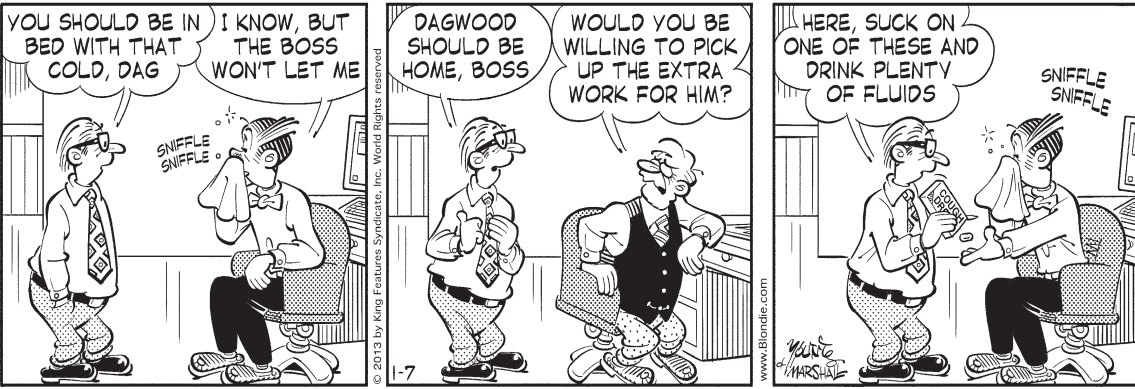
**Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



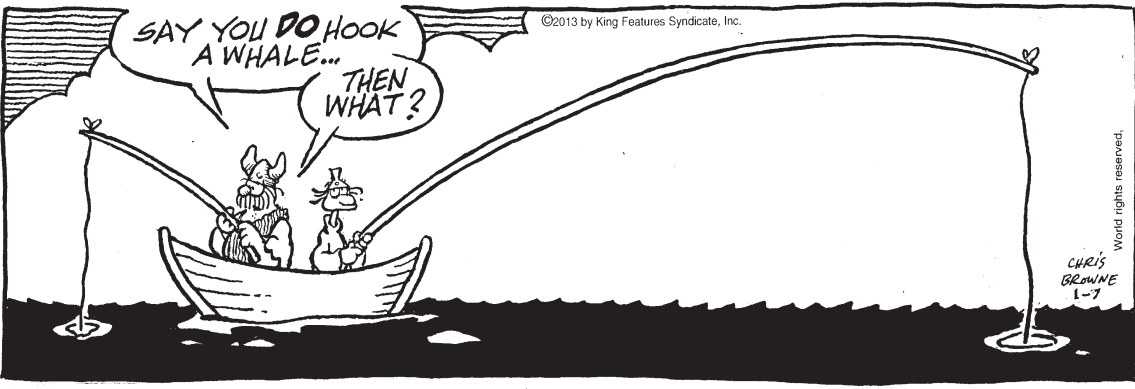
**Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



**Blondie** • Chic Young



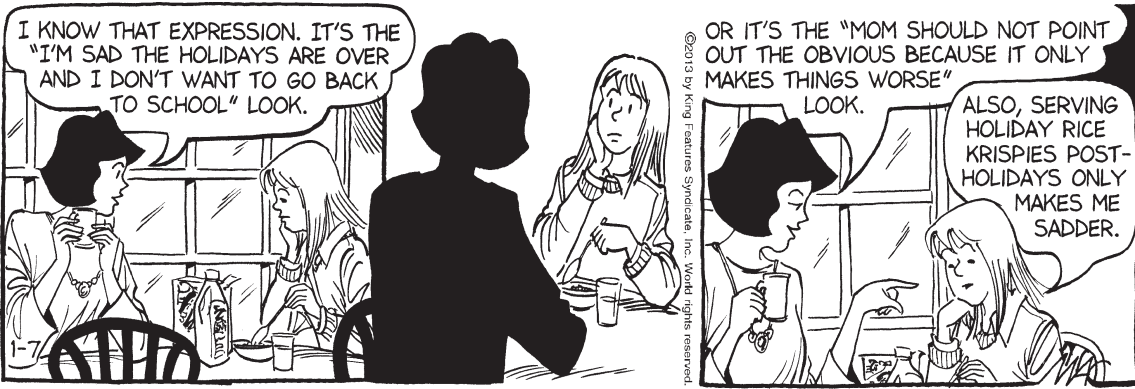
**Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne



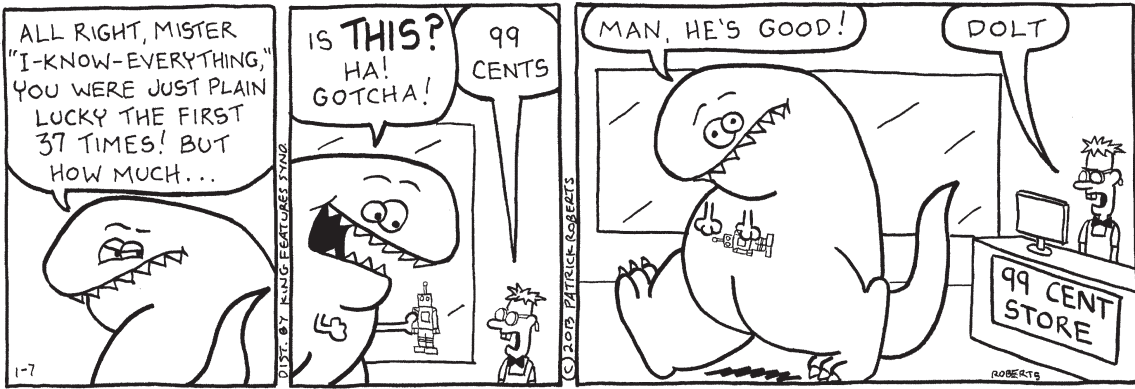
**Mother Goose and Grimm** • Mike Peters



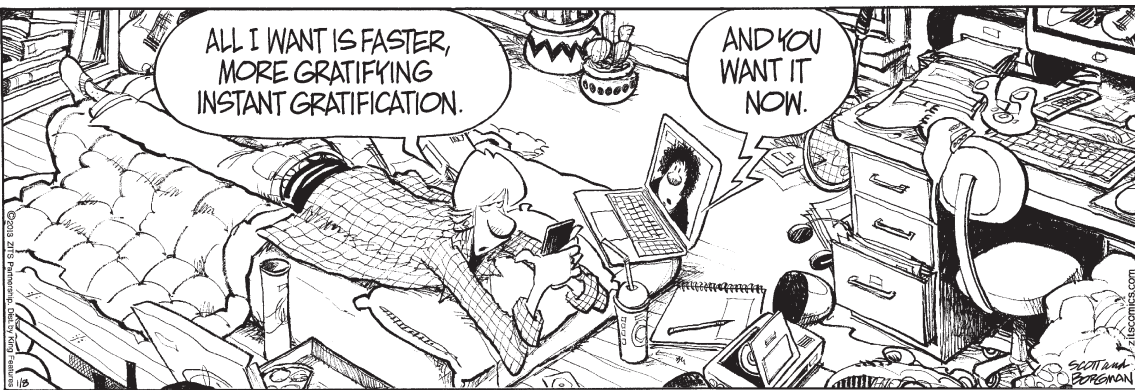
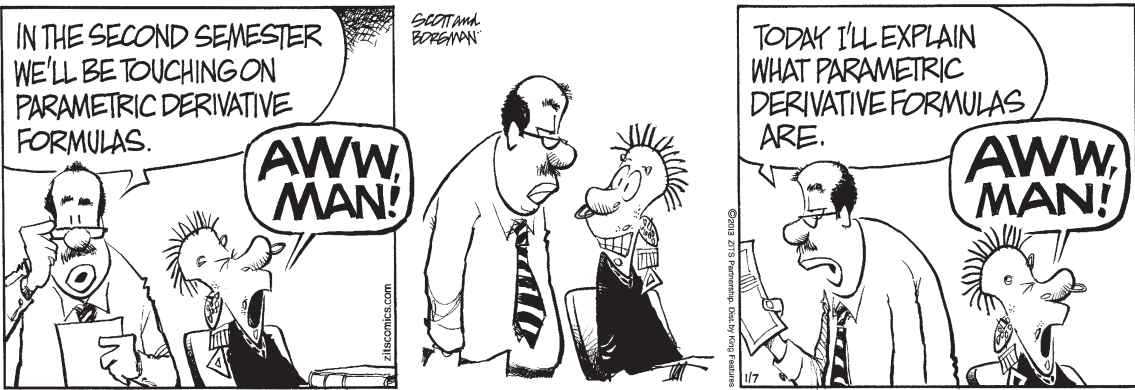
**Sally Forth** • Greg Howard



**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Terry Kovel**

• Antiques and Collecting  
**'Sgraffito' used to engrave clay**

Roseville Pottery was founded in Roseville, Ohio, in 1890. A second Roseville plant opened in nearby Zanesville in 1898.

Early Roseville pieces were decorated with handwork, including sgraffito designs. Sgraffito is a method of scratching or carving a design into wet clay. Roseville vases with sgraffito designs are the most expensive Roseville vases today.

Later pieces were molded, and many were made with raised decorations of flowers and fruit. Almost every piece was marked with some form of the word "Roseville" or "Rozane" (a combination of the names of the two cities where the pottery's plants were located).

But be careful. Other potteries in Roseville used the word "Roseville" in their marks, and there are modern fakes of old Roseville vases.

A vase covered with raised fish designed in 1906 by Frederick Hurten Rhead, the company's art director, sold for \$3,125 at a June 2012 Rago Arts auction in Lambertville, N.J. It was marked "GA" by its unknown artist who carved the fish. An almost identical vase marked "ED" is known.

There was a set pattern for the artists to follow for these vases, part of a Roseville line called "Della Robbia."

**Q: I'm trying to find information on the C.M. Bott Furniture Co. of Buffalo, N.Y. I have a piece by the company and can't find any information. Can you help?**

**A:** C.M. Bott Furniture Co. was founded by Charles M. Bott and was in business in Buffalo, N.Y., from 1914 to about 1931. The company specialized in making moderately priced dining-room furniture.

**Tip:** Never wash a tobacco "felt." The small flannel flags and other flannel premiums were packed with cigarettes in the early 1900s. They lose value if washed.

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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ A 7 5  
♥ Q 6 5  
♦ 7  
♣ A K J 6 5 4  
**WEST**  
♠ 6  
♥ K J 8  
♦ A K 10 9 8  
♣ 10 9 7 2  
**EAST**  
♠ 10 4 3 2  
♥ A 9 7 2  
♦ 5 4 3  
♣ Q 8  
**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q J 9 8  
♥ 10 4 3  
♦ Q J 6 2  
♣ 3

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

**Famous Hand**

This deal occurred in the 1977 world championship match between the United States and Argentina. At the first table, with Bobby Wolff and Bob Hamman North-South for the U.S., the bidding went as shown. An opening one-club bid by Wolff would have promised at least 17 high-card points, so he opened two clubs, indicating six or more clubs and 12 to 16 high-card points.

The Argentine West led the king of diamonds and shifted to a club. Hamman cashed the A-K of clubs, discarding a heart, and when the queen of clubs fell, he continued with the jack. When East ruffed, Hamman overruffed and led the queen of diamonds.

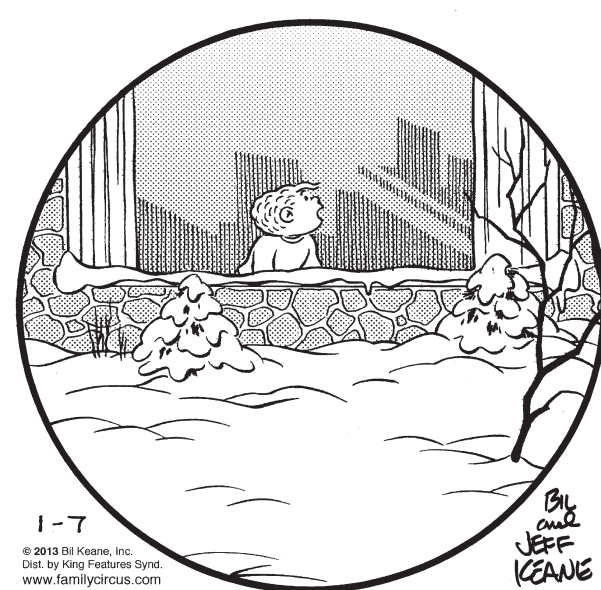
West covered the queen with the ace, ruffed in dummy. Hamman then led a low trump to the jack, ruffed his six of diamonds with dummy's ace, ruffed a club with the nine, cashed the K-Q of trumps and jack of diamonds and conceded the last two tricks to make four spades for a score of 620 points.

At the second table, the Argentine North-South pair also got to four spades, but the outcome was altogether different. At this table, John Swanson, West for the U.S., led the king of diamonds and shifted to the jack of hearts! This sounded the death knell for the contract. It did not matter whether declarer covered with the queen or allowed the jack of hearts to win; either way, he would lose three heart tricks in succession.

After taking the first trick and viewing the dummy, Swanson decided that by far his best chance was to find his partner with the A-10-x-(x) or A-9-x-(x) of hearts, and this hope materialized. Had Swanson instead led the king or eight of hearts at trick two, South would have gotten home safely with correct play. Only the lead of the jack could kill the contract.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



"Mommy, I left my shoes outside yesterday but now I don't see 'em."

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 1/07

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.

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

**Cryptoquip**

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UA QAC NSJOM NAZUP FACIU

IAAM TAYFZYU NA NSX

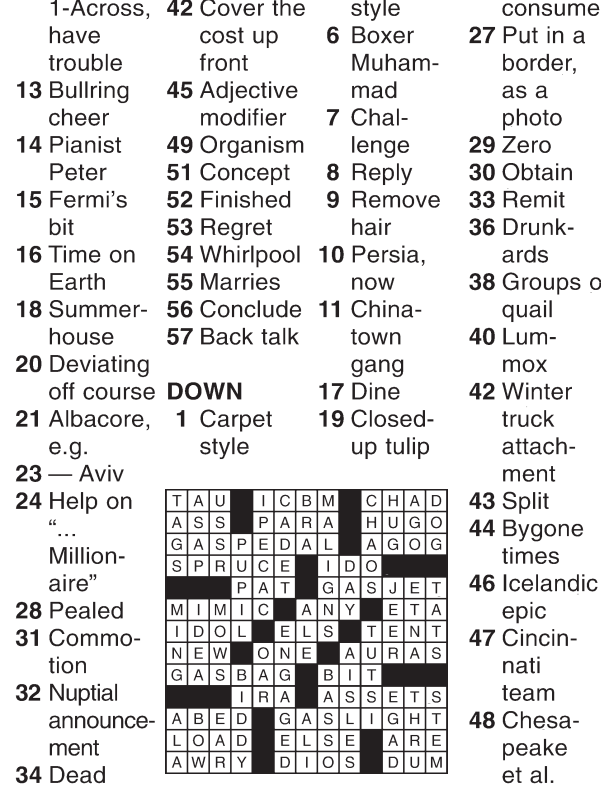
RAPN? TYAWWQ FXZNSXY.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINGING TEACHERS OUGHT TO HAVE PEOPLE CONCENTRATE ON THE THROAT TISSUE THAT'S THE VOCAL POINT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals O

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**  
1 See wrong  
12- Across wreck  
5 Scoundrel  
8 Mine entrance  
12 With  
1-Across, have trouble  
13 Bullring cheer  
14 Pianist Peter  
15 Fermi's bit  
16 Time on Earth  
18 Summerhouse  
20 Deviating off course  
21 Albacore, e.g.  
23 — Aviv  
24 Help on "Millionaire"  
28 Pealed  
31 Commotion  
32 Nuptial announcement  
34 Dead heat
- DOWN**  
35 Legal  
37 Shipwreck aid  
39 Bill and —  
41 Sea eagle  
42 Cover the cost up front  
45 Adjective modifier  
49 Organism  
51 Concept  
52 Finished  
53 Regret  
54 Whirlpool  
55 Marries  
56 Conclude  
57 Back talk  
17 Dine  
19 Closed-up tulip  
22 Silents actress  
24 Long.  
25 "What can — for you?"  
26 Made to consume  
27 Put in a border,  
29 Zero  
30 Obtain  
33 Remit  
36 Drunkards  
38 Groups of quail  
40 Lum-mox  
42 Winter truck attachment  
43 Split  
44 Bygone times  
46 Icelandic epic  
47 Cincinnati team  
48 Chesapeake et al.  
50 Scoot



Saturday's answer 1-7

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		