

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



**Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



**Blondie** • Chic Young



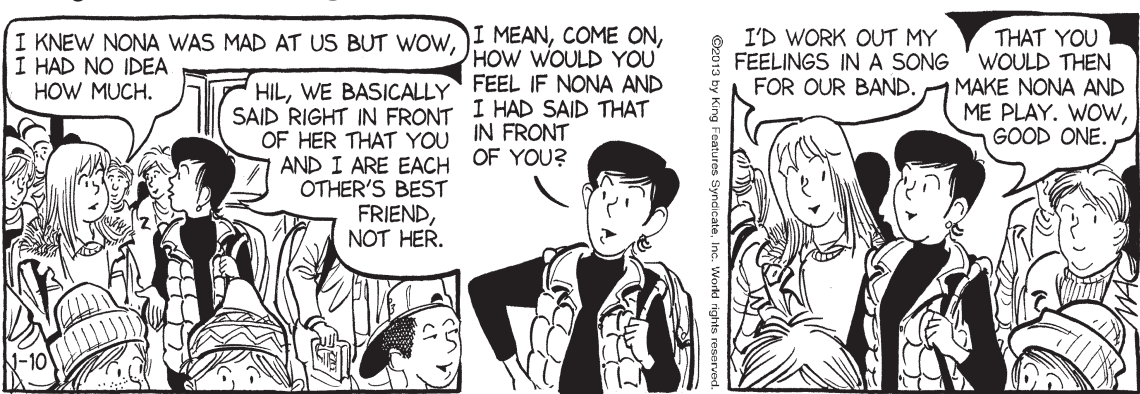
**Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne



**Mother Goose and Grimm** • Mike Peters



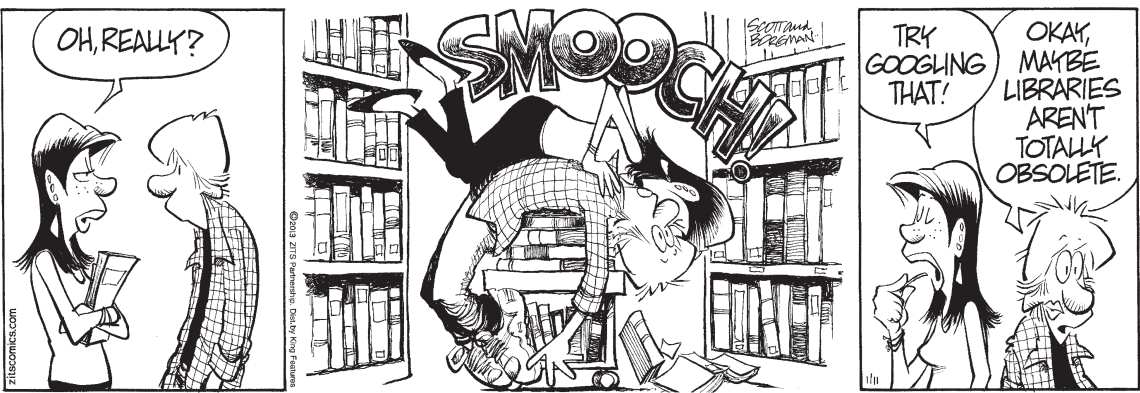
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**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Terry Kovel**

• Antiques and Collecting

**Heating stove made in 1890s**

**Q:** We have a Cheerful Oak stove made by Channon-Emery Stove Co. It's stamped with the number 1900, which may be the year of manufacture. Can you give us an idea of the stove's value? It's not in good condition.

**A:** The Channon-Emery Stove Co. was founded in about 1880 by Joseph Emery and William Channon. The company, in Quincy, Ill., made various types of stoves and ranges. The Cheerful Oak model is listed as a heater in an 1895 issue of *The Metal Worker*, a trade journal. The Cheerful Oak was made in three sizes, designed to burn wood or coal. Your stove, in poor condition, would sell for about \$300.

**Q:** I read an article about old collectible cereal boxes in the *Farmers Forum* of Fargo, N.D. I have two Wheaties boxes picturing the 1987 World Champion Minnesota Twins. Both are in perfect shape and have never been opened. What are they worth?

**A:** A friend has one of the 1987 boxes, too. A single box, in perfect condition, would sell for \$10 to \$15. If you decide to hold on to your Twins boxes, store them in archival bags. Open the boxes carefully from the bottom and empty out the cereal to prevent damage from insects.

**Q:** I found a large platter in my basement. I don't know where it came from. It's white with a thin decorative border and "U.S.L.H.S." at the top. It is 13 by 19 1/2 inches and is marked on the back "James M. Shaw & Co., New York." There's a second mark I can't make out. Any information would be appreciated.

**A:** The initials on your platter stand for the United States Lighthouse Service, was formed in 1910. It merged with the U.S. Coast Guard in 1939. The Lighthouse Service maintained all the lighthouses in the United States.

Three different patterns of dinnerware were made for the service, each by a different manufacturer. Your platter is in one of the first two patterns. The mark you can't read is probably the manufacturer's mark. Shaw was a New York City distributor that was bought by Nathan Straus in 1936. So your plate was probably made between 1910 and 1936. Value: about \$1,000 because it was made for the Lighthouse Service.

**Q:** I have a green Lucky Strike trick cigarette pack. There's a small key to wind it up in the back of the pack. Then the pack jiggles on the table.

**A:** Lucky Strike cigarettes were first made by the American Tobacco Co. in 1916. The package was green with a red logo until 1942, when it was changed to white with the same red logo.

Your vibrating cigarette pack was made sometime before 1942 by J. Chein Co., a toy company founded by Julius Chein in New York in 1903. Chein made small toys and prizes for Cracker Jack as well as Disney, Felix and other character toys. The company moved to New Jersey in 1949 and in the 1950s began making advertising tins, kitchen canisters and other housewares. Chein stopped making toys in 1976.

The Atlantic Can Co. bought Chein in 1987 and the company's name became Atlantic Chein-co Corp. That company went bankrupt in 1992. Trick packs like yours sell for \$80 or less. (c) 2013 by Cowles Syndicate Inc.

**Bridge** • Steve Becker

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ K J  
 ♥ A 10 8 3  
 ♦ 9 5 4  
 ♣ A Q 10 9

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

**EAST**  
 ♠ A 9 6 5  
 ♥ 7 4  
 ♦ A 8 7 2  
 ♣ J 3 2

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ 8 4 3  
 ♥ Q J 9 6 2  
 ♦ 10 6 3  
 ♣ K 5

The bidding:  
 West North East South  
 Pass 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥  
 Pass 2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠  
 Dble Pass 2 ♠  
 Pass 3 ♥  
 Opening lead — king of diamonds.

**Good Reasoning Helps a Lot**

It is said that a fine declarer plays as though he can see through the backs of the cards. This is, of course, not so. The truth is that a fine declarer does well over the long haul because he reasons well, and not because he has magical powers beyond the reach of plain, ordinary folks.

Consider this deal where South winds up in three hearts on the bidding shown. West leads the K-Q-J of diamonds, East playing the 8-2-7 in that order, and shifts to the deuce of spades.

It is clear that if East has the A-Q of spades, it makes no difference whether declarer plays the jack or king from dummy — the contract goes down in either case. It is also clear that if West has the ace, the king is the winning play, while if West has the queen, the jack is the winning play.

How does South resolve such a problem? Superficially, which card to play seems to be a toss-up, but it is at this point that declarer calls upon his analytical ability.

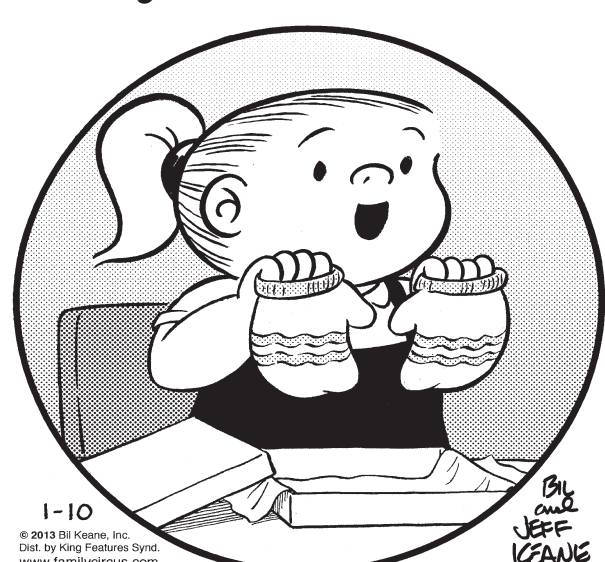
He sees that he cannot make the contract, whatever he does, if the trump finesse he plans to take fails. South therefore assigns the king of hearts to West. To assume otherwise would be conceding defeat.

Declarer then says to himself that if West had started with the K-Q-J of diamonds, the king of hearts and the ace of spades, he would surely have opened the bidding as dealer.

"Therefore," reasons South, "I am forced to assume that West does not have the ace of spades." Accordingly, he plays the jack from dummy at trick four and eventually makes the contract.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



"Oh goody! I like mittens better than gloves 'cause my fingers get to stay together."

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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.

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

**Cryptoquip**

ET O LRFFOCS ZOSQDHWRAAJ

C F O F E T O W A O P O S

RHPOSEQFQMU FADURM "LRJ Q

TRPO JDCS EOMFQDM, ZAORFO?"

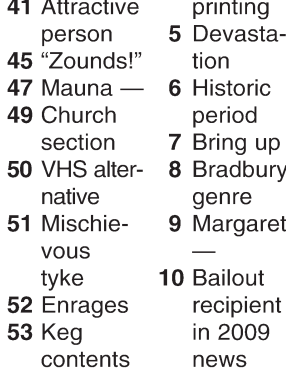
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF NOBODY WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE INTO THAT HALLOWEEN COSTUME, IT'LL BE YOURS FOR THE MASKING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals T

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**  
 1 What-  
ever's left  
 5 Fix a  
skirt  
 8 Ollie's  
pal  
 12 Sore  
 13 "All the  
Things  
You —"  
 14 Stylish  
 15 Item on  
stage  
 16 Moving  
vehicle  
 17 Shake-  
spear  
villain  
 18 Elvis'  
Missis-  
sippi  
birthplace  
 20 Feathery  
cluster  
 22 Gave up  
 26 Censor's  
sound  
 29 Tic-tac-  
toe  
win  
 30 Scoffer's  
laugh  
 31 Libretto  
 32 Play on  
words  
 33 Mexican  
money  
 34 French  
article
- DOWN**  
 1 Engrossed  
 2 Beige  
 3 Buy  
stuff  
 4 Prepare  
for  
printing  
 5 Devasta-  
tion  
 6 Historic  
period  
 7 Bring up  
 8 Bradbury  
genre  
 9 Margaret  
—  
 10 Bailout  
recipient  
 11 Sgt., e.g.  
 19 Track  
circuit  
 21 Venusian  
vessel?  
 23 Cheek  
en-  
hancer  
 24 Facility  
 25 Arab  
boat  
 26 A/C  
measures  
 27 Musical  
Home  
 28 De-  
nounce  
 32 Jack-o'-  
lantern  
 33 South-  
western  
city  
 35 Bread  
spread  
 36 Pigpen  
 38 "M\*A\*S\*H"  
role  
 39 Types  
of  
tides  
 42 Mac-  
Donald's  
place  
 43 Eye  
layer  
 44 Not as  
much  
 45 "Chicago"  
lyricist  
Fred  
 46 "Golly!"  
 48 Ostrich's  
cousin

Solution time: 25 mins.



Yesterday's answer 1-10

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			