

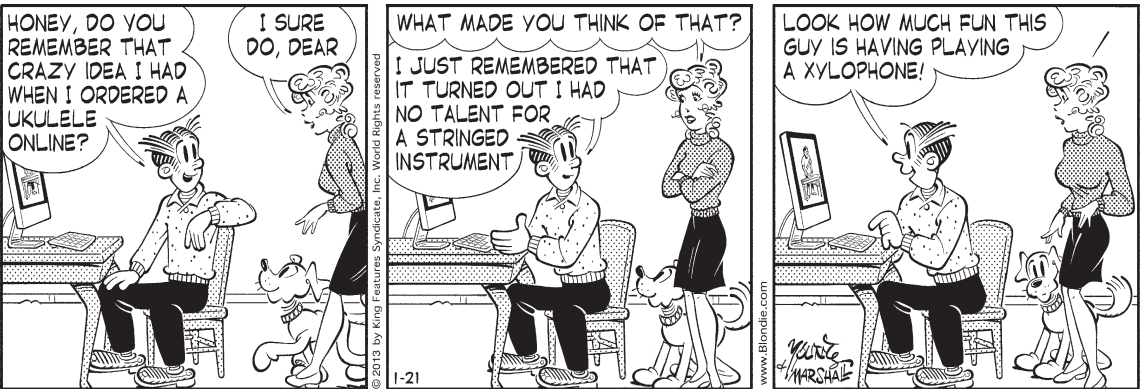
Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



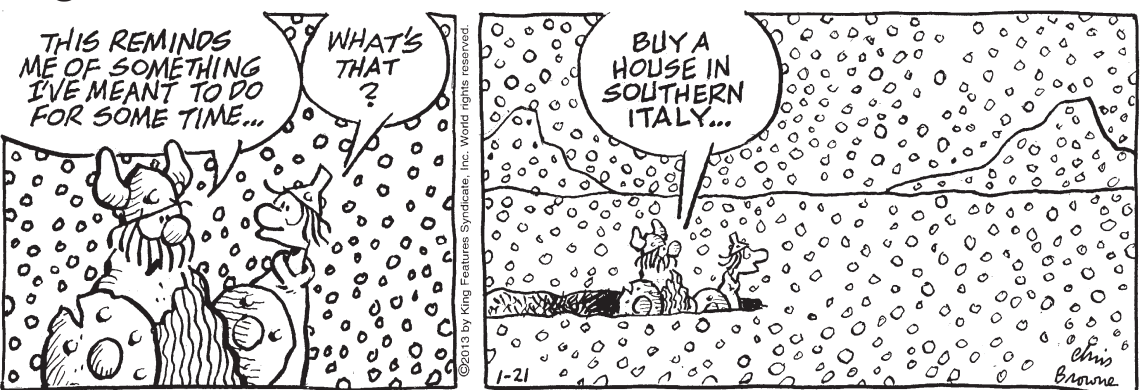
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



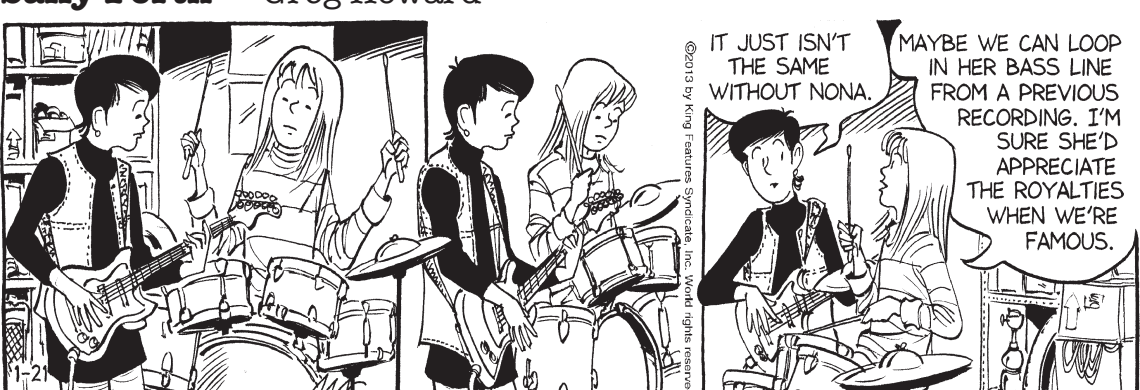
Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



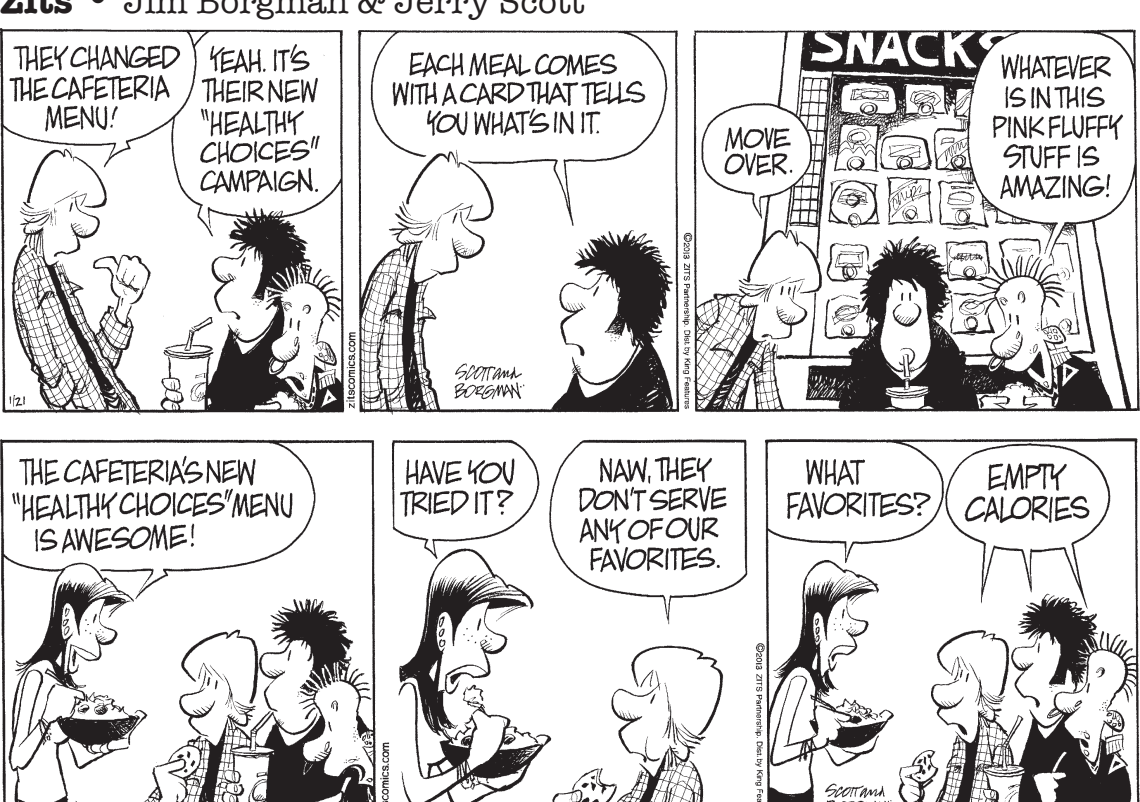
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel
• Antiques and Collecting

Hidden uses raise toys' value

A toy with hidden parts that give it a second use can add to its value, so look carefully at unfamiliar playthings.

A teddy bear sometimes has a hidden music box or is made to be used as a muff. A tiny bear with a removable head can actually be a valuable perfume bottle.

Even more surprising are a pair of seated bisque dolls that double as liquor decanters. The dolls, made by Gebrüder Heubach of Germany, are shaped like charming baby dolls with blond hair and side-glancing eyes.

Why a decanter hiding in a doll? They were made in 1910, before Prohibition, so there was no legal reason to hide alcoholic drinks. Perhaps some people felt bottled spirits should be stored out of sight in a nine-inch tall ceramic figurine.

This type of decanter is very rare, so the dolls as a pair sold for \$969.

Q: I recently acquired a 16-inch cast-iron bell and yoke. The bell has the number 2 on the top. The yoke is marked "The C.S. Bell Co.," "2" and "Hillsboro, O." on one side and "No. 2 Yoke" and "1886" on the other side. It's clean and not rusted. What is it worth?

A: C.S. Bell Co. was founded by Charles Singleton Bell. He operated a foundry in Hillsboro, Ohio, beginning in 1858. The company made farm equipment and stoves. One day, while working to develop a new alloy, Bell accidentally dropped a piece of the metal and discovered it made a ringing sound. The company began making bells from the new alloy, and by the 1880s C.S. Bell was the largest producer of bells in North America.

Most bronze bells are marked with the name of the company on the bell, but C.S. Bell always marked the yoke instead. The Bell family operated the business until 1974. Bells were made at the Hillsboro site until at least 1984. Another company, Prindle Station, claims to make bells today that are identical to the original bells made by C.S. Bell.

A C.S. Bell Co. bell with a No. 2 yoke sold recently for more than \$250.

Q: What does it mean when an ad says a Northwood vase is "JIP shape"?

A: "JIP" stands for "jack-in-the-pulpit" and describes a vase shaped something like the flower with that name. It's a narrow vase with a wide mouth that has one side pulled upward and the other side folded downward. Vases in this shape were first made by Stevens & Williams of Stourbridge, England, in about 1854. The term "jack-in-the-pulpit" wasn't used until Louis Comfort Tiffany used it for vases he made beginning in 1900. Northwood Glass Co., of Wheeling, W.Va., was one of several other glass manufacturers that made vases in this shape.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 6 3
♥ Q 3
♦ A K J 8 2

WEST
♠ 5 2
♥ K J 10 9 8 7
♦ J 6 4
♣ 9 5

EAST
♠ A 9 7
♥ 6
♦ A 10 9 3
♣ 10 7 6 4 3

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

The bidding:
1♣ South West North East
2♥ Pass 2♣ Pass
3♦ Dble 3♠ Pass
4♣ Pass 4♠ Pass
 5♣ Dble

Opening lead — nine of clubs.

Famous Hand

This remarkable deal occurred many years ago during the regular Friday night duplicate game at the Wellesley Club in London. The declarer was John Collings, well-known British expert.

Collings wound up in four spades doubled after the auction shown. West then led the nine of clubs.

Although it appears there are more than enough tricks to make the contract, Collings recognized immediately that taking even 10 tricks might prove to be a very difficult assignment. He won the club lead with the queen and led the king of spades to East's ace. East returned the six of hearts.

Declarer had little doubt that the six was a singleton. West's double, plus the fact that Collings was looking at all the heart spots lower than the six, made it clear that East did not have a doubleton.

To duck the heart would therefore result in immediate defeat. West would take the king, return a heart for East to ruff, and the ace of diamonds would score the setting trick.

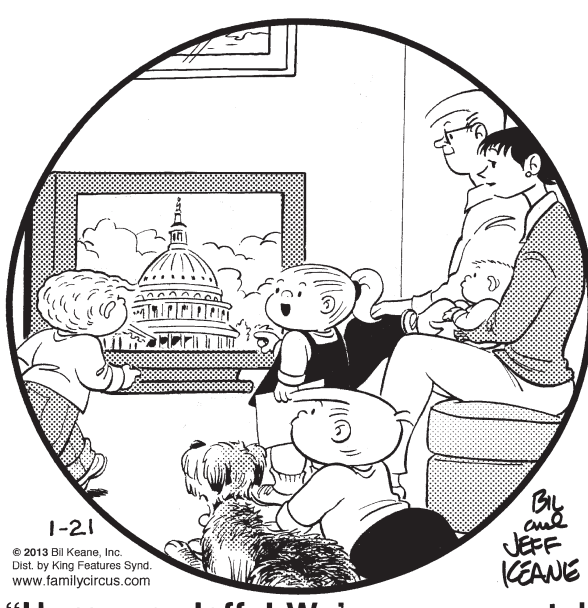
So Collings went up with the ace and cashed the queen of spades. Then he made a most peculiar play: Instead of cashing a high spade to draw East's last trump, Collings led the four of spades!

East was astonished to find himself winning a second trump trick with the nine, but his exuberance was short-lived. The trouble was that he now had to lead something, and whatever he chose would hand South the contract.

If East returned a club, Collings would discard three hearts and a diamond on dummy's A-K-J-8 of clubs, leaving the ace of diamonds as his only remaining loser. A diamond return would do no better: If East cashed the ace, declarer could claim, while a low diamond would be taken by dummy's queen. South would then discard three hearts on the A-K-J of clubs, after which a diamond lead toward the K-7 would bring the defense to the same unhappy end.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Hurry up, Jeffy! We're gonna watch the president get inoculated!"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 1/21

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.

Cryptoquip

ILLQD QFSBGW NIL QWLOSOFB
G V R L B G C C S V Z G W L J D
D N G W P M V Z N I M F G C W M P M V Z
T S W D : T S W G G V S O C J F - R S O O S W .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU WERE TO SEW TOGETHER A FLYING TOY OUT OF BANK DRAFTS, WOULD YOU BE KITING CHECKS?

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals W

ACROSS
1 Gorilla
4 Lathers
9 Justice Dept. div.
12 Felon's flight
13 Violinist's stroke
14 Young chap
15 Shift back and forth
17 Work with
18 Have a bug
19 Texas city
21 Suppress the sound
24 Land-lord's due
25 Web address
26 Finish
28 Nephew's sister
31 Author Bellow
33 —-tac-toe
35 Pharmaceutical
36 Spritlike
38 "Bow-wow!"
40 Historic period

DOWN
1 TV alien
2 Chum Ostrich's cousin
4 Vain
5 Rich
6 Lawyers' org.
7 Engine
8 Home of Volvos
9 Discomposed
10 Low voice
11 Concept
16 Half— (Starbucks option)
20 Oklahoma city
21 Clio or Erato
22 Caspian feeder
23 Most superficial
27 24 horas
29 Remedy
30 "Zounds!"
32 Friendly
33 Dorothea
34 Guys with oars, maybe
37 Lo-cal, often
39 Fires
42 Cultivated land
44 Gis' entertainment org.
45 Faucet problem
46 Twine fiber
50 Spoon-bender Geller
51 End of the alphabet
52 Comedian
53 — Paulo, Brazil

Solution time: 24 mins.

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

Saturday's answer 1-21

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12			13						14	
15			16						17	
21	22	23				24				
25			26		27	28			29	30
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57			58						59	