

Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



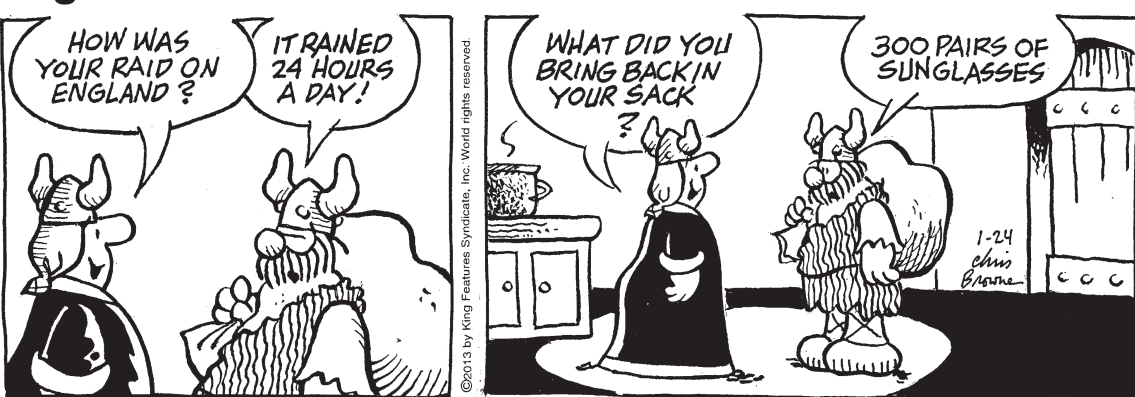
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



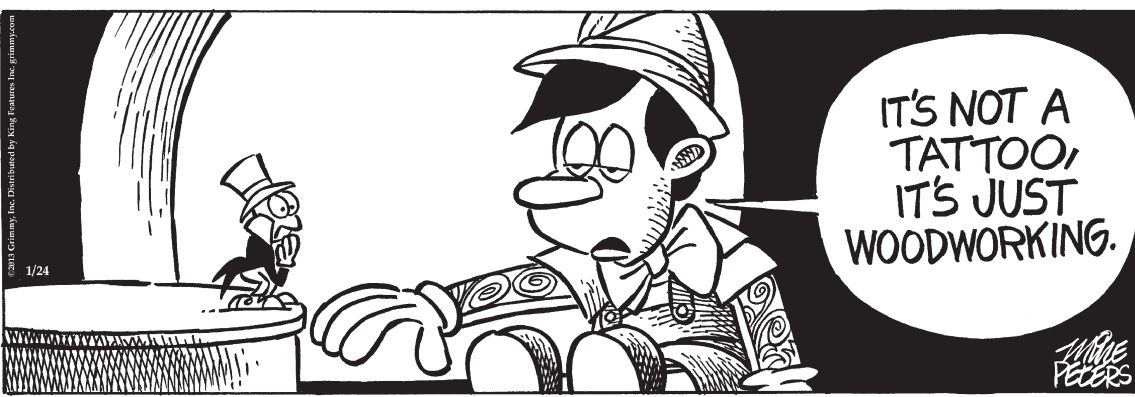
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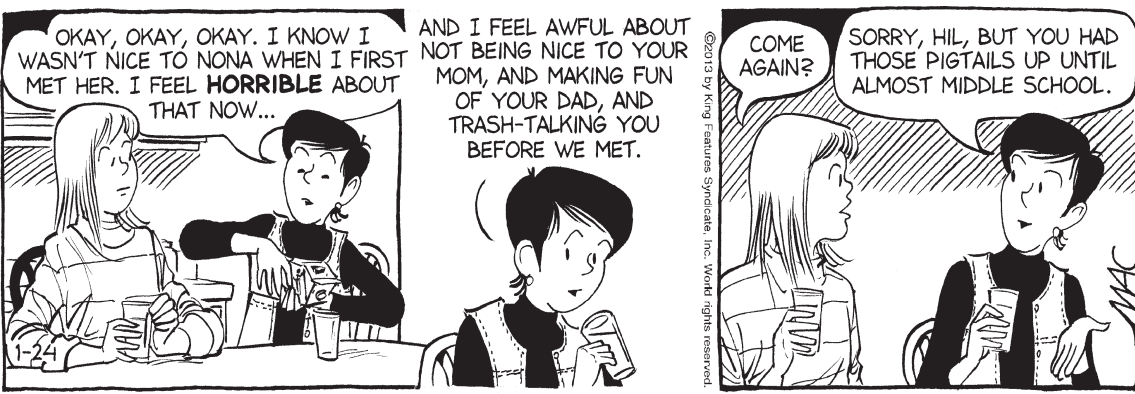
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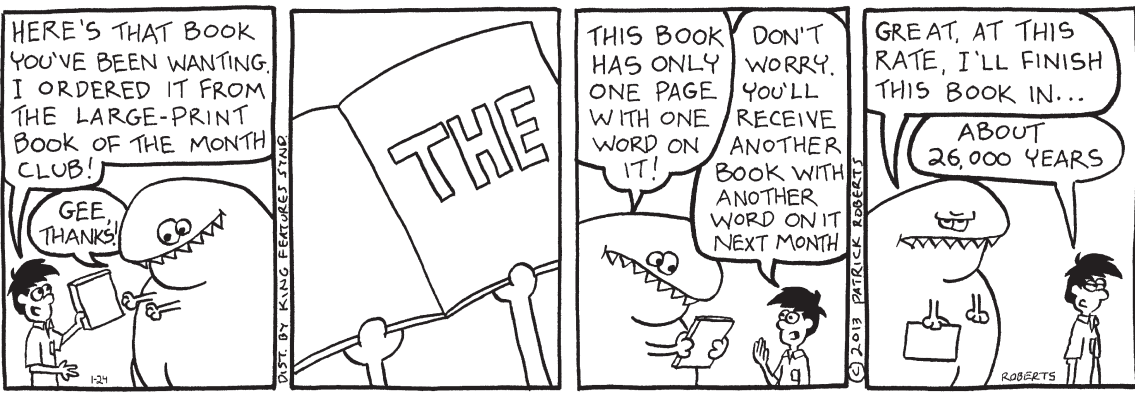
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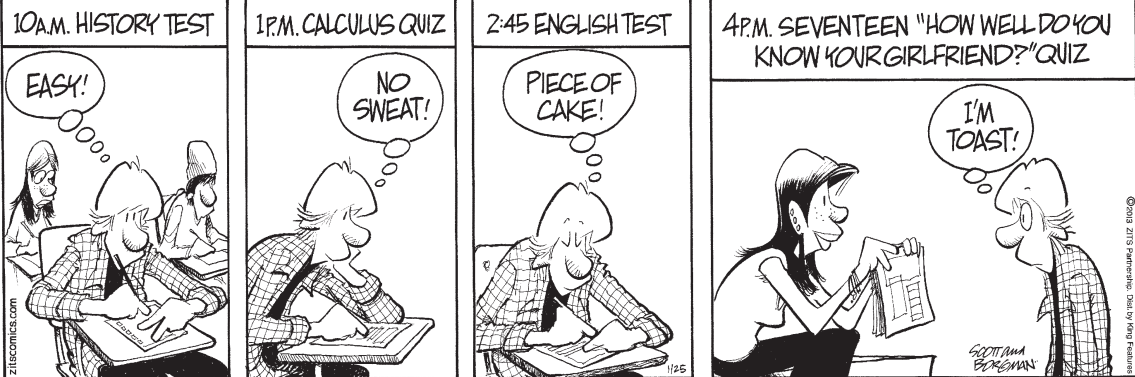
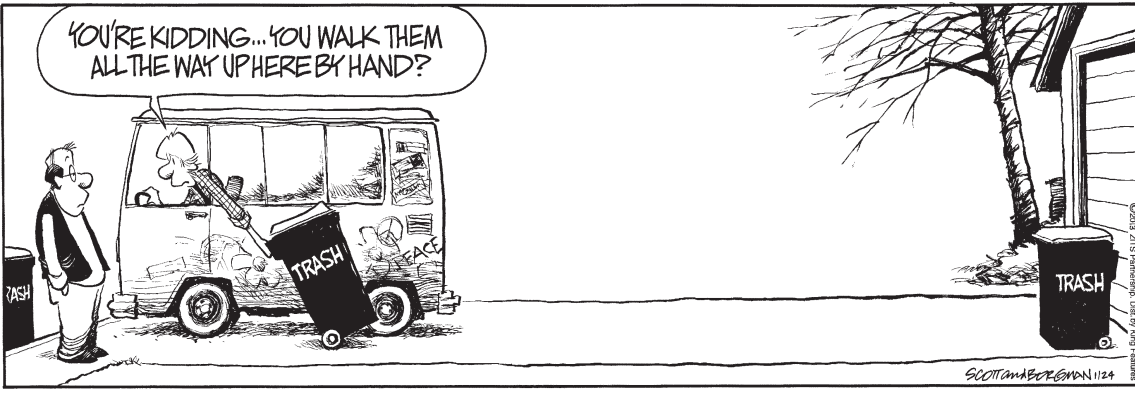
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel
• Antiques and Collecting

Open stove can be restored

Q: I bought a heating stove at an auction and would love to know more about it. It is inscribed "No. 14, Orient, 1888, Bridgeford & Co., Pat'd Dec. 6, 1886." The stove has pottery tiles with "portraits" on either side of the center opening. Any help on value would be appreciated.

A: The Orient was an "open fire" heating stove patented by Bridgeford & Co., of Louisville, Ky. It was described as "the handsomest, cheapest and most perfect-operating open stove in the market." The heat could be regulated by adjusting the ventilators in the lower blowers so that the fire didn't burn out overnight.

Bridgeford made stoves for several companies, including the Barstow Stove Co. of New York, in business from 1836 until 1929. Several models of the Orient stove were manufactured. Models similar to yours and attributed to Barstow have sold for \$500 to \$2,000, depending on condition. Many Orient stoves have been completely restored and refinished by their owners.

Q: I own a book of camp songs that I got when I attended a day camp run by the Works Progress Administration at Niobrara State Park in Nebraska. The song book, titled "Camp Songs," pictures a campfire on the cover. I went to the camp for two years, and then the war started and there were no more day camps in our area. Is the book collectible?

A: The Works Progress Administration was established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in May 1935 to provide jobs for some of the unemployed during the Depression. Projects included building roads and bridges, schools, playgrounds, parks and airport landing fields. There were projects for artists, writers, historians and mathematicians.

Job training was offered as well, and day camps for children were established in several areas. More than 8 million people were employed by during the eight years it existed. The program, renamed "Work Projects Administration" in 1939, ended in June 1943 after there was no longer a shortage of jobs. WPA items of all types are collected. Your camp song book is an interesting memento of the times. It is worth about \$10 to \$20.

Q: I have a plate marked "PL" with a line under it. The words "Limoges" and "France" are beneath the line. Can you tell me who made the plate and how much it's worth?

A: The mark on your plate was used by La Porcelaine Limousine of Limoges, France. The company was founded by Joseph Redon and P. Jouhanneau and his son in about 1905, and was in business until about 1938. A 9-1/2-inch plate decorated with roses made by Porcelaine Limousine auctioned recently for \$23.

Tip: Don't store pewter near cardboard or vinegar. The fumes will cause damage.
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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/24

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

Cryptoquip

FG H LMWK HGSFBHQ AHAHT
LHJ BUJAKRFB JMSWKS
UQ FRJ QJK, F JMDDUJK
FR'J H SKHT SLFQU-DTHJRV.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THE BAND ANNOUNCED IT WOULD NO LONGER BE GIVING LIVE TOURS, WAS THAT DIS-CONCERTING NEWS?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals I

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
1 Move rapidly
5 Pirates' quaff
8 EPA concern
12 World's fair
13 Detergent brand
14 Hardy cabbage
15 Tolerate
16 Whatever number
17 — have to do"
18 Release lines
20 Heart source
23 Prickly seedcase
24 Scenery chowers
27 After-noon shows
32 Biz deg.
33 Journalist
34 "Erie Canal" mule
- DOWN**
1 Hump-backed animal of India
2 Kin of 1-Down
3 Colorful fish
4 Swamp car maker?
5 Easily prepared product
6 Grecian vessel
7 Poet
8 Slalom slope
9 Futon, for one
10 —
11 Solidifies
19 "When pigs fly!"
25 Japanese sash
24 "Let me think ..."
25 "The — Daba
26 Compact car
28 Citric beverage
29 Devil's home?
30 Chow down
31 — -mo replay
36 Toughest to find
37 Gershwin or Glass
38 Young one
41 Kipling poem
42 Touch
43 Protected
44 Repast
46 Nastase of tennis lore
47 Lasso
48 Anthro-pologist Margaret
51 Individual

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 1-24

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			
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42	43				44		45			46	47	48
49					50	51			52			
53					54				55			
56					57				58			

Bridge • Steve Becker

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

The bidding:
North 1♣ East 1♥ South 1NT West Pass
3NT
Opening lead — ten of hearts.

Plain Common Sense

In notrump contracts, declarer often must choose which of two suits to attack first. Unfortunately, there is no simple formula to govern these cases, and declarer does best by relying on common sense rather than a general rule.

Take this deal where South is in three notrump. He wins West's heart lead with the queen and immediately faces a crucial decision -- whether to play diamonds or clubs first. Declarer knows from the bidding that he is contending with at least a five-card heart suit held by East.

If you look at all four hands, it becomes obvious that the contract can be made by going after the clubs first. South tries the club finesse, losing to East's king, and ducks the next heart lead, leaving East's remaining hearts to wither on the vine. Declarer eventually finishes with 10 tricks.

But if South tackles diamonds first, he goes down. West wins with the ace, returns a heart to South's ace (it does not help South to hold up), and East later gains the lead with the king of clubs to put the contract down one.

At issue is the question of whether declarer, who cannot see the East-West hands, should know to play clubs first. Actually, he should, but not because the suit is longer. That is merely a coincidence.

South should reason that if West has the king of clubs, the contract is ironclad regardless of which suit he attacks at trick two. He therefore automatically assigns that card to East and dispossesses him of it at once.

It is true that if East has both the king of clubs and ace of diamonds, the club finesse at trick two will prove ineffective. But in that case, leading diamonds first would also fail. The point is that playing the clubs first will always make the contract if it can be made, while trying the diamonds first might or might not make the contract.
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