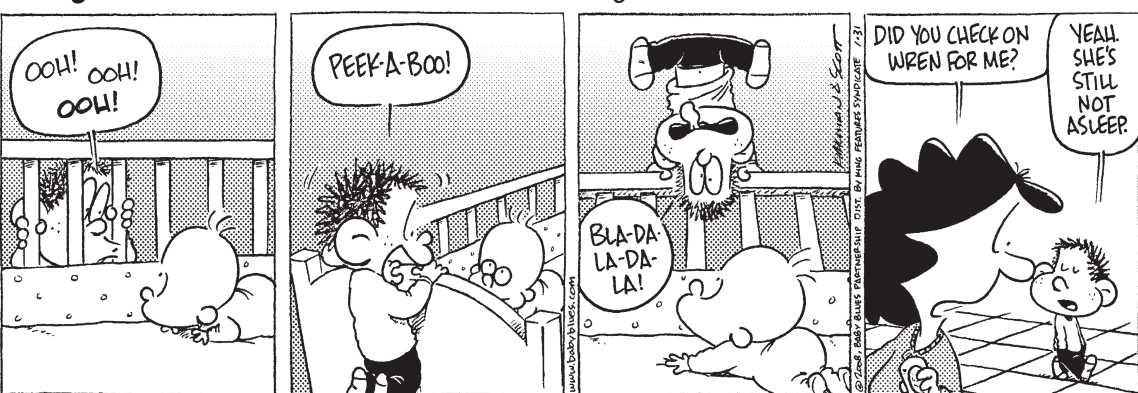
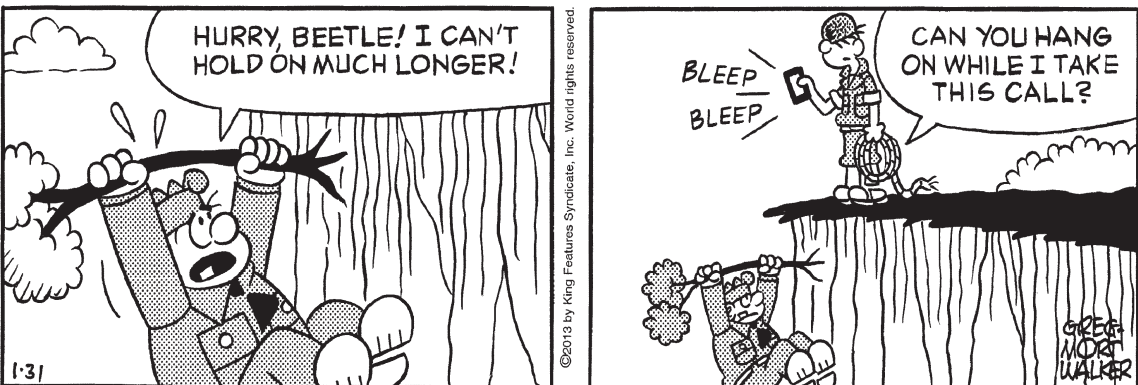


**Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



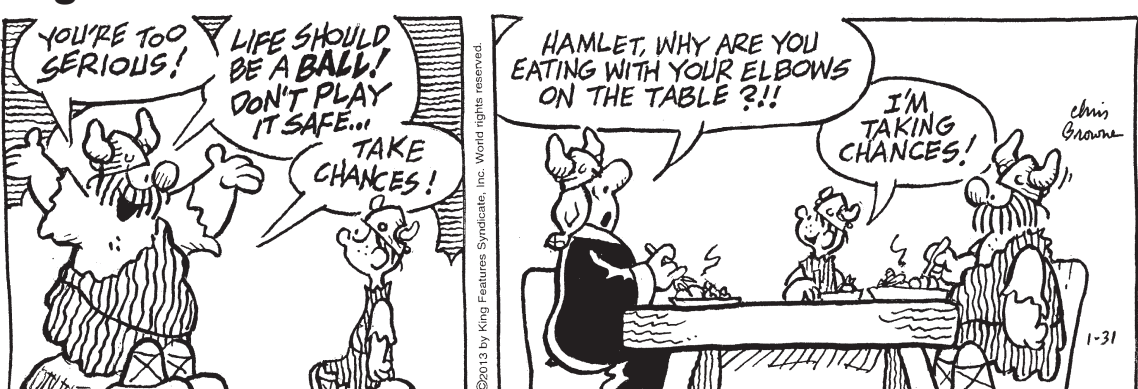
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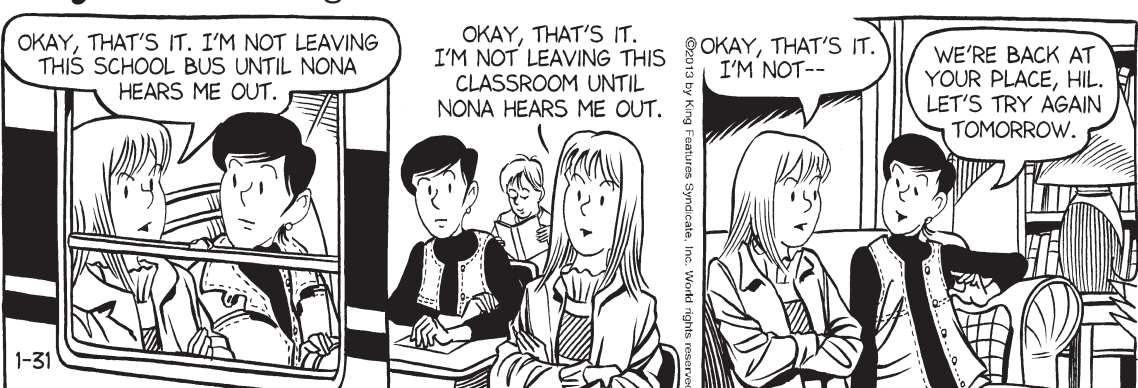
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**Mother Goose and Grimm** • Mike Peters



**Sally Forth** • Greg Howard



**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Terry Kovel**

• Antiques and Collecting

**'20s eggbeater holds its value**

**Q:** I'd like some information about a rotary egg beater I bought at an estate sale. It's 5 1/2 inches long and has a wooden handle. The wheel is marked with the letters "A & J" in a triangle, "Pat. Oct. 9, 1923," and "Made in U.S.A." Can you tell me if it has any value?

**A:** The patent was issued to Charles E. Kail of Binghamton, N.Y., assignor to A&J Manufacturing Co. of Binghamton. Kail's patent was for "new and useful improvements in egg beaters." He claimed his design made egg beaters more durable and less expensive to manufacture. A&J, founded in 1909, was bought by the Edward Katzinger Co. in 1929. Your eggbeater was made in the 1920s. Value today: \$25 to \$35.

**Q:** I have a toy metal drum major that was given to my brother about 75 years ago. On the back it reads "No. 27 Drum Major, Made by Wolverine Supply & Mfg. Co., Pittsburgh, Pa." Is this toy worth anything?

**A:** Yes. Several versions of your toy, with the drum major's jacket in different colors, were made by Wolverine. Wind up the boy, and he beats his drum. The patent for the drummer boy was granted to Howard N. Barnum of Cleveland. In 1932 he assigned the patent to Wolverine, founded in Pittsburgh in 1903. It became a subsidiary of Span Industries in the late 1950s, and its name changed to Today's Kids in the 1970s. The company is no longer in business.

The value of your drummer boy depends on its condition and the color of the jacket. Auction prices range from \$40 to \$125.

**Q:** I have a Lambert typewriter in a wooden case marked with the patent date, Oct. 21, 1884. It has a felt inkpad. Is it valuable?

**A:** The Lambert Typewriter Co. was in New York City. Frank Lambert (1851-1937) immigrated to the U.S. from France in 1876. He worked on developing a "type writing machine" for 17 years before being granted a patent in 1884.

The first Lambert typewriters were sold in 1902. They had a keyboard with an attached circular plate that was turned to print each letter. The keyboard on the earliest model could be turned in either direction to make letters that slanted like italics. The next model had a fixed keyboard and a shift key that made capital letters.

Lambert made three typewriter models, and sold more than 8,000 in three years. The last was manufactured in 1904. After typewriters with movable type and qwerty keyboards were invented in about 1903, sales of "index" typewriters like Lambert's declined, and Lambert's machines were no longer made. At a sale that included other typewriters and vintage office equipment, your Lambert might sell for more than \$1,000.

**CURRENT PRICES**

Current prices are recorded from shows, flea markets, sales and auctions throughout the U.S. Prices vary.

Morris chair, adjustable back, turned spindle supports, cushions, 25 x 17 inches, \$120.

Handcuffs, wrought iron, barrel lock, chain lug, links and turn-buckle, screw key, 9 1/4 inches, \$120.

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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

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

**SOUTH**  
♦ Q 10 7 6 5  
♥ A J 10 8 2  
♦ A 4  
♣ A

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♦ Pass 1 NT Pass  
2 ♥ Pass 3 ♥ Pass  
4 ♥ Opening lead — four of spades.

**Bridge Is a Partnership Game**

Assume you're West, defending against four hearts. Choosing which suit to lead is far from clear, but let's say you decide that the best chance of stopping the contract lies in leading your singleton spade, even though South bid the suit.

This proves to be a lucky shot -- you find partner with four to the A-K. He wins the spade with the king and recognizes your four as a singleton. But if, in his exuberance, he continues with the ace and another spade, he undoes all the good done by your opening lead.

You would ruff the third spade, but that would be the last trick for your side. Declarer would win whatever you return, draw trumps, discard two diamonds from dummy on the Q-10 of spades and so make the contract.

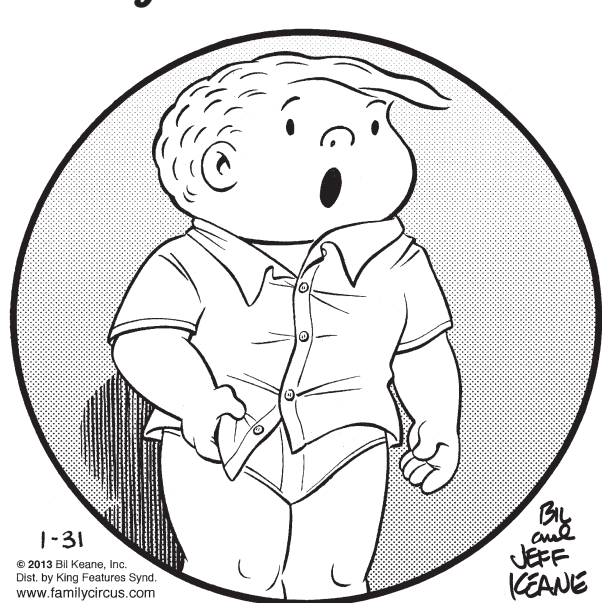
But if East is firing on all cylinders, he returns the spade nine, not the ace, at trick two, thereby retaining control of the spades while he gives you your ruff. This allows you to shift to a low diamond at trick three to force out the ace and establish the setting trick.

East's return of the nine of spades, rather than the deuce, is a suit-preference signal. By returning the highest card he can spare in a ruffing situation, East is asking you to return the higher-ranking of the two side suits -- which are, in this case, diamonds and clubs.

It takes excellent defense to set the contract on this deal. West must find the spade lead at trick one, East must give him a spade ruff at trick two, and West must lead a diamond at trick three. If East-West surmount these three hurdles, they have every right to congratulate themselves on a noteworthy accomplishment.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



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"Mommy, why does this shirt have an extra button?"

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

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

**Cryptoquip**

RKPJ OUNPEKZJD ZOJ'E NSQP

RZQP PJUBDK, Z DBPOO ZE

RZAA WP OBIPTZJD ITUN

OKUTEJPOO UI WTPSQEK.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THIS VINAIGRETTE ON MY SALAD IS BARELY VISIBLE. YOU MIGHT SAY IT'S A DRESSING IN DISGUISE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals I

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

- Throat clearer
- Pinball boo-boo
- Moment
- Transcending (Pref.)
- Distant
- Weep
- Key with a left-pointing arrow
- Khan title
- Them
- Chef's garb
- Smallest st.
- Decorator's theme
- Bankrolls
- Party bowful
- Donated
- Mess up
- Illustrations
- Spy novel
- Boyfriend
- Part of TGIF
- Bartlett or Bosc

**DOWN**

- Early
- Warmth
- Leave a good impression?
- Creators
- Reveille's opposite
- "What's up, —?"
- Coffee shop array
- The "I" in "King and I"
- Storm center
- Plumbing problem
- Clarinet insert
- Lanka preceder
- Glutton
- Merriment
- Makes up one's mind
- Charlotte's creation
- Hot-rodders' contest
- Raised platform
- Fond du —, Wis.
- Halloween candy
- Capone's nickname
- Therefore
- Greenish-blue
- Dilbert's place
- Diane or Nathan
- Dermatology subject
- Peruse
- Rage
- Geneticist's letters

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

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

Yesterday's answer 1-31

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
12												
15				16						17		
18								19	20			
24	25	26				27			28	29	30	
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