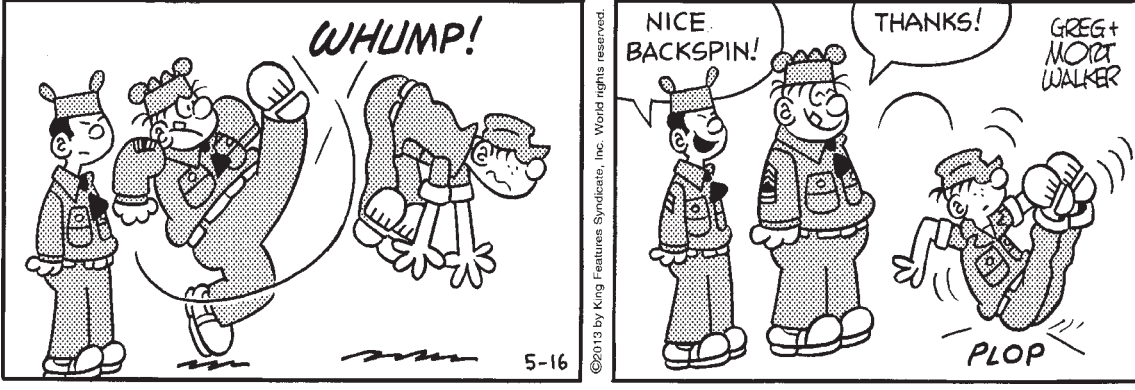


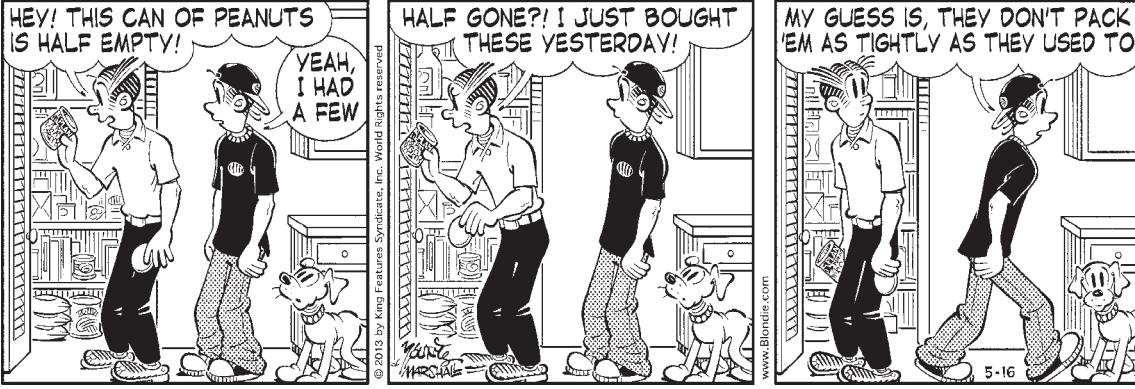
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Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



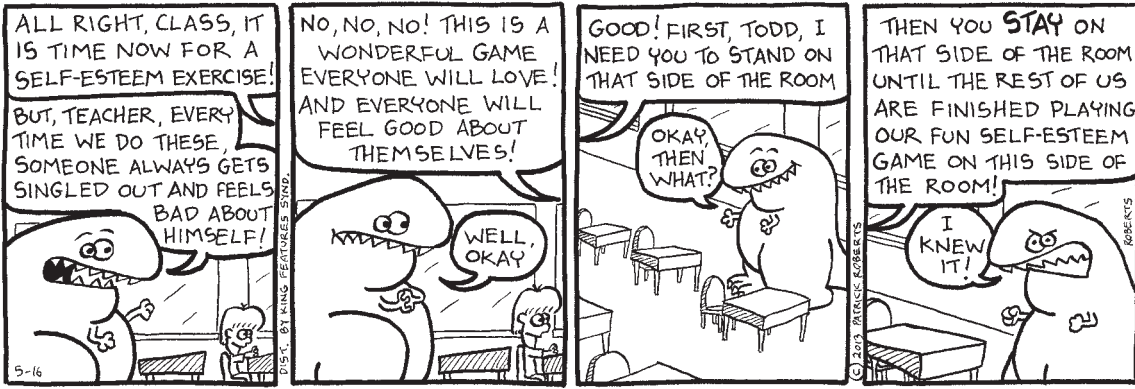
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



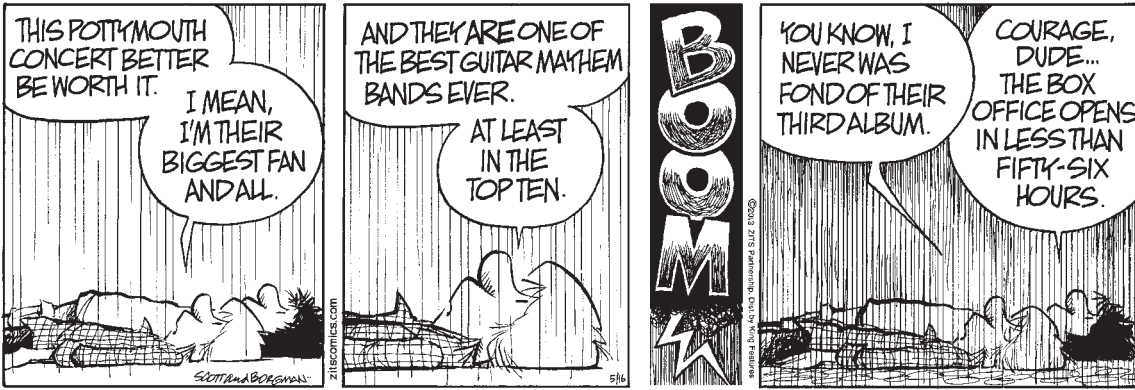
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel
• Antiques and Collecting



Platter's date probably 1930s

Q: I found a platter in my mother's china cupboard that doesn't match anything else she had, and I have no idea where it came from. The mark on the bottom is a circle with a crown on top. The word "Celebrate" is inside the circle, and "Made in Germany" is written below. Is this platter old and valuable?

A: The mark you describe was used by Geo. Borgfeldt & Co., a New York City importer. The company was in business from 1881 until about 1976. It imported china and earthenware, dolls, toys, glassware, novelty goods and other items from Europe and sold them to retailers in the U.S. The mark was used beginning in 1936. "Celebrate" is one of the trademarks owned by Borgfeldt. Your platter probably was made in the late 1930s, before the outbreak of World War II. It is difficult to sell a piece that probably was part of a set. Value: about \$40.

Q: I have six issues of *Ladies' Home Journal* from 1898. They're in pretty good condition. I was thinking they might be worth something to a collector. What do you think?

A: The *Ladies' Home Journal* was first published in 1883. It's still on newsstands today. Issues as old as yours are especially interesting to collectors because of their old ads and photos. In general, 1898 *Ladies' Home Journals* sell online and at shows for \$40 to \$45 each.

Q: I have a small set of *Candlewick glass*, but three of them are cloudy. I believe this is from being washed in a dishwasher. Is there any way to make them clear again?

A: Cloudiness is caused by deposits of calcium carbonate left by new phosphate-free dishwasher detergents, especially if they're used with hard water. Manufacturers removed phosphate from their dishwasher products in 2010, after several states banned the ingredient because it contributes to the growth of algae in the environment. To clear up cloudy glasses, put a cup of white vinegar on the top rack of the dishwasher and run the glasses through the cleaning cycle without detergent. To prevent it from recurring, clean your dishwasher every six months and use less detergent when you run the dishwasher. You also can add a little citric acid to the detergent.

Tip: Never scrub threaded coral beads. The edges of the coral are so sharp they may cut the bead string.

CURRENT PRICES

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

Glass fedora candy container, clear, 4 1/2 x 2 x 4 inches, \$25.

Peters & Reed vase, Moss Aztec, Vestal Virgins, 6 3/4 inches, \$35.

Still bank, cast iron, child in boat, holding fish, mermaid, gold paint, 4 5/8 x 4 3/8 inches, \$210.

Student lamp, brass, green glass shade, etched dragons, 24 inches, \$235.

Roseville vase, Iris pattern, pink, handles, 9 x 15 inches, \$305.

Match holder, shovel & bucket shape, metal, hanging, 9 x 3 inches, \$440.

Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 10 7 5
♥ K 2
♦ 5 3
♣ 10 8 6 4

WEST
♠ 9 8 3
♥ 6
♦ Q J 9 8 4
♣ K Q J 2

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

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 10 9 7 4
♥ A K 10 6 2
♦ A

The bidding:
South West North East
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
6 ♠

* strong, artificial
Opening lead — king of clubs.

The Element of Safety

When you're declarer in a slam, it is surely right to give the play more careful consideration than if you were in, say, a partscore contract. South neglected to do that in the present case, and it wound up costing him 1,530 points.

He won the club lead with the ace and played the A-K of diamonds, planning to ruff the third round of diamonds high in dummy. Unfortunately, East ruffed the king of diamonds and returned a trump, and South later had to lose a diamond trick to West for down one.

The deal illustrates the type of reasoning required when a contract seems easy to make. In such cases, declarer should stop and ask himself, "What can defeat me?"

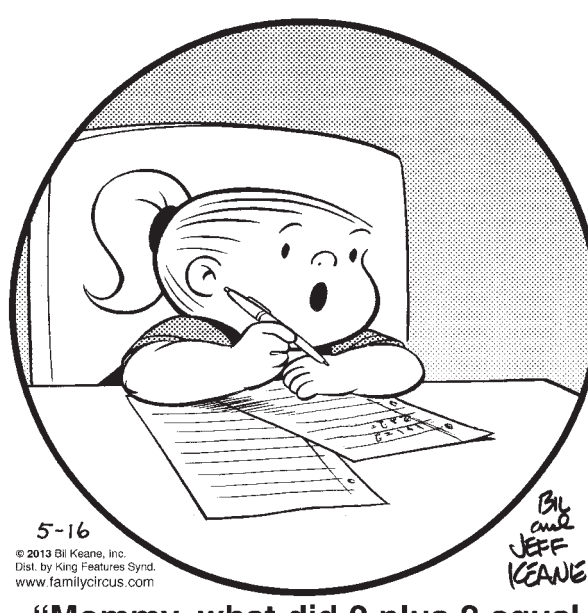
Had South followed that rule in this deal, he might have found the winning line of play. A 5-1 diamond division is certainly not probable, but since it is possible, some effort should be made to guard against it.

After taking the club lead and cashing the ace of diamonds, South should play the deuce of diamonds at trick three! This guarantees 12 tricks whether the diamonds are divided 3-3, 4-2 or 5-1. In the third and critical case, South can later ruff the six of diamonds with dummy's king, discard the ten of diamonds on the ace of spades and so ensure the contract.

There is no question that South was unlucky to run into the 5-1 diamond break that cost him the slam. But it is also true that the most it would have cost him to lead a low diamond at trick three was 30 points, while the failure to do so could, and in fact did, cost him 1,530 points.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Mommy, what did 2 plus 2 equal when you were in school?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

	7	1		4	3			
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4			5	6				
	1	4			2		7	
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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.

Cryptoquip

UV Y NITTUBW XYDOXP
YBUAYR UD VYBYOUJYR YMILO
DIAXONUBW, JILRE QIL
DYQ UO'D Y MLBBQ PYMUE?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: PREVIOUS U.S. PRESIDENT WHO WAS TO BECOME FAMOUS FOR EXTREME VETOING OF BILLS: RICHARD NIXON.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals I

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Radius neighbor
5 Letter-man's network
8 Atlantic food fish
12 Public disturbance
13 Have a bug
14 Dumbo's "wings"
15 Pace
16 Also
17 Greek vowels
18 Proof-reader's finds
20 Lava rock
22 Army rank (Abbr.)
23 Cul-de-
24 Make fun of
27 Small caterpillar
32 Literary collection
33 Actress Vardalos

DOWN

1 Incite
2 Tale-teller
3 Bleak, in Holly-wood
4 Assault
5 California island
6 Resume
7 Unkempt one
8 Play-ground favorite toy
9 Subter-ranean passage
10 Caspian feeder
11 "Hey, you!" (2012 movie)
19 Gift-tag word
21 Baseball bat wood
24 Treasure hunter's aid
25 Yoko of music
26 Grenade hurler
28 Serbian city
29 Stimulus of a kind
30 Fish eggs
31 Witticism
36 Baby's toy
37 Acapulco gold
38 Sculptor, e.g.
41 "Life of —" (2012 movie)
42 Decorate
43 Tittle
44 Catch sight of
46 Lotion additive
47 Pleasing
48 Tibetan herd
51 Weeding tool

Yesterday's answer 5-16

M	I	S	C	U	R	L	O	M	E	N
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