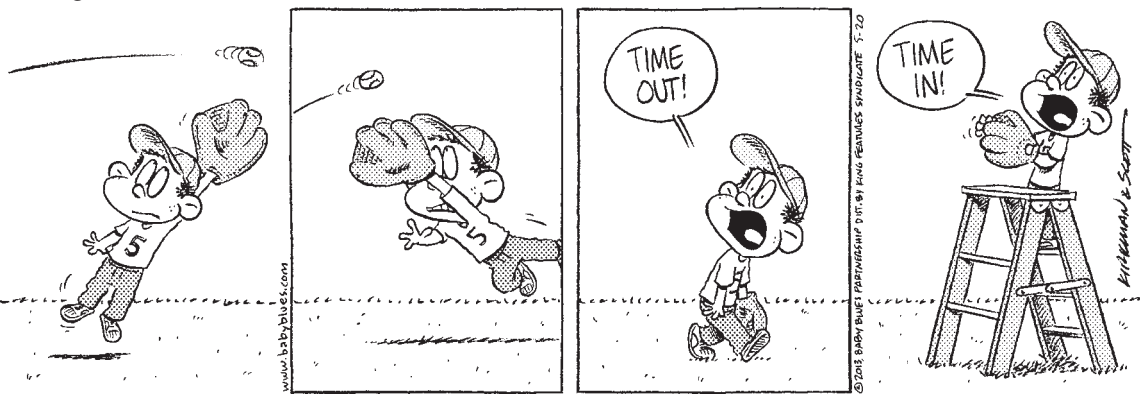
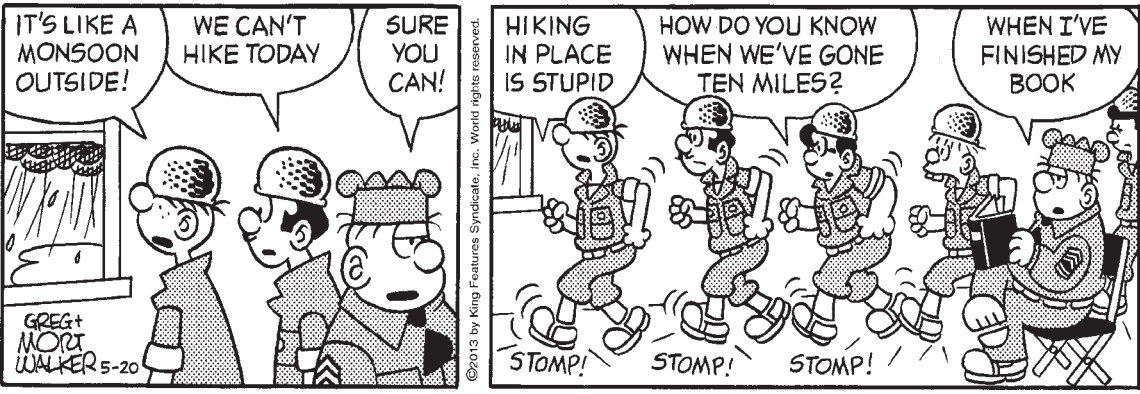


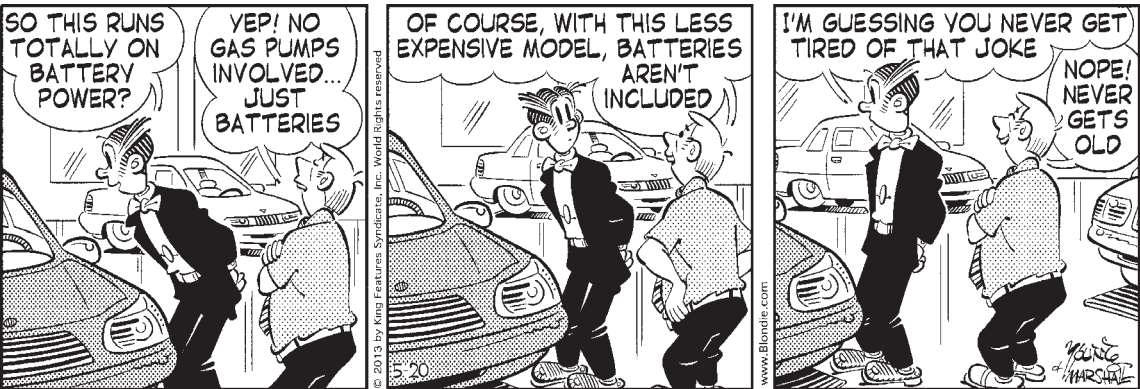
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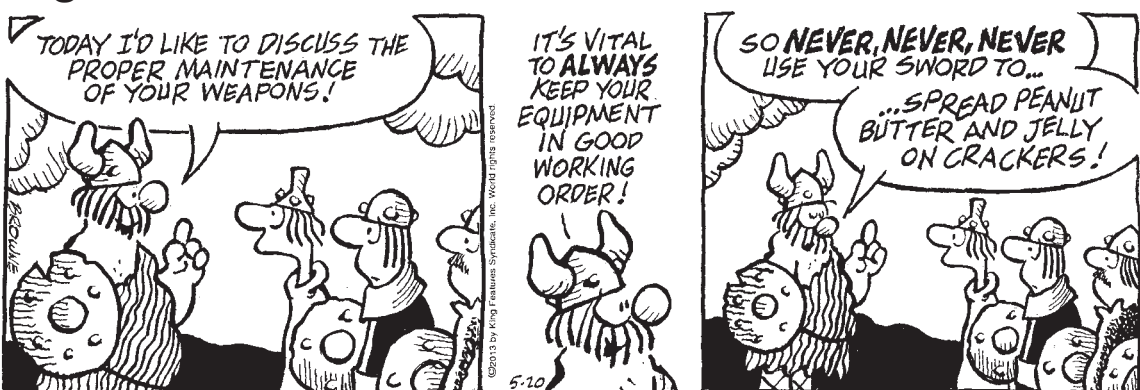
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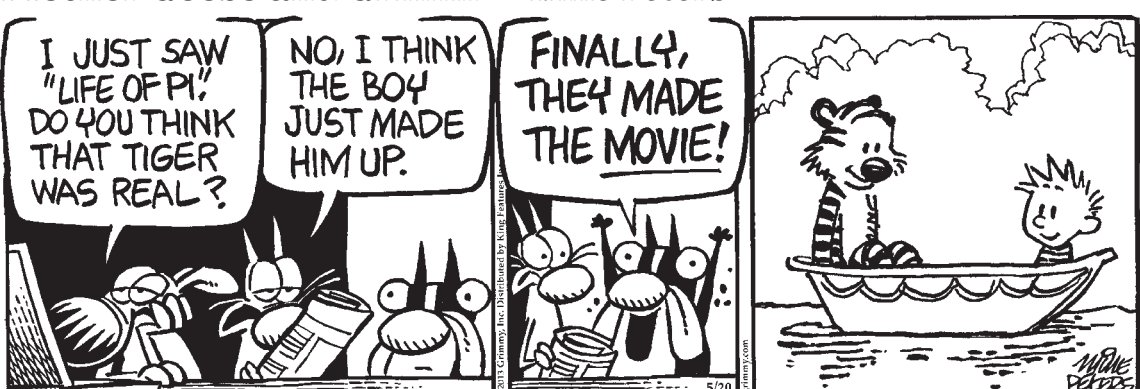
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**Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne



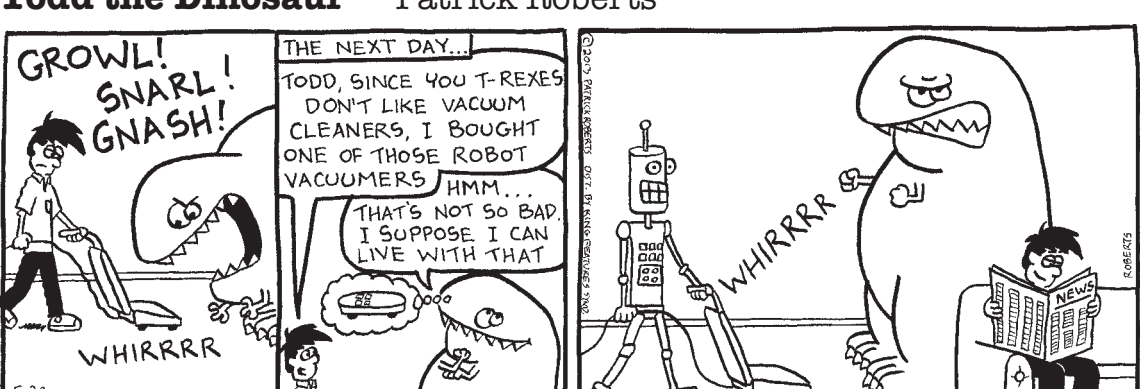
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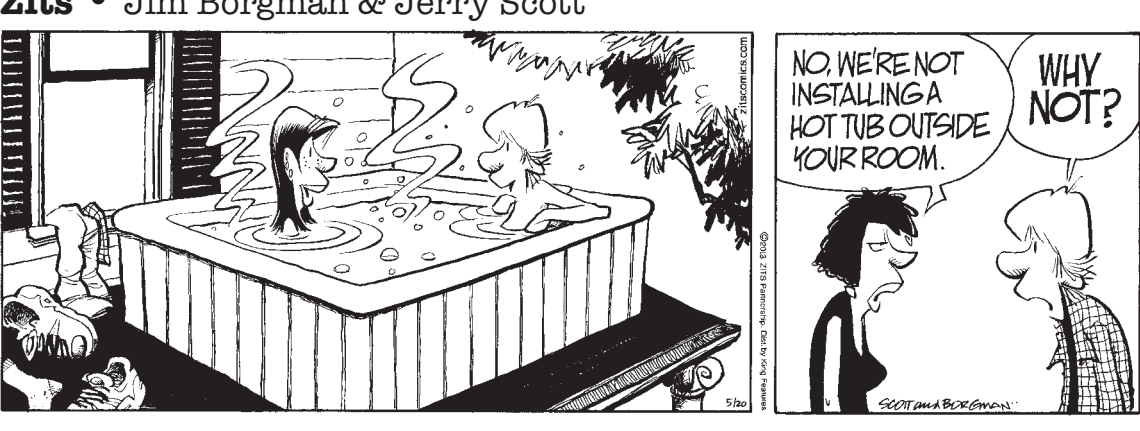
**Sally Forth** • Greg Howard



**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Terry Kovel**

• Antiques and Collecting

**Large urns stay popular**

What sells at antique shops and shows is determined by customers who might like traditional, modern, eclectic, country, Art Deco, Arts and Crafts, Western or many other styles.

Preferences are influenced by age, location and what a collector remembers from Mom's and Grandma's houses.

French porcelain has been popular since the 18th century, and large urns still sell quickly. While Sevres porcelain is the best-known, there were many other designers and factories.

Large urns were made to be used in large rooms with high ceilings or in gardens. Those that look like a large flower pot on a pedestal held plants or flowers. Most were placed on the floor.

Those that narrowed at the top and had a cover and elaborate decorations were strictly ornamental. They were put on a low table or fireplace mantel to be admired. All are called "urns," and decorated ones often are called "Sevres-style."

Of course, the original old urns made by the Sevres factory are the most desirable and most expensive. But some of the Sevres-style urns by others sell for high prices, too. The quality of the work, the amount of gold trim and the beauty of the decoration set the price.

Prices range from a few hundred dollars to more than \$10,000. Most popular are pictures of flowers or landscapes that include well-dressed people.

Q: I bought a piece of property that happened to have a mobile home parked on it. Once I bought the property, I owned the mobile home, too. The three-piece bedroom set in the mobile home includes a bed, dresser and chest of drawers. The mark inside a drawer on the dresser and chest is "Henredon Fine Furniture." What can you tell me about the company and the set's value?

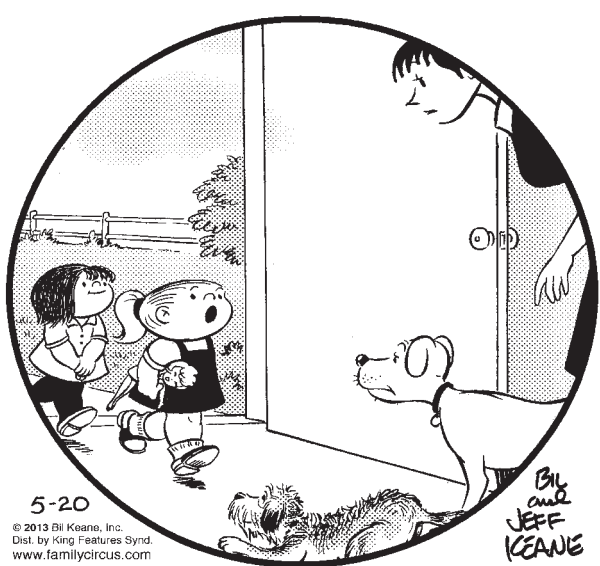
A: Henredon Furniture Co. was founded in Morgantown, N.C., in 1945, so the bedroom set was not made before that year. The Henredon brand name has been owned by Furniture Brands, Inc., based in St. Louis, since 2001. Henredon furniture is known to be of high quality, but your set would sell as "used furniture," not as "antique furniture." Try to sell it locally - it is expensive to ship furniture a long way.

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A courting couple is pictured on this Sevres-style porcelain urn. It has gilt metal mounts and a lid. The 17-1/2-inch urn sold for \$1,750 at a 2013 auction in Chicago.

**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



"There's nothing to do at Katie's house. Her cable TV and Internet went out."

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 5/20

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.

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

**Cryptoquip**

Y Q U X H U S R N P Z V Q R X  
P N U Z C , H W Z Q F X W Z S F N L D  
N V M F H K S Z - K Y Z J J H U S M Z H U S R  
P Q C R X L D Q X F N J J M N X W .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN FOLKS LOVE TO FILL EVERY OLD CREVICE WITH CAULKING, YOU COULD SAY THEY ARE SEALING FANS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals L

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Kills, slangily  
5 Make up your mind  
8 Padlock fastener  
12 Polio vaccine pioneer  
13 Born  
14 Sheltered, at sea  
15 Reacted to sun glare  
17 Hot dog holder  
18 Sugar suffix  
19 Charged bit  
20 Chin indentation  
21 Kreskin's claim  
22 Montana or Namath  
23 Baghdad resident  
26 Feast  
30 Frill for Fonteyn  
31 Bear hair  
32 Radius neighbor

**DOWN**

2 Webpage list, often  
3 Chimney channel  
4 Tackle the slopes  
5 Winning  
6 Hammer-head part  
7 Slugger Williams  
8 Buffoon  
9 Lotion chain additive  
10 Ego  
11 Hide  
16 Unless, in law  
20 Opposed  
21 They occur in March and September  
22 Pickle container  
23 "Monty Python" opener  
24 Trench  
25 —  
26 Unopened flower  
27 Last: Abbr.  
28 Away from  
29 Pitch  
31 Only a small number  
34 Neither mate  
35 Carte  
37 Fit of resentment  
38 Neighbor of Niger  
39 Piece of work  
40 Expression  
41 Notoriety  
42 Actress Paquin  
43 Dazzle  
44 Cronos  
46 Journey segment  
47 AOL, for instance

**Yesterdays answer 5-21**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15				16				17		
18				19			20			
23	24	25			26			27	28	29
30				31			32			
33				34			35			
38	39	40			41			42	43	44
45				46			47			
48				49			50			
51				52			53			

**Bridge** • Steve Becker

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♦ A Q 8 5 3  
♥ K 8  
♦ 9 5 2  
♣ A K Q

**EAST**  
♦ K J 10 2  
♥ 2  
♦ —  
♣ J 10 9 8 5 4 3 2

**SOUTH**  
♦ 9 4  
♥ A Q 10 9 7 4 3  
♦ 10 7 4 3  
♣ —

The bidding:  
West North East South  
3♦ Dble Pass Pass (!)  
Opening lead — king of diamonds.

**Famous Hand**

This deal occurred in the 1972 World Bridge Olympiad. It was played at 18 tables, and at most of them South got to four hearts and went down one. This came about when West led the king of diamonds and continued with the A-Q-J.

It is hard to fault those declarers who ruffed the fourth diamond with dummy's king and later lost a trump trick to West's jack. From their viewpoint, after West had shown up with six diamonds and East with none, it seemed far more likely that East would have the jack of hearts than West. East had 13 cards that might include the jack, while West had only seven.

Some declarers, after ruffing high in dummy, next finessed the ten of hearts; others cashed the A-Q, hoping the jack would fall. Either way, their hopes were dashed, and they went down one.

The most remarkable outcome occurred when Italian stars Giorgio Belladonna and Walter Avarelli held the North-South cards. Their bidding went:

West North East South  
3♦ Dble Pass Pass (!)  
Pass

Even though Belladonna's double of three diamonds was intended as a takeout, Avarelli elected to pass. This extraordinary action proved highly remunerative. Belladonna cashed the A-K of clubs, on which Avarelli discarded the 9-4 of spades in that order.

Belladonna thereupon led the ace and another spade, ruffed by South. Avarelli played the ace and another heart to North's king, and Belladonna exited with the queen of clubs. Declarer thus scored only his six trump tricks, losing a further heart trick at the end, and the Italian pair wound up with 800 points on their side of the ledger instead of minus 100!

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