

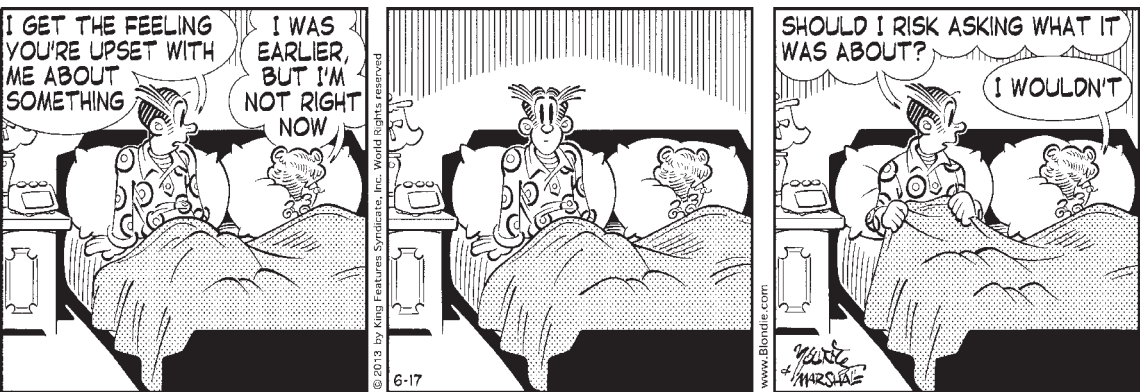
**Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



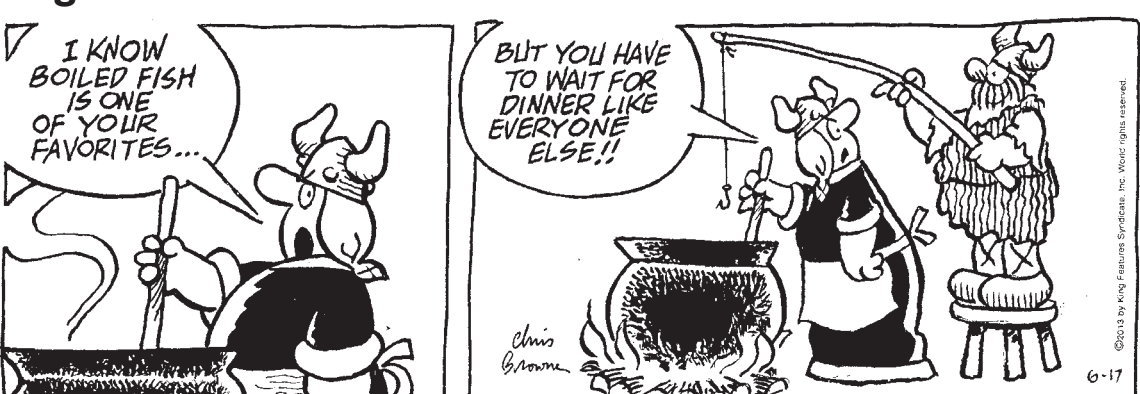
**Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



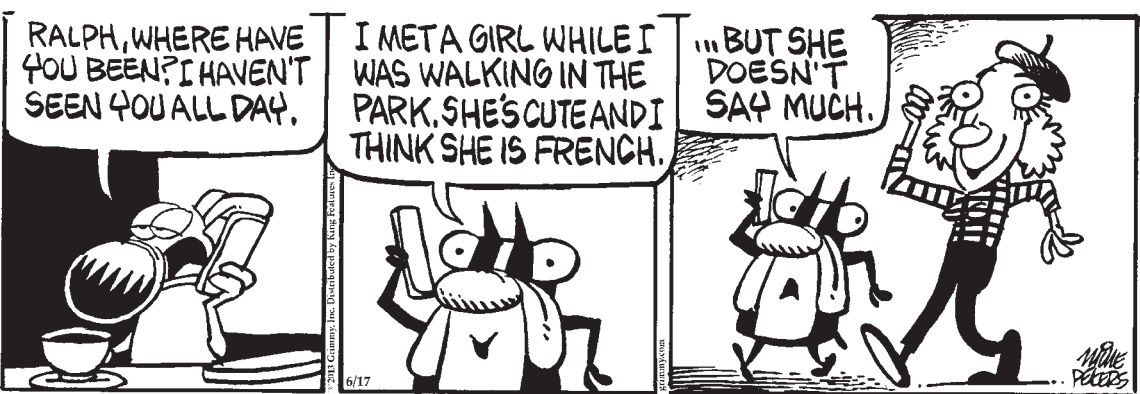
**Blondie** • Chic Young



**Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne



**Mother Goose and Grimm** • Mike Peters



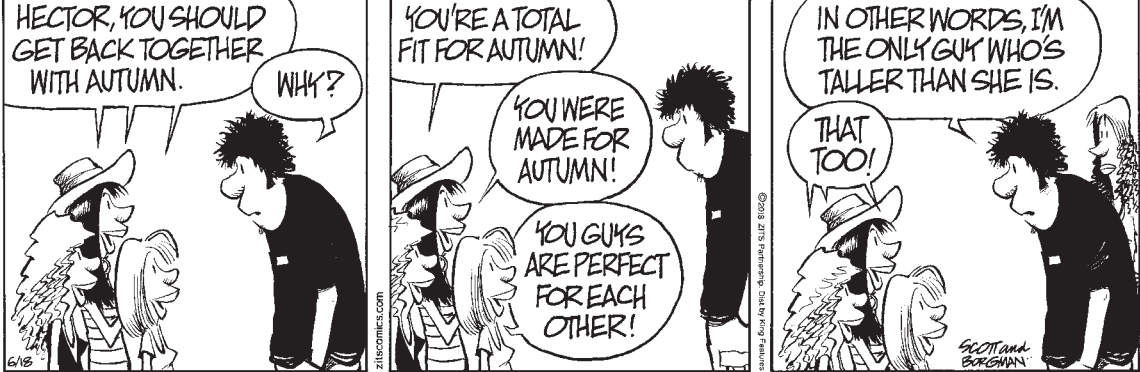
**Sally Forth** • Greg Howard



**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Terry Kovel**

• Antiques and Collecting

**Flag Day honors Starts and Stripes**

Flag Day is celebrated every June 14 to commemorate the day the flag of the United States was adopted in 1777. Flag Day was officially established in 1916 by President Woodrow Wilson. It became "National Flag Day" by a 1949 Act of Congress. Flags should be flown the whole week of June 14.



This Uncle Sam was made with goopy eyes and a fancy cap, but no beard. This German bisque doll, made about 1918, the year World War I ended, carrying a U.S. flag, sold for \$2,350 at a 2012 auction.

Collectors of old flags display them framed under glass to protect them because they are important historic relics and are usually in poor condition. But even a torn flag connected to an important event or person is of value, often worth thousands of dollars. An 1863 35-star U.S. flag auctioned this year at Cowan's of Cincinnati for \$705. It had scattered holes and stains.

One way to celebrate Flag Day is to put a vintage doll with a flag in your window. An "Uncle Sam" bisque doll made about 1918 by Handwerck, a German company, sold at a 2012 Theriault's auction for \$2,350. The doll was holding an American flag with 48 stars on it.

**Q:** In 1945 I received six place settings of English "fish eaters." They were a wedding gift from my aunt, who had owned the set since she got married, SO the set is close to being antique. They're marked, but I can't read the mark, and they have bone or ivory handles. What do you think the set is worth?

**A:** A single set of fish eaters (also called "fish feeders") is a matching fish knife and fish fork — utensils designed to use when eating fish. A fish knife's blade is flat and does not have a sharp edge. It's slightly curved on both sides - one side curved inward and the other out. A fish fork has three or four flat unsharpened tines, with the outer tines wider than the inner.

A set of stainless-steel fish eaters with plastic handles would sell for under \$100. A set made of sterling silver with ivory or bone handles is worth several hundred dollars. Ask someone to try to read the maker's mark for you. That may help determine the value.

**Tip:** Do not use self-adhesive tape, stickers or self-stick labels in a scrapbook. Eventually they will no longer stick to paper, and the old adhesive will leave marks.

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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♦ A 9 8 4  
♥ A K J 5  
♦ J 5  
♣ 7 6 4  
**WEST**  
♥ J 7 3  
♦ 3 2  
♦ —  
♣ A K Q J 8 5 3 2  
**EAST**  
♥ 6  
♦ 10 9 8 4  
♦ A K 10 7 6 4 2  
♣ 10  
**SOUTH**  
♦ K Q 10 5 2  
♥ Q 7 6  
♦ Q 9 8 3  
♣ 9

The bidding:  
West North East South  
1 ♣ Dble 3 ♦ 4 ♠  
Opening lead — two of clubs.

**Famous Hand**  
There is a lot of luck in bridge -- even in duplicate bridge -- but there is also a lot of skill. For example, consider this deal, which occurred in a national women's pair championship many years ago.

There were many different results at the various tables, but our story concerns itself only with the table where the bidding went as shown and South got to four spades.

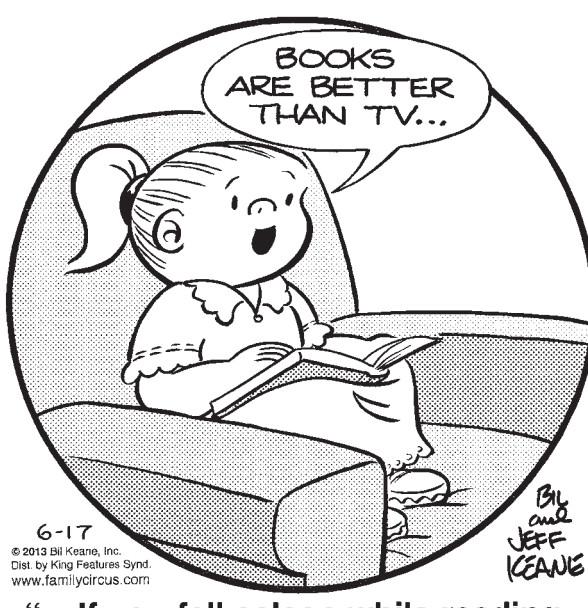
West, on lead, realized that as a defender she had a very weak hand. She also realized that her partner must have limited high-card strength for her pre-emptive three-diamond bid over North's double. West therefore concluded that the contract could not be stopped with normal defense. Accordingly, she led the deuce of clubs!

East won the trick with the ten -- much to her surprise -- and quickly cashed the K-A of diamonds, on which West discarded first the three and then the deuce of hearts, indicating a doubleton. So East returned a heart, and the contract went down one, thanks to the sparkling defense. With any lead but a low club, South would have made four spades.

Note that North-South did nothing wrong during the bidding or play and yet wound up with a very poor result. It was their misfortune to run into the wrong pair at the wrong time, proving that you can be unlucky even in duplicate bridge. Nevertheless, East-West deserve full credit for finding the only defense that could stop the contract. Unfortunately, they achieved their goal at the expense of a pair of totally innocent victims.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



"... If you fall asleep while reading, you don't miss the ending."

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 6/17

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.

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

**Cryptoquip**

BKHPJTO RUVV-XPGRP IKT  
ZCEPJCEPEPM CP CZCNEPMVO  
VCTMU AJCAY KI AHDZCBEYPU  
MHPA: HNE-DUXEAJCP.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NEW SPECIES OF RODENTS WHICH SCIENTISTS SAY ARE COMPLETELY SELFISH AND DEMANDING: GIMME PIGS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals F

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
1 Recede  
4 Petrol  
7 Potato  
11 Settled down  
13 Mischief-maker  
14 Cautious  
15 "Bye"  
16 Neither partner  
17 Rice or Tyler  
18 Ledge  
20 Dispatch  
22 Mary — cosmetics  
24 Half a wet-weather pair  
28 Game like pinochle  
32 Hoosergow  
33 Valhalla VIP  
34 Dog's foot  
36 Burrito cousin  
37 Fifth-day Christmas gift  
39 Paraphrase

**DOWN**  
1 Comestibles  
2 Mediocre  
3 Small snack  
4 Martini ingredient  
5 Out of control  
6 Parsley serving  
7 Brightly marked butterflies  
8 Skillet  
9 Samovar  
10 Coloring agent  
12 TV news pundits, often  
19 Online info page  
21 Once around the track  
23 "Uh-huh"  
25 Gumbo need  
26 Membership  
27 Advertise strongly  
28 Drill  
29 Fix a manuscript  
30 Galvanizing stuff  
31 Listener  
35 "Charlotte's —"  
38 Collection  
40 Weep  
42 Tall and slender  
45 Keger's pathway  
47 Morning co-host  
48 Rip  
49 Quest  
50 TV drama that spawned "NCIS"  
51 Expert  
52 Energy  
54 Pistol

Saturday's answer 6-17

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
28	29	30			31		32		
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