

Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



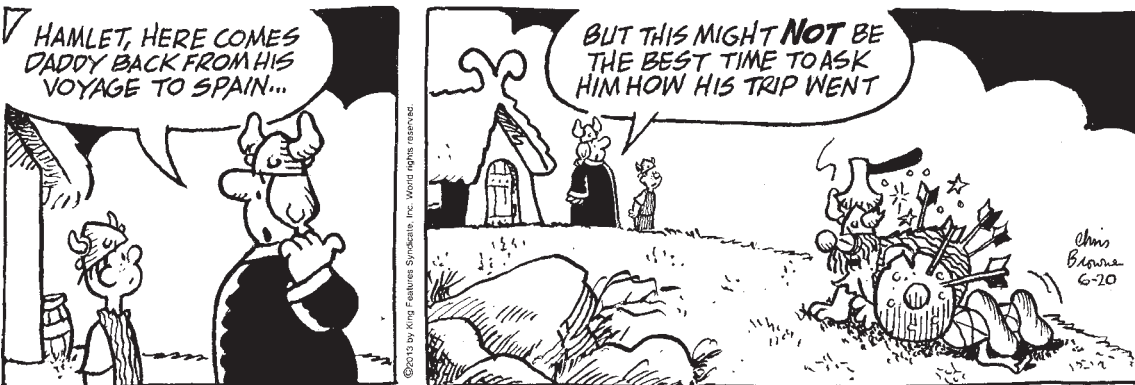
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



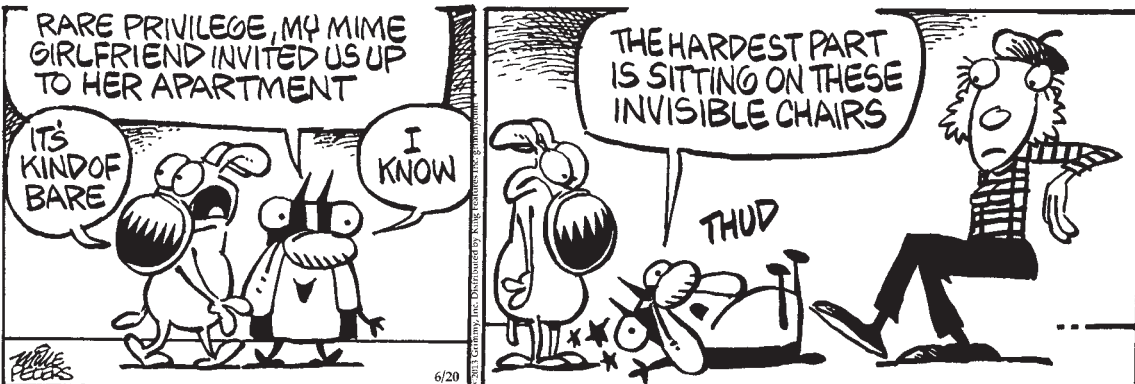
Blondie • Chic Young



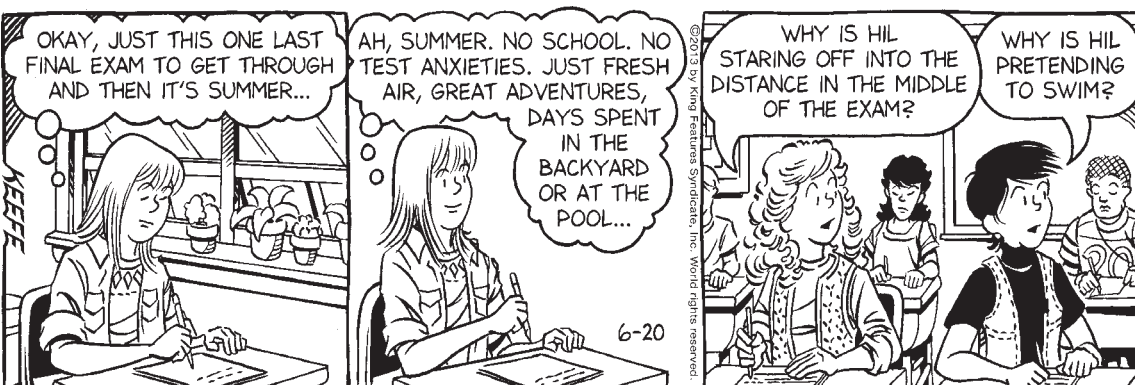
Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



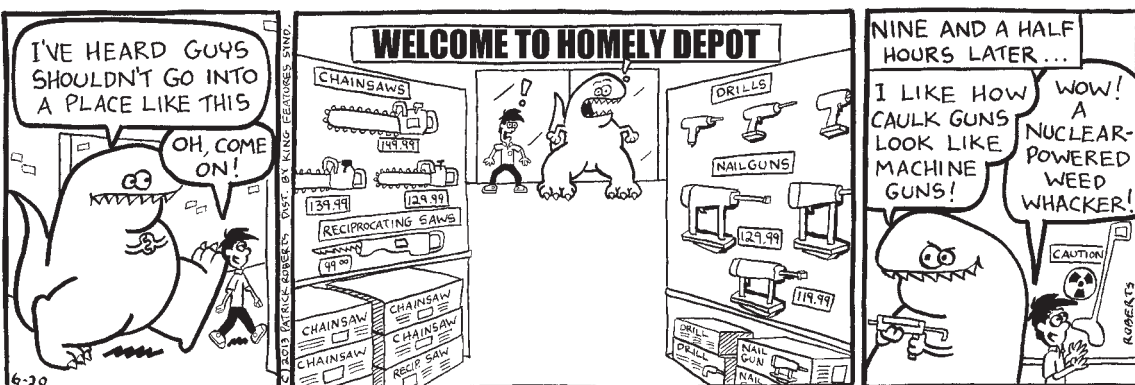
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



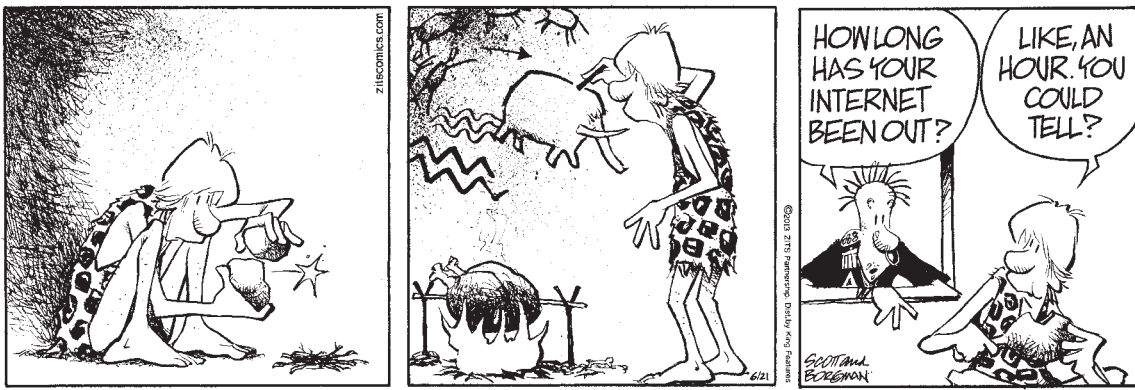
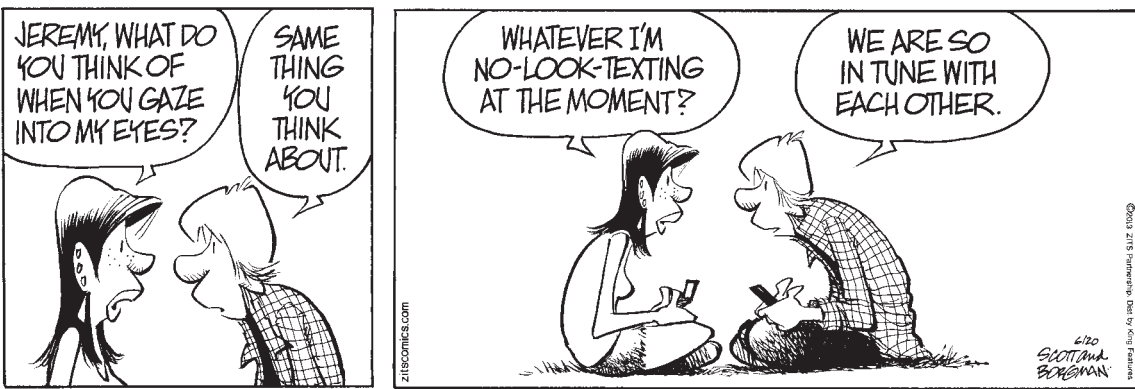
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel



Antiques and Collecting

Souvenir nice, nothing special

Q: I own a small plastic souvenir snow globe of the New York City skyline. Inside there's the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty and the Twin Towers that came down in 2001. It is marked "Made in Hong Kong." Does it have collectible value?

Q: I just bought a deep cast-iron skillet at an auction. I'm trying to find out what it's worth. The bottom of the pan is stamped "Martin Stove and Range, Florence, Alabama." The lid has an ornate handle and is stamped "No. 9." I'd like to find out something about the maker.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

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

The bidding: North East South West 1 North Pass 1♥ 2♦ 3♥ Pass 4♥. Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Sylvia Learns How to Finesse. When Sylvia first learned to finesse, a whole new world opened up for her. She didn't really understand exactly how a finesse worked, but, just the same, she treated the exciting discovery like a child with a brand-new toy.

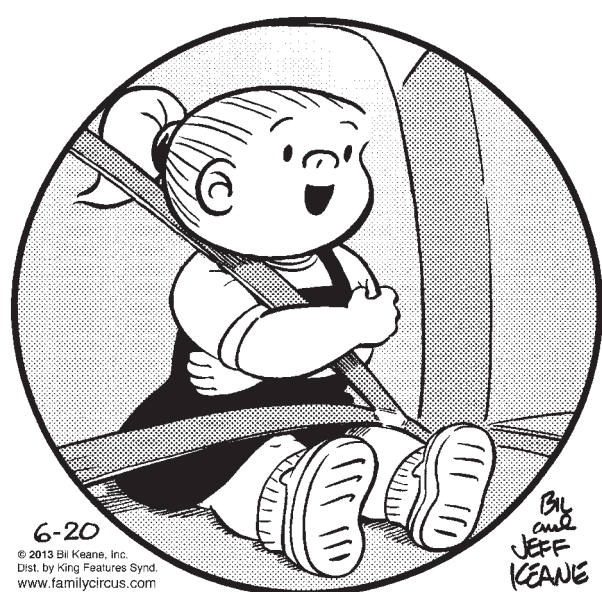
It wasn't long after her introduction to the finesse that she played in the club duplicate and was sitting South when this hand came up. At most tables, South had become declarer at four hearts and gone down one. A diamond was invariably led and taken with the ace. When these declarers then played the ace and another heart, they had to decide whether or not to cover East's ten with the queen.

Regardless of what they played, however, all these declarers went down. Even those who guessed correctly to duck the ten could not stop East from scoring the jack of trumps as the setting trick after three straight diamond leads by West.

But Sylvia made the contract in her own unique fashion. After taking the first diamond with the ace, she crossed to her hand with a spade in order to make use of her latest weapon, the finesse. At trick three, she led the queen of hearts! West was forced to cover with the king, taken by dummy's ace. Sylvia then returned a heart to East's ten.

East could now do nothing to defeat the contract. He did as well as he could when he cashed the jack of hearts and returned a spade, but there was nothing to the rest of the play. Sylvia trumped her remaining spade, got rid of two diamonds on dummy's clubs, and though she later lost a diamond trick, she was the only one in the room to make four hearts.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

A 9x9 grid for a Conceptis Sudoku puzzle. The grid contains some numbers and some empty cells for placement. Difficulty Level is 3 stars.

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

TLGYXW VGYB PTLGV P
XPRGPH XLVVLY RNAFV VNPV
XPY TB SLFY TW P DPAP
LE DBLDHB: "VBB ELF VSL."
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE MANY FOLKS DON'T PERCEIVE ME AS A VERY BRAINY PERSON, I'D LIKE TO BE KEEN FOR A DAY. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS: 1 Coagulate, 5 Chooses, 9 Evil, 12 Staffer, 13 Father of Japheth, 14 Time of your life?, 15 Battle zone, often, 17 Member of a pride, 18 Unsophisticated, 19 Creates, 21 Yon bloke, 22 Use, 24 Cage components, 27 Cattle call, 28 Glasgow gal, 31 Retirement plan acronym, 32 Museum fill, 33 Sgt., 34 Quarter-bushel, 36 Where — at, 37 Crucial time. DOWN: 1 Eatery, 2 Old Italian money, 3 Smell, 4 Cents to dimes, or dimes to dollars, 5 Sans siblings, 6 Luau, 7 Author Amy, 8 Sometime Stoooge, 9 BBQ site, often, 10 Chills and fever, 11 Society newcomers, 16 Definite article, 20 Completely, 22 Heart line?, 23 Cook-ware, 24 Rend, 25 Anger, 26 Contrarily, 27 Cripple, 29 Vast expanse, 30 Bond, for one, 35 Chiang — shek, 37 Main meal, 39 Allude (to), 40 Orchestra's location of baseball lore, 42 October birth-stone, 43 Dangling site, 44 Tragic, 45 Oklahoma city, 46 Former attorney general, 49 Carnival city, 50 Sphere.

Solution time: 25 mins. YESTERDAY'S ANSWER: 6-20

