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



**Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



**Blondie** • Chic Young

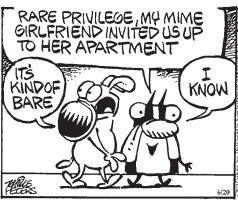


Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne





**Mother Goose and Grimm** • Mike Peters



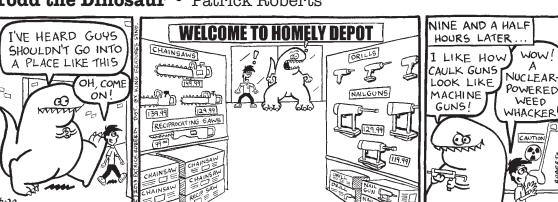


Sally Forth • Greg Howard





**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?

A: New York City's skyline with the Statue of Liberty is probably the world's most widely produced snow globe subject. Plastic globes were introduced in the 1950s, but construction of the Twin Towers wasn't completed until the early 1970s. So your globe isn't more than about 40 years old. While the Towers make your globe a touching souvenir, it would not sell for more than

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.

A: Brothers W.H. Martin and Charles Martin founded Martin Stove & Range Co. after buying two other stove companies in 1917. The new company made cast-iron hollowware from 1917 until 1952, including skillets, kettles, griddles, pans, sad irons and other items. Skillets, made in eight different sizes, sell today for prices based on size and condition. Recent prices go from about \$10 to more than \$50. Only a few sell for higher prices. Whatever your winning bid was at the auction is probably the wholesale price for the skillet. It probably would sell for more in a shop.

Q: I have a 1940s Clip-Craft erector set in its original cylindrical box. I can't find any information about the set.

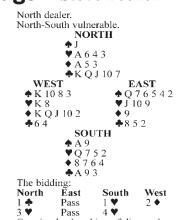
A: Your construction set was made by Clip-Craft Corp. of New York City. It was written up as a new toy in the December 1947 issue of Popular Science magazine. The set includes curves and rods, steel clips, aluminum sheets and wooden wheels. Pieces are held together by the clips rather than by nuts and bolts. The term "Erector Set" is a brand name trademarked by Alfred C. Gilbert, who patented his metal construction set in 1913. Gilbert's sets, made by the A.C. Gilbert Co. of New Haven, Conn., starting in 1916, were assembled with nuts and bolts.

Q: My cow creamer has been in our family for decades. Cream pours out of the cow's mouth, and the handle is its tail. The cow, in a sitting position, is 5 inches tall. The bottom is marked "Coventry, Made in U.S.A." and "5540B" in gold-colored ink. What is it worth?

A: Carrie Daum opened an artware business in Barberton, Ohio, in 1932. She called her business Dior Studios until 1936, when she changed its name to Coventry Ware Inc. In 1940 Daum added ceramic figurines and artware to her earlier lines of composition and plaster products. Your creamer and similar pieces most likely date from the 1940s. The creamer probably was designed by artist Elaine Carlock (1915-2012), who worked at Coventry before 1952. The 5540B mark is a shape number. Your creamer is collectible, but not rare. Depending on its condition and decoration, it would sell for \$25 to \$40.

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## **Bridge** • Steve Becker



#### Sylvia Learns How to Finesse

When Sylvia first learned to finesse, a wh new world opened up for her. She didn't rea understand exactly how a finesse worked, b 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

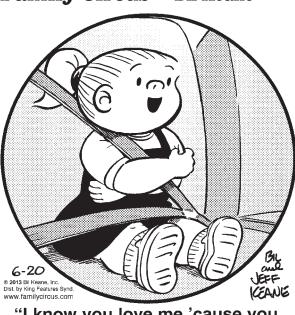
four hearts and gone down one. A diamond was invariably led and taken with the ace. When these declarers then played the ace and another heart, they had to decide whether or not to cover East's ten with the queen. Regardless of what they played, however,

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

mond trick, she was the only one in the room to make four hearts. (c)2013 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I know you love me 'cause you always fasten my seatbelt."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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This is a logic-based num-

ber 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.

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#### Cryptoquip

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#### **Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

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19 was nothing to the rest of the play. Sylvia trumped her remaining spade, got rid of two diamonds on 48 49 50 dummy's clubs, and though she later lost a dia-52