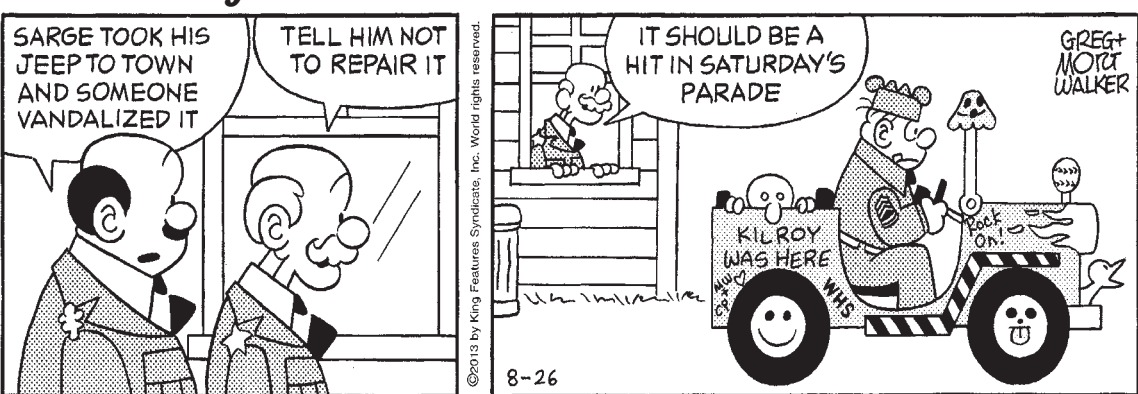


**Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



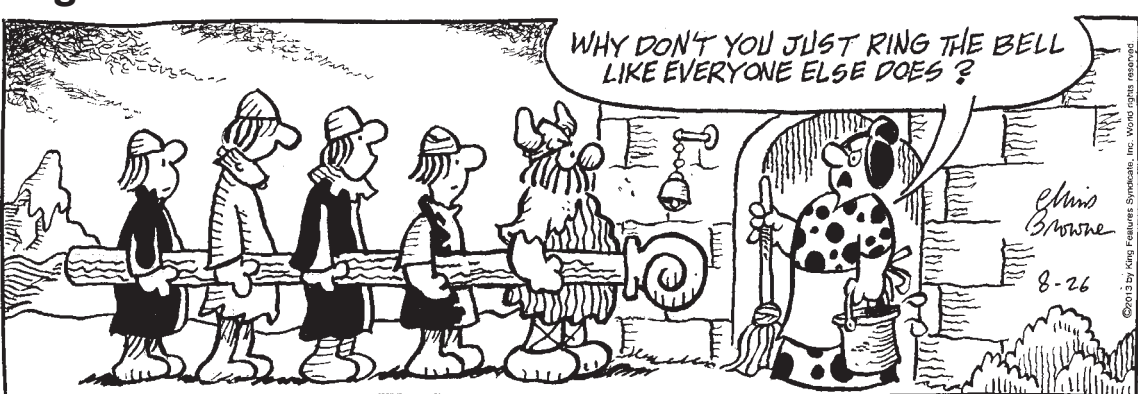
**Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



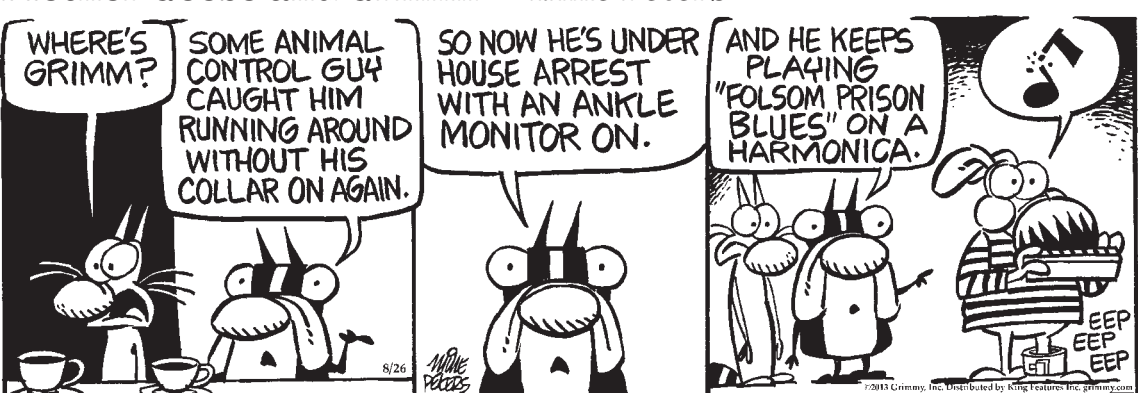
**Blondie** • Chic Young



**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

**Majolica stands are spectacular**

A Minton majolica centerpiece was auctioned in May 2013 as an "ice stand."  
Minton & Polson was established in 1793 in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England. The company started making majolica in about 1850. Some of these early pieces, marked "Minton," inspired majolica made after 1873, when the company often used the mark "Mintons."



Ice stands were pictured in the company's 1851 catalog. They were tall pieces meant to be used as spectacular centerpieces on a dining table. Each was a tall pedestal with a vase or dish-shaped piece at the top, a large "stem" and a group of small bowls or plates surrounding the pedestal, sometimes at two levels.  
The stands held ice or ice shavings and sauces for dessert. But as one expert has said, they were "more ornamental than functional."

An 1865 Minton ice stand decorated with stag heads, wolves and pine cones sold for \$8,610 at a May 2013 Neal auction in New Orleans.

**Q:** For years my family has owned an antique spool bed (the kind with spool-turned head and foot boards). Everyone always called it a "Jenny Lind bed." Please tell me why.

**A:** Jenny Lind (1820-1887) was a world-famous opera singer known as the "Swedish Nightingale." She became a huge celebrity in the United States when she toured here in 1850 to '52 at the invitation of P.T. Barnum, a master promoter. American advertisers used her to promote everything from hats and gloves to pianos and beds.

Lind is said to have slept in a spool-turned bed while on the tour - so furniture makers started calling the popular style a "Jenny Lind bed." The style is still often advertised that way.

**Tip:** Never wrap your painting in bubble wrap so that the wrap touches the painted surface. In time, the plastic will leave marks.

**CORRECTION:** A reader noticed that in a question run several weeks ago about the Shmoo character in the Li'l Abner comic strip, we wrote the plural incorrectly. A group of the friendly creatures is a group of "shmooos." They live in the Valley of the Shmoo.

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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

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

The bidding:  
1♦ North East South West  
1♥ Pass 1♥ 3♣  
4♥

Opening lead — five of clubs.

**Famous Hand**

This deal occurred in the playoff to determine the U.S. representative to the 1989 world team championship. The deal was played in both semi-final matches, and four hearts by South was the final contract at all four tables.

At three of the tables, declarer had no trouble making the game after the opening lead of a spade or the ace of clubs by West. Things took a different turn, though, when John Mohan held the West hand.

Looking at very little in the way of high cards, Mohan decided that his best chance to defeat the contract was to obtain a diamond ruff before trumps were drawn. This meant finding East with an immediate entry.

Mohan could not be sure where East's entry might be located, or if East even had one, but eventually he opted for the daring lead of the five of clubs!

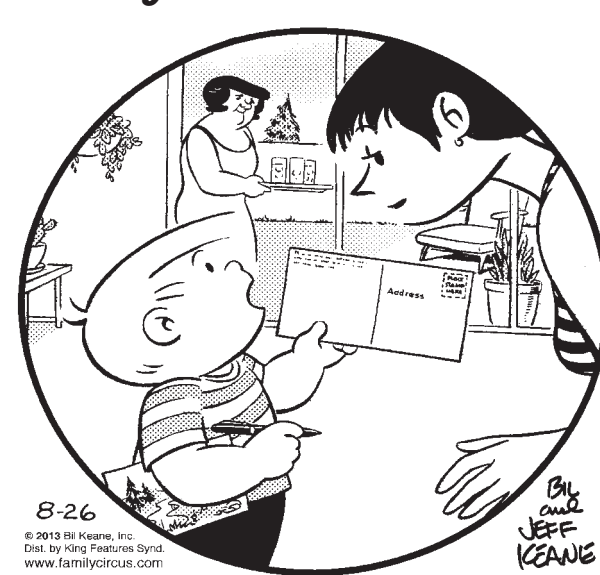
This worked out as well as Mohan could ever have expected. East, Roger Bates, put up the king. When it held the trick, it was not difficult for him - looking at the 11 diamonds between his own hand and dummy - to figure out why his partner had underled the club ace. Any doubt he might have had was resolved by the fact that West had led his lowest club as a suit-preference signal.

So at trick two, Bates returned a low diamond, ruffed by West. Mohan then cashed the ace of clubs and continued with a third club. Declarer ruffed with dummy's jack, but East overruffed with the queen and led a second diamond for West to ruff. South thus lost the first five tricks, giving Mohan's team a substantial pickup on the deal.

Underleading an ace against a suit contract is always a risky proposition, as it will fail far more often than it succeeds. If it works, though, it's a surefire way to get your name in the newspaper!

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



"Is it okay to tell Grandma Keane I'm havin' a good time at Grandma Carne's?"

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 8/26

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.

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

**Cryptoquip**

H C M V C C K M S G Y E Q G K K E  
X T M W S C T K O O J V K S W P L M  
T V Q Q Y Y T Z D J J K X , M L C S C X C C Z X  
M J H C T P S C T M O W X - D T S J O E .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IN "THE GODFATHER," DON CORLEONE WAS A VERY INFLUENTIAL GUY. HE EVEN HAD SPECIAL VITO POWER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals E

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

- |               |             |                    |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b> | <b>DOWN</b> | <b>19</b> Bohemian |
| 1 Snit        | 1 Skirt     | 20 Steal           |
| 5 PC key      | edge        | from               |
| 8 Head        | 2 Nogales   | 21 Dutch           |
| sculpture     | numeral     | cheese             |
| 12 Military   | 37 Cherub's | 22 Taboo           |
| recruit       | superior    | act                |
| 14 "Beetle    | 40 Ph. bk.  | ailment            |
| Bailey"       | info        | 4 Digit            |
| 41 MPs'       | 5 Slightly  | 23 Act of          |
| dog           | quarry      | singing            |
| 15 Everest,   | 42 Park     | 6 Hawaiian         |
| e.g.          | squirt      | the                |
| 16 Unfavor-   | 47 Money    | 8 Dwarfed          |
| able          | 48 Be       | 27 "Why            |
| votes         | situated    | not?"              |
| 17 Deity      | beneath     | 29 Halt            |
| 18 Dots'      | 49 Sand-    | 31 Table           |
| mates         | wich        | scrap              |
| 20 Get more   | cookie      | 33 Theater         |
| mag-          | 50 Shel-    | district           |
| azines        | tered       | 10 Eyelid          |
| 23 Antitoxins | side        | problem            |
| 24 Smell      | 51 Final    | 11 Pitch           |
| 25 Strength-  | notice      | 13 Pack            |
| en            |             | away               |
| 28 Prohibit   |             |                    |
| 29 Charlie    |             |                    |
| Brown's       |             |                    |
| sister        |             |                    |
| 30 Zodiac     |             |                    |
| cat           |             |                    |
| 32 Embarr-    |             |                    |
| ass,          |             |                    |
| and then      |             |                    |
| some          |             |                    |
| 34 Piglet's   |             |                    |
| papa          |             |                    |

Saturday's answer 8-26

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12				13				14			
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			17				18	19			
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