

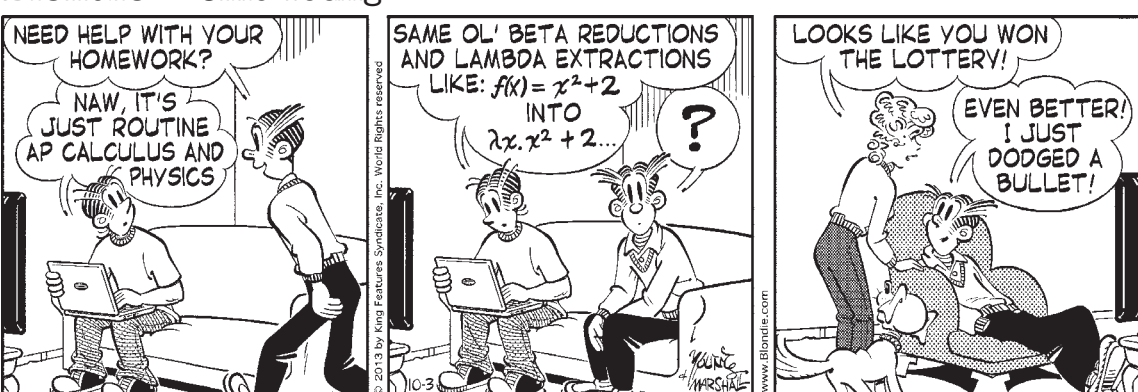
Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



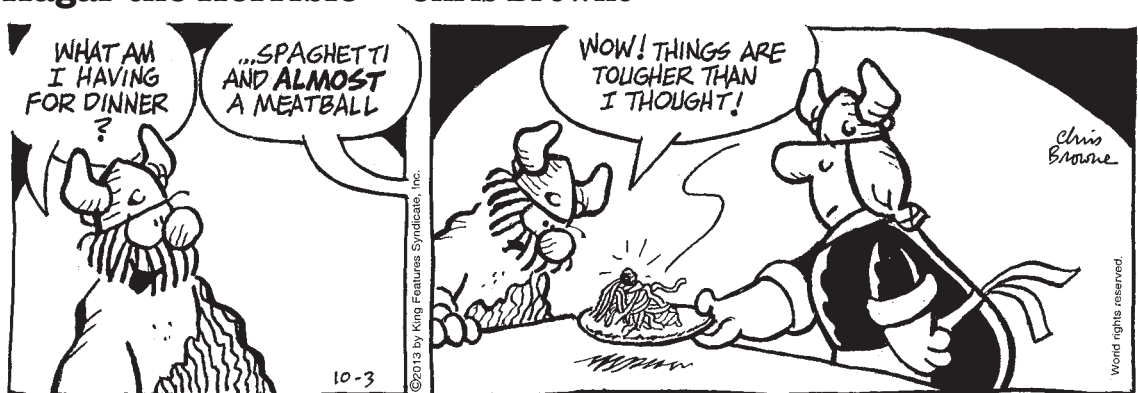
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



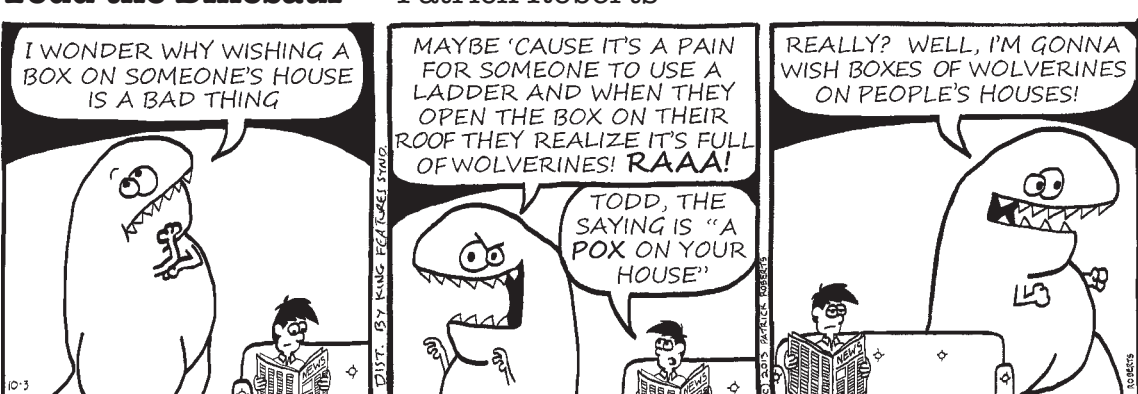
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



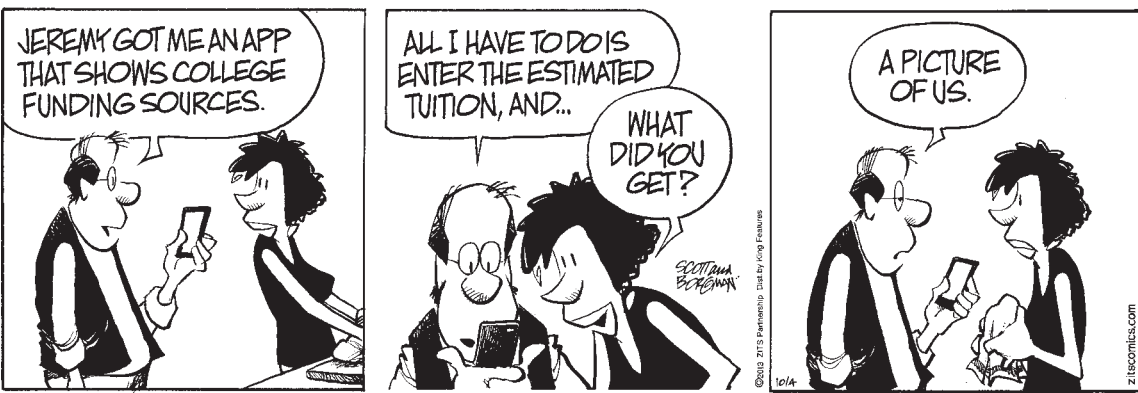
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel
• Antiques and Collecting

Dollhouse value high if pristine

Q: We have a Marx metal dollhouse, purchased in 1956 that's still in its original, unopened carton. Please tell us what it's worth today.

A: Louis Marx and Co. was founded in New York City in 1919 and closed in 1978. In the early 1950s, it was the largest toy company in the world.

Marx introduced its first metal dollhouses in 1949 and continued to sell a variety of dollhouses into the 1970s. Most sets included plastic furniture and dollhouse-size plastic dolls.

The value of your unopened dollhouse set depends on the house's design and size. It could sell for \$200 to \$350. (A furnished house that has been played with would sell for only about \$25 to \$50.)

Q: I have a perfect set of dishes, marked "Monarch China, Made in Occupied Japan, Montana Rose." The pieces are decorated with roses and trimmed in gold. There are 96 pieces in the set, which includes 12 place settings and various serving pieces.

Can you tell me something about the dishes and how much they're worth?

A: Your dishes were made between 1947 and 1952, when Allied forces occupied Japan after World War II. They were made specifically for export. Sets of Monarch China's "Montana Rose" pattern dishes have sold recently for \$120 to \$250.

Q: My aunt gave me a silver tea set that includes a coffeepot, teapot, sugar, creamer and tray. The coffeepot has a mark on the bottom that says "1883" with a crown in the middle of the number. It also says "F.B. Rogers Silver Co." I know it's old, but I'd like to know if it's considered an antique, if it's real silver and if it has any value.

A: F.B. Rogers Silver Co. was founded in Shelburne Falls, Mass., in 1883. It moved to Taunton, Mass., in 1886 and became a division of National Silver in 1955. The mark on your coffeepot was used for several years after 1886.

F.B. Rogers made silver-plated tea sets in different styles and sizes. The largest sets include a waste bowl with a lid and a coffee urn. The company also made silver-plated flatware and sterling-silver flatware.

The value for your tea set depends on its condition, style and the total number of pieces in the set. A five-piece set that included a waste bowl sold for \$175 earlier this year.

Tip: Watercolors and sketches should be kept out of sunlight. Hang framed works on a wall that is shaded.

Terry Kovel answers as many questions as possible through the column. Write to Kovel, (Colby Free Press), King Features Syndicate, 300 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019. (c) 2013 by Cowles Syndicate Inc.

Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ K Q 5
♥ Q 5
♦ J 9 8 6 4
♣ A J 2

WEST
♦ J 10 9 7
♥ A 9 8 2
♦ K 5
♣ 9 5 3

EAST
♠ 6 4 3
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ A Q 10 7
♣ 8 6

SOUTH
♦ A 8 2
♥ K 10 3
♦ 3 2
♣ K Q 10 7 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♦ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
3 ♣ Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — jack of spades.

Eternal Vigilance
Let's say you're West and that the opponents reach three notrump as shown. You lead the jack of spades, which South wins with the ace. Declarer returns the three of hearts, and you naturally follow low. Dummy wins with the queen, whereupon South cashes five clubs and two more spades, scoring nine tricks all told. Only then do you realize that you could have defeated the contract by rising with the ace of hearts at trick two and playing the king and another diamond.

If you are not inclined to be self-critical, you could promptly dismiss the hand and go on to the next deal. You might also argue that the winning defense is much easier to find when you can see all four hands rather than just two.

But if you study the situation more closely, you discover that going up with the ace of hearts and shifting to the K-5 of diamonds is not as crazy as it seems. In fact, it's the only sensible thing to do!

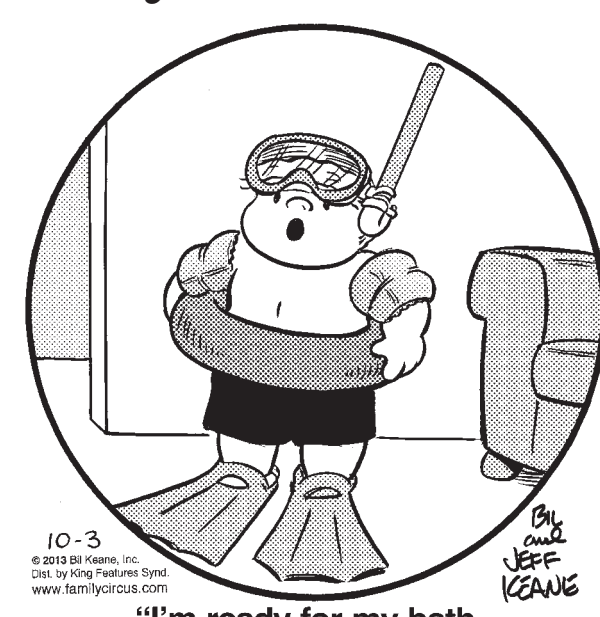
It is obvious from the bidding and from South's play at trick two that he can cash five club tricks at will. He cannot be missing the king or queen of clubs or he would be tackling clubs at once instead of hearts. In addition, declarer has three spade winners whenever he chooses to take them.

South is therefore known to have eight cashable tricks and is trying to steal a ninth at trick two. Your only chance to stop him is to go up with the ace of hearts and shift to diamonds, hoping to hit partner with four or five diamonds headed by the A-Q-10.

The odds are certainly against finding East with this precise holding, but that's just about the only real chance you have to defeat the contract.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/03

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.

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

Cryptoquip

X CSAPO BYXWU BYNB

NPVSZB NWI XPPAZBJXSZA

LJXBZY QAI CYS'Z LDDW

UWXQYBDO YNZ N ZXJ-WNVD

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A GUY'S DIET CONSISTS SOLELY OF FOOD AT TRAVELING AMUSEMENT SHOWS, IS HE CARNIVAL-OUS?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals W

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Bivouac
5 Central
8 Gloating, maybe
12 Culture medium
13 Guitar's kin
14 Greek vowel
15 Legislation
16 Born
17 Target
18 Godlike
20 Makes harmonious
22 Blond shade
23 Reaction to pyrotechnics
24 Flop on stage
27 Vaccinate
32 Lawyers' org.
33 PBS supporter
34 Promptly
35 Hermetic
38 Curved molding
39 Barracks bed

DOWN
40 "Brain" of a PC
42 Same old story
45 State-of-the-art
49 Les Étais —
50 Midafternoon, in a way
52 Exceptional
53 Power
54 Rouen refusal
55 Addict
56 Nervous
57 Yank
58 Information

2 Malaria symptom
3 African nation
4 Kind of house
5 Snacking on
6 Eisenhower
7 Sandra and Ruby
8 Enlist
9 Being a freeloader
10 Mormon state
11 Guys' companions
19 Exists
21 Second person
24 31-Down's remark
25 Sapporo sash
26 Paraders' activity
28 "Doesn't thrill me"
29 Like accessories, often
30 "Sesame Street"
31 Ram's mate
36 Warm and cozy
37 "Monty Python" opener
38 Pass on the track
41 Circle ratio
42 Discourteous
43 Oklahoma city
44 Clue
46 Relaxation
47 Staff
48 His and —
51 Debtor's letters

Yesterday's answer 10-3

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	26			27	28	29		30	31	
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