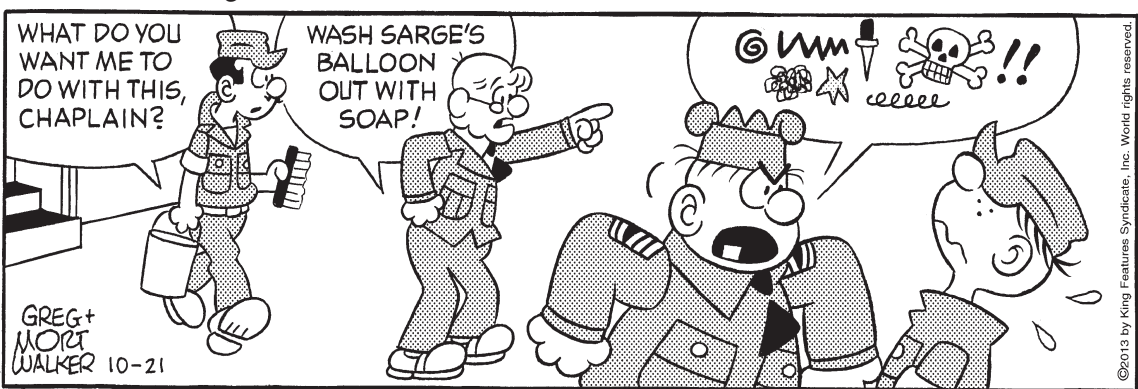


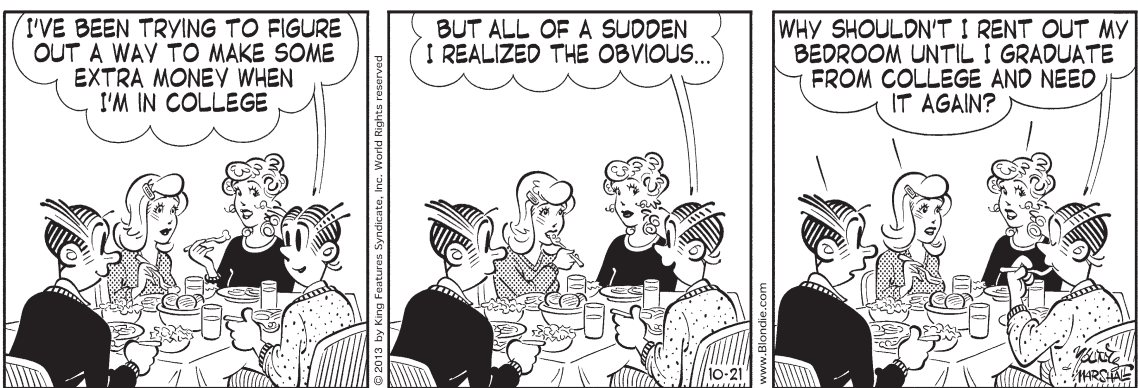
Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



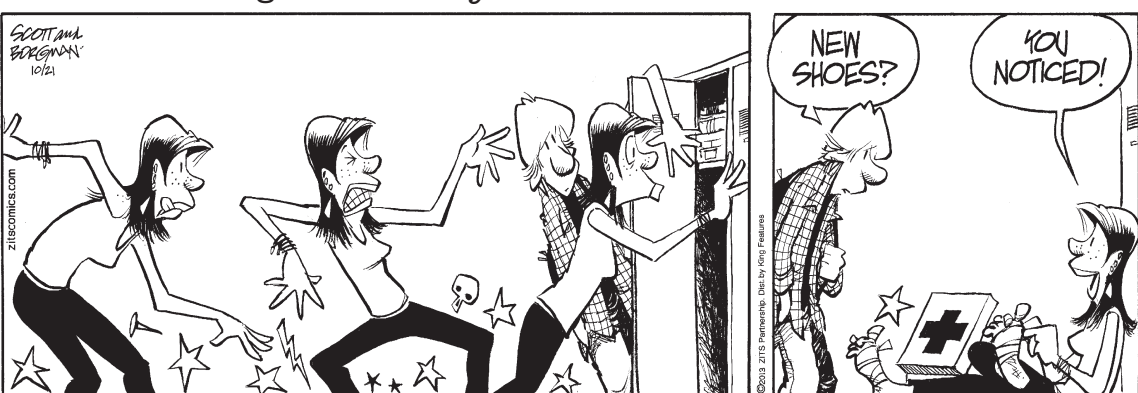
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



This 7-inch fabric ball, stitched by hand in about 1900, recently sold for \$165 at Keepers Antiques in Chichester, N.H.



Terry Kovel
• Antiques and Collecting

Print fabric made soft toys

Our Victorian ancestors made many of the toys their children played with. Inexpensive printed fabrics were designed to be cut out and sewn into dolls, games or toys. The fabric usually pictured all the parts of a colorful toy. There also were printed instructions explaining how to assemble the pieces and, if necessary, how to stuff it. We have seen stuffed Christmas stockings made from prints that featured Santa, evergreens and other Christmas decorations.

There were many versions of "Pin the Tail on the Donkey." A similar game made in about 1900, called "The Monkey Donation Party Game," was made from a white fabric with a black printed monkey holding a stitched-on circular piece with the words "Please put a penny in the cap."

During the first quarter of the 20th century, many manufactured fabrics could be made into advertising dolls. Printed fabric was inexpensive to make and to mail.

An unusual printed toy of that period is a ball made of six colored oval pieces. Each piece pictures a baby holding a finished ball. It was made in 1900 by Art Fabric Mills, and the fabric included printed instructions and the words and music of a lullaby.

A collector recently paid \$165 for a homemade ball in unfaded condition, but the uncut pattern sells for more - about \$200 to \$300. A flat piece of fabric can be framed and displayed on a wall. The assembled ball is less decorative.

Tip: If you're polishing a wooden-handled copper or silver teapot, be sure to cover the wood so it's not stained by the metal polish.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ 1 NT
2 ♦ 2 ♥ 3 ♥ Dble
3 ♠ 4 ♥ 4 ♠ Pass
Pass Dble 5 ♦ Dble
Opening lead — six of hearts.

Famous Hand

The United States won the 1993 world women's team championship, defeating Germany in the 128-deal final by a score of 325 IMPs to 272 to capture the Venice Cup. The match was virtually even at the halfway point, but the Americans pulled away in the third quarter and coasted to victory.

The winners gained one-third of their final margin on this deal, which occurred early in the match. The bidding shown took place when Sharon Osberg and Sue Picus held the North-South cards for the U.S.

After Picus opened with one diamond, a highly competitive auction ensued. East-West (Beate Nehmert and Waltraud Vogt) located their 11-card heart fit, but the Germans made a critical misjudgment when they elected to double four spades and then five diamonds, which proved unbeatable.

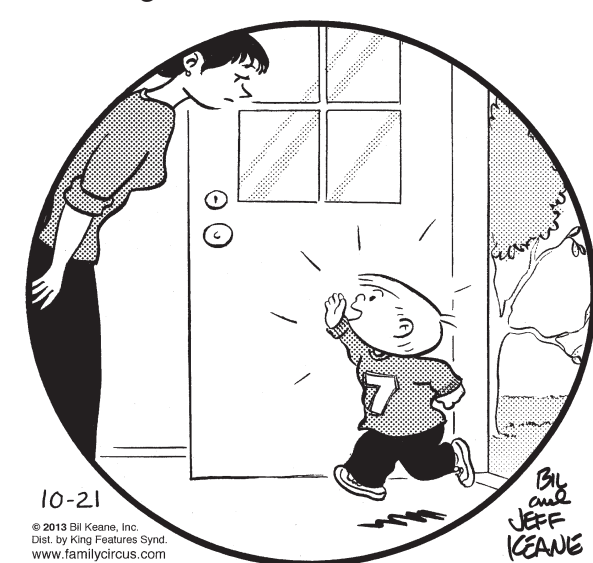
Picus ruffed Vogt's opening heart lead and had no trouble placing the missing queens, given East's one-notrump overcall. Picus led a diamond to the ace at trick two and a spade to the jack at trick three. The A-K of spades were cashed, followed by a fourth spade from dummy.

East had to ruff (if she refused to ruff either this spade or the next one, declarer would discard two clubs and finish with an overtrick). When East ruffed, declarer overruffed, cashed the diamond king, crossed to the diamond jack and discarded a club on dummy's remaining spade to make exactly five for a score of plus 750.

At the other table, the U.S. East-West pair of Karen McCallum and Kerri Sanborn pressed on to five hearts, were doubled and wound up making six - +1,050 - when the defenders failed to cash their two spade tricks at the outset. The combined total of 1,800 points gave the U.S. a pickup of 18 IMPs on the deal.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Coach is still not playin' me, but he told me I can be the leader of the high-fiving!"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 10/21

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

Cryptoquip

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Y X U - TR Z A E Q N H D O E C ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHY HAVE I SEEN POLITICIAN MITT EVERYWHERE AT ALL TIMES? BECAUSE HE MUST BE ROMNEY-PRESENT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals P

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Old fogy
5 Feminine pronoun
8 Related (to)
12 Huge
14 Unless, in law
15 Bilko, for one
16 Money
17 Little devil
18 Antipasto morsels
20 Wild West show
23 Unsigned (Abbr.)
24 Greek vowels
25 Beetle Bailey, e.g.
28 Accomplished
29 Plant bristles
30 Raw mineral
32 Bligh or Hook
34 Academic
35 "Time" founder Henry
36 Language of Cardiff

DOWN
37 Silas of "The Da Vinci Code" was one
40 Plead
41 Trickery
42 Klinger of "M*A*S*H," e.g.
47 Cordelia's dad
48 Flaw in a board
49 Underwater vessels
50 Piglet's mama
51 Pinochle ploy
2 Individual
3 Golden, in
4 Wild parties
5 Cleanser
6 Attila, for instance
7 Tallinn resident
8 Severe chest problem
9 Chicken
10 Capri or Wight
11 Young lice
13 Office note
19 Specialty of 27-Down
20 Scarlet related
21 Baby's father
23 Band-leader
25 Symbols of pride
26 33-Down, e.g.
27 Son of Aphrodite
29 Dazzle
31 Biblical verb suffix
33 Needle-nose implement
34 Large unit of resistance
36 Cried
37 Piercing gadgets
38 Stead
39 Spill the beans
40 Forehead
43 Yoko of music
44 Fish eggs
45 Completely
46 Started

Saturday's answer 10-21

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
	32		33				34			
			35				36			
37	38	39			40					
41				42	43			44	45	46
47				48						
49				50				51		