

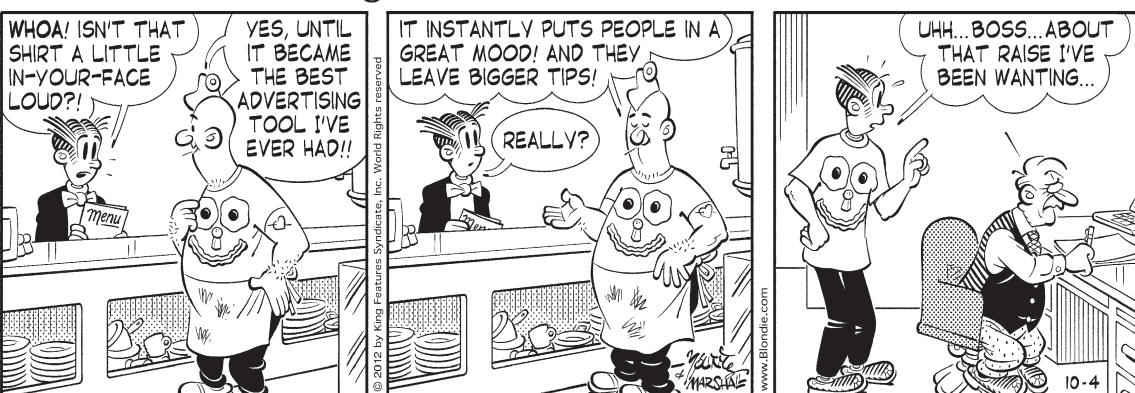
Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



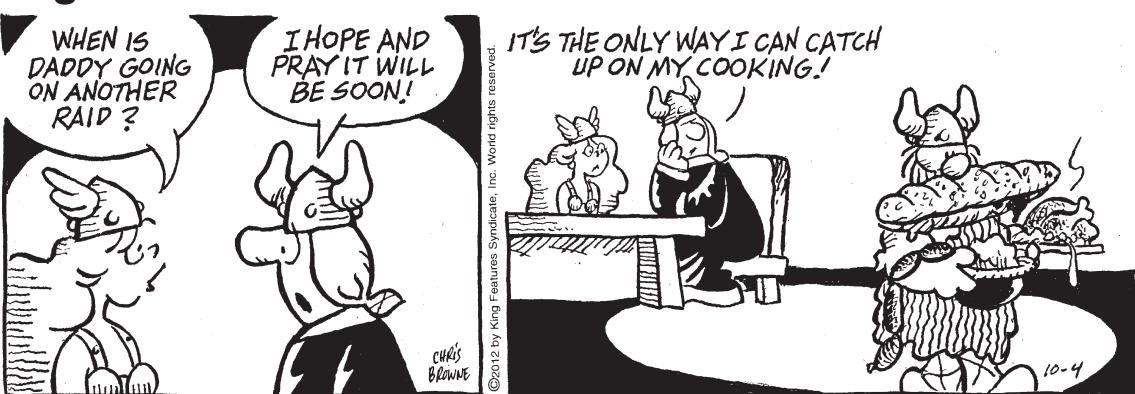
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



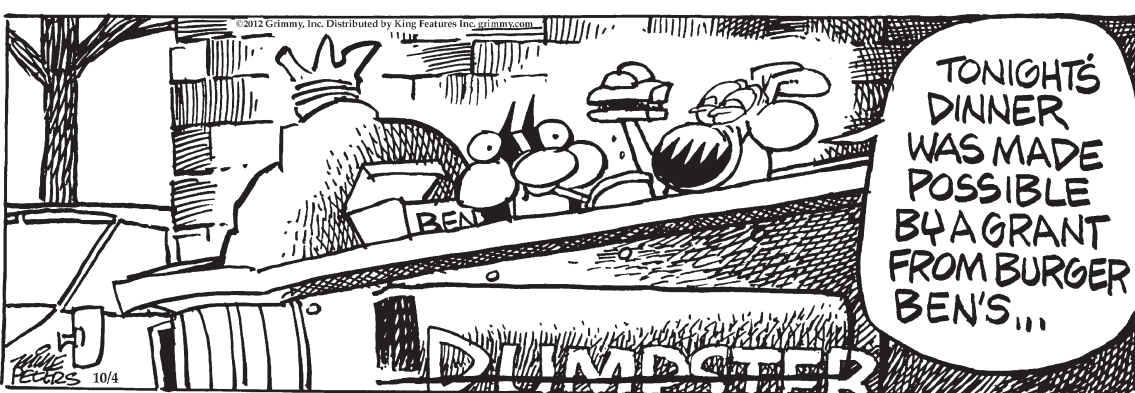
Blondie • Chic Young



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



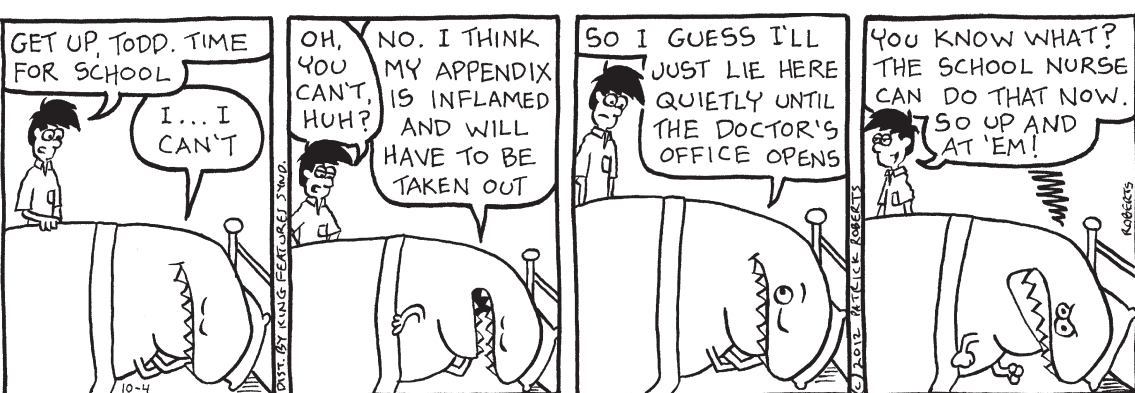
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel
• Antiques and Collecting

Etching's maker was British actor

Q: Years ago, my great-aunt gave me a hand-colored etching done by Robert Dighton in 1802. It's 9 by 12 inches and shows an actor named Mr. Braham playing the character of Orlando from Shakespeare's play "As You Like It." My great-aunt thought it was worth some money.

A: Robert Dighton (c.1752-1814) was a British actor and printmaker. His first prints were for John Bell's edition of Shakespeare's works (1775-76). He eventually made etchings of actors, actresses, military officers and lawyers and sold his prints at his own London shop.

He wound up in legal trouble when it was discovered that he had stolen some of his store's stock from the British Museum, but he wasn't prosecuted. Even if your print is an original and in great shape, it would probably not sell for more than \$100. And it is possible your print is a copy of the original and worth very little. It should be seen by an expert to be sure.

Q: I inherited an antique doll I was told dates from the 1800s. It is a 21-inch-tall boy doll with a cloth body. I think the head is bisque. It's marked "Effanbee." His features are painted on. He is wearing black pants and a tan jacket that has buttons with the word "Effanbee" on them. Is the doll valuable?

A: Dolls marked "Effanbee" were made by Fleischaker & Baum (F & B) of New York. The company was founded in 1912 by Bernard Fleischaker and Hugo Baum, so your doll is not as old as you thought. The mark can help you date your doll. If the word "Effanbee" has a capital letter at the beginning, followed by lowercase letters, it is an early mark. All capital letters were used beginning in 1923. After 1923, the middle letters, "an," were written in smaller capital letters. The company changed hands several times and is now owned by Tonner Doll Co. of Kingston, N.Y. If your doll is in fair condition, it's worth about \$200. In mint condition, it might sell for \$500.

CURRENT PRICES

Current prices are recorded from antiques shows, flea markets, sales and auctions throughout the U.S. Prices vary in different locations.

Political poster, "Everett C. Benton for Governor," Massachusetts, cardboard, gray ground, navy letters, 1912, 22 x 18 inches, \$65.

Lady's black ankle spats, wool, 11 black buttons and metal eyes, labeled "Weedies Bootops," patent dates Sept. 21, 1915, and May 15, 1910, 10 x 7 inches, \$65.

Enid Collins box purse, bird design on front, orange, yellow, green, iridescent green and faux-pearl flowers, white plastic handle, hinged, 1960s, 11 x 6 inches, \$85.

Buss Fuses advertising display, tin lithograph, silhouette of man by car, "Why Be Helpless When Fuses Blow?" yellow and blue ground, black letters, 1950s, 9 5/8 x 6 x 3 3/4 inches, \$110.

Child's chair, japanned bamboo, woven reed seat, c. 1880, 25 inches, \$395.

Roseville Pottery vase, Windsor pattern, fern design in green and gold over muted blue mottled glaze, c.1931, 7 1/4 x 7 1/2 inches, \$650.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 3
♥ A 7 4 3
♦ K 10 3 2
♣ A 8 7 5

WEST
♠ A J 9 6 2
♥ 10 9 8
♦ 9 7 5
♣ 10 3

EAST
♠ K Q 5 4
♥ J 6 5 2
♦ J 8
♣ 6 4 2

SOUTH
♠ 10 8 7
♥ K Q
♦ A Q 6 4
♣ K Q J 9

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♣ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 NT Pass 3 ♣ Pass
3 ♣ Pass 3 NT Pass
6 ♣

Opening lead — ten of hearts.

Precision Bidding
This deal is from the 1989 North American Men's Swiss Team Championship. The bidding shown occurred when Eric Rodwell and Jeff Meckstroth of the winning team held the North-South cards.

Meckstroth-Rodwell use the Precision Club system, which has found favor with a number of world-class pairs. The sequence that led to six clubs, combined with what transpired at the other table, demonstrates how a forcing club system can sometimes prove far superior to standard bidding methods.

Meckstroth's one-club opening promised 16 or more points, and Rodwell's two-spade response showed a three-suited hand with eight or more high-card points. The two-notrump rebid asked North to clarify his shape, and the three-club response showed precisely 4-4-4-1 distribution with the singleton in spades.

South's three-diamond bid asked North for his point count, and the three-notrump response showed an 11- or 12-point hand containing two aces and a king. With his partner's hand virtually an open book, Meckstroth had no trouble bidding the club slam. When both minor suits divided normally, there proved to be nothing to the play.

When the opposing team, using standard bidding methods, held the North-South cards at the other table, the bidding went:

South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♦ Pass 3 NT

West led a spade, and the defense quickly collected the first five tricks for down one, giving Meckstroth-Rodwell's team a 970-point gain (14 IMPs) on the deal.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Little Billy draws up one more of his family observations.

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/04

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

Cryptoquip

K Z U B I T B C J I K K X T U I

J I T N R I U X M R K V I N C I H

B G I K I H Z K G I K K M V D B G, Z K

E M U H T E M U H M E E M U H D I?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE YOU NEVER BEAT THAT ENEMY DURING THE THIRD MONTH, I GUESS YOU HAVE A MARCH-NEMESIS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals S

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ice cream flavor, for short
 - 5 Greek mountain
 - 8 Raced
 - 12 Head light?
 - 13 Sister
 - 14 Super-hero garb
 - 15 Right angles
 - 16 Powerful stick
 - 17 Vicinity
 - 18 Like some desserts
 - 20 Mideast nation
 - 22 "— the fields we go"
 - 23 Skillet
 - 24 Energizes, with "up"
 - 27 Geometric curve
 - 32 401(k) alternative
 - 33 Leave unpaid
 - 34 Charged bit
- DOWN**
- 10 Duel tool
 - 11 Bargain
 - 19 Exist
 - 21 Hot tub
 - 24 Spot on a die
 - 25 Geological period
 - 26 Eden
 - 28 Dumb-founded
 - 29 Faith
 - 30 Bagel topping
 - 31 Whatever number
 - 36 Out of bed
 - 37 Meadow
 - 38 Source of streaming video
 - 41 Biz abbr.
 - 42 Postal codes, for short
 - 43 Reed instrument
 - 44 Dressed
 - 46 Biography
 - 47 Count
 - 48 Hit the horn
 - 51 Id partner

Solution time: 25 mins.

F	A	R	O	A	L	L	S	U	L	K
A	N	O	N	F	E	E	K	N	E	E
U	N	D	E	R	T	O	W	A	D	A
N	E	E	D	E	D	O	T	E	R	S
T	R	U	E	H	E	L	P	S	E	E
H	U	N	O	T	E	S	E	E	K	
E	N	D	A	A	U	T	O	M	A	L
E	L	M	O	N	C	E				
T	O	R	I	E	S		U	T	T	E
A	D	D	S				U	N	D	E
R	I	O	T				R	U	E	T
P	E	G	S				E	B	B	C

Yesterday's answer 10-4

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			52		
53						54				55		
56						57				58		