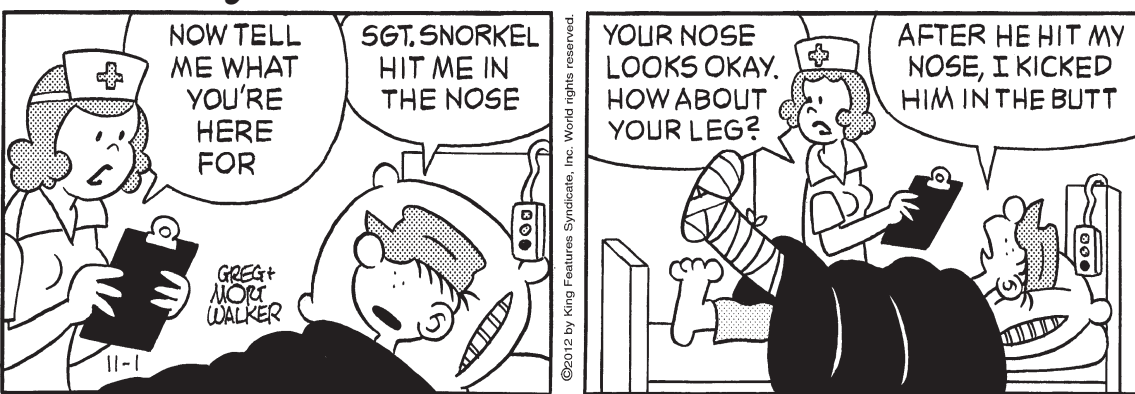


**Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



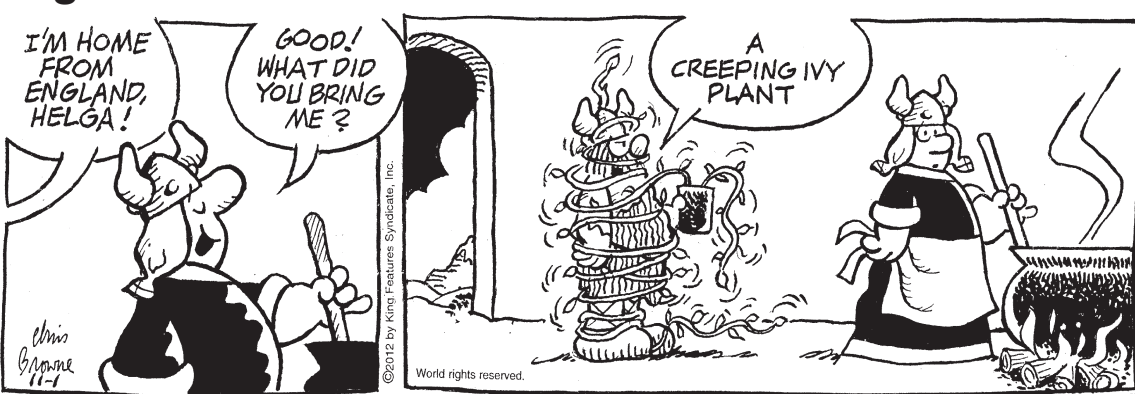
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**Blondie** • Chic Young



**Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne



**Mother Goose and Grimm** • Mike Peters



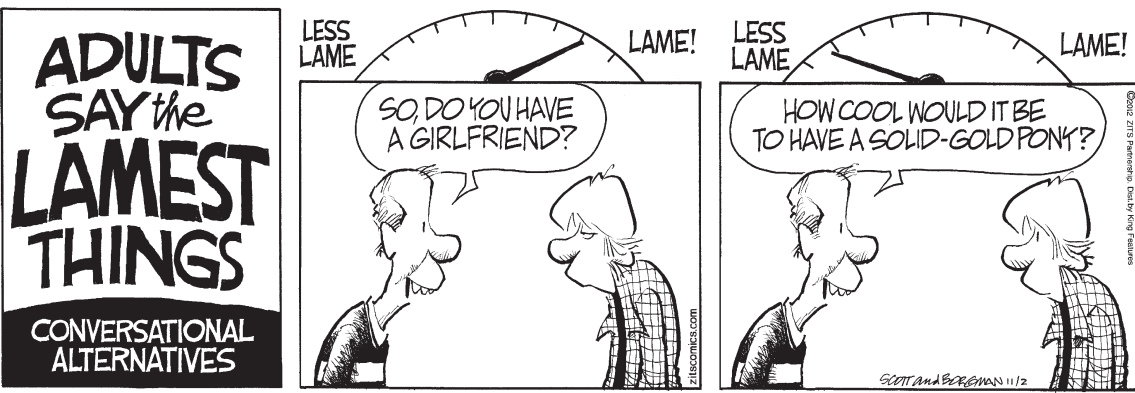
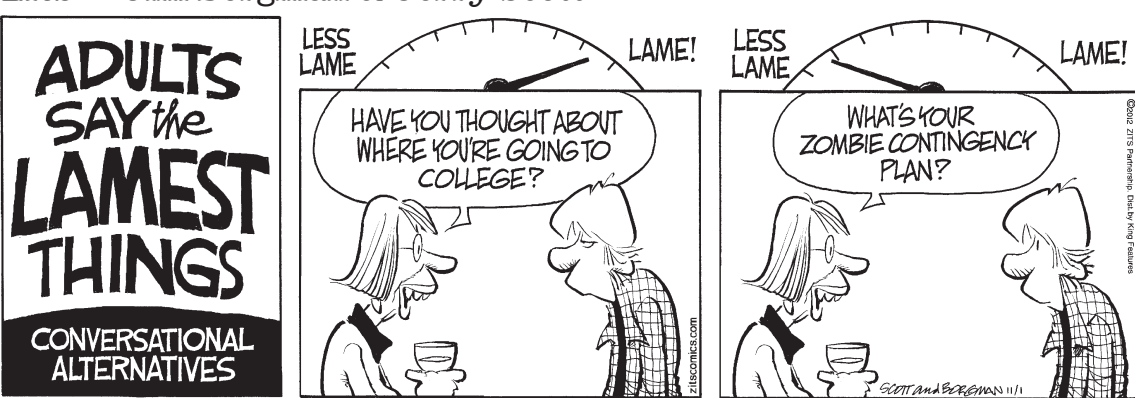
**Sally Forth** • Greg Howard



**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Terry Kovel**  
 • Antiques and Collecting  
**Millar Fillmore a Know Nothing**

**Q:** I have a printed piece of paper granting power to members of the "Know Nothing" party of Oneida County, N.Y. I would like to know the document's value.

**A:** The Know Nothing Party was active in U.S. politics during the 1840s and 1850s. The party's beliefs were anti-immigrant and anti-Catholic. Party members resented competition for jobs from immigrants and wanted to ban immigrants from holding government jobs. When asked about their beliefs, party members said, "I know nothing."

The Know Nothings adopted "American Party" as their official name in 1854 and won several elections. In 1856 Millard Fillmore, U.S. president from 1850 to 1853 as a member of the Whig Party, ran as the American Party candidate. He finished last. Disagreement over slavery ultimately destroyed the American Party, and by the 1860s it was gone.

Memorabilia from the party is rare. If your document is original, it could be valuable. Any auction house that sells political memorabilia would be interested in taking a look at it. A Know Nothing Flag recently sold for \$42,300 at auction.

**Q:** Can you tell me something about my folding advertising card for Blackwell Durham Smoking Tobacco?

When it is unfolded, you can see the face of Ulysses S. Grant. When it's folded, the bottom half of Grant's face is covered by half of another portrait so it looks like another person's face. The verse under this second portrait is: "Come all you true born Democrats, you hardy hearts of oak, who know a thing when it is good and Blackwell's Durham Smoke. Gaze on this face and you will see your presidential nominee, the sage and statesman S.J.T."

The verse under Grant's portrait is: "And all you good Republicans will surely be enchanted when you behold the visage here and take the fact for Granted that he will win, if he will be Your Presidential nominee, the soldier hero U.S.G." Another verse includes an ad for the tobacco, saying it "suits every taste, no matter what, Republican or Democrat." Who is S.J.T.? When would this card have been made?

**A:** You have a famous metamorphic advertising card. It dates from 1876, the year Samuel J. Tilden (S.J.T.) was the Democratic Party's nominee for U.S. president.

Ulysses S. Grant was just finishing his second term in office, and there was some talk of his running for a third term. The card must have been printed before the Republican nomination went to Rutherford B. Hayes.

Cards that combined advertising and political messages were popular from about 1875 to 1920. They are now considered "cross-collectibles" wanted by collectors of political memorabilia and by collectors of antique advertising.

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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ 9 3  
 ♥ K 10 9 8  
 ♦ A K J 4 2  
 ♣ Q 5

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

**EAST**  
 ♠ J 10 8 2  
 ♥ Q 7 4  
 ♦ 9 5  
 ♣ K 9 7 4

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ K 6 4  
 ♥ A J 6 5 2  
 ♦ Q 10 7  
 ♣ A 3

The bidding:  
 North 1♦ Pass South 1♥ Pass West 2♥ Pass 4♥ Pass  
 Opening lead — jack of clubs.

**A Matter of Self-Preservation**  
 Declarer often encounters a situation where it is more dangerous to have one defender on lead than the other and must do all he can to prevent this from happening. Here is an unusual case where South applied the principle twice in the same hand.

West led the jack of clubs, and declarer counted his potential losers. He realized that he might lose a trump trick (if he misguessed the trump situation), a club trick and two spade tricks. The only way he could lose two spade tricks, though, was if East gained the lead and returned a spade through the king, and West had the ace. Otherwise, South could eventually discard two spades on dummy's diamonds.

South therefore embarked on a line of play that was designed to keep East off lead. His first step was not to play the queen of clubs from dummy at trick one. This eliminated all chance of East ever obtaining the lead with a club.

After the jack held, West led another club to South's ace, and declarer now pursued his overall plan by leading a trump to the king and finessing the ten on the way back.

When the finesse succeeded, South drew the last trump and claimed 11 tricks. But note that he would have been on equally firm ground had the trump finesse lost to the doubleton queen in West's hand. In that case, he would have finished with only 10 tricks, but he still would have made the contract.

In tackling the trumps as he did, declarer was not so much interested in guessing the location of the queen as he was in making sure that if he lost a trump trick, it would be to West, not East. With West on lead, the contract was secure.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



"Sorry, Sam. Nobody gave out doggy treats this year."

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/01

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/11

**Cryptoquip**

OW APX TZPUOIVI PUVZCONGY  
 KPINOCN WPZ GONG-ZLCHOCN  
 VCNKOQG TVVZQ, GLUV  
 APX TXY XT APXZ IXHVQ?  
 Yesterday's Cryptoquip: YEARLY AUTUMN HOLIDAY DURING WHICH PEOPLE DRESS UP IN ANGEL AND SAINT COSTUMES: HALO-WEEN.  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals Y

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**  
 1 Smooth-talking  
 5 Water barrier  
 8 Urban pall  
 12 Places  
 13 "Where did — wrong?"  
 14 Ocean motion  
 15 Enthusiastic, plus  
 16 — de  
 17 One  
 18 Cognitive  
 20 Dry cleaner's challenges  
 22 Acapulco gold  
 23 Branch  
 24 Freeway access  
 27 Small details  
 32 Peyton's brother  
 33 Alias (Abbr.)  
 34 Sharp turn
- DOWN**  
 1 Glitz  
 2 Theater box  
 3 PC picture  
 4 Circus tent  
 5 Embassy bigwig  
 6 Turkish title  
 7 Peat source  
 8 Washington's portraitist  
 9 Play down  
 10 Valhalla VIP  
 11 Under-stands  
 19 It's between  
 21 Greek consonant  
 24 Sleep phenomenon  
 25 "The Greatest"  
 26 Ores  
 28 Prez after  
 29 Story-teller  
 30 Melody  
 31 Early bird?  
 36 Pictorializations  
 37 Dine  
 38 Witticism  
 41 Fashionable  
 42 Highlander  
 43 Therefore  
 44 — and hearty  
 46 Top-rated  
 47 Chantilly, e.g.  
 48 Goblet feature  
 51 Shooter ammo

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

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

Yesterday's answer 11-1

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12					13			14			
15					16			17			
18				19			20	21			
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