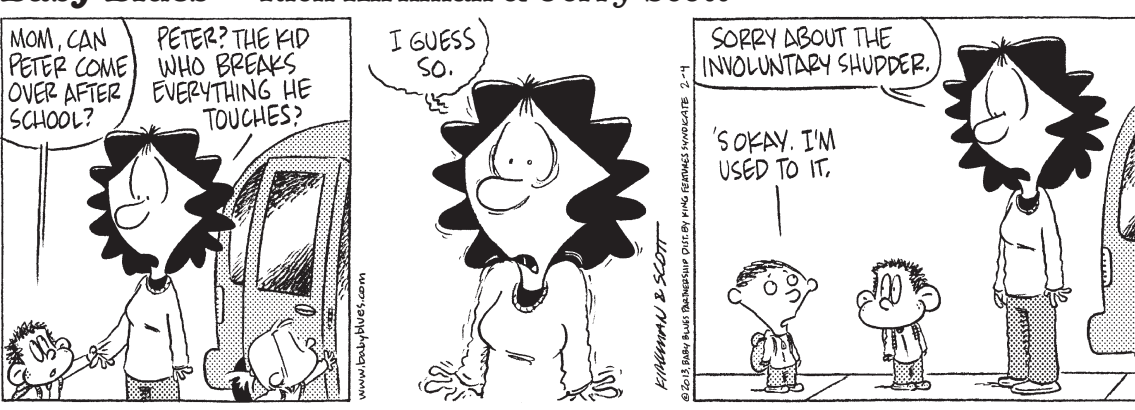


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



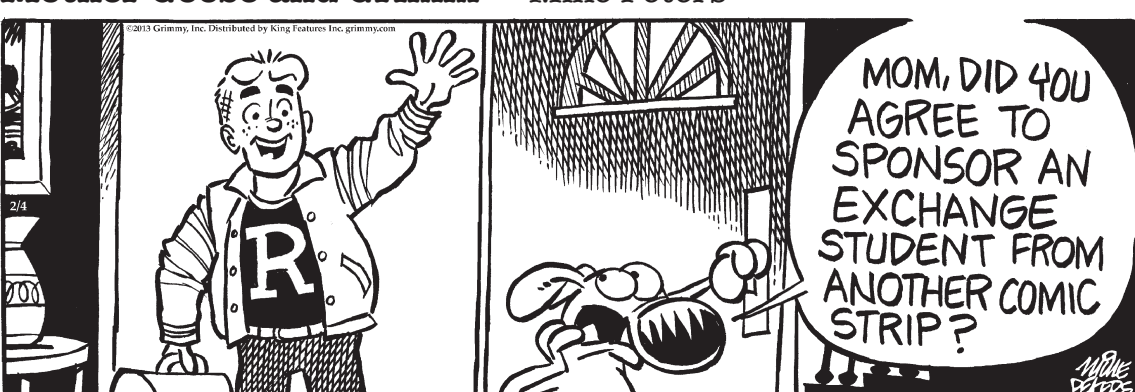
Blondie • Chic Young



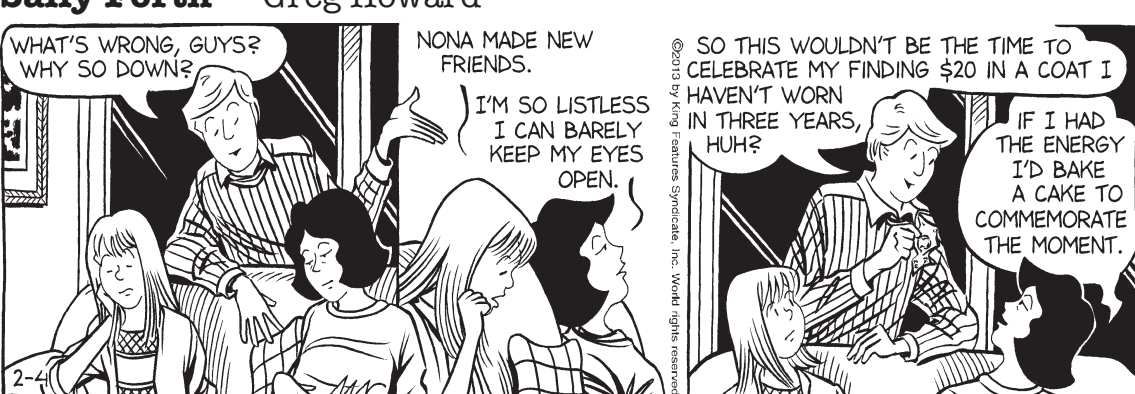
Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott

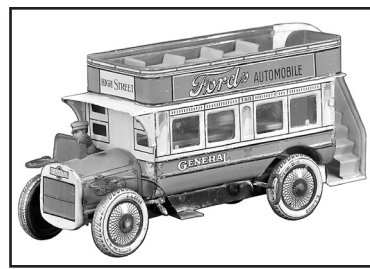


Terry Kovel
• Antiques and Collecting

Old toys feature transportation

Children like to play with toys that are replicas of things used in everyday life. They also like toys that move and make noise, so for centuries toymakers have created transportation toys.

There are very old toys shaped like chariots, stagecoaches and canoes. But by the late 1800s and early 1900s, new developments like trains, cars, buses, motorcycles and bikes, as well as airplanes, balloons, blimps, helicopters and imaginary flying saucers and spaceships, became favorites.



Gunthermann was a German company that manufactured toys from 1877 to 1965. It made many of the toy vehicles wanted by today's collectors.

In September, a tin double-decker toy bus made in the 1930s — a copy of a full-size bus of the day — sold at a Bertoia auction in New Jersey. It has an ad for "Ford's Automobile" on the top, a street name, "High Street," on the front, and "General," the name of the bus company, on the sides and front. The orange and red combination of colors may be a bit imaginative, but the bus has realistic parts, a rear stairwell, upper-deck bench seating and a driver. It moves by a wind-up clockwork mechanism. The 9 1/2-inch toy, part of a well-known collection, sold for \$2,006.

Q: My plastic-and-metal Mickey Mouse tea set is in its original box and has never been opened. It has four plates, four cups and saucers, four sets of flatware and a teapot. The box is labeled "Wolverine Toys, Division of Spang, Inc., Walt Disney Product." I paid \$50 for the set a few years ago at a Midwestern antiques shop. What is the set worth today?

A: Your Disneyana tea set was made after 1968, the year Wolverine Toy Co. of Pittsburgh was purchased by Spang Industries of Butler, Pa. The company moved operations to Arkansas in 1971. Disney tea sets, even plastic ones made in the 1970s, are wanted by collectors. Yours could sell today for \$100 to \$150.

Tip: Andirons get tarnished and covered with resin from smoke, so they should be regularly cleaned with liquid metal polish and 0000-grade steel wool.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 7 2
♥ K Q 2
♦ 10 9 7 6 5
♣ 9 6

WEST
♠ —
♥ 8 7 6 4
♦ J 8 3 2
♣ J 10 8 5 4

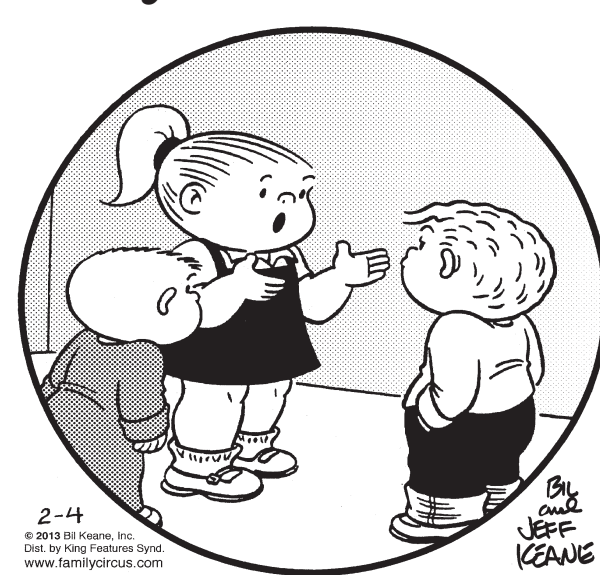
EAST
♠ J 8 3
♥ J 10 9 5 3
♦ A K Q 4
♣ 3

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10 6 5 4
♥ A
♦ —
♣ A K Q 7 2

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 1♥ 2♥
4♥ Pass Pass 6♠
Opening lead — two of diamonds.

Famous Hand
This extraordinary hand was played many years ago by Lee Hazen, a top-flight player who for many years was the chief attorney for the American Contract Bridge League. Hazen was East, and South reached six spades on the bidding shown. West led a diamond, and here is Hazen's account of what happened after that, as related by him in Bridge World magazine:
"I was of course disappointed when declarer ruffed the opening lead. South then went into a long trance and finally emerged from it by cashing the ace of hearts and leading the ten of spades next.
"My partner discarded a heart, and I reacted like the typical young lawyer I was. The first thing you learn in law school is to be suspicious. You spend several hours a day being suspicious of people, of things and of ideas. If you're really good at it, you eventually develop the ability to be just abstractly suspicious.
"I found it easy to be suspicious at this particular moment. What was declarer trying to do to me? I didn't bother to work it out. I just knew that if declarer wanted me to take the ten of spades, it couldn't be good for me to oblige him. So I played the three and stared at declarer with a cold legal eye.
"South went into a new trance and then led the A-K of clubs. By now I was carried away by the spirit of the thing. I had refused one trump trick, and nobody was going to bully me into taking another.
"So I discarded a heart instead of ruffing. South struggled quietly for a while but eventually went down one."
Of course, Hazen had found the only defense to beat the slam.
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I'm gonna tell you my joke, but I don't remember the start or the end, just the middle."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 2/04

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Cryptoquip

WDHO HZHD ZRIPS AHZEP
IO AJD SCXFDDL ZICPA Z
IZLDIZRR HDYRZEDSDXA
YTAEJDH: "T'S Z HDRTDWDH."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WE CONCLUDED THAT THERE WERE TOO MANY PEOPLE CRAMMED IN MY SEDAN, AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals M

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Pooch's tormentor
5 Listener
8 Stocking feature
12 Fat
13 "Born in the —"
14 Big brass instrument
15 Surrounded by
16 Place to get a slice
18 Exile
20 Round numbers
21 LummoX (Abbr.)
23 Type measures
24 Germs
28 Pierce
31 Lubricant
32 Old phones have them
34 "I — Camera"
35 Fall heavily
37 Standards

DOWN
1 Dieter's target
2 Dalai —
3 Ireland
4 One
5 Elated
6 "—
was going to St. Ives"
7 Bronx cheer
8 Backs of boats
9 Chunnel crosser
10 Irish Rose's beau
11 "Serpico" author Peter
17 Last letter
19 Coaster
22 Journal with a lock
24 Jazz style
25 Have a bug
26 Not widely spaced
27 Estrange friend
30 Sheep's call
33 Remain five
36 Group of weasel
40 High card
42 Sound of spinning
43 Jekyll's bad side
44 Therefore
46 Entreaty
47 Snake's sound
48 Fully fill
50 Charged bit

Saturday's answer 2-4

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12				13			14				
15				16			17				
18				19			20				
				21			22				
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		