

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



**Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



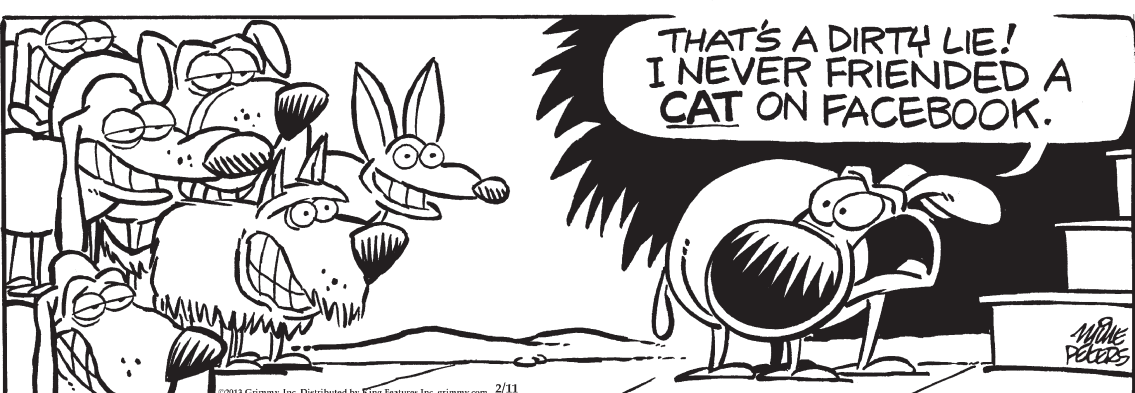
**Blondie** • Chic Young



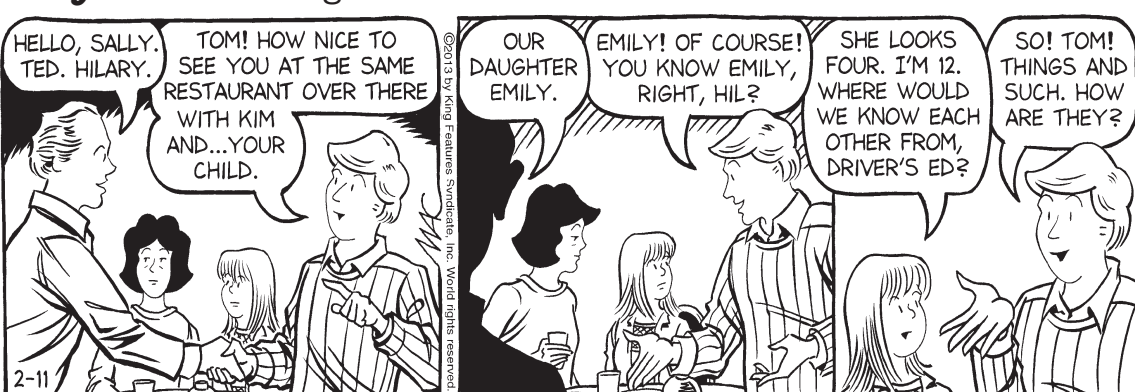
**Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne



**Mother Goose and Grimm** • Mike Peters



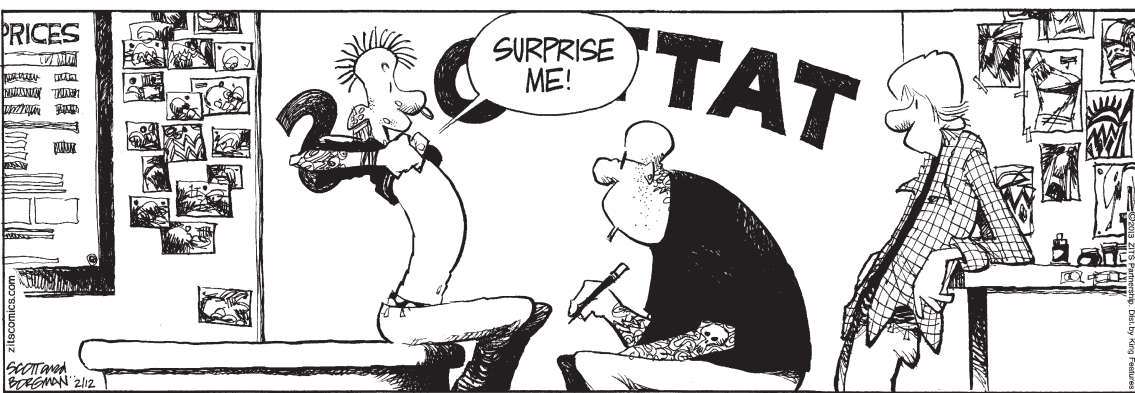
**Sally Forth** • Greg Howard



**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Terry Kovel**

• Antiques and Collecting

**'Lover's eye' jewels told tales**

Unfaithful spouses have been around since the beginning of time, and they've always been a source of gossip.

Today there are all sorts of electronic ways to spread gossip, but an earlier method that's difficult for us to understand is 18th-century "lover's eye" jewelry.

Adultery back then could lead to losing your right to be king. Less-prominent lovers might be faced with a duel and death. So why advertise an affair? Perhaps it was a way to brag — or perhaps some of the stories about this jewelry are myths.

In 1785, future King George IV and an older Catholic widow with whom he was romantically involved were united in a secret mock marriage. They knew he could not become king with a Catholic wife. So the story goes that the "almost king" commissioned special jewelry — two gem-encrusted brooches, each with a portrait of the other's eyes. The lovers were sure no one else could identify their eyes.

The brooches soon became stylish and many couples were wearing lover's eye jewelry. Pins, rings, bracelets, pendants and necklaces were made. By the 1790s, special "mourning eye" jewelry was being made using portraits of the eyes of dead spouses or lovers. Eventually the pins were exchanged between mothers and daughters, sisters and close friends, but the fad was almost over by the 1830s.

Antique eye jewelry sells for high prices today. A 1 3/8-inch brooch with a portrait of two blue eyes set in an oval frame edged with a coiled gold serpent sold for \$2,280 at a December 2012 Skinner auction in Boston.

But beware. Many fakes have been made by removing the center of a brooch and inserting a new picture of an eye. Even old gems and original goldsmith-made mountings have been used to make fantasy pieces.

Experts say you can detect a fake. Genuine antique lover's eyes were painted on ivory and covered with a piece of crystal. The eye or eyes should be the proper size for the space. Look for details like an eyebrow and shadows near the eye that suggest a portrait made from life, not a quick copy.

**Tip:** Wrapped wicker furniture should be repaired as soon as possible. Rewrap the wicker and glue the end with white glue.

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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ A K 10 4 2  
♥ A Q J 6  
♦ Q 8 4 2  
♣ —  
**WEST**  
♠ 7  
♥ K 10 8 4 3 2  
♦ 5  
♣ A K 8 5 2  
**EAST**  
♠ 9  
♥ 9 7 5  
♦ K J 9 7 6  
♣ Q 10 6 3  
**SOUTH**  
♠ Q J 8 6 5 3  
♥ —  
♦ A 10 3  
♣ J 9 7 4  
The bidding:  
South West North East  
2 ♠ 3 ♣ 4 ♠ 4 NT  
5 ♠ Dble  
Opening lead — ace of clubs.

**Famous Hand**

Today's deal occurred in the final of the 2011 world team championship for the Bermuda Bowl, held in Veldhoven, the Netherlands. The event was won by a young squad from the host country, who defeated an equally young group of Americans by 45 IMPs in the 128-board final.

The U.S. got off to a fast start in the early going, leading by 21 IMPs after the first quarter, with this deal accounting for about half that margin. When the board was first played, the Dutch pair of Bauke Muller, North, and Simon de Wijs, South, wound up in five spades doubled on the auction shown.

After South's weak two opening, West's three-spade bid showed hearts and a minor, whereupon North ventured a conservative raise to four spades. East's four notrump asked West to clarify his hand, and when South intervened with five spades, West doubled, thinking he would settle for a "sure" plus score. Wijs had no problem making the doubled contract with an overtrick, losing only a diamond for a score of +1050. Considering that six spades was virtually laydown, this impressive-sounding result was not as good as it might at first seem.

Sure enough, at the other table, where Justin Lall and Joe Grue were North-South for the U.S., Lall leaped directly to the spade slam at his first turn after the bidding started the same way. Lall knew his side had no spade or club losers, and that the king of hearts was almost surely onside, so he was gambling only that the opponents could not cash the first two diamond tricks. If South had the ace or king of diamonds, or a singleton or void in the suit, the slam was just about certain to come home.

Plus 1430 for North-South yielded a 9-IMP gain for the U.S. Interestingly, if North had redoubled five spades at the first table — certainly a reasonable action — his side would have been +1600 and would have gained 5 IMPs on the deal.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



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"When will I be old enough to know when I'm cold?"

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 2/11

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

**Cryptoquip**

M TAHIK IMXC UA PLX RAH

LAECUGMWY TMUG QCYPQK UA

RAHQ OPLU-UGMWWWY

GPMQ, MO M EPR VC LA VPIK.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CLEARLY THAT GIRL'S VERY FIRST ARCHERY LESSON WAS QUITE HARROWING. IT LEFT HER ALL A-QUIVER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals Y

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 — up (invigorates)
  - 5 Alphabet start
  - 8 "Pygmalion" writer
  - 12 Spine component
  - 14 Unadulterated Lake
  - 15 Language of Zagreb
  - 16 Rod's partner
  - 17 Cudgel
  - 18 Wedding-related
  - 20 Pirate flag symbol
  - 23 Tempo
  - 24 Grow weary
  - 25 AT&T competitor
  - 28 Coatrack piece
  - 29 Oyster's gift
  - 30 Mediterranean, for one
  - 32 Porch
  - 34 Blueprint
- DOWN**
- 35 "Sad to say ..."
  - 36 Combination of tones
  - 37 Desert fox
  - 40 — carte
  - 41 Out of control
  - 42 Exact
  - 47 Steamlet
  - 48 Taboo
  - 49 A Great Lake
  - 50 Beer cousin
  - 51 Start a garden
  - 11 Healthy others (Lat.)
  - 19 Bar additive brand
  - 3 Paid athlete
  - 4 Horse's hangout
  - 6 Lingerie item
  - 7 Capital of Australia
  - 8 Perfume application
  - 9 Colored neighborhood
  - 10 Neighborhood
  - 11 Healthy others (Lat.)
  - 19 Bar additive brand
  - 21 Capital of Ukraine
  - 22 Incite
  - 23 Rosary components
  - 25 Large blood vessel
  - 26 Capital of Norway
  - 27 Approach
  - 29 Wan
  - 31 Addition ally
  - 33 Irritate
  - 34 Light-house of Alexandria
  - 36 Organization
  - 37 Passenger's payment
  - 38 Eastern potentate
  - 39 — me tangere
  - 40 Farm measure
  - 43 Animation frame
  - 44 Consumed
  - 45 Golf gadget
  - 46 Conclusion

PAW	FLEA	SASS
AGO	READ	OBOE
SERVANTS	FUME	
TANS	OTTER	
ETHIC	HAVE	
RUIN	SERENITY	
ONE	LIFER	GEE
SERPENTS	GNAW	
ICKY	FLOSS	
ROUGH	BIER	
ERNE	SERGEANT	
VETO	UTAH	NEW
SOON	PANT	TOO

Saturday's answer 2-11

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12			13					14		
15								16		
20	21	22			23					
24				25				26	27	
28			29					30		31
32		33						34		
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37	38	39				40				
41				42	43			44	45	46
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