

Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



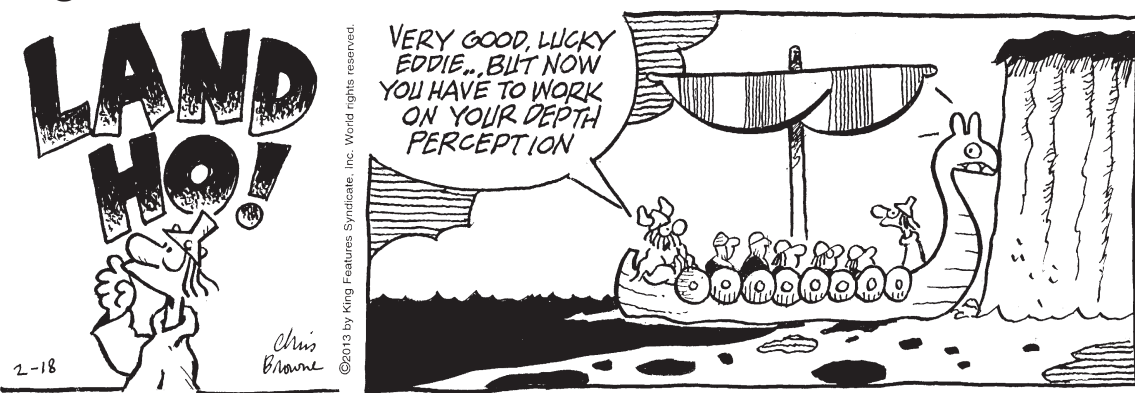
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



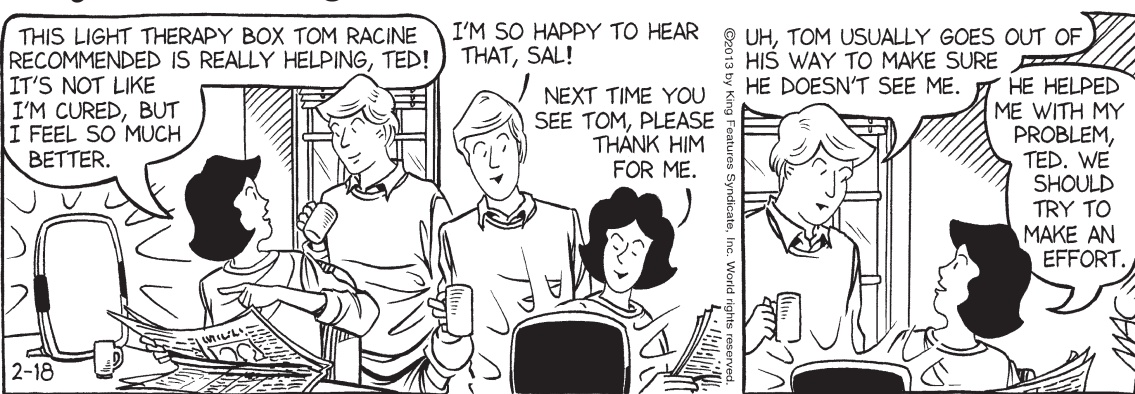
Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



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

Packages have president's face

It would not be in good taste or even legal to use a picture of the president of the United States as part of a product's package design or advertisement. Most states have laws that prohibit the unapproved use of a person's name or likeness for "commercial benefit."

This was not a concern when George Washington (1732-1799) was president (1789-1797). He was admired by the public, but there were no photographs of him and few portraits. Product packaging back then was usually a plain black and white folded paper packet.

In the 19th century, celebrations of Washington's Feb. 22 birthday and July 4 made Washington a symbol of the country. A surprising number of things collected today feature Washington's portrait. At least three tobacco companies used "Washington" as a brand: for pipe tobacco, for plug tobacco and for chewing tobacco. Each had a picture of Washington on the package, often beside patriotic symbols. Collectors of Washington memorabilia can find a brand of coffee, a soup company's ads, dishes, calendars and other products that feature Washington's image.

Other Washington collectibles include old posters and signs advertising products like insurance, 1876 U.S. Centennial furniture with wooden inlay picturing Washington, and paper needle cases from 1930s dime stores. In the past year, he has promoted cars, beer, an appliance store and a state lottery.

A colorful tobacco tin for Washington Mixture tobacco, picturing Washington and a flag, auctioned for \$303 at a 2012 auction in upstate New York. Almost all George Washington-related collectibles and antiques are selling well.

Q: Have you ever heard of green glass goblets filled with peanut butter and sold by Armour Meat Packing Co.? My brother-in-law worked for Armour in the late 1930s and early 1940s. He would bring home various meats and also peanut butter packed in these. I have three of them and would like to donate them to Armour for its museum, if they have one.

A: Armour was founded in 1867. Although the company's main business was meat packing, it also made bacon, ham and other meat products, as well as canned food, jam, jelly, lard, salad oil, soup, peanut butter and other products. The company used byproducts of the slaughterhouse to make brushes, glue, strings for musical instruments and tennis rackets, sutures and pharmaceuticals.

Armour's refrigerated meats, non-refrigerated products and pharmaceuticals are owned by different companies today. Several companies packed peanut butter in goblets or glasses in the 1940s and '50s. By the 1950s, they were also using decorated glass as packaging. The pressed glass goblets sell for about \$5 to \$10 each today.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A J 10 7
 ♥ J 8 5 4
 ♦ Q 7 6 5
 ♣ 7

WEST
 ♠ K Q 8 6
 ♥ 9 7 2
 ♦ J 10 9 2
 ♣ K 9

EAST
 ♠ 5 4 3 2
 ♥ 3
 ♦ K 8 3
 ♣ Q J 8 6 3

SOUTH
 ♠ 9
 ♥ A K Q 10 6
 ♦ A 4
 ♣ A 10 5 4 2

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

Opening lead — two of hearts.

Famous Hand

In the opinion of most observers, this was the deal that determined the winner of the 2001 world team championship. It occurred with seven deals remaining in the 128-board final and the United States leading Norway by the slender margin of 12 IMPs.

When the hand was first played, Chip Martel and Lew Stansby of the U.S. reached only four hearts on the North-South cards, making six after West led the king of spades. Stansby was able to ruff four clubs in dummy to finish with 12 tricks, losing only a diamond at the end.

At the other table, Terje Aa and Glenn Grotheim of Norway reached six hearts on the bidding shown. South's opening club bid was artificial and forcing, and the subsequent bidding revealed that North held a 4-4-4-1 distribution with eight to 10 high-card points and specifically a singleton club.

If the slam made, Norway would gain 13 IMPs to take a 1-IMP lead with six boards to go; if the slam was defeated, the U.S. would gain 13 IMPs to lead by 25.

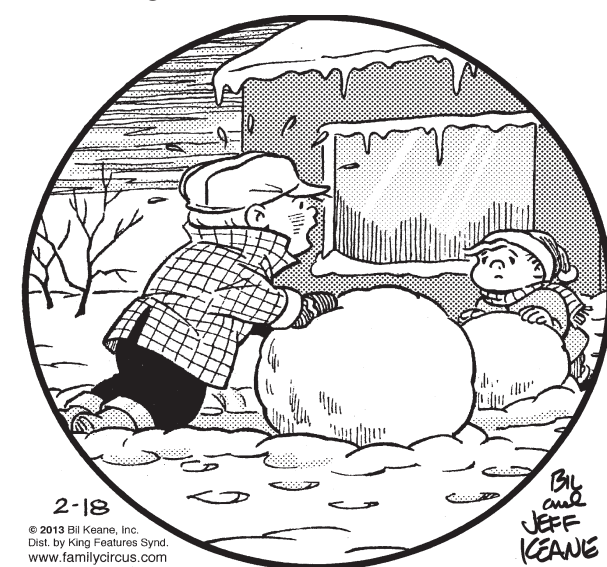
Peter Weichsel, on lead, knew a great deal about the North hand, but all he knew about the South hand was that Grotheim thought he could make a slam opposite what Aa had promised. Weichsel deliberated for a long time, allowing the other players to get up and stretch their legs as he pondered his opening shot. At long last, he emerged with the killer: the deuce of hearts.

The trump lead torpedoed any chance of making 12 tricks on a crossruff, as Stansby had done. Ordinarily, three club ruffs in dummy would enable declarer to establish his fifth club, but with the clubs divided 5-2, this was not possible, and he eventually finished down one.

Six deals later, the Americans had won the match by a margin of 21 IMPs. Had Weichsel led anything other than a trump on this deal, however, Norway would have won the world title by 5 IMPs.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 2/18

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.

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

Cryptoquip

WRXTIBR G UKTF HF RTPGFL
 QV WCRTMOTBP YGPA T
 OHCM, G YHIKN BTV G QTRN
 PAR UCHFL NRXGBGHF.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE SHE INSTALLED THOSE ROOF TILES ALL BY HERSELF, I GUESS SHE DID IT SHINGLE-HANDEDLY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
 1 Night flier
 4 Typing measures
 9 Sis' counterpart
 12 Work with
 13 "Poke-mon" genre
 14 Reaction to fireworks
 15 Kin of three-card monte
 17 Silent
 18 Brewery product
 19 Sun-dried bricks
 21 Prize at a county fair
 24 Information
 25 Playwright Levin
 26 Pirates' quaff
 28 Detox center, for short
 31 Half quart
 33 And so on (Abbr.)
 35 Strike from the text
- DOWN**
 1 Urban transport
 2 Fire residue
 3 Ball prop
 4 Wan state
 5 Naive woman, (Abbr.)
 6 Spy novel org.
 7 Jordan's capital
 8 Garden tool
 9 Stunner
 10 Libertine
 11 Resistance measures
 16 Science workshop
 20 As yet unpaid
 21 Kelly of TV
 22 Eye part
 23 Holly-wood Bowl structure
 27 Peaks (Abbr.)
 29 Sheltered, at sea
 30 Rosary component
 32 Scrabble piece
 34 Marsh marigold
 37 Goes on momentum
 39 Relinquishes
 42 Lucy's pal
 44 Appomattox VIP
 45 Hindu princess
 46 Wicked
 50 Clean air org.
 51 Still
 52 Actress Gardner
 53 Butterfly catcher

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

Saturday's answer 2-18

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12			13						14	
15			16						17	
			18				19		20	
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45	46					47				
48			49			50			51	52
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57			58						59	