

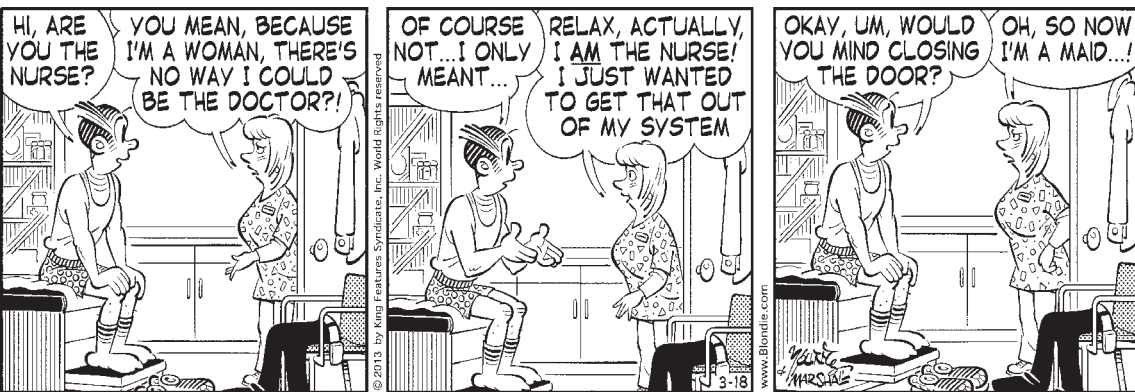
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**Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



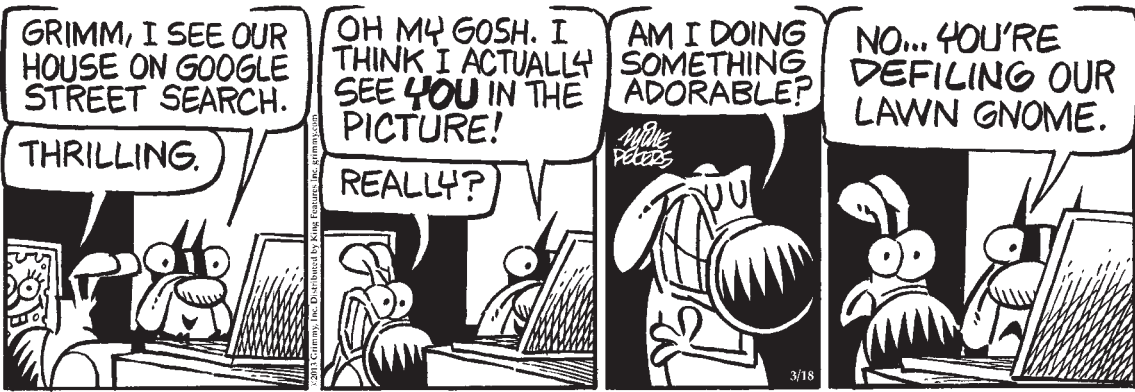
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**Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne



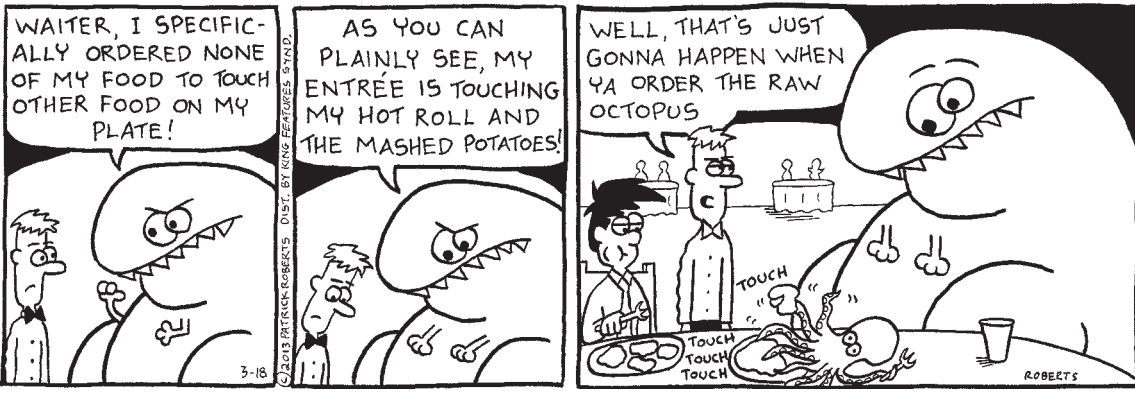
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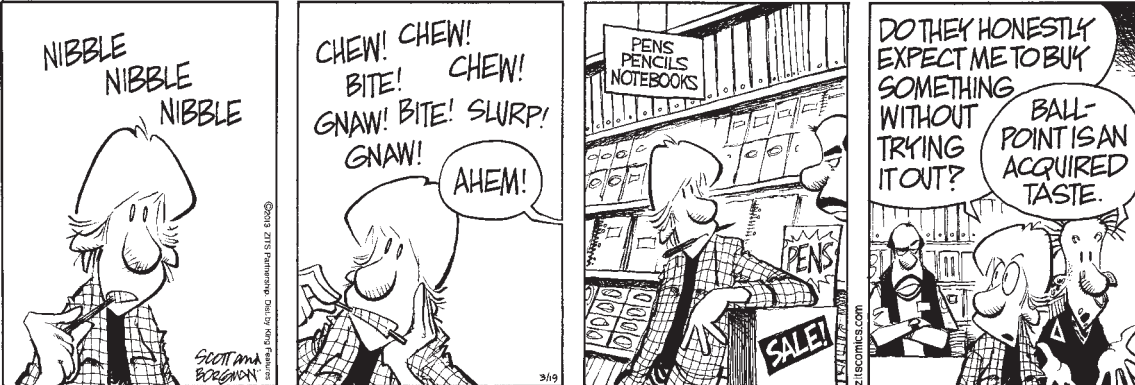
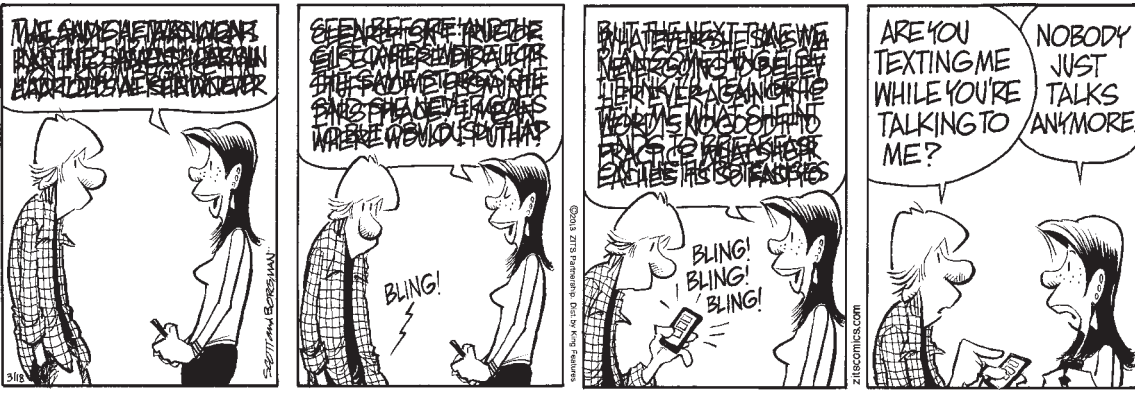
**Sally Forth** • Greg Howard



**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Terry Kovel**

• Antiques and Collecting

**Folk art mirror surprising value**

Folk art is unique and often is both useful and humorous. At a Cowan's auction in late 2012, an example of these traits was seen in a 19th-century mirror offered for sale.

The mirror's pine frame was carved to look like a man, with his head at the top, shoe-clad feet at the bottom and hands held up near his neck. One hand holds five fingers up, the other just two.

The artist seems to be referring to the seven years of bad luck that awaits anyone who breaks a mirror. Or perhaps it was a gift for a seventh anniversary or just a suggestion of the lucky number seven.

It was good luck for the seller. The mirror, only 17 inches high, was estimated at \$1,000 to \$1,500. It sold after a bidding battle for \$5,700.

**Q: I am thinking about remodeling my home office and am agonizing over replacing my old desk and chair.**

**I bought the very heavy desk about 20 years ago from an elderly couple. It was made by the Imperial Desk Co. of Evansville, Ind. It has a few nicks, but it's in very good shape.**

**The chair was made by Domore Chair Co. of Elkhart, Ind. I had it reupholstered about 18 years ago. It has a cast-metal frame and also is heavy. Are the desk and chair valuable antiques I should keep? And if so, is it OK to use them?**

**A:** Your desk and chair are not valuable antiques. But they are good, solid pieces of office furniture. Depending on their style and condition, the desk might sell for about \$350 and the chair for about \$200. Base your decision on how useful the pieces are and if you like their "look."

**Q: I recently found what I thought was a very unique item at a yard sale. It's a ceramic pig with many tiny holes on its back. It took me all weekend to figure out what it is. I think it's an hors d'oeuvres server because the holes are just the right size to it hold toothpicks. Is it unique and valuable?**

**A:** Toothpick holders in the shape of animals became popular in the 1950s. Hedgehogs and porcupines probably were the first animal shapes made, since inserted toothpicks look like the animal's quills. After that, cats, dogs, pigs and other animals were made in pottery, wood, plastic, silver and other metals. They are fun to use at a party, but most aren't worth more than \$20 to \$25. Toothpick holders made of silver are worth more.

**Bridge** • Steve Becker

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ 6 5  
 ♥ 8 4 3  
 ♦ A K Q 6  
 ♣ 7 6 4 3

**WEST**  
 ♠ 9 3  
 ♥ A Q 10 9 2  
 ♦ J 10 5  
 ♣ Q 9 5

**EAST**  
 ♠ A J 4  
 ♥ K J 7 6  
 ♦ 9 2  
 ♣ A J 10 8

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ K Q 10 8 7 2  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ 8 7 4 3  
 ♣ K 2

The bidding:  
 West Pass 1 ♣  
 North Pass 2 ♣  
 East Pass 4 ♣  
 South Pass 1 ♠

Opening lead — five of clubs.

**Famous Hand**

There are plays that seem to make no sense at all when they are made, but which, when carefully examined, turn out to be totally logical. Consider this deal, played many years ago by Albert H. Morehead, one of the true giants in the early years of contract bridge.

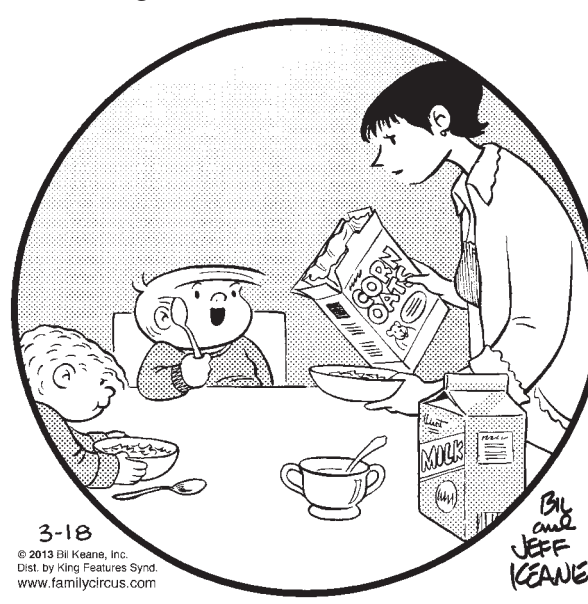
Morehead was South and got to four spades on the bidding shown. West led a low club to his partner's ace, and East returned the jack of clubs, won by South with the king. Morehead crossed to the queen of diamonds and returned a trump. After East followed low, declarer — lacking X-ray vision — won with the king.

It was at this stage that Morehead made a rather peculiar play. He led the five of hearts! West won with the nine and returned the queen of clubs, ruffed by South. Now Morehead played a diamond to the king and led a trump from dummy. East went up with the ace, but that was the last trick for the defense. Morehead lost only a spade, a heart and a club, and so made four spades.

Now let's suppose that Morehead had not made that strange heart play at trick five. Let's say he had made the "more normal" play of a diamond to the king in order to lead another trump from dummy through East's A-J. In that case, Morehead would have gone down one against proper defense. East would go up with the ace of spades and lead a heart to West, who would return a diamond for East to ruff.

Morehead's odd-looking heart play, specifically designed to cut later communication between East and West, prevented this from happening.

**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



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**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 3/18

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.

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

**Cryptoquip**

JFCU EKSHN C RBQTKZ ECHH  
 UFB WBLBUCUMKZ  
 BZWBHKRMZL UFB KHN  
 JFBCU TUKQBFKSTB? LQCZCQI  
 LQBBZBQI.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: EVERY TIME A GHOST HAS TO HAVE SURGERY, YOU MIGHT CALL THE PROCEDURE AN APPARITION OPERATION.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals C

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
 1 Mouth part  
 4 Uses an old phone  
 9 Taxi  
 12 Lemony drink  
 13 "Snowy" bird  
 14 11-Down cousin  
 15 Wood-worker  
 17 Fish eggs  
 18 Parisian pal  
 19 McCormick's invention  
 21 Tennis need  
 24 Palm starch  
 25 — Khan  
 26 Morning moisture  
 28 Phobos and Deimos, to Mars  
 31 "— Your Enthusiasm"  
 33 British rule of India  
 35 Merriment  
 36 Military caps

**DOWN**  
 1 Fond du —, Wis.  
 2 Actress  
 3 Lupino  
 4 Piece  
 5 Considered  
 6 Pilot light, e.g.  
 7 Illustrations  
 8 Lecherous  
 9 Looks  
 10 Rill  
 11 Used the HOV lane  
 12 Lotion  
 13 Additive  
 14 Brewery output  
 15 Anti-  
 16 Quoted  
 17 Church section  
 18 Footnote abbr.  
 19 Actor  
 20 Stephen  
 21 Hockey surface  
 22 A billion years  
 23 Chic, in the '60s

**Saturday's answer 3-18**

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						59		