

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



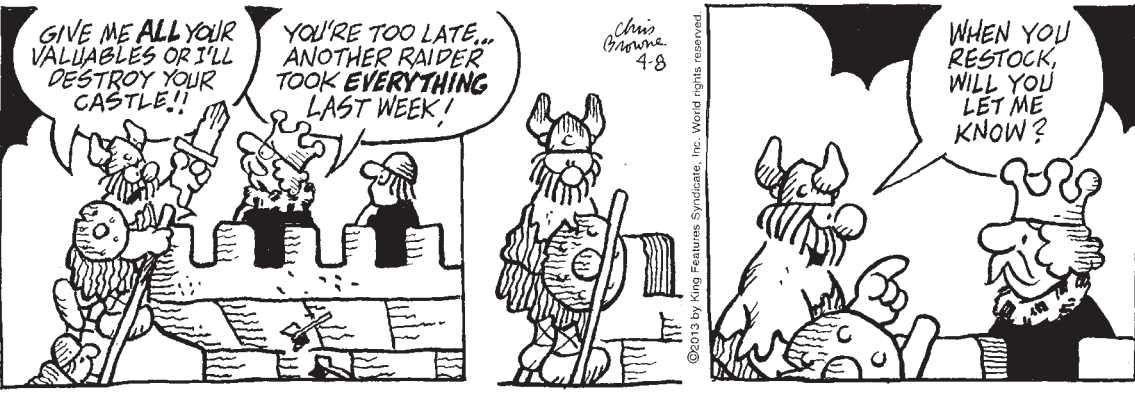
**Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



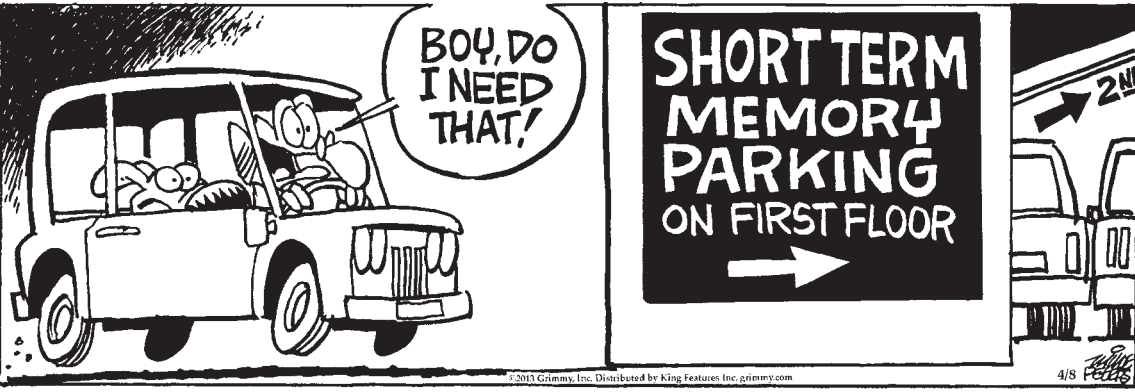
**Blondie** • Chic Young



**Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne



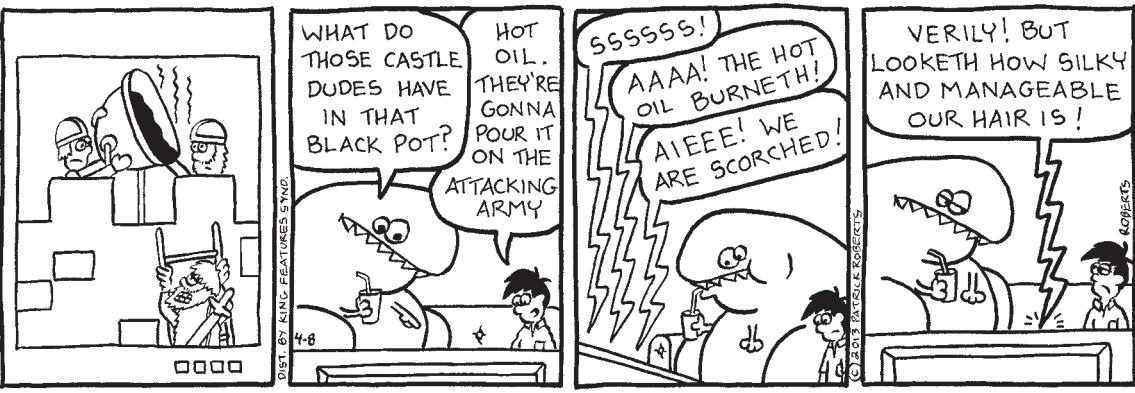
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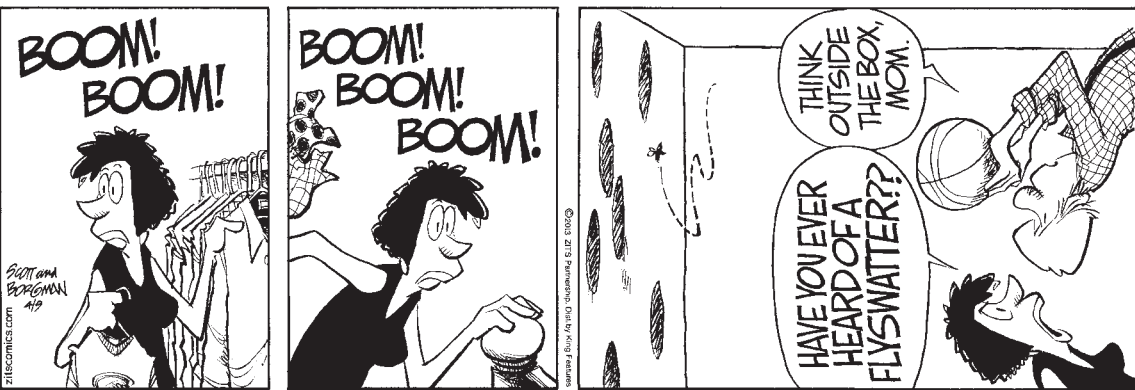
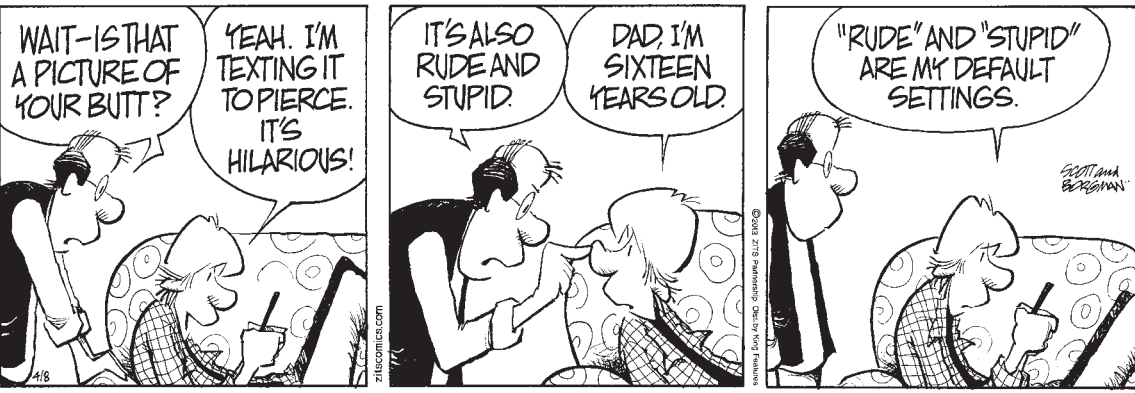
**Sally Forth** • Greg Howard



**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Terry Kovel**

• Antiques and Collecting

**Old honey pots get new notice**

Honey has a history going back to 2100 B.C. It is mentioned in some Babylonian writings. It was used for sweetening food, for medicine, for religious ceremonies and even as a form of money.



In the 18th and 19th centuries, a special serving dish and usually a special serving fork or spoon were devoted to each type of food, so it's not surprising to find special antique honey pots. The wealthy used silver serving pieces, and honey pots might be shaped like bee skeps or have a sculpted or engraved bee as decoration.

Skeps were made of woven straw and were portable. If a skep was not destroyed to get honey out, another swarm of bees could inhabit a skep the next season. Old skeps sell today for about \$50 to \$100 as decorations.

It is illegal to raise bees with a skep today. Beekeepers must be able to open hives today so mite medicine can be applied.

Old and new honey pots can be found made of glass and pottery.

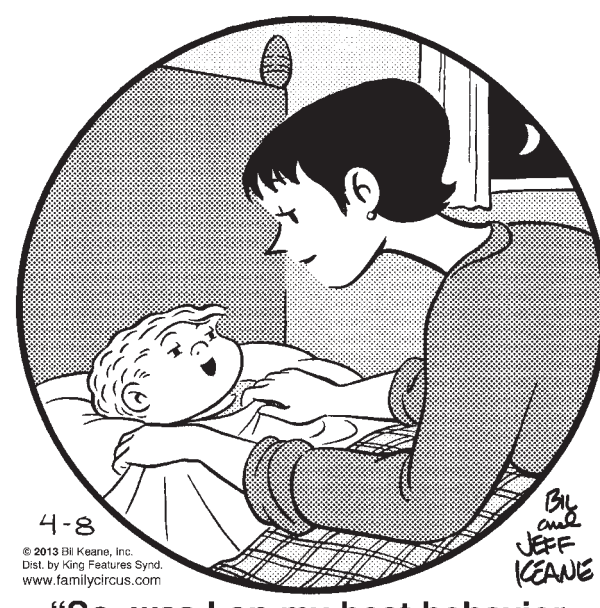
If you plan to use a sterling- or silver-plated pot, it must have a glass liner. Honey encourages silver tarnish, and tarnish destroys some of honey's nutrients.

**Q:** I have an original program from the Candlestick Park Dedication Dinner held April 11, 1960, at the Garden Court of the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco. It's autographed by a few baseball players and by some of the people who spoke at the dedication, including Vice President Richard Nixon, Major League Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick, Giants owner Horace Stoneham and Giants manager Bill Rigney. What is it worth?

**A:** The San Francisco Giants played at Seals Stadium for two seasons before Candlestick Park opened in 1960. The team played there for 40 years, until its new ballpark on San Francisco Bay (now called AT&T Park) opened in 2000. Your program would interest collectors of baseball memorabilia, but the Nixon signature means it also might appeal to people who want political collectibles. If you want to sell, contact an auction that specializes in sports collectibles. The program could sell for \$100, but it might also bring \$500 or more, depending on the program's condition and the fame of everyone who autographed it.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



"So, was I on my best behavior today?"

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 4/08

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.

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

**Cryptoquip**

YQC ZVOCVZ'O YJVV SVDEC  
DOI'Y FCKK-DIUJWZCE CIJVSQ.  
D WCTKKM FDOQ YQCM'E  
UDIE T ECNCIY EJNCIY.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THAT BLOGGER WHO HATES FRANCE'S CAPITAL MAINLY WRITES UNDER THE PSEUDONYM "BLASTER OF PARIS."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals I

**Bridge** • Steve Becker

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ A K 10 9 7 6 4 3  
♥ 9 7  
♦ 9 8 3  
**WEST**  
♠ J 8  
♥ K J 5 2  
♦ J 6 5  
♣ Q 10 4 2  
**EAST**  
♠ 2  
♥ A 10 8 7 4 3  
♦ 10 8 4 3  
♣ J 7  
**SOUTH**  
♠ Q 5  
♥ Q 9 6  
♦ A K Q 2  
♣ A K 6 5

The bidding:  
South 2 NT West Pass North 4♣ East Pass  
2 NT Pass 7 NT Pass  
4♣ Pass 7 NT Redble  
Pass Pass Redble  
Opening lead — two of clubs.

**Famous Hand**

Not many hands offer the potential for a swing of more than 6,000 points. First, the proper conditions — a high-level vulnerable contract, doubled or redoubled — must be met. Then a critical guess, such as an opening lead, has to be involved.

Those were precisely the conditions in today's deal, which occurred in the 1988 national men's teams. The bidding started with South's two-trump opening, whereupon North invoked the Gerber convention to ask for aces.

South responded to the four-club inquiry by bidding four spades to show two aces, and this is where the train went off the tracks. Recollecting that a spade response in the much more commonly used Blackwood convention shows three aces, North leaped to seven notrump. This was duly doubled by East, who was looking at the ace of hearts.

The trouble was that East was not on lead, so this left West with a critical guess. He was sure his partner had an ace, but he hadn't an inkling which one it was.

West did the best he could, reasoning that North was likely to have a solid suit for his bidding. If East had the ace of that suit, it didn't matter what West led — East would have to get his ace before the suit could be run. West therefore dismissed the possibility of leading a spade or a diamond and focused his thoughts instead on hearts and clubs, where he knew from his own holdings that North could not have a solid suit.

After much soul-searching, West finally opted for a club. As a result, declarer made the redoubled grand slam for a score of 2,980 points. Had East elected to lead a heart instead, the defense would have collected the first six heart tricks for plus 3,400.

The total swing amounted to 6,380 points — if not a record, then certainly not very far from one.

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**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
1 Bygone Peruvian  
5 Decibel increaser, for short  
8 Jewels  
12 Greenhouse structures  
14 On  
15 Caviar provider  
16 Volcanic outflow  
17 "Eureka!"  
18 Not as short  
20 Dishes  
23 Ratio phrase  
24 Little one in the litter  
25 Tough puzzle  
28 Affirmative  
29 Diarist  
30 — Beta Kappa  
32 Learner  
34 Adolescent  
35 Prod  
36 Cause, as havoc

37 Expose, in a way  
40 Hawaiian garland  
41 Any minute now  
42 Obdurate  
47 "Zounds!"  
48 Cook on a grill  
49 Novelist  
50 "This tastes awful!"  
51 Leftovers recipe

2 Seine vineyard  
3 French vineyard  
4 Immoderate  
5 Neighborhood  
6 "O Sole —"  
7 Woman's two-piece?  
8 Fast gait  
9 Anders (Abbr.)  
10 Relocate  
11 Practice boxing  
13 Turkish title  
19 \$ dispensers

20 Weep  
22 "Meet Me — Louis"  
23 "Try — see"  
25 Passes furtively  
26 Duel tool  
27 Actress  
29 Comedian  
31 Pen filler  
33 Kampa-la's country  
34 "Survivor" squads  
36 "MacArthur Park" composer  
37 Addict  
38 Nixed, at NASA  
39 Complain  
40 Hide in the bushes  
43 Greek cross  
44 Autumn mo.  
45 Regret  
46 Fresh

Saturday's answer 4-8

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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