

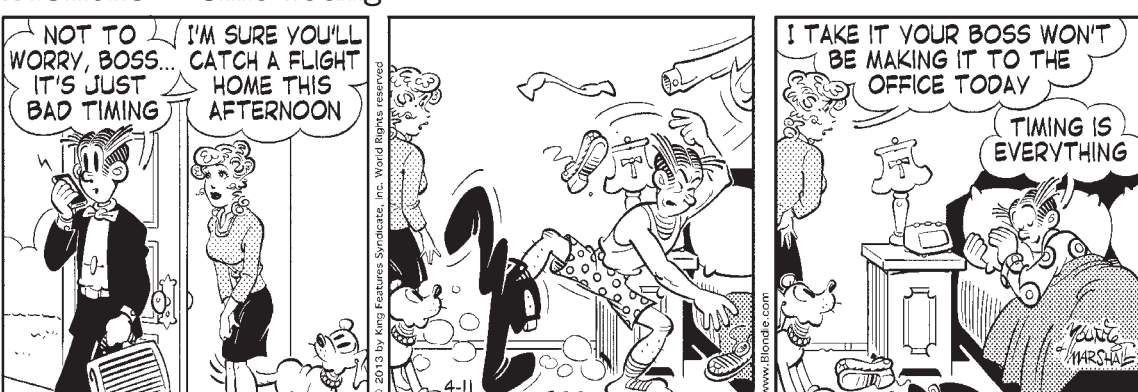
Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



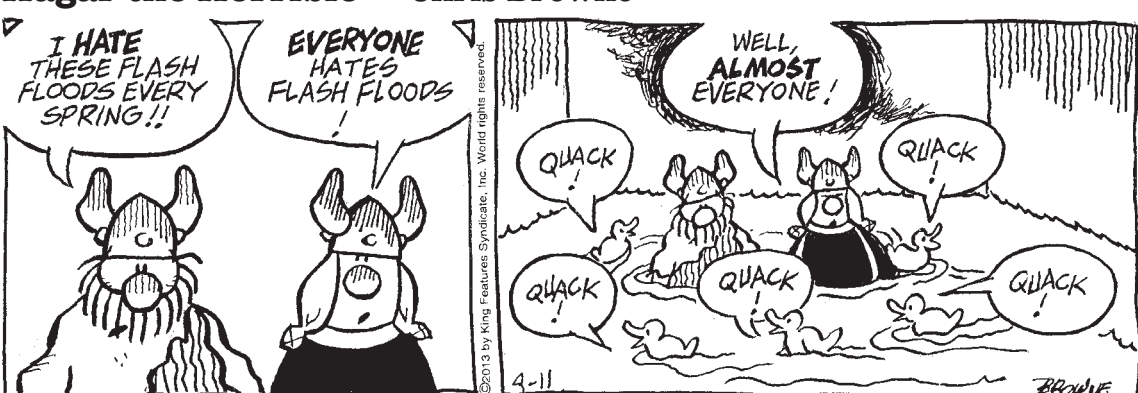
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



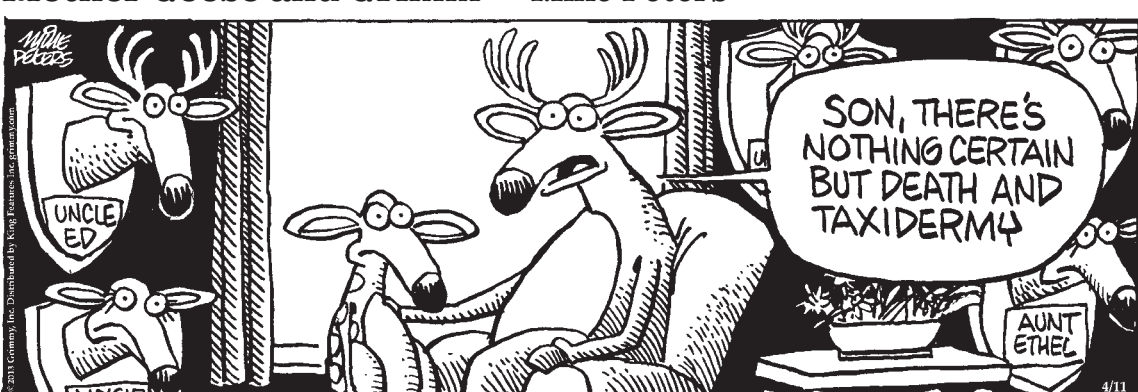
Blondie • Chic Young



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



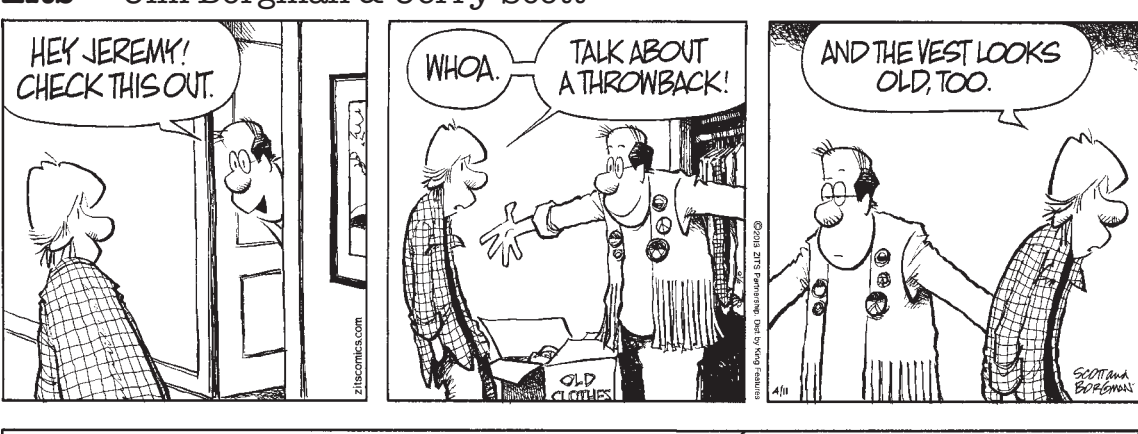
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel

• Antiques and Collecting

Racket named for tennis great

Q: I still have my Alice Marble wooden tennis racket my parents gave me when I was about 10 years old. It was made by Wilson and reads "Court Queen" on the handle. Is this of any value, or is it just a piece of tennis history?
A: Tennis player Alice Marble (1913-1990) was ranked No. 1 in the world in 1939. She broke world records when she won the singles, doubles and mixed doubles titles at both Wimbledon and the U.S. Open that year. During World War II, she was a spy for the United States and was wounded when trying to get Nazi financial information. Wilson made more than one model of Alice Marble tennis rackets. The Court Queen model was introduced in about 1938. Old wooden rackets aren't particularly valuable today. Rackets like yours sell for under \$40. They are hung on the wall as decoration, not used to play tennis.

Q: We have a set of toy American Indians with 11 figures, including the chief, an Indian on horseback with bow and arrow, another Indian with a gun, a female figure and others. They were in my husband's family for years. The box they're in reads, "Elastolin, Made in Germany." I would appreciate any information you can give me.

A: Elastolin is a trademark used by toy manufacturer O&M Hauser of Stuttgart, Germany. The company, founded in 1904 by Otto and Max Hauser, began making military figures out of a mixture of sawdust and glue in 1912. The figures were hand-painted and marked "Elastolin." Figures of soldiers, medieval characters, cowboys and Indians and other figures, including animals, were made in several sizes. Figures of members of Nazi organizations and their leaders were made in the 1930s. The figures of Hitler, Goring, Goebbels and other Nazi leaders had movable right arms that could be raised in the Nazi salute. No figures were made between 1943 and 1945. Hard plastic figures were made beginning in 1955, and soft plastic figures beginning in 1970. Production ceased in 1983.

Your American Indian figures are sought by collectors. Depending on complexity and condition, the figures sell online for \$10 to \$100.

Q: I inherited 13 Bessie Pease Gutmann prints when my cousin died. They are all framed and look very old. Some are named and several are not. I would like to know how to find out what they're worth.

A: Bessie Pease Gutmann (1876-1960) was an American artist who did illustrations for advertisements, books, magazines, postcards and calendars. Best known for her prints of babies and young children, she stopped working in 1947.

Original prints were on matte paper and include the print number and "Gutmann and Gutmann, New York, N.Y." Titles on early prints were written in block letters. Later prints had titles in script. Original prints can be worth a few hundred dollars; copies sell for \$10 to \$15 each.

Tip: Help your family by always identifying who's pictured in family photographs. Include their names and ages, the year the photo was taken and where it was taken. Write on the back near the edge using the kind of permanent marker sold at photo supply stores. Do not use a ballpoint pen. It will leave a dent in the paper.

Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
 North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
 ♠ A K Q 5
 ♥ J 4
 ♦ Q J
 ♣ A K 10 8 6
WEST
 ♠ 7 4
 ♥ Q 10 9 7
 ♦ K 9 7 6 5
 ♣ 4 2
EAST
 ♠ J 9 6 3
 ♥ 5
 ♦ 10 8 4 2
 ♣ J 9 7 3
SOUTH
 ♠ 10 8 2
 ♥ A K 8 6 3 2
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ Q 5
 The bidding:
 North East South West
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
 2 ♣ Pass 3 ♥ Pass
 4 ♥ Pass 6 ♥ Pass
 Opening lead — seven of spades.

Afterthoughts Don't Count

The test of a fine player is his ability to handle a difficult challenge on the spot rather than judging him by how well he analyzes the situation later on. Consider this deal where West leads a spade against six hearts. Dummy wins with the queen, and if declarer now plays the A-K of trumps, hoping for a 3-2 trump division, he goes down one.

Instead, let's assume that South, who's been to the wars before, decides to protect against a possible 4-1 trump division by crossing to the queen of clubs at trick two in order to lead a low heart toward dummy's J-4.

This works out very nicely when West goes up with the queen and leads another spade. South wins with dummy's king, cashes the jack of trumps, leads the queen of diamonds to his ace, draws trumps and claims the rest of the tricks and his slam.

West goes home bemoaning his ill fortune because South played so well to hold himself to one trump loser. But later that night, West suddenly realizes that he could have defeated the slam.

All he had to do, after winning South's trump lead with the queen at trick three, was to return the king of diamonds! South would then have found it impossible to score 12 tricks.

He could take the diamond king with the ace and cash the jack of hearts and queen of diamonds, but after doing so he would not have been able to exit the dummy without allowing West to score a second trump trick.

Unfortunately, West's king-of-diamonds play came a few hours too late.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Okay, so what number can we both be happy with?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 4/11

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.

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

Cryptoquip

QZY TYEK PNTVK KRPK KRQ

UYQ ORZ VCAGCKGN KRQ

AGXQ WVXEK TZKZX RPN PC

POWYI IZK ZW GCUVCG-YVKQ

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A TOURNAMENT STARTED ABOUT TWO HOURS BEFORE NOON, I WOULD CALL THAT A TENNISH MATCH.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals Y

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Old love boat
 4 Cattle comments
 8 Dispatch
 12 Luau side dish
 13 Reed instrument
 14 Inlet
 15 Small
 17 Enthusiastic
 18 Eviscerate
 19 Soon
 21 Rook
 24 Potential syrup
 25 Roman
 26 Thanks-giving veggie
 28 Pass along
 32 Ricelike pasta
 34 — Mahal
 36 Cannonball, maybe
 37 Color workers

DOWN

1 Smart-phone download
 2 Mar-seilles monarch
 3 Huge
 4 Pretty much
 5 Japanese sash
 6 Leak slowly
 7 Prophets
 8 Resold for big profits
 9 Corporate symbol
 10 Shake-speare's river
 11 Safe-cracker
 16 Historic boy king
 20 Listener
 21 LummoX
 22 Ethereal
 23 Dine on
 27 Has per-mission
 29 Of natura-dimensions
 30 State with certainty
 31 Some ever-greens
 33 Speech
 35 Mandible
 38 Agent
 40 Hocked
 43 Church leader
 45 Petrol
 46 Two-somes
 47 City in India
 48 Ball of yarn
 49 Angry
 53 Triumph
 54 Buddhist sect
 55 Wood and Wynn

Solution time: 25 mins.

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

Yesterday's answer 4-11

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
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					60				61	