

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



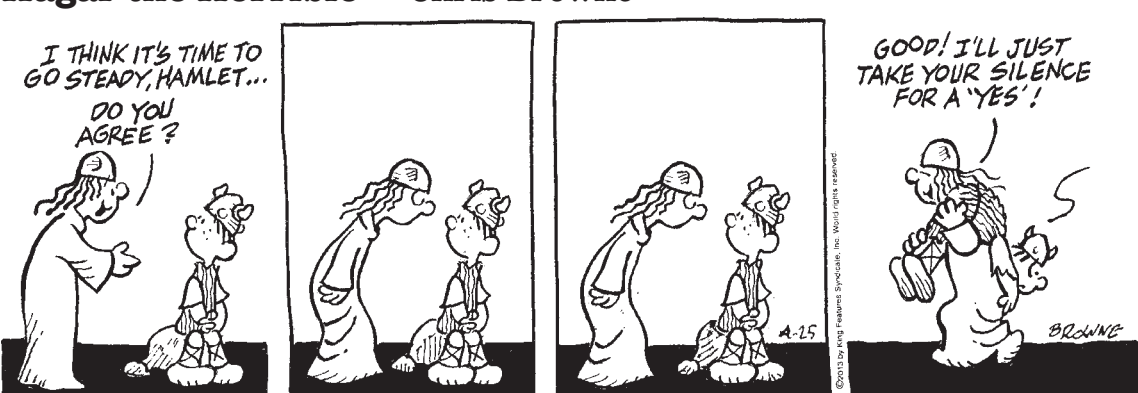
**Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



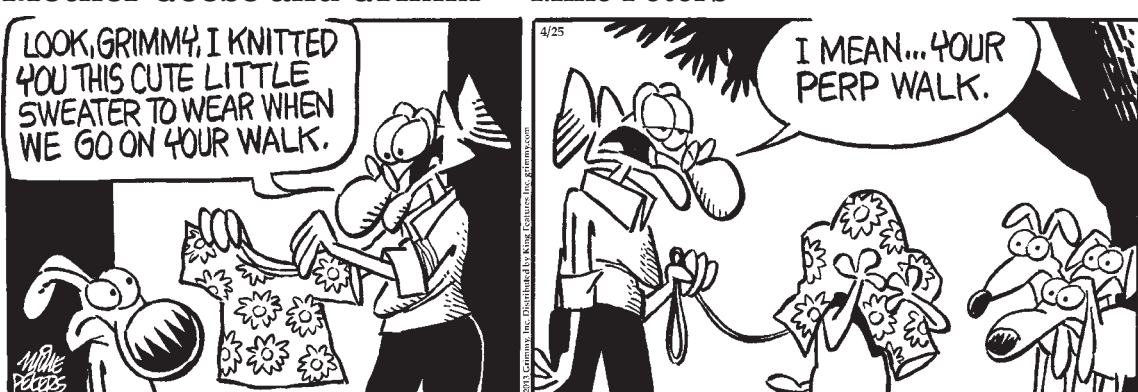
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**Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne



**Mother Goose and Grimm** • Mike Peters



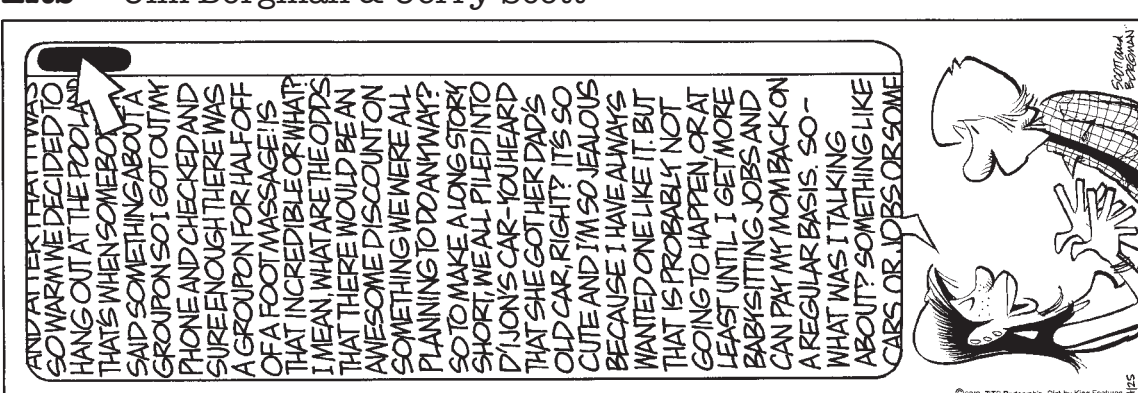
**Sally Forth** • Greg Howard



**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Terry Kovel**

• Antiques and Collecting

**Tea trolley is handy carrier**

Q: I have a tea cart that my parents bought in England in the early 1950s. It has been used by our family ever since, but not for serving tea. It's on wheels and has two removable trays. There are two metal tags on the rail. One reads, "Staples Trolley, Prov Patent 22852/52." The other reads, "Made by Staples & Co. Ltd., Wire Mattress & Bedstead Maker to the late King George VI." Can you tell me how old the tea cart is, and if it has any value?

A: The patent is a United Kingdom patent dated June 12, 1952, for improvements to "tea trolleys, dinner wagons and like dispensing trolleys." Your tea trolley was made shortly before your parents bought it in the 1950s. A tea trolley is what the English call a tea cart or tea wagon, a wheeled cart that usually has two shelves and can be pushed from room to room. It's handy for transporting dishes or food from kitchen to table and back. The patent lists Staples & Co. Ltd. and Robert Garnett Heal as applicants. Staples & Co. was founded by Harold Heal and received a royal warrant of appointment as wire mattress and bedstead maker in 1923. Wooden trolleys from the 1950s sell for about \$200 to \$600, depending on design and condition.

Q: My old creamer is marked with the outline of what looks like Ohio and the words "Leigh Ware by Leigh Pottery, Inc., U.S.A." inside. Underneath that it reads, "Patent applied for, warranted 22K gold." Is this worth anything?

A: Leigh Pottery was in business in Alliance, Ohio, from 1926 to 1931. The company's mark is outlined by the shape of the state of Ohio. Leigh Pottery made dinnerware, kitchenware and decorative art ware. Your creamer is part of a set of dishes and has a low value if it's not partnered with the sugar bowl. Price: under \$20.

Q: Can you give me any information about a "John Bull" chess set made in India? The elaborate carved ivory pieces are British soldiers versus Indian Raj soldiers. I never see them for sale on the Internet.

A: Sets like yours usually are referred to as "John Company" sets because that was the nickname for the British East India Co. The origins of the game of chess can be traced to India before the sixth century, and the game continues to be very popular there. During the British Raj (British rule) from 1858 to 1947, many sets with ivory pieces - some elaborate and some simple - were made. The value of yours depends on how elaborately it was carved and what condition the pieces are in. Sets that predate 1989 can sell for very high prices. That's the year a worldwide ban on the sale of ivory was implemented. But you won't see the sets for sale on eBay. It will not allow the sale of any ivory on its site. If you want to sell, contact a reputable auction house that sells on land.

Tip: For best results, schedule your house sale at the beginning or middle of the month (near paydays), but not during holiday weekends.  
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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



"I'll NEVER be done playin' with my toys!"

**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 4/25

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

**Cryptoquip**

Z XZLMZAT PQZL IMTSA  
NSGP BE PQT QBLNZPSM  
IDP ZP OZMM LDEEZUT, EBG

MSUA BE S ITPPTG OSGX  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I'M NOT EXACTLY A DEPENDABLE BOXER. EACH TIME I START A FIGHT, I USUALLY END UP FEINTING.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals T

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Zinger  
5 Nuisance  
9 Oprah's network  
12 Chills and fever  
13 Viscous  
14 Dove's call  
15 Short musical works  
17 "Hail, Caesar!"  
18 Yule quaff  
19 Fairy tale villains  
21 Chic  
22 Island porch  
24 Formerly  
27 Ever-green type  
28 Break suddenly  
31 Tasseled topper  
32 Lobe locale  
33 Gorilla  
34 Dread  
36 Attempt  
37 Car sticker no.

**DOWN**

4 Cap with a propeller  
5 Bluenose  
6 A billion years  
7 Hot tub  
8 Mike of the ring  
9 Simple wind instruments  
10 Used a loom  
11 Veteors' votes  
16 Heavy weight  
20 Petrol  
22 Memo-rize  
23 Distorted  
24 Vacation-ing step

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

M	I	L	D	H	A	S	S	P	A	T
O	R	E	O	U	L	T	T	R	I	O
L	O	N	G	O	R	I	A	R	E	D
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T	I	N	E	A	T	T	I	A	D	D
S	E	N	D	T	E	A				
B	R	O	N	T	E	O	C	T	A	V
Y	U	R	T	E	U	P	H	O	R	I
E	M	I	R	M	R	S	L	E	E	R
S	P	A	Y	S	L	Y	L	A	S	S

Yesterday's answer 4-25

**Bridge** • Steve Becker

North dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 4  
♥ 7 5 2  
♦ K Q 10 7  
♣ A Q 8 6

**WEST**  
♠ 5  
♥ Q J 10 3  
♦ 9 8 4 3  
♣ J 7 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ Q 9 8 7  
♥ A K 8  
♦ 6 5 2  
♣ 10 9 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A J 10 6 3 2  
♥ 9 6 4  
♦ A J  
♣ K 5

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

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

**Coup Cue**

Executing a trump coup is not nearly as difficult as many players might think. There's a simple rule that declarer must follow as soon as he recognizes the coup situation, and from that point on, it virtually takes care of itself.

Consider this deal where West won the first heart trick and East the next two. East then returned a diamond, taken by the ace.

Having lost three tricks, South's only other concern was to avoid a trump loser. After playing a low spade to the king, he returned a spade and finessed the ten. The finesse succeeded, but the bad news was that East had started with the Q-x-x. South still had a finessing position over East, but dummy had no more trumps to lead through him.

It was here that the possibility of a trump coup entered the picture. The aim in such situations is to time the succeeding plays so as to wind up in dummy at trick 12. The lead of any card then traps East's queen. To be successful, however, declarer must first reduce his trump length to the same number as East's.

Since South still has four trumps at this point to East's two, he has to ruff two of dummy's cards, even though they are winners. So he leads the diamond jack to the queen and trumps the king. He then plays the club five to the queen, trumps the ten of diamonds and leads the king of clubs to the ace.

Eleven tricks have now been played, and the lead is in dummy as planned. Dummy's last two cards are the 8-6 of clubs, while East has the Q-9 of spades and South the A-J. A club lead from dummy obliterates East's apparently invincible trump trick, and the contract is home.

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