

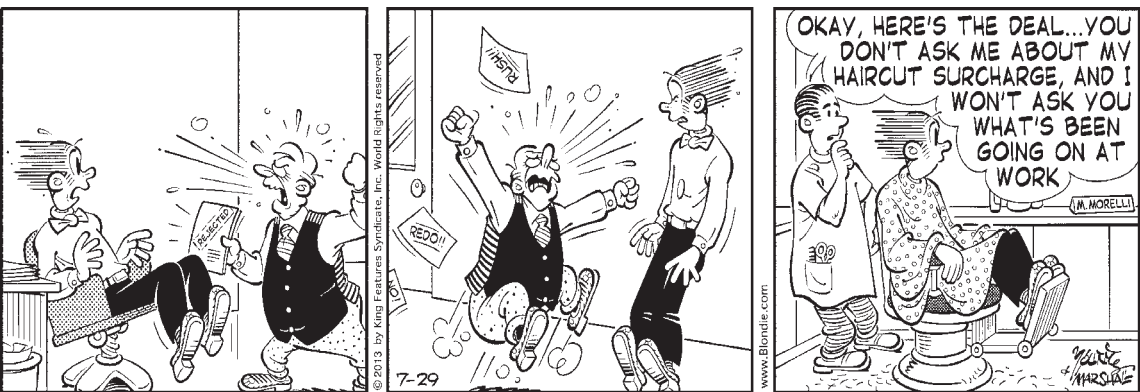
Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



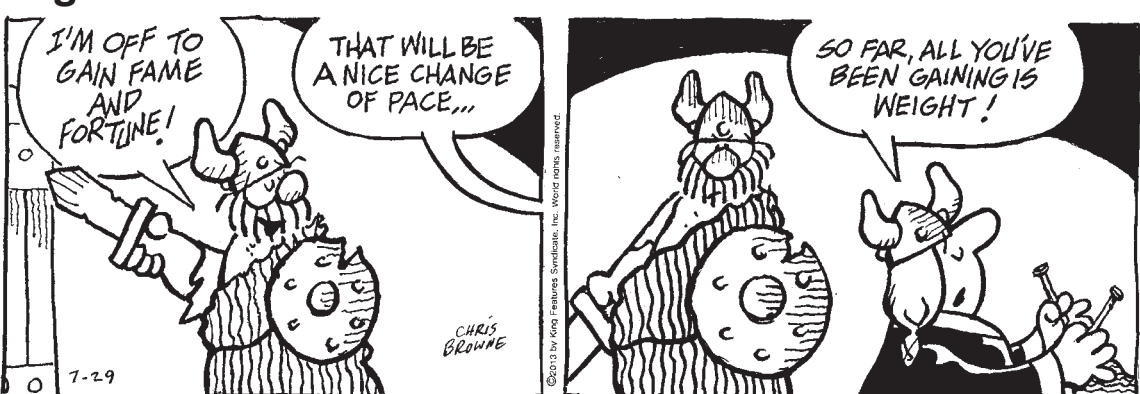
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



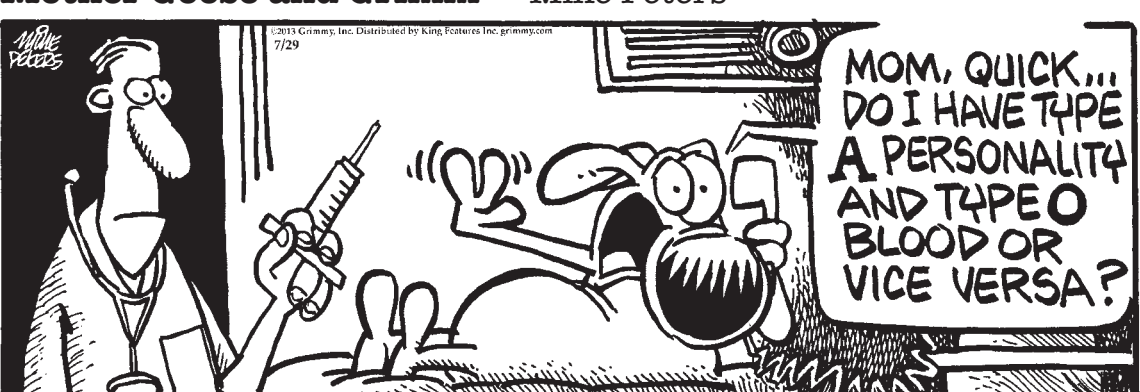
Blondie • Chic Young



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



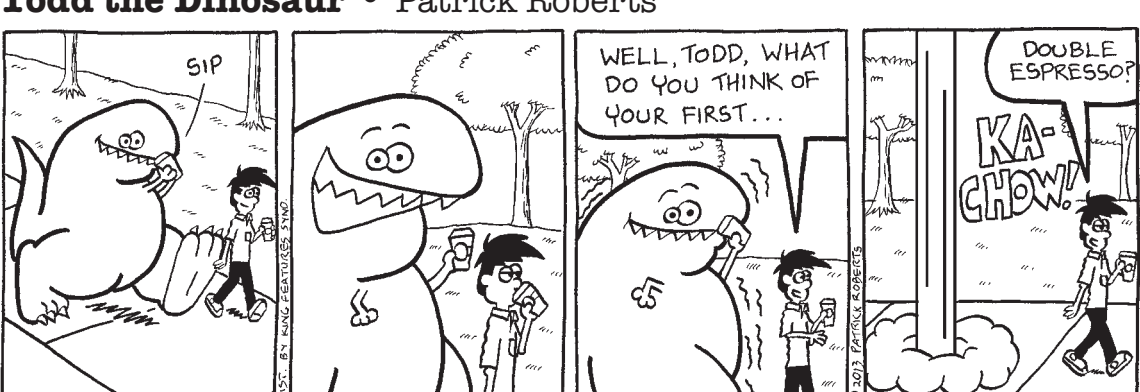
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Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



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Historical vase brings big bucks

Ferock is a name that appears on art pottery but is not well known. In 2012 a vase marked "Ferock" sold at a Humler & Nolan auction in Cincinnati for \$2,760. The auction house and a few collectors knew who made it and how rare it is.



Frank Ferrell (sometimes spelled Feresel) worked in Zanesville, Ohio, in the early 1900s. He also worked for Weller, 1897 to 1905, Roseville, 1918 to 1954, J. B. Owens and Peters and Reed, all nearby Ohio potteries.

This Ferock vase has an unfamiliar mark, but its Arts and Crafts design and important history brought an auction price of \$2,760 in Cincinnati.

He is best known for his work at Roseville designing pottery lines. The Ferock vase that just sold was made for the University of North Dakota from North Dakota clay. It was shown at the National Corn Exhibition in 1909. The Arts and Crafts style was interpreted with angular designs on one side and raised fold-like markings on the other. The 12-inch-high vase is covered with a matte, crazed, light beige glaze. It is pictured in two books about the University of North Dakota School of Mines pottery. The university's pottery opened in 1892 and its pieces were sold, but student work was not offered until 1909. It closed in 1949.

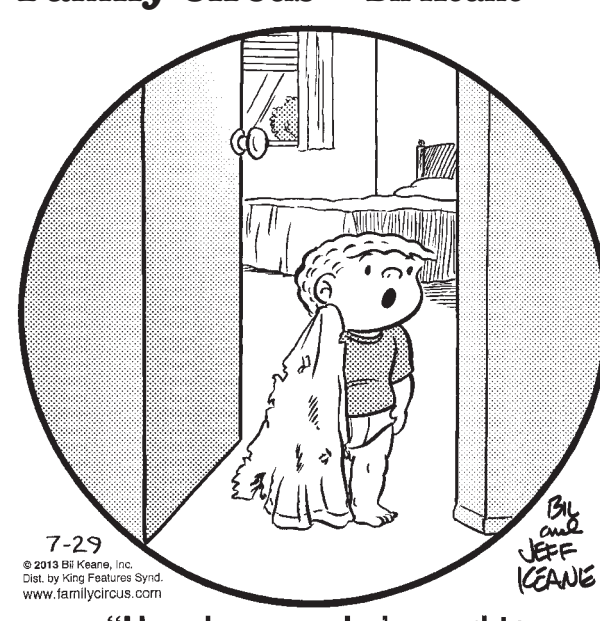
Because the vase has such a complete history and was made by an important designer, it attracted the bids of serious collectors and brought a high price. Collectors today search for the less-publicized but well-designed pottery of the 1900-1950s era as well as later studio pottery. The best pieces of well-known art pottery like Rookwood and Weller can sell for more than \$10,000 — too expensive for most collectors.

Q: I have a 1920s tea cart made by the Paalman Furniture Co. of Grand Rapids, Mich., in excellent condition. Can you tell me its value?

A: Tea wagons, also called "tea carts," became popular in the early 1920s. They have a tray top, one or two shelves below and wheels so they can be pushed from the kitchen to dining room. Some have leaves that can be extended for use as a table. Paalman was one of the best-known makers. The company was founded by John H. Paalman in 1916. He worked for several other furniture companies and was a designer and manager for Stickley. The company was sold in 1966. Vintage tea carts sell well today. Value of your tea wagon: \$250-\$300.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 7/29
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	8	1	7	5	2	4	6	9
6	5	4	1	3	9	2	8	7
7	2	9	4	6	8	3	1	5
5	9	8	2	1	4	6	7	3
2	1	7	3	8	6	9	5	4
4	3	6	5	9	7	1	2	8
8	4	2	9	7	1	5	3	6
1	6	5	8	4	3	7	9	2
9	7	3	6	2	5	8	4	1

Cryptoquip

KI J EYDQJKA NKDX GJM
QDTBNUY KAVYMQKAV ITTX
ETBUX J FYQ GJFY QT PJQEG
QGY MPJUUTP MPJUUTP?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: GROWING VERY CLOSELY FROM THE SAME STEM, ONE COULD SAY THOSE FLOWERS-TO-BE ARE BUD RELATIVES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals F

Bridge • Steve Becker

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

Famous Hand

In 1998, Rita Shugart of California, Andy Robson and Tony Forrester of Great Britain and Geir Helgemo of Norway won the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams. An article in this space at that time pointed out that for Shugart in particular, the victory was a stunning accomplishment, since she was the first woman since Helen Sobel in 1957 to win the grueling three-day, six-session contest. The feat was all the more remarkable in that the Shugart team consisted of only four players rather than the usual five or six, so that all four had to play every board of the event with no substitution.

As if to prove this achievement was no fluke, the same foursome then went on to capture the 1999 Reisinger, winning by the near-record margin of eight boards! In today's deal from the final, Shugart (North) and Robson displayed excellent judgment to reach the fine contract of three diamonds, which East not unreasonably doubled after his partner had opened and taken a second bid. Shugart's decision to pass three diamonds rather than return Robson to hearts proved decisive, as three hearts would have failed by at least one trick. Robson won the club queen with dummy's ace and played the A-K and another heart, ruffing with dummy's eight. East overruffed with the queen and returned a club to South's king, and Robson ruffed another heart, establishing his last heart as a trick. East could have overruffed dummy's deuce with the five (which would have held South to his contract), but he discarded instead, hoping declarer might eventually lose control of the hand. After the deuce held, however, Robson simply started leading trumps and finished with an over-trick for a score of +870, losing only the three top diamonds.

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Sci-fi fleet
5 Auto fuel stat
8 Horse's neck hair
12 Square-rigger need
14 Uncontrolled
15 Rogers' Trigger, e.g.
16 Got up
17 Married
18 Prejudiced
20 Virago
23 Mentor
24 Leader
25 Trusted military chief
28 Muslim pilgrimage
29 Macho types
30 Demure
32 Routs of mouths
34 Crumbly cheese
35 Always
36 Computer connector

DOWN
1 Ref
2 Air traffic org.
3 Lubricate
4 Came down in flakes
5 Hotel staffer
6 ATM code
7 Little liquid lumps
8 Pillage
9 Old Testament book
10 Beezer
11 Stretched (out)
13 Fish-eating duck
19 Persia, now
20 "Quiet!"
21 Pile
22 Hindu prince (Var.)
23 Xbox enthusiast
25 Capt. Hook's foe
26 On the rocks
27 Memorandum
29 Own
31 Thanks-giving veggie
33 Diminish
34 Music genre, on radio
36 Cripple
37 Jewels
38 Duel tool
39 Bygone time
40 "2 Broke Girls" role
43 Actress Gardner
44 Bobby of hockey lore
45 Long or Vardalos
46 Chatter

Saturday's answer 7-29

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