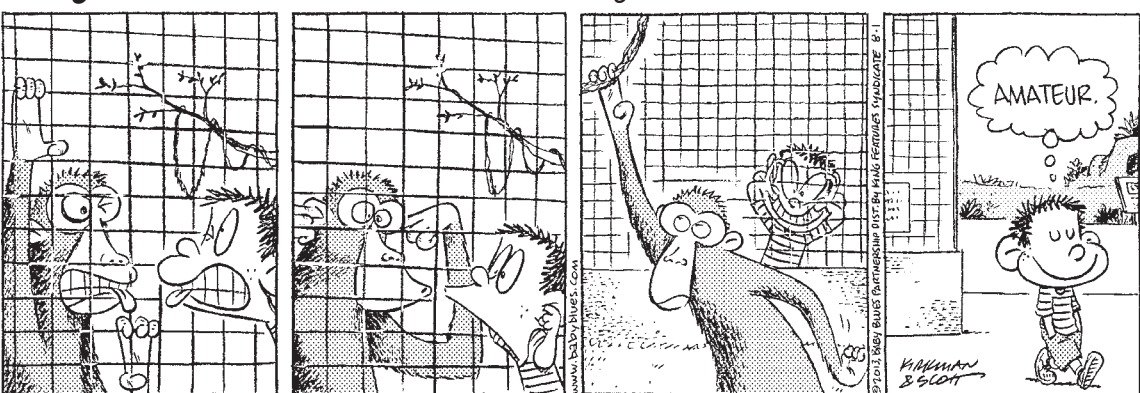


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



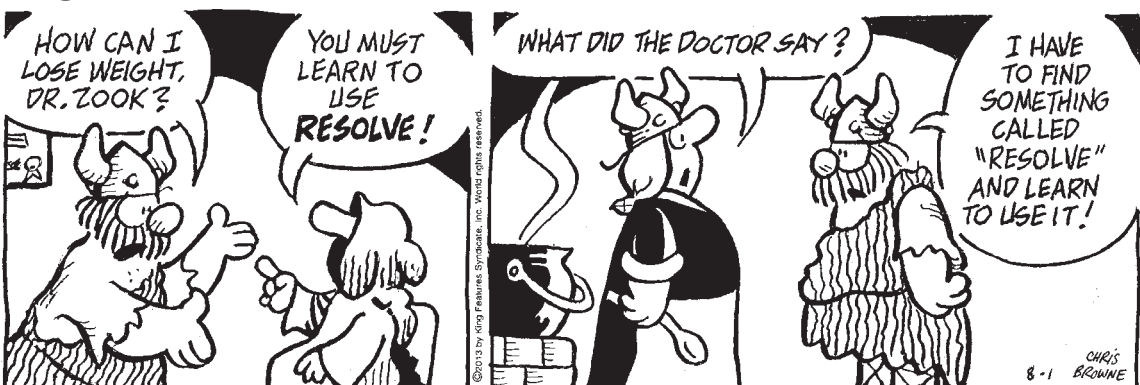
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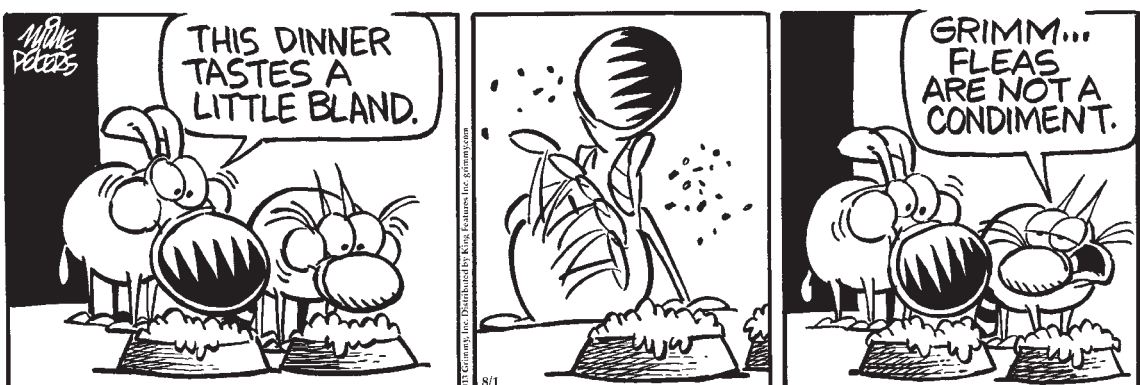
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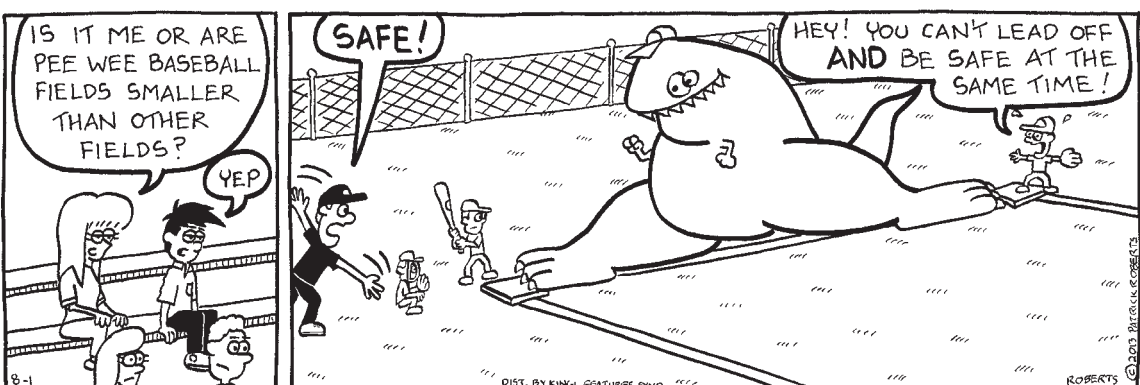
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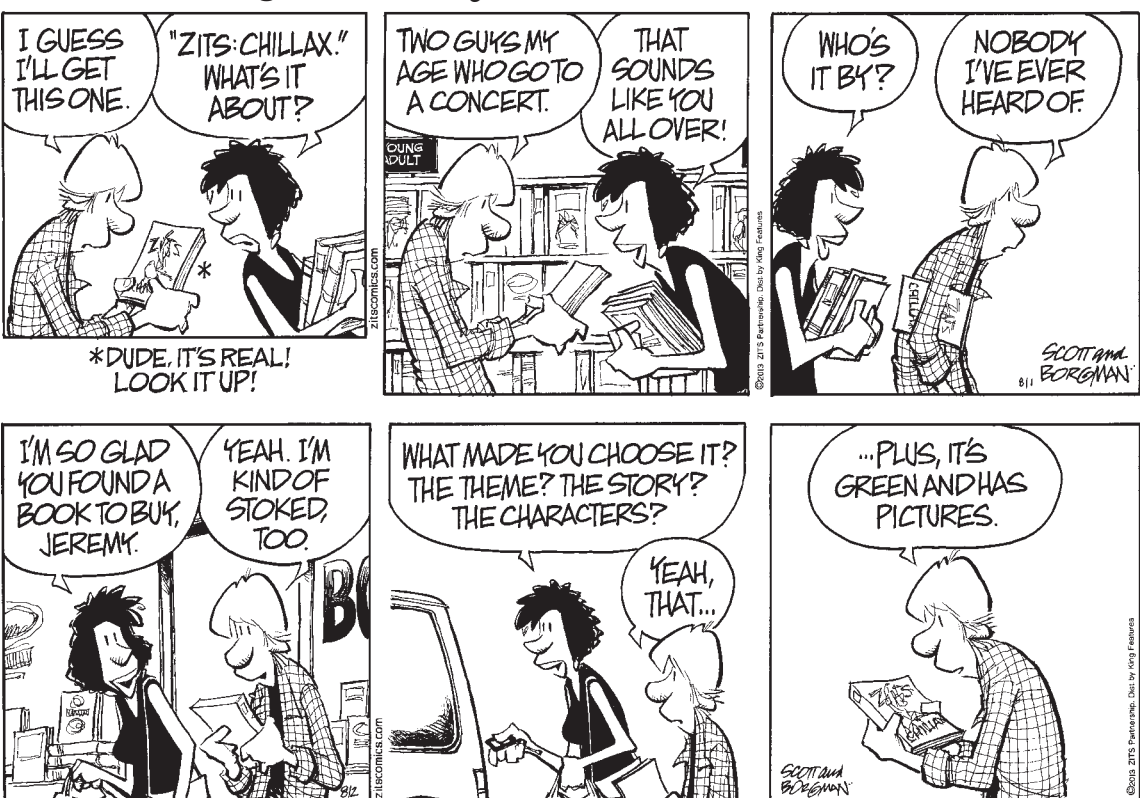
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel
• Antiques and Collecting
Printing plate of historic value

Q: About 25 years ago, I bought a solid copper lithographic printing plate at a yard sale. It weighs 15 pounds and is 10 by 6 1/2 inches. The image is a navigational aid for the "Mahukona Harbor and Approaches" of Hawaii. It's also marked "No. 4101 C&GS." Does the plate have any value?

A: Copper printing plates like yours were made to print surveying charts for the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey (C&GS). The survey that resulted in the manufacture of your plate was done in 1910.

Today the U.S. surveying agency, which manages a national coordinate system for mapping, charting and other engineering applications, is called the National Geodetic Survey. It's part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Survey plates as old as yours and in excellent condition can sell for \$150 or more.

Q: I have an Ada Lum cloth doll with embroidered Chinese features and a long braid in the back. It is dressed in blue "pajama-style" jacket and pants, woven sandals and a straw hat. There is a tag on the doll's wrist that says "Farmer, an original Ada Lum Doll" and "Made in Hong Hong." Can you tell me something about the maker?

A: Ada Lum began designing and making dolls in Shanghai in the 1940s. At first she made them just for friends, but as more people wanted them she started a business making dolls.

When the Communists took over in 1949, Ada Lum and her family fled to Hong Kong, where she continued her business and employed other Chinese refugees. At first she worked out of her home, but by 1962 she had a shop in the Mandarin Hotel. Her dolls were popular during the 1950s and '60s and many were bought by American tourists. Ada Lum died in 1988.

Value of your doll: about \$75.

Q: I have a sugar and creamer set from the Pine Ridge Sioux Indians, purchased at a yard sale about 20 years ago. On the bottom it is signed "O. Cottier" and "Pine Ridge Sioux." It is also marked with a pine tree design. I did some research. Olive Cottier is a sister of Ella Irving, aka Ella Woody aka Ella Cox, whose pottery is in the Smithsonian Institution. Just wondering if there is any value to my sugar and creamer set.

A: In the 1930s, the Works Progress Administration set up a program to teach students at the Pine Ridge Indian reservation boarding school how to make pottery. Experienced artists and potters were brought in to teach. Olive Cottier (1909-1974) and her sisters, Ella and Bernice, were students. Sometime after the program ended, Ella bought a building in Pine Ridge, S.D., where the sisters continued to make pottery from local clays. Ella and Olive made the pottery and Bernice decorated it. Their pottery closed in the 1980s. Your set is worth about \$75.

Tip: Save your broken dishes, vases and other decorative china to make mosaic stepping stones or tabletops for your garden. Chipped vases can be used for flowers or turned to make toad homes.
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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 8 6
♥ A K
♦ 6 5 3
♣ K Q J 9 4

WEST
♠ 5 4 2
♥ J 9 6 4 3
♦ J 9 7 2
♣ 10

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

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 10 3
♥ Q 5
♦ A Q 8
♣ 7 5 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 4 ♣ Pass
Opening lead — ten of clubs.

The Trump Echo
One of the more common defensive signals is the so-called trump echo. When the setting is right, this convention can be worth its weight in gold.

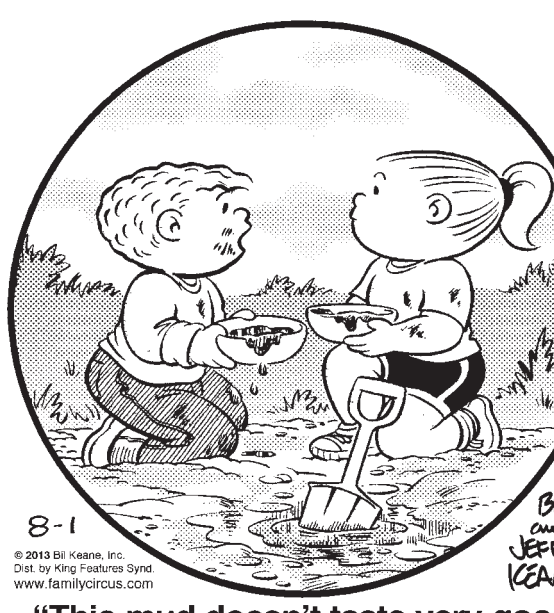
Here is a typical case. West leads the singleton ten of clubs against four spades. East wins with the ace and returns the deuce of clubs, West ruffing with the five. Back comes West's fourth-best diamond, East's king losing to South's ace. Declarer enters dummy with a heart and leads the nine of trumps, trying to look for all the world like he is planning to finesse in the hope of inducing East — if he has the ace — to play low. But East alertly goes up with the ace as South follows with the three and West the deuce. Now, if there were no such convention as the trump echo, East would have a difficult problem to solve.

He would not know whether to return a diamond, hoping to find West with the queen, or a club, hoping West had another trump. But the problem is easily solved if East is familiar with the trump echo.

West ruffed the club return at trick two with the five and later played the two on East's ace. This high-low in trumps is called a trump echo and indicates that its user originally held an odd number of trumps, which in the present case would have to be exactly three. Had West ruffed with the deuce and later played the five, he would have shown an even number of trumps — two in the given situation.

East therefore has no doubt about returning a club at trick six, since he knows full well that his partner will ruff to defeat the contract.
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/01

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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

Cryptoquip

NFMZ UVDYFMG KBHCW VDM
WNMVILZR BQMD WIBQM
XVCLZR KBBG, L'G FVQM IB
YVHH IFMX FBI UDMUUMDW
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE I LIKE TO DROP AN OSTRICH PLUME IN CAFFEINE DRINKS, I'M REGULARLY FEATHERING MY NESTEA.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Uris novel, with "The"
4 Leeway
8 Ogden's state
12 Post-ER site
13 Initial stake
14 Ripped
15 Pre-Cretaceous time
17 Adams or McClurg
18 Shriek bark
19 What the suffix "gate" denotes
21 Fudged on the expenses
24 Fool
25 Ostrich's cousin
26 Society newcomer
28 Certain veil
32 Little lice
34 Witty one
36 Olympic sled
37 Wood nymph

DOWN
1 G-K connection
2 Needle (Pref.)
3 Legal reason to miss work
4 Grated
5 Switch positions
6 Elevator name
7 Center of activity
8 Tool
9 Lincoln in-law
10 Met melody
11 Shoe part
16 Help
20 Fire residue
21 Hang in the balance
22 Eastern bigwig (Var.)
23 Morning moisture
27 Lousy
29 Court-enforced
30 Enthusiastic, plus
31 "Little woman"
33 Quarterback's worry
35 U.S. troops
38 Payable
40 Church leaders
43 Like a lot
45 A billion years
46 "Dragnet" star
47 Latin list-concluder
48 Continental coin
49 Type of ranch
53 Promise
54 Falsehood
55 Geological period

Solution time: 25 mins.

ODD	OOPS	AWOL							
KOT	PARE	NILE							
ROE	PROTESTED								
ARDOR	HEW								
	WEST	KEBAB							
DIVESTED	ROLE								
ADO	SENIOR	LEA							
DELI	MOLESTED								
AMEND	REMY								
	FOE	ONION							
REQUESTED	DNA								
HAUL	POLE	OCT							
ORAL	YELL	LEO							

Yesterday's answer 8-1

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	