

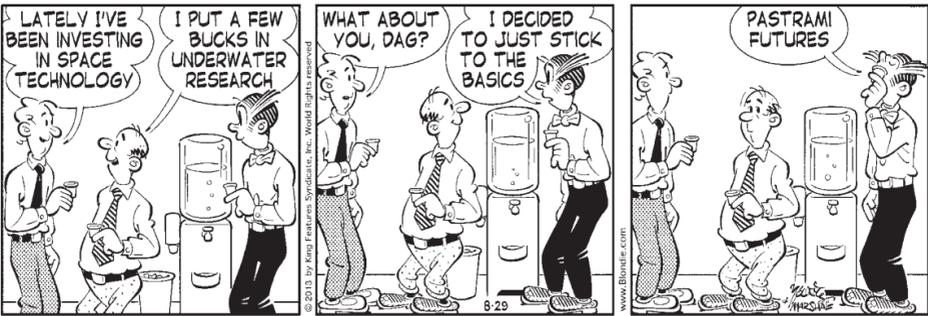
Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



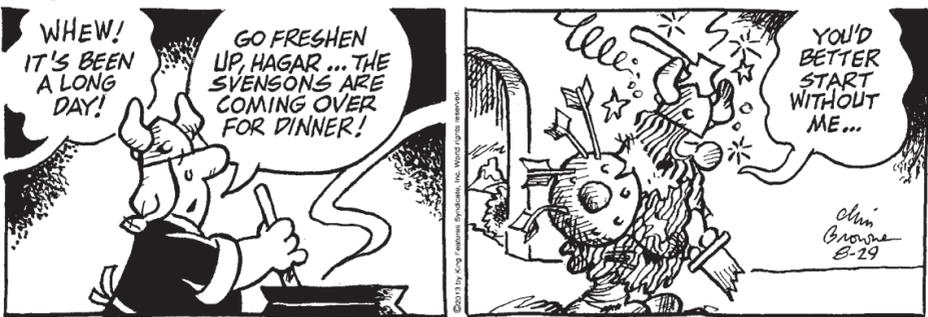
Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



Blondie • Chic Young



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



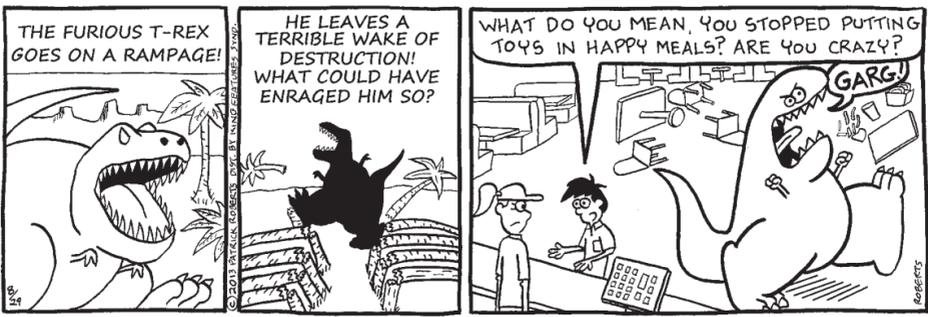
Mother Goose and Grimm • Mike Peters



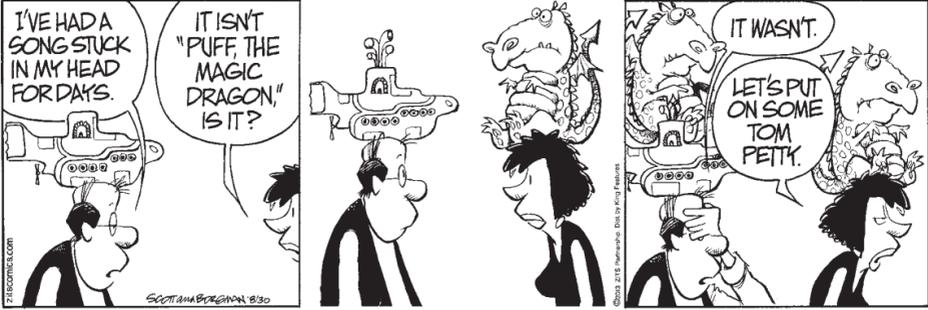
Sally Forth • Greg Howard



Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



Terry Kovel
• Antiques and Collecting

Popular print has low value



Q: I have inherited a picture of what looks like an oil painting. There are two buildings in it, one with a "Morton Salt" sign. The picture is signed "H. Hargrove" and has a round seal on the back with a number and the phrase, "Collectors Corner, Inc., Certificate of Authenticity." Is it worth much?

A: "H. Hargrove" is a name used by painter Nicolo Sturiano. He was born in Italy in 1941 and came to the United States in 1964. He worked as a winemaker at a New York State vineyard while he began painting as a hobby.

When his nostalgic American landscapes became popular, he left the vineyard and moved to Greenwich Village in New York City. Collectors Corner of Indianapolis sold Hargrove prints in the 1980s through a home party plan. Hargrove is still working and has a studio in Toms River, N.J.

Your limited-edition print sells for \$25 or less. **Q:** My father-in-law died in 1962 and left a bottle of Chivas Regal 12 Year Old blend. It has never been opened and has all the stamps required at the time. Does it have any value other than the normal price today?

A: James and John Chivas began making blended whiskey in Aberdeen, Scotland, in the mid-19th century. The Chivas Regal 12 Year Old Blend was introduced in 1938. The Chivas Regal brand was bought by Pernod Ricard, a French group, in 2001. Full bottles of liquor should be kept in a cool, dark place, but even with proper storage, the liquor may deteriorate after a few years. Full bottles can't be sold privately in some states. You could open the bottle and drink the whiskey, although if it was stored in a hot or sunny place, the taste may have changed. Modern liquor bottles have very little resale value.

Q: In late 1982, my husband bought a small Timex personal computer for \$105 (including taxes). We still have the computer, without its box, and the original receipt. He used it exactly once. Should I keep it or toss it?

A: You have a "Timex Sinclair 1000" computer. It was the first computer produced by Timex Sinclair, a joint venture of Timex Corp., a U.S. company, and Sinclair Research of England. The computer was sold as "the first computer under \$100." Timex lost out to competitors like Commodore, Atari and Apple, and dropped out of the computer market in early 1984. Timex Sinclair 1000s frequently are offered for sale online. Prices range from about \$40 to well over \$200. So, rather than tossing the computer, you might want to recoup some of your money by selling it. You can learn more about Timex Sinclair computers at OldComputers.net, a site dedicated to obsolete technology.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

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

Power of Positive Thinking

Assume you reach three notrump as shown and West leads the ten of spades. When you play low from dummy, East signals with the eight, and you win the trick with the king. This gives you eight sure winners, and the question is what to play at trick two (remembering, of course, that you can see only the North-South cards).

There are two lines of play that stand out. One is to lead the queen of hearts, discarding a diamond from dummy; the other is to lead the eight of diamonds, planning to finesse.

Actually, one of these plays is demonstrably right, and the other is demonstrably wrong. Nevertheless, it's easy to make the wrong play — which is to lead a diamond instead of a heart at trick two.

The great attraction of the diamond lead is that you plan to finesse into the nondangerous hand, East, who cannot advantageously return a spade. However, this reasoning is unsound, since if the diamond loses to East, he will presumably return a heart. If West has the ace, he will win and return a spade through dummy's Q-5, and down you go.

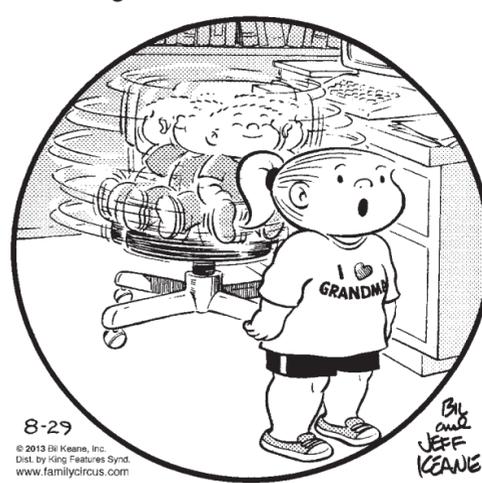
You should conclude, therefore, that the contract cannot be made unless East has the heart ace, and on that basis you should simply lead the heart queen at trick two.

In the actual deal, if you lead a diamond at trick two, West plays the queen, and the contract is defeated whatever you do next.

The bottom line is that no matter how the diamonds are divided, the contract fails if West has the ace of hearts, and you should proceed accordingly.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/29

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.

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

Cryptoquip

JH W HWGPNM WTSODMM TWGD
LPEA EJSI GWAC SIOPWS
JAHDTSJPM, EPNKL QDPQKD
TWKK IDO GDOCK MSODQ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THEY ENGAGED IN LOUD REVELRY ON THE MERRY-GO-ROUND, IT WAS VERY MUCH A CAROUSEL CAROUSAL.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals P

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
1 That guy transport
4 Unrivaled city
8 Shacks
12 Geological period
13 Black, in verse
14 Turkish bigwig
15 Prestidigitator
17 Family
18 Snitch
19 Menacingly large
21 Doorbells
24 Author Fleming
25 No longer chic
26 Tatter
28 Office notes
32 Scraps
34 Diamond or heart
36 Slangy "etc."
37 Filch
39 Petrol
41 Martini ingredient
42 — defers
44 Rocks
- DOWN**
3 "The Treachery of Images" artist
4 "Silence of the Lambs" villain
5 Kimono closer
6 Ham's father
7 Boredom
8 Hired carriage
9 Wrinkly fruit
10 Larger — life
11 Crooned
16 Cartesian conclusion
20 Felonious acronym
21 Crooned
22 Injure
23 Potential
27 Show-biz job
29 Mississippian emblem
30 Garfield's pal
31 Without
33 Rescuers
35 — de
38 Varnish
40 Emphasize
43 Ballroom dance
45 Lubricate
46 Exam
47 Car
48 Picture of health?
49 \$50, in Monopoly
53 Space
54 Billboards
55 Discouraging words

Solution time: 25 mins.
DAB RASP ACER
TIRE ECHO SHOO
SIR SHORTHAND
CANOE TIC
DEBS PALED
HANDDOWN NAVE
EGO SNOOK VIA
AREA DOWNFALL
RALPH PAIR
PRO TYPEPA
FALLSHORT IVY
ALOE MOUE LEE
YESTER SHED ENS

Yesterday's answer 8-29

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	
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46	47	48			49		50			
51				52		53			54	55
56				57				58		
59				60					61	