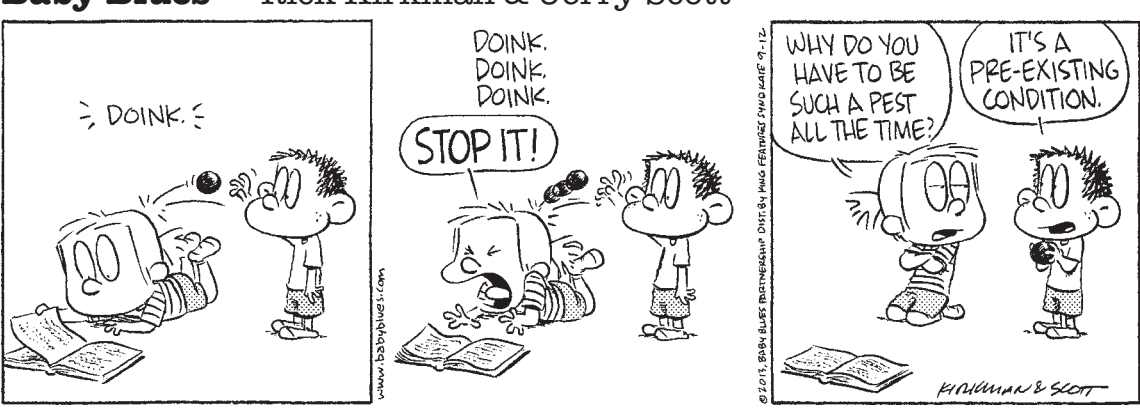
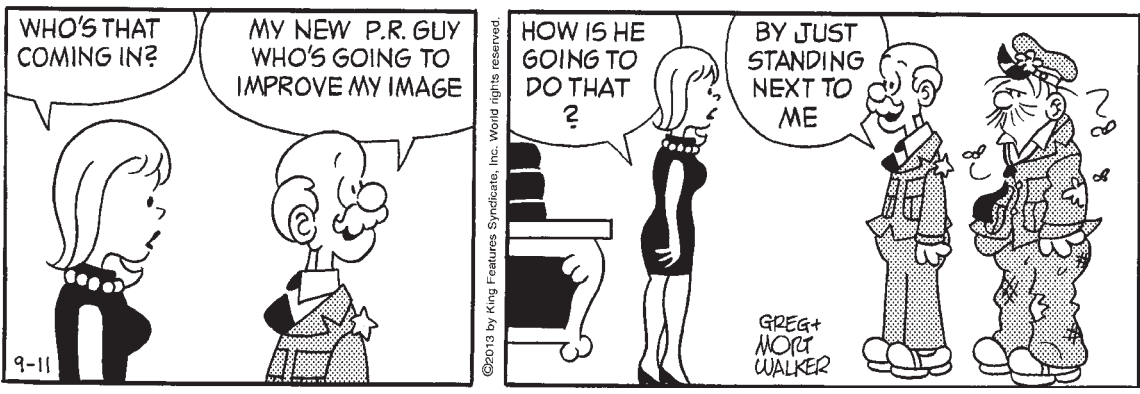


**Baby Blues** • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



**Beetle Bailey** • Mort Walker



**Blondie** • Chic Young



**Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne



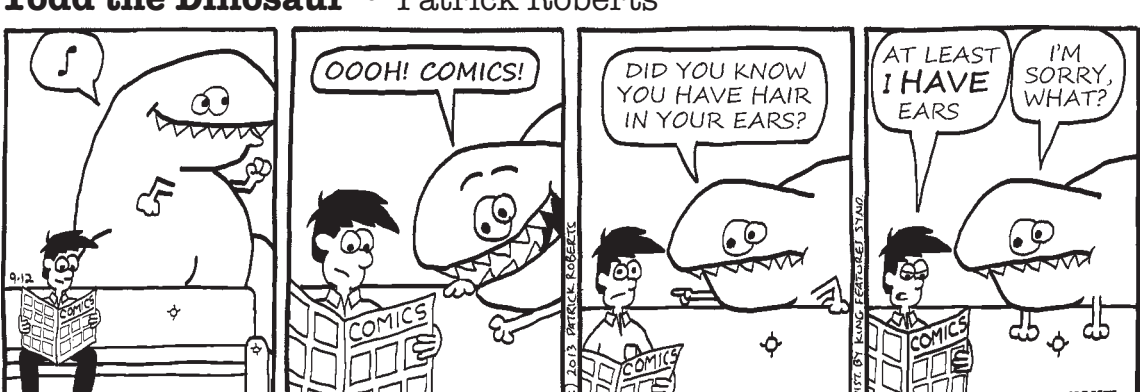
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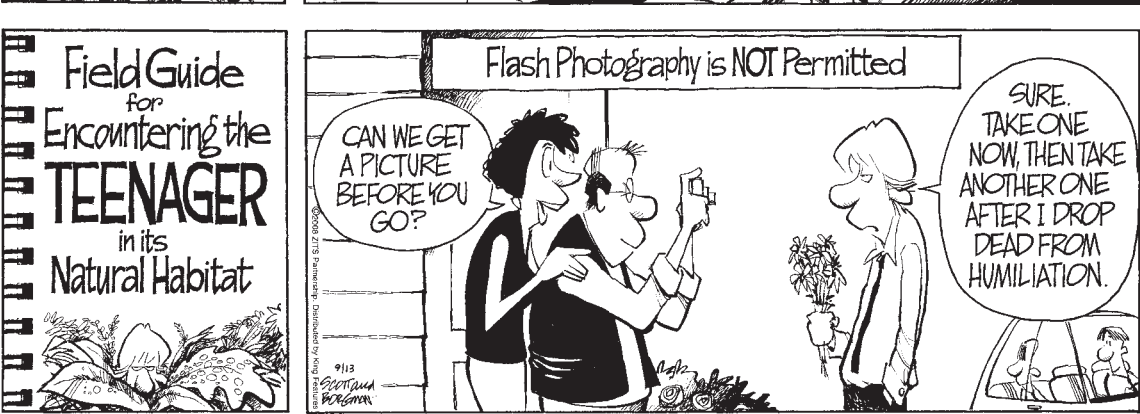
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**Todd the Dinosaur** • Patrick Roberts



**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



**Terry Kovel**  
• Antiques and Collecting

**Silly licenses not high value**

**Q:** Going through piles of stuff, I found my teen collection of 24 silly arcade cards called "Licenses to Do Anything." I remember buying them from coin-operated machines in the late 1930s or early '40s. Each one is postcard size, 3 1/4 by 5 1/2 inches, and is printed on heavy stock with green lettering and a fancy green border. Mine include a Back Seat Driver's License, a Bachelor's Permit and a Spendthrift Permit. What are they worth?

**A:** Your cards were issued by the Exhibit Supply Co. of Chicago. The copyright date on the ones we have seen is 1941. A set of 30 mint examples is being offered online for \$30. So your smaller set would sell for less than that.

**Q:** I understand antique typewriters are popular again. I have a 1935 Remington typewriter in good condition. It's 10 by 11 inches in a black case. What is my typewriter worth?

**A:** Arms manufacturer E. Remington & Sons of Ilion, N.Y., made the first successful typewriter for Sholes & Glidden in 1874. It typed capital letters only. Remington made the typewriter in its sewing machine division.

It sold its typewriter business and the rights to the Remington name to the Standard Typewriter Manufacturing Co. in 1886. Standard changed its name to Remington Typewriter Co. in 1902 and became Remington Rand in 1927. Remington portable typewriters were introduced in 1920.

Typewriter sales fell in the 1990s as more people started using computers. Vintage typewriters have recently become popular with people who like the touch and enjoy seeing words appear on paper as they are typed. Value of your typewriter: about \$145.

**Q:** I'm moving to independent care and must sell or give away my collector plates. I have an Edna Hibbel Mother's Day plate called "Erica and Jamie" made in 1985. Is it worth anything? Are people collecting Edna Hibbel plates?

**A:** Edna Hibbel (b. 1917) is an artist known for her paintings of mothers and children. A series of Edna Hibbel Mother's Day plates was made by Edwin M. Knowles China Co. from 1984 to 1991. Collector plates have gone down in value during the past 10 years, and your plate currently sells for under \$15.

**Q:** Back in the 1960s, I bought my daughter a large plush Cat in the Hat stuffed toy. She doesn't want it, but I hear it's "collectible." What do you think?

**A:** Dr. Seuss' "The Cat in the Hat" storybook was published in 1957, and plush Cat in the Hat toys soon followed - and are still being made. Early versions in "like new" condition might sell for more than newer toys. But don't expect to get more than about \$20 for it.  
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**Bridge** • Steve Becker

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K Q J 4  
♥ K J 8  
♦ Q 9 5 2  
♣ A 6

**WEST**  
♠ 8 7 6 5 3  
♥ Q 4 2  
♦ 6 3  
♣ J 9 5

**EAST**  
♠ 9 2  
♥ A 9 5 3  
♦ 8 7  
♣ K 8 7 4 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 10  
♥ 10 7 6  
♦ A K J 10 4  
♣ Q 10 2

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♦ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
3 ♦ Pass 4 ♦ Pass  
4 ♠ Pass 6 ♦ Pass

Opening lead — eight of spades.

**Common-Sense Defense**  
The question of when a defender should cover an honor is not susceptible to hard-and-fast rules. The answer is more a matter of using good judgment and common sense than of trying to conform to rigid principles that can't possibly cover all circumstances.

Consider this deal where South was in six diamonds and West led a spade. Declarer won with the ace and cashed the A-K of trumps and K-Q-J of spades, discarding two clubs. He then played the ace of clubs and ruffed a club, producing this position:

**North**  
♥ K J 8  
♦ Q 9

**West**  
♠ 7  
♥ Q 4 2  
♣ J

**East**  
♥ A 9 5 3  
♣ 8

**South**  
♥ 10 7 6  
♦ J 10

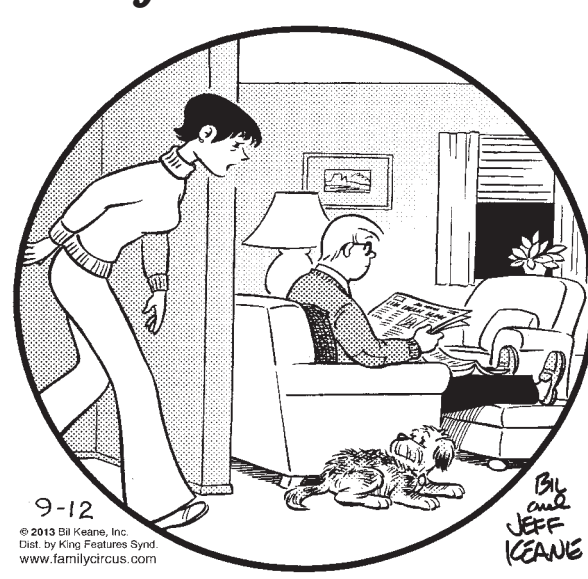
Declarer now led the ten of hearts, and had West followed low, South would have made the slam by playing low from dummy.

But West — who knew from the play up to this point that declarer had started with precisely two spades, five diamonds and three clubs, and hence three hearts — correctly covered the ten with the queen, which in turn was covered by dummy's king.

East — who had exactly the same count on declarer's distribution as West — thereupon refused to take the king with the ace, after which South had to go down one, eventually losing two heart tricks to East. Had East won the king of hearts with the ace, he would have been end-played, and declarer would have made the slam.

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**Family Circus** • Bil Keane



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**Conceptis Sudoku** • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 9/12

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.

Difficulty Level ★★★

**Cryptoquip**

WHOC RGIXJU QOXGETGC  
LPGUUKL GQXJB G QHGYPH  
TDX PXWHU QHPBKMY XJB  
BJMHU: "BDH DXJME XR  
IJUKL."  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ONE COULD IMAGINE THAT ALL MAIL SENT AMONG GHOSTS MUST GO THROUGH THE DEAD LETTER OFFICE.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals B

**Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
1 Skip  
5 Colorless  
9 Spade or club  
12 Hindu royal  
13 Bigfoot's cousin  
14 Japanese sash  
15 Innocent one?  
17 Caltech rival  
18 SpooF  
19 Opposite of "go"  
21 Early hrs.  
22 Pale  
24 National park in Utah  
27 G8 member  
28 Smell  
31 Have a bug  
32 Tractor-trailer  
33 Actress Longoria  
34 Slapstick arsenal  
36 Billboards  
37 Hee-haw  
38 Supermarket section

**DOWN**  
1 Eyes, poetically  
2 Poet  
3 Smithsonian, for ex.  
4 Orange shade named for a painter  
5 Force unit  
6 Scarlet  
7 Dined on material  
8 Canoe  
9 Potpourri container  
10 Wading bird  
11 Heart of the matter  
16 Branch  
20 Author Buscaglia

**22 Remark to the audience**  
**23 Droops**  
**24 Use a ray gun**  
**25 Midafternoon, on a sundial**  
**26 Poisonous evergreen**  
**27 Caspian feeder**  
**29 Reproductive cells**  
**30 Actor Liotta**  
**35 Perch**  
**37 Noble companion?**  
**39 Plumed military cap**  
**40 Exec.'s deg.**  
**41 Verifiable**  
**42 Relaxation**  
**43 Pivot line**  
**44 City in Yemen**  
**45 Sandwich shop**  
**46 Formerly, formerly**  
**49 Cover**  
**50 Lamb's dam**

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12					13				14	
15				16					17	
18								19	20	
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24	25	26			27			28	29	30
31					32				33	
34					35	36			37	
					38	39			40	
41	42						43		44	45
47					48	49	50			
51					52				53	
54					55				56	