

In 1947, Ten Comic Strip Artists Were Asked To Draw Their Characters Blindfolded

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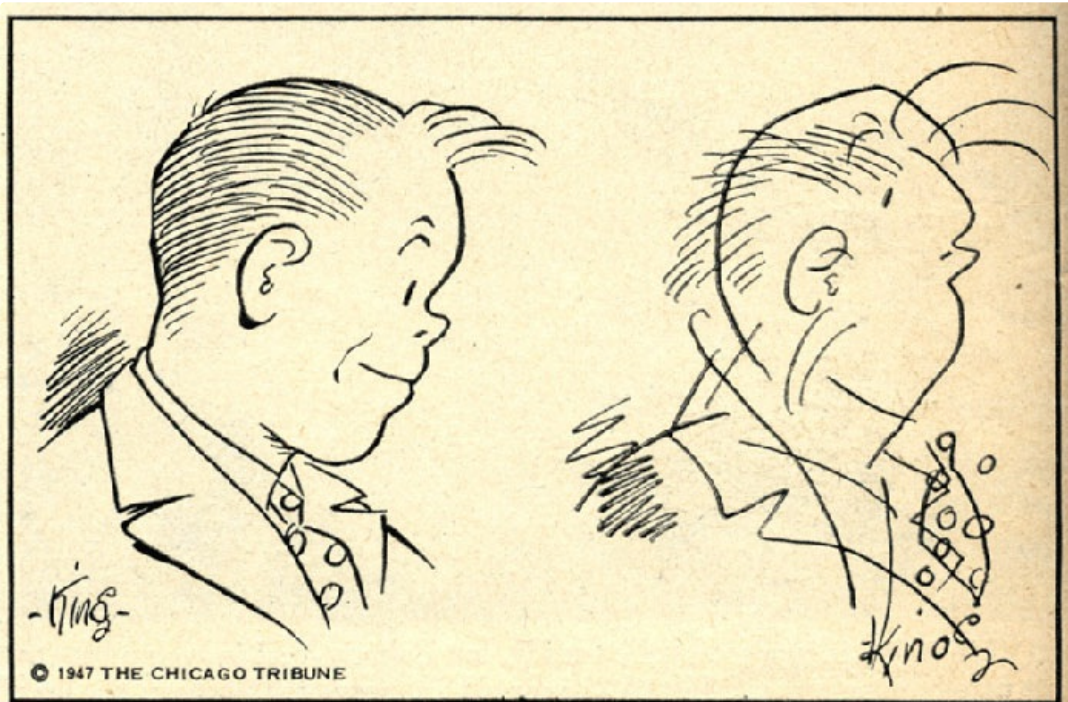
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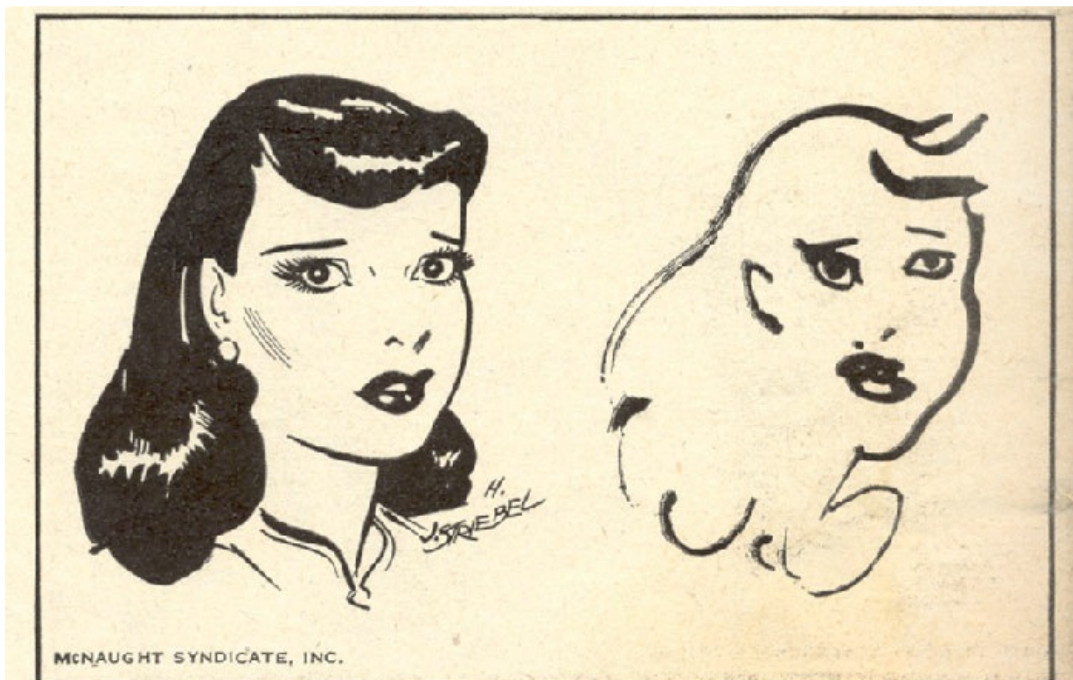
A comic strip artist will end up drawing the same characters so many thousands of times, that you'd figure they could draw them with their eyes closed. But could they really? In 1947, Life magazine decided to find out by challenging 10 contemporary comic strip artists to do just that – draw their characters with their eyes closed.

The results, needless to say, are hilarious. Most of the artists were remarkably successful at re-creating individual features of their characters, but they put them all in the wrong places, like a Picasso painting or a botched Mr. Potatohead toy.

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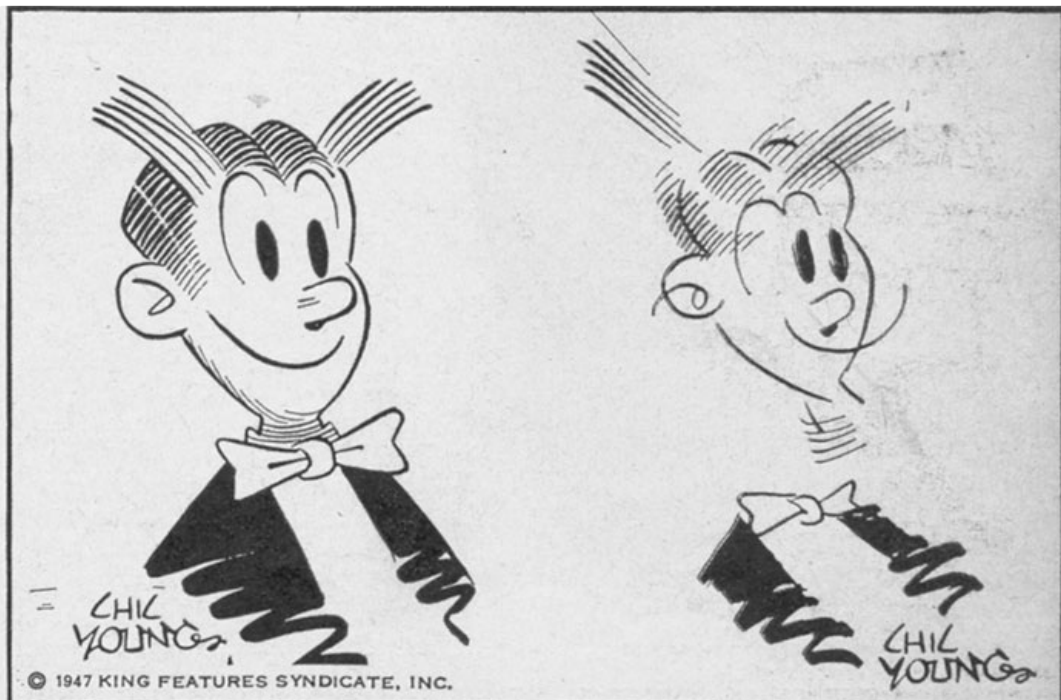
SKEEZIX, main character of *Gasoline Alley*, was first drawn by Frank King with eyes open (left). Then he closed them and produced the mess at right.



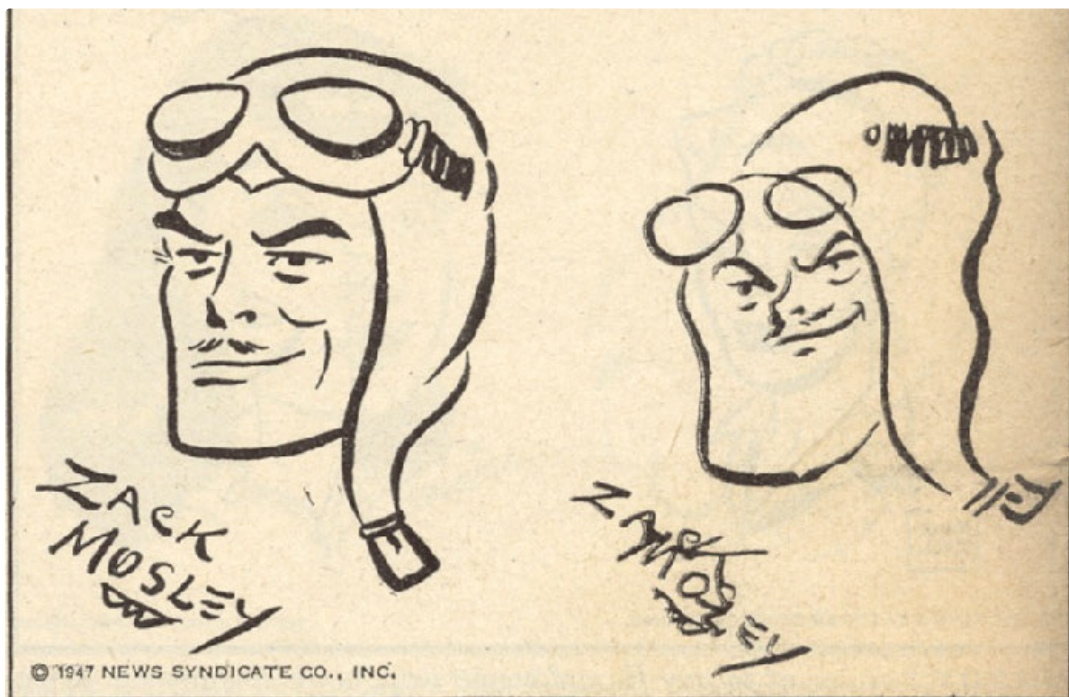
DIXIE DUGAN in Cartoonist John Striebel's blindfold version is almost a caricature of herself. The soulful eyes and the full lips emerge oddly lopsided.



SECRET AGENT X-9 appears here with his hat and face badly askew. Artist Graff even managed to get necktie dots on coat lapel and cigaret in left ear



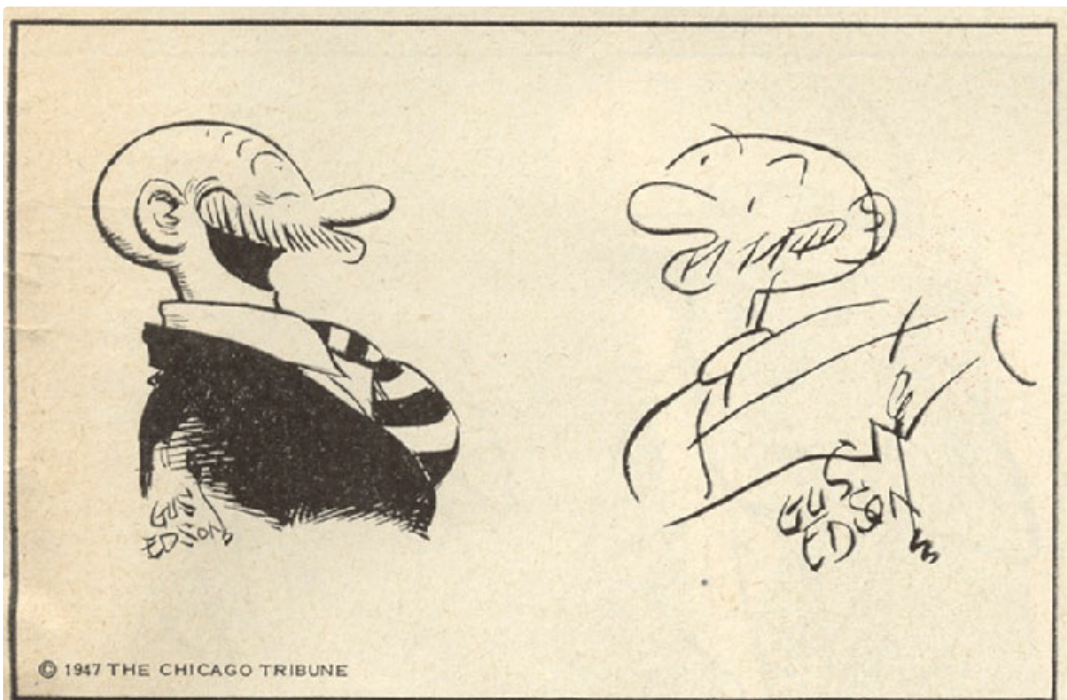
DAGWOOD'S HEAD, a familiar sight in *Blondie* comic strip, floats airily off into space in blindfold version, but Dagwood is still quite recognizable.



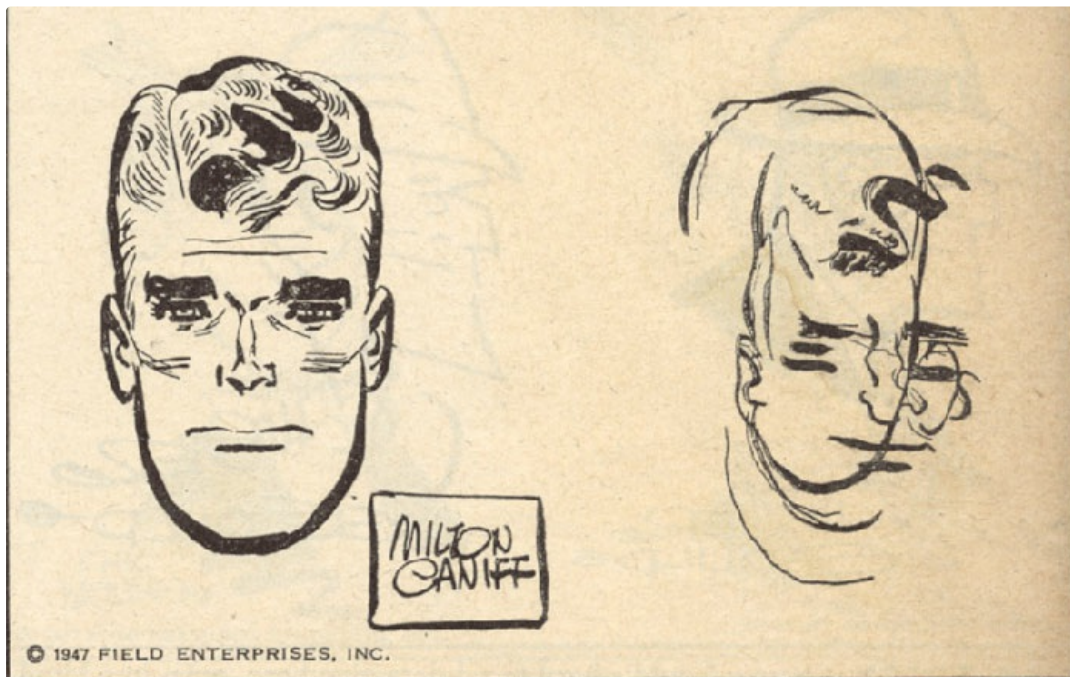
SMILIN' JACK'S tight-lipped grin, which has fascinated all of Artist Zack Mosley's comic heroines for 14 years, is mashed into an evil, lopsided smirk.



BRANDY, heroine of *Johnny Hazard* comic strip, becomes gun moll. Artist Frank Robbins said experiment would create wave of aspirants for his job.



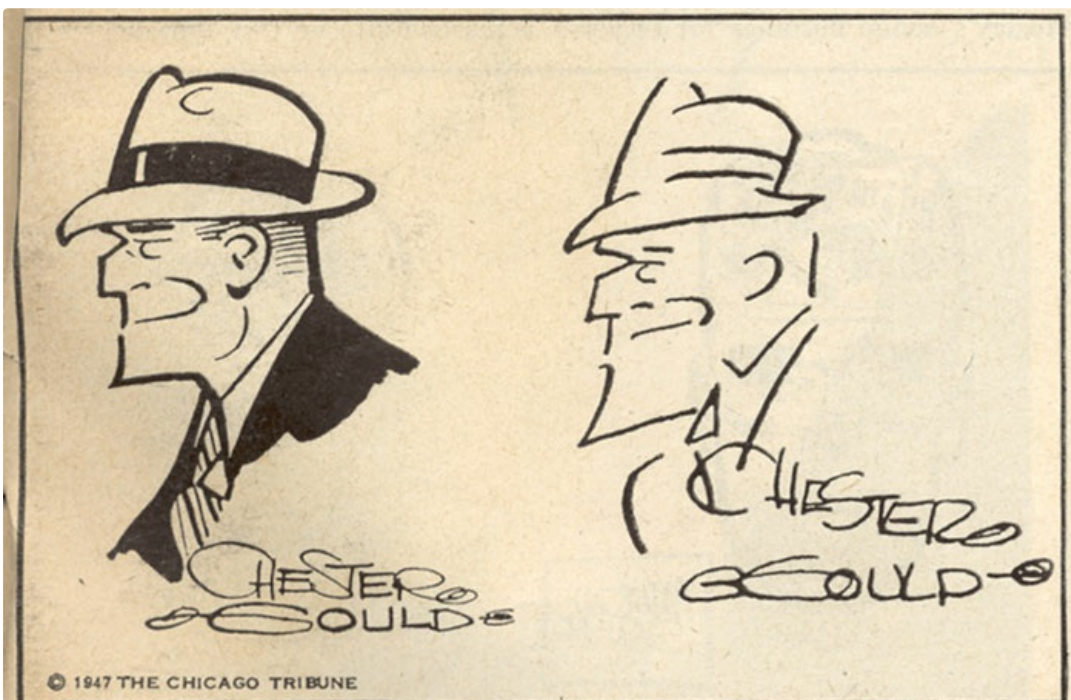
ANDY GUMP, drawn by Gus Edson since death of Creator Sidney Smith, loses nearly all resemblance to original (*left*). Mustache winds up in left ear.



STEVE CANYON is hero of a few-weeks-old strip by Milton Caniff, creator of *Terry and the Pirates*. Obviously (*right*) Caniff is barely getting acquainted.



MAJOR HOOPLE'S famous fez is still recognizable but his mustache has yawed violently to port and his left ear now sprouts from the back of his neck.



DICK TRACY, Chester Gould's hard-faced detective hero, even in a blind-fold drawing looks as roughhewn—and as intelligent—as a slab of granite.

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I think Chester Gould was peeking.

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zo zie je dat ze echt wel kunnen tekenen en de gum niet nodig hebben :P

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I think making fun of efforts few of the rest of us could come close to is silly

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chester nailed it

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Kind of embarrassed to admit I was expecting to see blindfolds on the drawings.....and I thought what an odd request

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yes it would have been best to place the word "while" before "blindfolded"but that's hilarious

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is this a blond joke ?

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I count only 9. Who was the tenth?

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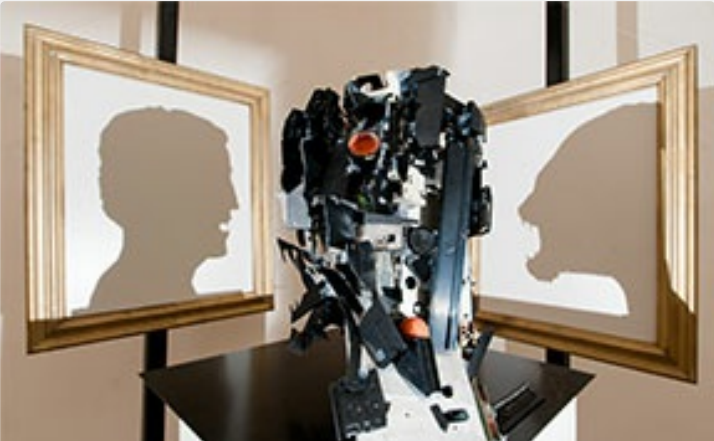
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