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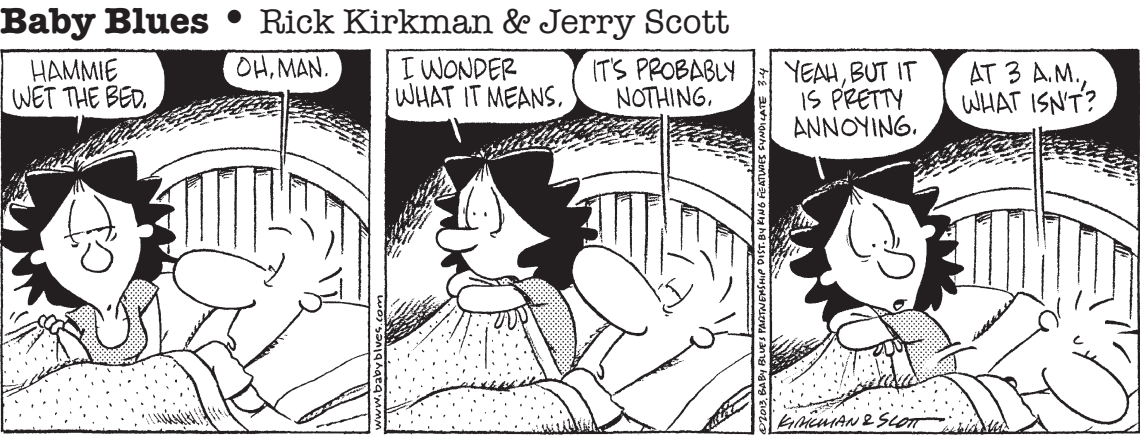

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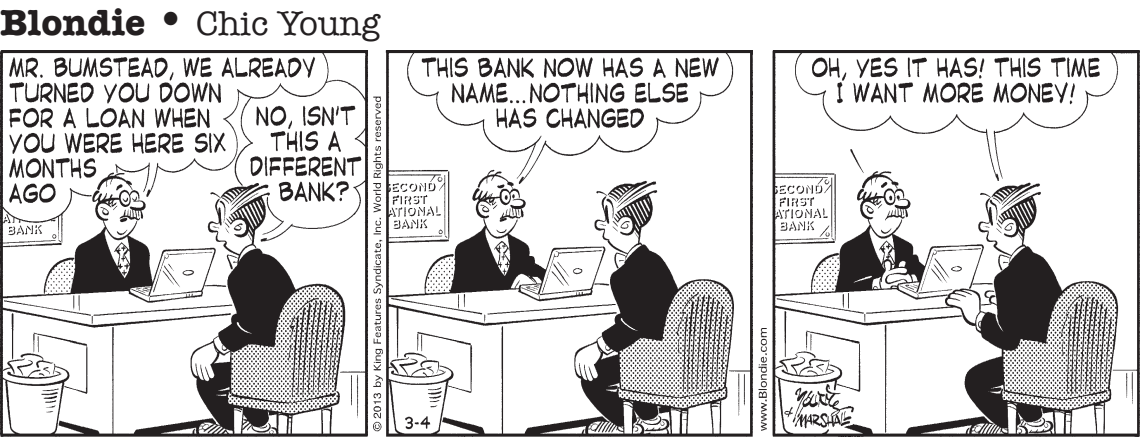

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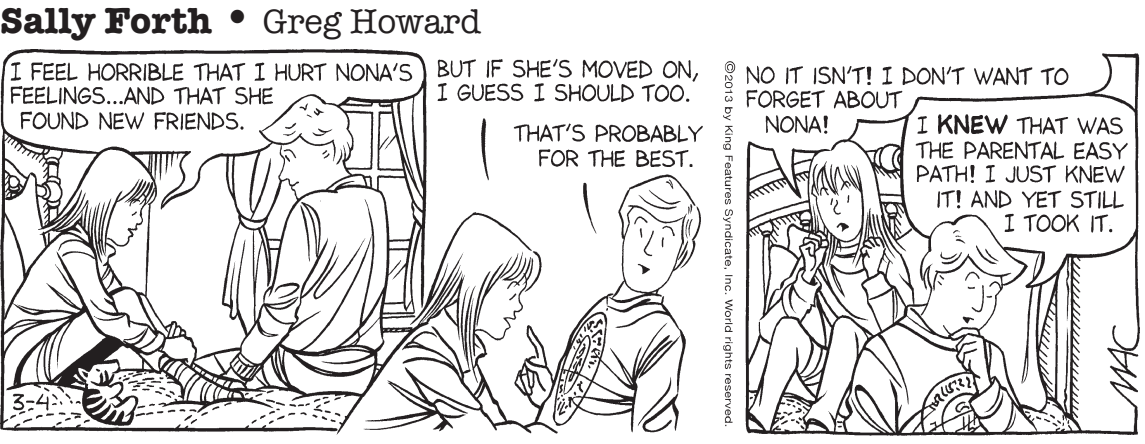

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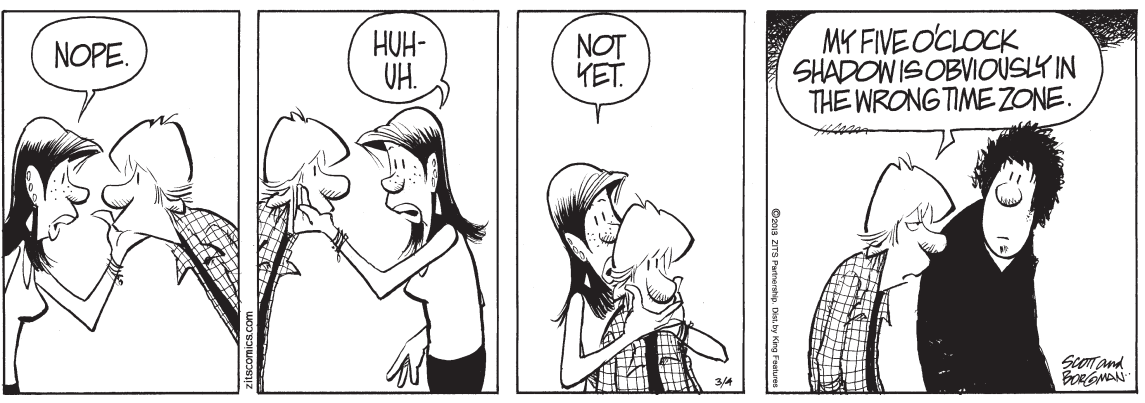

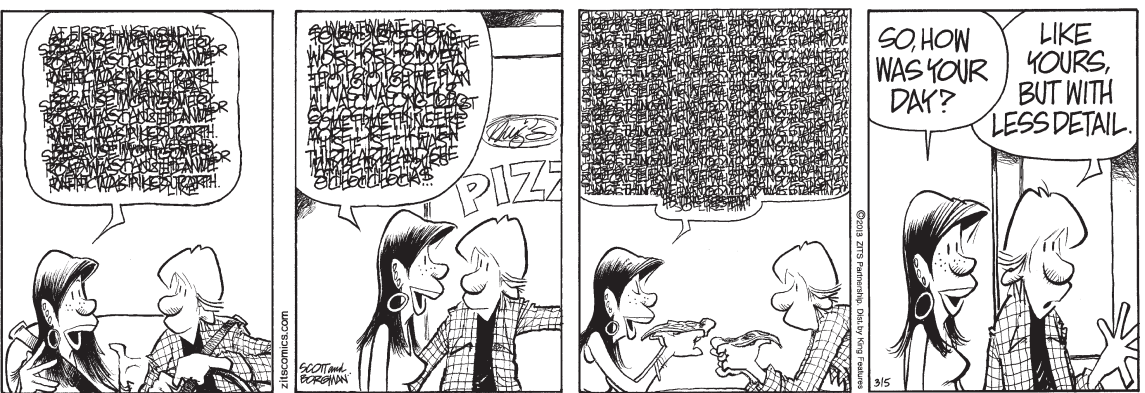

Terry Kovel

• Antiques and Collecting

Sectioned tables have flexible use

Small rooms need small furniture, but large families need large tables. This problem has been solved in a variety of ways since the 17th century.

Homes with long center halls, which were needed to keep the house cool, filled the space with several tables that could fit together to form one large table. A favorite style was a four-legged center table and two end tables with curved leaves that could be raised to be level with the center table or dropped to hang at the side. By Victorian times, the table could be on a center pedestal with sides that pulled out so leaves could be added.

By the late 1890s, patented slides and hardware made it possible to pull both ends of a table out, then to fill the vacant space with leaves that matched the tabletop.

This three-part teak coffee table was designed by Peter Hvidt for France and Son of Denmark in the 1960s. It is 17 inches high and, when put together, 51 inches in diameter.

By the 1900s, some had self-storing leaves that popped into place from under the tabletop when the top was turned or pulled out.

But the most interesting and rarest are round tables made larger by the addition of wedge-shaped pieces, or a group of tables that could be made into one round table.

Peter Hvidt (1916-1986) was an architect and furniture designer in Copenhagen, Denmark. He made furniture, usually of teak and steel, in the 1960s. Pieces were very streamlined in the prevailing Danish style – thin legs and arms, no fancy trim, very little upholstery.

The unique table was made of three curved shapes that could be put together in different ways. There could be one large, round table, a middle-size table or a small table for one. Rago Arts and Auction Center in New Jersey sold one recently for $3,750.

Q: I have some plates marked "Edelstein, Bavaria, Maria Theresia." There's also a number I can't read on the bottom. The plates have a plain center and a slightly scalloped edge trimmed in gold, gold leaves and gold flowers. Can you tell me who made them?

A: The Edelstein Porcelain Factory was in Kups, Bavaria, Germany, from about 1934 until a few years ago. Dishes marked "Maria Theresia" can be found with different decorations, so it may be the shape's name. The number is a pattern number. Maria Theresia dishes are part of an inexpensive line. A plate is worth less than $10.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K J 10 8 5
♥ K 6 4
♦ Q 9 5 2
♣ 7

WEST
♠ A 7 4 3
♥ J 9 8 7 2
♦ 8 7
♣ 9 8

EAST
♠ Q 6
♥ 10 5
♦ K 10 4 3
♣ A J 10 6 3

SOUTH
♠ 9 2
♥ A Q 3
♦ A J 6
♣ K Q 5 4 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥ *	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 NT	

* transfer to spades.
Opening lead — seven of hearts.

Famous Hand

When you look at this deal, it is hard to see how declarer can fail to make three notrump after a heart lead. South wins the lead in his hand, loses the nine of spades to East's queen, takes the heart return in his hand and continues spades.

West takes the ace and, say, returns a third heart. Declarer wins with dummy's king, cashes the remaining spades, takes a successful diamond finesse and concedes the king of clubs to the ace to bring in nine tricks – three spades, three hearts, two diamonds and a club. It all seems rather cut and dried.

But that's not the way it happened when the deal occurred in the 1988 Spingold Teams. Declarer won the opening heart lead with the ace and finessed the nine of spades, but East, David Berkowitz, ducked! When the nine held, South naturally repeated the finesse, losing the ten to the queen.

As a result of East's brilliant play, declarer was no longer able to utilize dummy's spades. He won East's heart return with dummy's king, conceded a trick to the ace of spades and won the next heart, on which East showed out, with the queen.

A low diamond was now led toward dummy. When West did not produce the king and cash two heart tricks, it was clear he did not have that card. So South finessed dummy's nine, hoping this would drive out the king. But East won with the ten and returned a club, locking declarer in his hand

South struggled awhile and eventually forced East to give him another trick to bring his total to seven, but this was small compensation for failing to make the contract.

East's entry-killing duck of the first spade simply proved too much to overcome.

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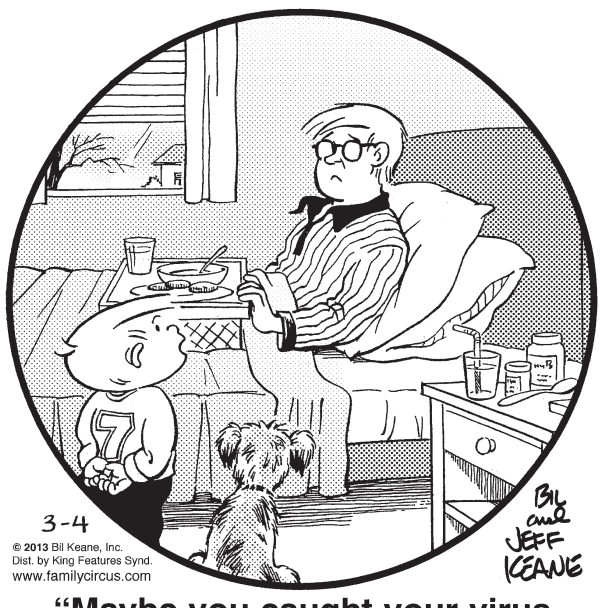
Family Circus • Bil Keane



"Maybe you caught your virus from our computer, Daddy."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 3/04

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 3/01

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Cryptoquip

ZWPFID PDODXFCJ JU F WUPID VWU TI KTXDC IUHD VTCD JU EDODQPFJD FC DXDCJ: EWFHZFKCD FJ JWD QTJ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN I ASKED THE VOCALIST IF HE'D KINDLY SING THE CHORUS OVER AGAIN, HE SAID HE WOULD REFRAIN.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Nickelodeon's explorer
5 Phonograph stat
8 __ podrida
12 Acknowledge
13 "Born in the —"
14 Tide type
15 Korea-based sitcom
16 Laterally
18 Tartan patterns
20 Go by
21 "Star Wars" princess
23 Saute
24 Motorcycle attachments
28 Consider
31 Historic period
32 Prepare to pray
34 Chicken-king link
35 Weaver's filling thread
37 Revolvers, e.g.
39 Air safety org.
41 Soon to come
42 Coral rings
45 Money, slangily
49 Secondary job
51 Anger
52 Infamous Idi
53 Enjoyment
54 At a snail's pace
55 Hide
56 Explosive stick
57 Spud's buds

DOWN
1 Moist
2 Elliptical
3 Parks of civil rights fame
4 For some time
5 Muscovites et al.
6 Omega preceder
7 Put together
8 Ahead
9 2012, but not 2013
10 Potato chip brand
11 Church section
17 Sprite
19 Pack of cards
22 "The results —"
24 Stitch
25 Anger
26 Jonquil's cousin
27 Dregs
29 Shady tree
30 More, to Manuel
33 Toy block name
36 Skill
38 Richard III's cry
40 The whole enchilada
42 Pronto, on a memo
43 Fourth dimension
44 Winnow
46 Easter emblem
47 Lotion additive
48 Chops
50 Convent denizen

U	M	P		G	I	F	T		L	E	V	I
S	U	E		O	R	E	O		I	M	A	M
S	T	R	E	A	K	E	D		B	U	R	P
R	E	P	U	T	E		D	R	Y			
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A	P	E	R		J	A	R		S	L	A	B
L	E	E		P	O	X		C	H	E	S	T
L	E	N	G	T	H		C	O	O			
			R	A	N		U	N	R	E	S	T
S	A	R	I		S	T	R	E	N	G	T	H
A	B	E	T		O	I	L	Y		G	E	E
C	A	P	S		N	E	S	S		S	P	Y

Saturday's answer 3-4

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
31			■	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			