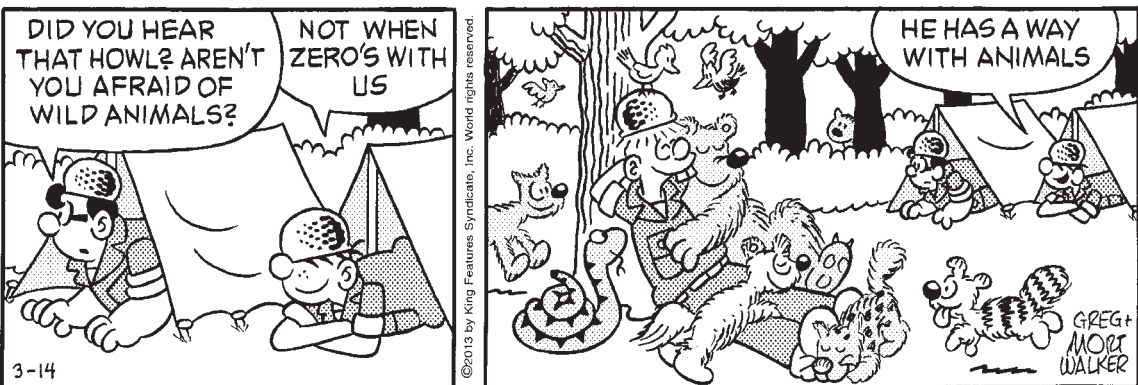


Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



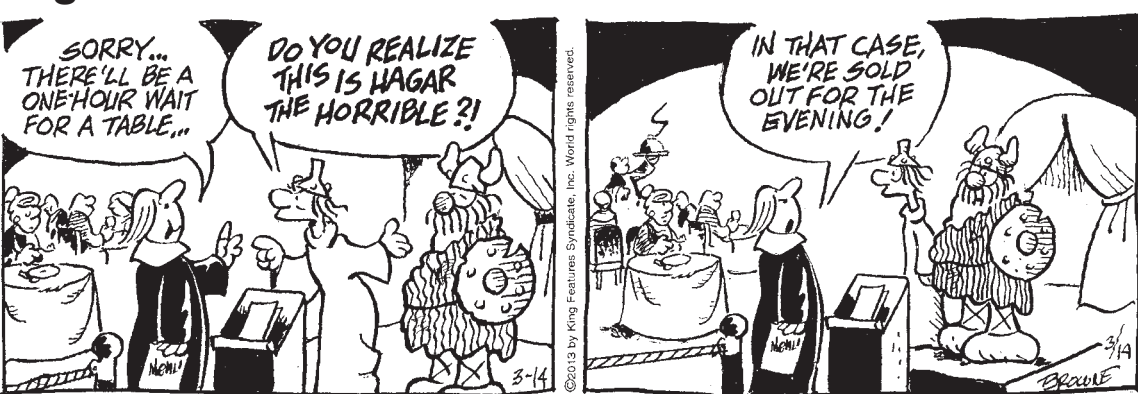
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Blondie • Chic Young



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne



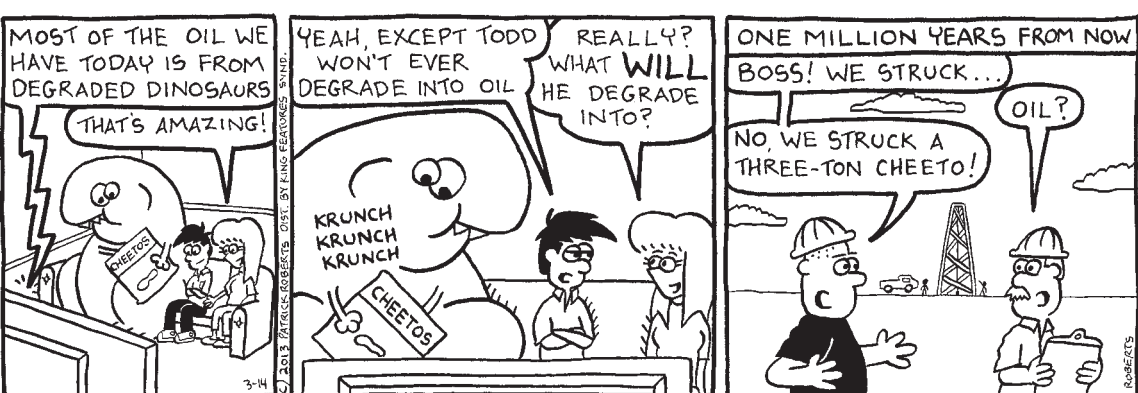
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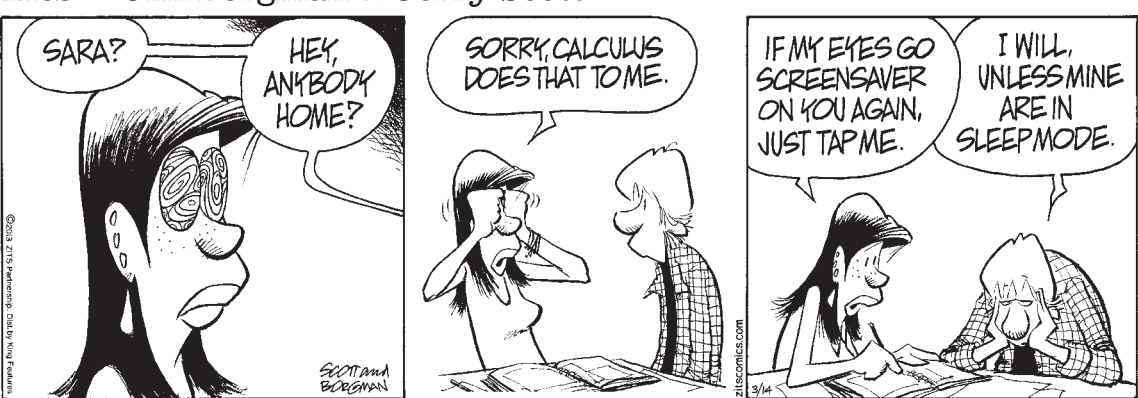
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Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts



Zits • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



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• Antiques and Collecting

Violin's history may be centuries

Q: We have an old violin that my husband's father played. It has a label inside that says "Giovanni Paolo Maggini, Brescia, 16(60)." The first two numbers are printed but the last two look like they were added in pencil. How old is the violin and where was it made?

A: Giovanni Paolo Maggini (1580-c. 1630) made several different kinds of stringed instruments and was one of the most important makers in Brescia, Italy.

His instruments are known for the quality of the woods, unusually large sound holes and mellow tone. Some have a crest, medallion, scene or other decorations on the back. His later instruments are considered his best. They usually have a double row of purfling, a decorative inlay, around the edge.

Maggini made at least 60 violins. An original violin made by Giovanni Paolo Maggini could sell for several hundred thousand dollars, but reproductions have been made and sell for low prices.

Q: I have a beautiful rock-maple dining set given to me by my husband's grandmother. The set includes four chairs, and the table has pullout extensions at each end.

The table is 40 by 60 inches without the extensions. It's 96 inches long when the two extensions are pulled out.

The bottom of the table is stamped "Consider H. Willet, Manufacturer of Fine Furn., Louisville, Kentucky." I would like to know more about this company and what my table and chairs might be worth.

A: Consider H. Willet founded his furniture company in 1934. The company made bedroom sets, bookcases, cabinets and other furniture in maple and cherry, as well as upholstered furniture. Pieces are marked with a metal tag or stamped with the name of the company.

At one point, Willet was one of the largest producers of maple and cherry furniture in the United States. The company went bankrupt in 1962.

Mass-produced furniture from the 1930s is low-priced. The value of your table and chairs may be about \$400, \$200 for the table and \$50 per chair.

Tip: To remove chewing gum from carpet or upholstery, put an ice cube in a zip-top plastic bag and set it on the gum. When the gum hardens, hit it with a hammer and it will break off.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



Difficulty Level ★★

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 3/14

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.

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Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A PERSON KNOCKING DOWN PINS DECIDES TO WEAR A HAT, I GUESS IT SHOULD BE A BOWLER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals N

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Jewel
- 4 Appointment
- 8 Con job
- 12 Boxing legend
- 13 Big story
- 14 — Major
- 15 Medieval entertainer
- 17 Anger
- 18 "— lazy river ..."
- 19 Extreme
- 21 Assault
- 24 Heavy weight
- 25 Hawaiian neckwear
- 26 With it
- 28 Complete range
- 32 Exam format
- 34 Illustrations
- 36 Soybean paste
- 37 Eastern potentate (Var.)
- 39 LummoX
- 41 Profit
- 42 Needle-fish
- DOWN**
- 1 Leg, slangily
- 2 Yale student
- 3 Little details
- 4 Break off
- 5 Spring mo.
- 6 Layer
- 7 Brilliance
- 8 Older spelling
- 10 Largest continent
- 11 Shop-pers' mecca
- 16 Hot tub
- 20 Pooch
- 21 Lotion additive
- 22 Expression
- 23 Sedona auto-maker
- 27 Expert
- 29 Labyrinth beast
- 30 Addict
- 31 Carry
- 33 Humor-ous hoax
- 35 Play-ground game
- 38 Aries
- 40 Kin
- 43 Japanese noodles
- 45 Actress Ullmann
- 46 Staff leader?
- 47 Streaming video giant
- 48 Winged
- 49 1492
- 53 Penultimate mo.
- 54 Cagers' org.
- 55 Try the tea

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 3-14

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