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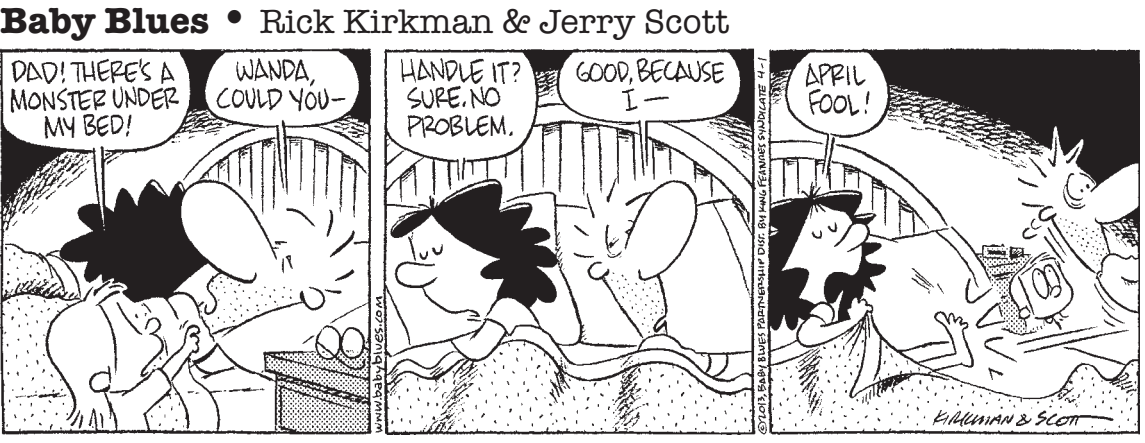

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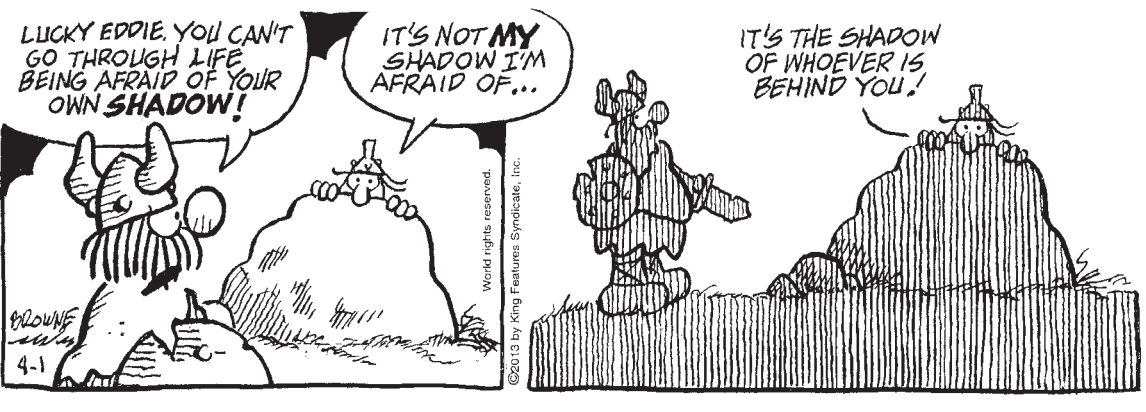

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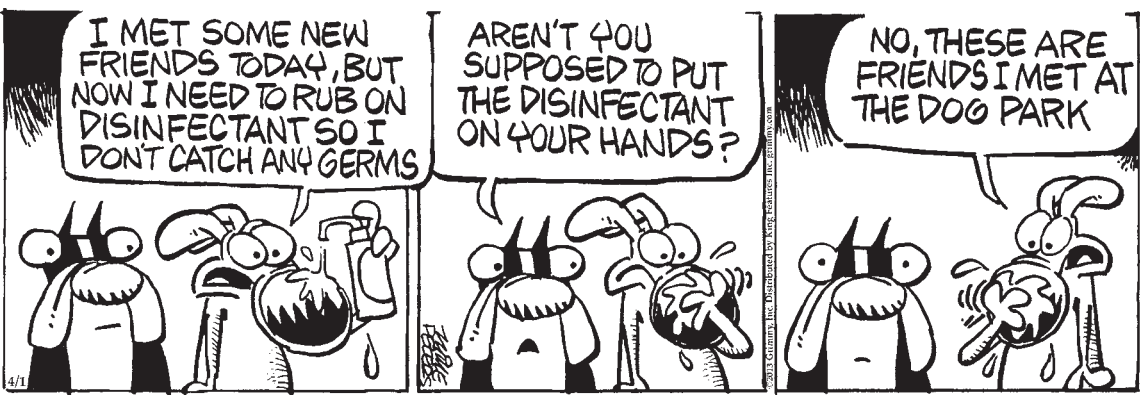

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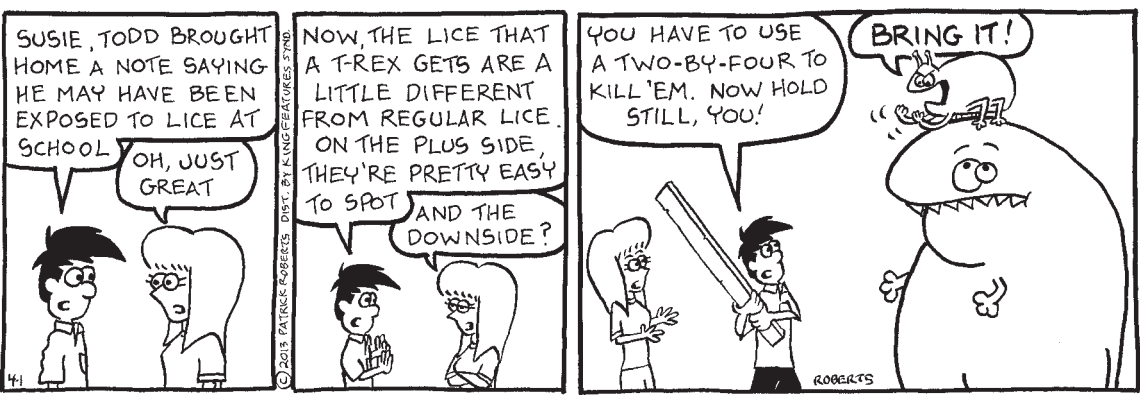

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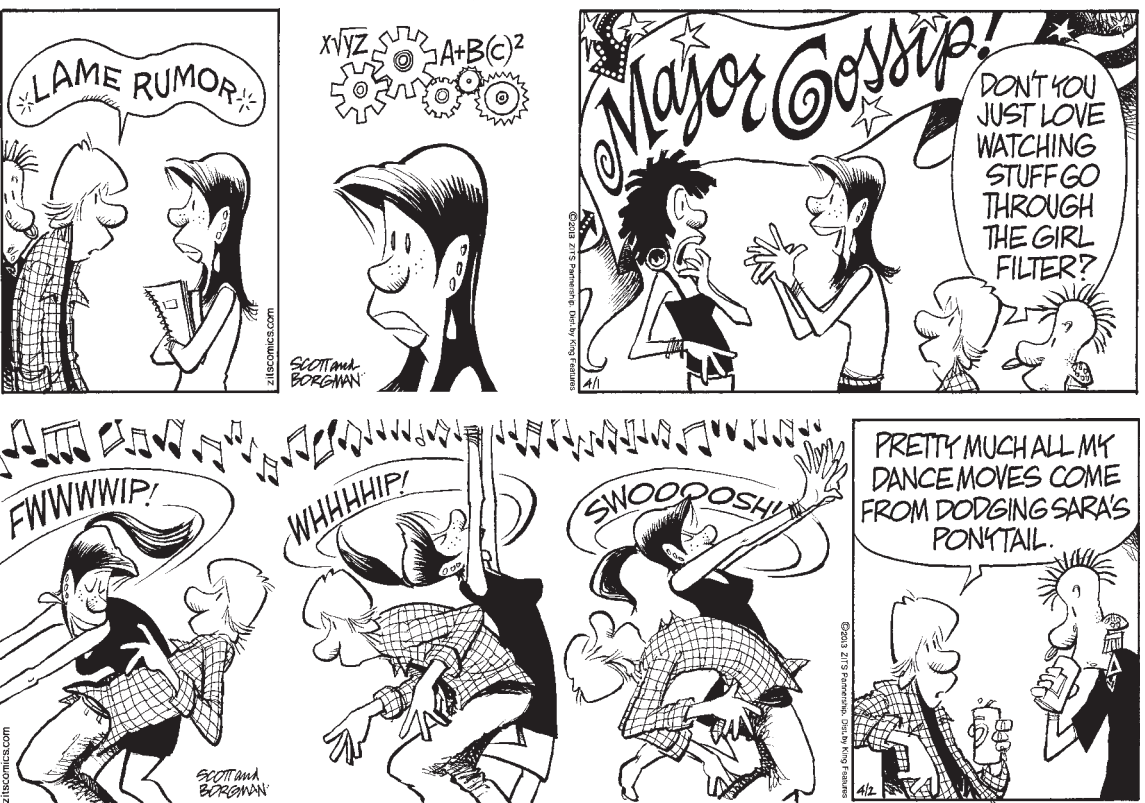


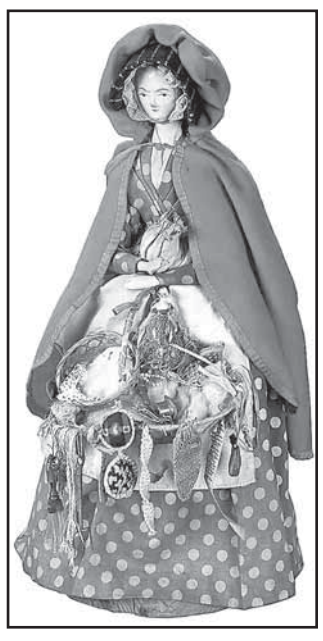
Terry Kovel

• Antiques and Collecting

Peg wooden doll has much appeal

Wooden dolls date back centuries. The earliest were crude carved pieces of wood shaped like a human figure. But today it's rare to find a doll made before the 1600s, when English and German draftsmen skillfully carved wooden lifelike dolls. Most collectors today look for later carved "peg wooden" dolls like those made in Grodnertal, Germany.

The dolls, which date from about 1820 to 1840, were created with arms and legs that could bend because of their pegged joints at the knees and hips, elbows and shoulders.



This German doll is sometimes called a "peg wooden" doll because of jointed arms and legs. Its original clothing and peddler's tray attracted buyers at a Theriault's auction in New Orleans. It sold for $2,912.

The early ones have heart-shaped faces, long necks and elongated bodies. Their extra-long legs showed off their high-waisted Empire-style dresses. After the 1840s, doll carvers took shortcuts and the dolls had round faces and chunky bodies.

A 2012 Theriault's auction offered a Grodnertal peddler doll. The 13-inch doll had its original painted face, human hair wig and jointed arms and legs. Its value increased because it wore original clothes, from dress to cap, cape and undergarments. It was holding a peddler's tray filled with lace, sewing materials, household goods and a tiny miniature Grodnertal wooden doll. Because it was old, attractive and in good original condition, a collector paid more than $2,900 to take it home.

Q: I have a pasteboard dollhouse designed and made by Transogram Co. of New York. It's in reasonable shape. I think it's from the 1920s or '30s. It's a two-story house with a front that opens and a removable roof. The lower level is red brick and the second floor has yellow siding. The furniture is wooden and is definitely '20s and '30s vintage. Does it have any value, or should I just pitch it?

A: Don't pitch it. Transogram Co. was founded by Charles S. Raizen in 1915. It made toys, play sets, games, craft sets and juvenile and playroom furniture.

Raizen died in 1967, and the company was run by his family until it was sold in 1969. It closed shortly afterward. Old dollhouses, even cardboard houses, sell to collectors. A little wear is OK.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 8 2
♥ K 7 3
♦ A Q 8
♣ K 8 7 6

WEST
♠ A J 5 3
♥ A J 8 4
♦ 9 4
♣ A J 4

EAST
♠ Q 10 9 7 6 4
♥ 10 6 5 2
♦ 6
♣ Q 10

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ Q 9
♦ K J 10 7 5 3 2
♣ 9 5 3 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
5 ♦	Dble		

Opening lead — ace of spades.

Famous Hand

The fur usually flies when Ireland and Great Britain play each other, as they do from time to time. Consider this deal from their match during the 1972 World Bridge Olympiad.

The Irish team had done poorly in the early rounds of the tournament, standing 28th among the 39 countries entered in the event. But they finished with a remarkable splurge, winning 13 matches in a row to wind up a respectable 12th in the field.

One of their victims during this run was the strong English team, which bit the dust on the accompanying deal. With a British pair holding the East-West cards, the bidding had gone as shown when suddenly, after they had reached four spades, the Irish South barged into the bidding with five diamonds.

West doubled and led the ace of spades. This was an unfortunate lead indeed – from Britain's standpoint – because declarer now could not be stopped from making the contract.

He ruffed, drew two rounds of trumps and led the nine of hearts toward dummy, placing West in an untenable position. If West went up with the ace of hearts, South would later discard two clubs on the king of spades and king of hearts to limit himself to just one heart loser and one club loser.

And if West elected to duck the nine of hearts, declarer would win with dummy's king, discard the queen of hearts on the king of spades and eventually lose just two club tricks.

Obviously, this was not a bad result for South, who unilaterally bid for 11 tricks on six high-card points and then brought the contract home – all without the use of a shillelagh!

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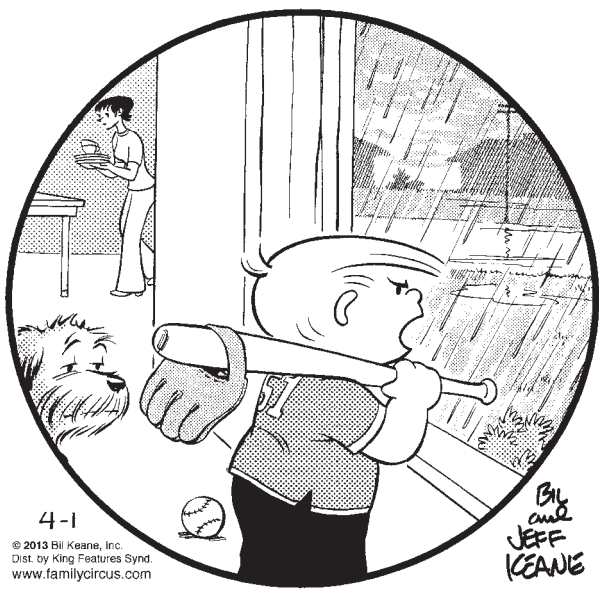
Family Circus • Bil Keane



"I think Mother Nature is tryin' to pull an April Fools' trick."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 4/01

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 3/29

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Cryptoquip

TMPXU CW LTBS SXTUC WM UWQEG QCX, PGVC RXTPXB-QH UXTHVBE PWWK GTC RXYWLX T CVYZKS CVYZKX.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE BATTER'S INJURY IS JUST A FAIRLY MINOR ONE, BECAUSE HE ONLY SUSTAINED BUNT-FORCE TRAUMA.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals O

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Collections
5 Toward the stern
8 Being, to Brutus
12 Enticement
13 Actress Myrna
14 "Once — a time ..."
15 Operatic solo
16 Harem's housing
18 Hex
20 "Long Day's Journey Into Night" writer
21 Fairy tale villain
23 Explosive letters
24 Three-striper
28 Dueling sword
31 Opposite of "post-"
32 Be philanthropic
34 Corn spike
35 St. Louis landmark
37 Dramatic musical work
39 Chance
41 Sandwich shop
42 Alexandrian peninsula
45 Maximally
49 Repaired
51 Hee-haw
52 Wise one
53 Past
54 Slender
55 Low card
56 Neither mate
57 Otherwise

DOWN
1 Pole or Czech
2 Continental coin
3 Small combo
4 Sailing veteran
5 Losers
6 Enemy
7 Novice
8 First name of 20-Across
9 Green type of soup
10 Earth
11 Carbon compound
17 Pismire
19 Curved molding
22 Finished
24 Hot tub
25 Blunder
26 Tend a dead battery
27 Bullfight VIP
29 Chow down
30 Historical period
33 Whip mark
36 Invisible rabbit of stage and screen
38 Spry, like Jack
40 Luau bowlful
42 "Hey, you!"
43 Listen to
44 Read bar codes
46 Verbal
47 Without (Fr.)
48 Youngster
50 Id counterpart

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

Saturday's answer 4-1

1	2	3	4	■	5	6	7	■	8	9	10	11
12				■	13			■	14			
15				■	16			17				
18				19		■	20					
■	■	■	21			22	■	23			■	■
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35			36	■	37				38			
■	■	39		40	■	41				■	■	■
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49						50		■	51			
52				■	53			■	54			
55				■	56			■	57			