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Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker



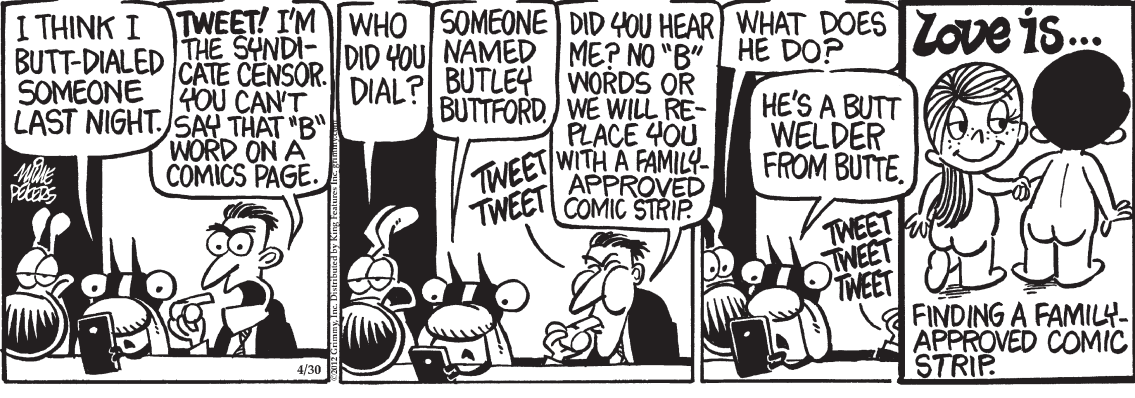
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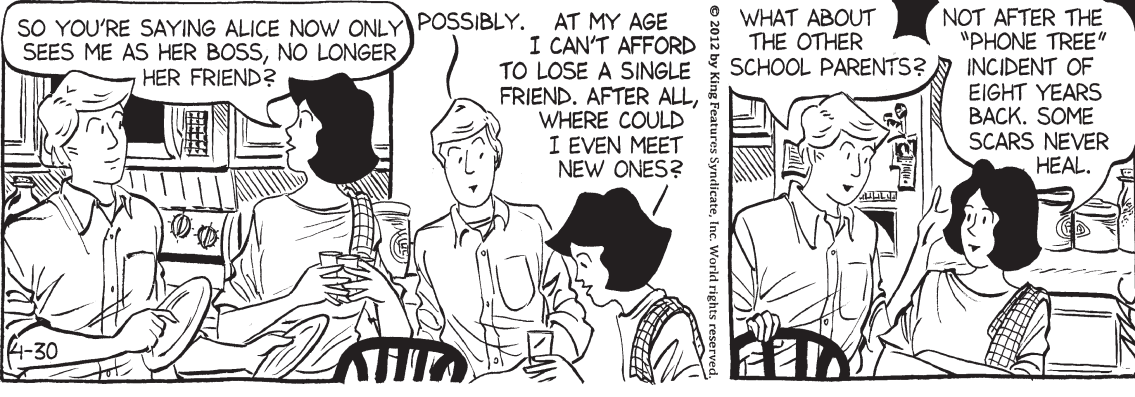
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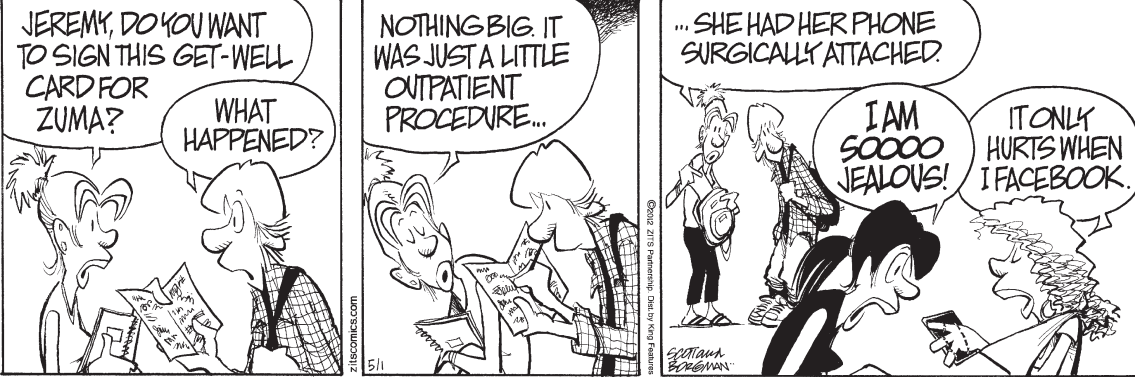
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Terry Kovel

• Antiques and Collecting

Aquariums date to Romans

Did you have a bowl filled with pet fish when you were young?

The idea dates back to the Roman Empire, when carp were kept in marble tanks. Once panes of glass were made, a pane could be used on one side of the tank so people could more easily watch the activities of the fish.

The Chinese were making large porcelain tubs for goldfish by the 1400s. Copies of these tubs are still being made and sold, although they are usually used for plants, not fish. By the 19th century, there were aquariums and fish bowls that look like those found today.

Raising fish became an important hobby, and the first public aquarium opened in 1853. By 1900 there were aquariums and fish bowls made in fanciful shapes, and some were even part of a planter or lamp. It is said that keeping fish is one of America's most popular hobbies.

So when a fishbowl topped by three ceramic polar bears was auctioned at Humler & Nolan in Cincinnati, it's not surprising it sold for \$2,540. The fish bowl is cleverly designed. A porcelain "basket" holds an ice cave (the bowl). It's topped by the bears, and openings show the bowl and active fish. It's about 24 inches high and 15 inches in diameter, big enough to hold a few fish and plants. The bowl is lit from below. The maker is unknown, but it's signed "Makonicka." The bears and ice are designed in a style popular after 1890.

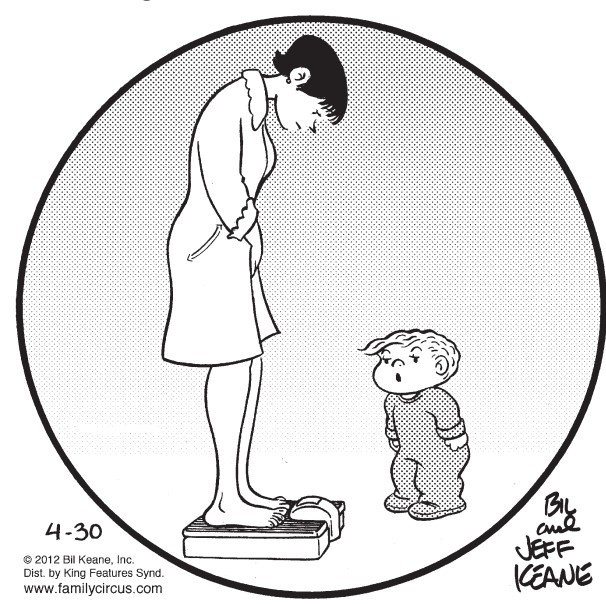
Q: A few years ago, I bought a round 60-inch dining-room table with a pedestal base at a Los Angeles antique shop. The dealer told me the table was made in Germany, but there's no label or mark on it. The interesting thing about it is that there's a thick base under the tabletop that hides eight leaves. You can lift the top of the table and rotate the leaves out so they form a ring around the table, making the tabletop 80 inches in diameter. Have you ever seen a table like this?

A: Your table is called a "perimeter table," and the leaves are referred to as "perimeter leaves." The style has been around for decades and some cabinetmakers are building them today. A U.S. patent for this sort of table was granted in 1911. That was during an era when all sorts of different table extension designs were being invented.

Tip: If you buy an old teddy bear at a garage sale, bring it home and put it in a plastic bag with some mothballs for a few weeks. Don't let the mothballs touch the bear. The fur and stuffing of old bears attract many types of hungry insects.

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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	1				2			
			6	9	1	5	8	
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Difficulty Level ★ 4/30

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.

5	8	6	2	1	7	9	4	3
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Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NEW GAME SHOW IN WHICH EDITORS COMPETE IN MARKING UP THEIR MANUSCRIPTS: "LET'S MAKE A DELE."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| ACROSS | DOWN | DOWN | DOWN |
| 1 Un-exciting | 35 Fender bender | 1 Out of play | 22 Argue against |
| 5 Baby bear | 37 Made an educated guess | 2 Cartoonist | 24 Comedian |
| 8 Use a cleaver | 39 Foot part | 3 Goldberg | 25 Guitar's smaller cousin |
| 12 Franc replacer | 41 Layer | 3 War god | 26 Like the superintendent's apartment, maybe |
| 13 — budget | 42 Open out, as a flag | 4 One of Henry's Annes | 27 Picket-sign carriers |
| 14 "Mary — Little Lamb" | 45 See 34-Across | 5 Halloween outfits | 29 "Norma —" |
| 15 First victim | 49 Unexpected occurrence | 6 Big name in Burma's history | 30 Danson or Koppel |
| 16 Long-running reality game show | 51 Night light? | 7 Taverns | 33 Small diving duck |
| 18 Gobi or Mojave | 52 Sheltered, at sea | 8 Sour cream and — | 36 Hairpiece |
| 20 Harsh | 53 In favor of | 9 Poorer folks | 38 Pressed |
| 21 Thy | 54 Satan's forte | 10 Smell | 40 Blunder |
| 23 Mid-morning hour | 55 Run away | 11 Rid of measures | 42 Abbr. on a B-52 |
| 24 Smith and Jones, e.g. | 56 Type | 17 Ex-soldier isn't so | 43 — and void |
| 28 Kind | 57 Say it | 19 Street | 44 Biographer's subject |
| 31 Eisenhower | | | 46 Actress Campbell |
| 32 Credit-card users' problems | | | 47 Slay |
| 34 With 45-Across, a martial art | | | 48 Sole |
| | | | 50 Male child |

Solution time: 27 mins.

BOA	BEEP	ROAD	
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REG	ISTER	EBON	
GOOBER	AWL		
	STY	MISTER	
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ITS	GPSS	SEWER	
SISTER	ATM		
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PERM	CANISTER		
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INTO	SAWS	BAY	

Saturday's answer 4-30

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