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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 **Q:** A few years ago, I bought a round 60-inch

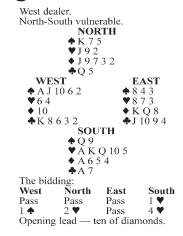
dining-room table with a pedestal base at a Los Angeles antique shop. The dealer told me the table was made in Germany, but there's no label or mark on it. The interesting thing about it is that there's a thick base under the tabletop that hides eight leaves. You can lift the top of the table and rotate 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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Bridge • Steve Becker



Famous Hand

Bridge is not really that difficult a game -- it you put your mind to it. The trouble with many players is that they don't think things through and all too often they discover after a hand is over that they overlooked a comparatively simple bid or play.

Consider this deal from a pairs contest played many years ago in Los Angeles. The final contract at most tables was four hearts by South, and at practically every table the outcome was down one after the ten-of-diamonds opening lead.

Declarer covered the ten with the jack and took East's queen with the ace. After drawing three rounds of trumps, South returned the six of diamonds. West showed out, and East, holding the Q-8 of diamonds over dummy's 9-7, won the six with the eight and shifted to a club. Declarer had no choice but to play low on the club even though West was marked with the king for his overcall. So South ended up losing a spade, two diamonds and a club for down one. At one table, however, declarer (Meyer Schle-

ifer) made the contract. Exercising his customary wizardry, Schleifer ducked the ten of diamonds in dummy and then allowed the ten to hold the As a result of this extraordinary play, the con-

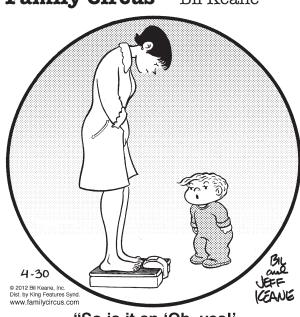
tract could not be defeated. West could do no better than shift to a trump, and after drawing three rounds of trumps, Schleifer played the ace and another diamond.

crossed to dummy with a diamond, discarded his club loser on the fifth diamond and conceded a spade to the ace -- making four. Ducking the ten of diamonds is clearly the

right play. West's lead must be either a singleton or from the 10-8 doubleton. In either case, nothing can be lost by retaining dummy's jack and then, after East produces the eight, holding up the ace. The double-duck might be ingenious, but it

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"So is it an 'Oh, yes!' or an 'Oh, no!'?'

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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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.

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Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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Saturday's answer 4-30

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East won with the king and returned a club, but school was out. Schleifer went up with the ace,

is also dictated by the circumstances.

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