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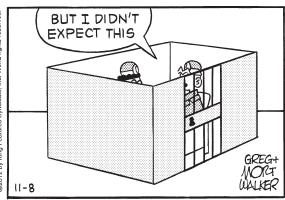


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Blondie • Chic Young





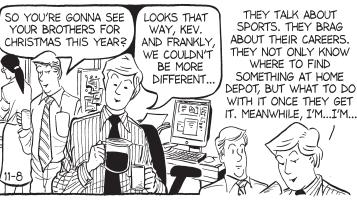
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Terry Kovel

Antiques and Collecting

Side table looks like mid-century

Q: About 25 years ago, I bought a modernlooking side table just because I liked it. The other day I noticed that it's signed "Johan Tapp." What do you know about him?

A: Johan Tapp (1888-1939) was a Dutch designer. His furniture designs, many with a midcentury modern look, were apparently manufactured and sold by various companies. Today his pieces can sell for \$200 to \$2,000 or more.

Q: We have two antique or at least vintage convertible highchair strollers. They are both made of wood with steel wheels. One is faux bamboo. When it's converted to a highchair, the stroller wheels rise up and the handle converts to solid chair legs. The other chair is plain wood with a cane seat. The wheels on this chair stay on the ground when the seat is raised to make a highchair. Do you know which is older? And what are the chairs worth? A: A patent for a highchair similar to your chair

with a cane seat was granted in the 1940s, while a patent for a highchair matching your faux bamboo chair was granted in the 1950s. So both of your highchairs are probably at least 50 years old. But a child should not be seated in one of them today. Neither is safe nor reliable. Still, a collector might pay \$150 to \$175 for each chair. Q: In 2001 my wife and I bought a Thomas

Kinkade painting, "The Garden of Prayer," and donated it to our church in memory of our parents. Along with the painting, we gave the church a certificate of limitation and authenticity and a warranty registration card that listed the painting as "3073/4850 S/N Paper." Unfortunately, the church has lost these documents. Can the certificate and warranty be replaced? What is the value of the painting? A: You have a limited edition print of one of

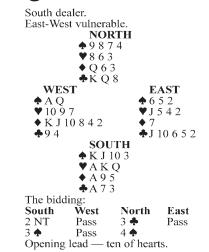
Thomas Kinkade's most popular paintings. The prints were made in various sizes on either canvas or paper. Yours is on paper, less valuable than a print on canvas. The size and how it's framed also affect its value. Thomas Kinkade died earlier this year, but his company still is in business and can be contacted via its website, ThomasKinkade. com. Someone there can tell you about replacement documentation. Prices for Kinkade prints have gone down in the past few years.

Tip: If a vintage fountain pen cap or barrel is discolored, the pen has little value.

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Bridge • Steve Becker



Seeing Is Believing

Some plays in bridge are so rare that it is not worth the effort to try to remember them so you'll know what to do the next time they arise. You would be better advised to hope that if the rara avis presents itself again, you'll be able to find the winning play by relying on your own com-Take this case where South reached four

spades on the bidding shown and West led the ten of hearts. Declarer won with the queen, East following with the deuce, led a club to dummy's queen and returned the nine of spades, losing to West's queen. It was at this point that West made a most re-

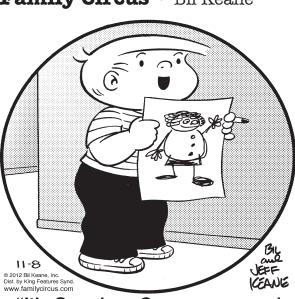
markable play. He returned the king of diamonds! This left South with no way to make the contract, regardless of how he continued. In practice, he won the king of diamonds with

the ace and led another trump. West took his ace and returned the jack of diamonds to dummy's queen. East ruffed and exited with a heart, and declarer later lost another diamond trick to go down one. West's king-of-diamonds return was not just a

wild shot. He had deduced from the bidding and play that South had the diamond ace and was also likely to hold three or four diamonds. West therefore could visualize that after he regained the lead with the trump ace, East would be able to ruff dummy's queen of diamonds, most likely resulting in defeat of the contract. Note that West had to lead specifically the king of diamonds to stop the contract. If he returned,

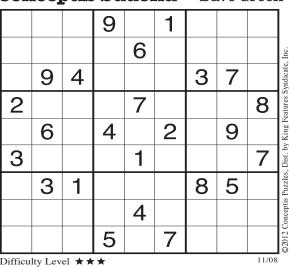
say, the jack instead, declarer would win with dummy's queen and return a trump to West's ace. When West now played the king of diamonds, East could ruff or discard, but either way South would make four spades. (c)2012 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Family Circus • Bil Keane



"It's Grandma. Can we scan and e-mail it to her so she can see it right now?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green



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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