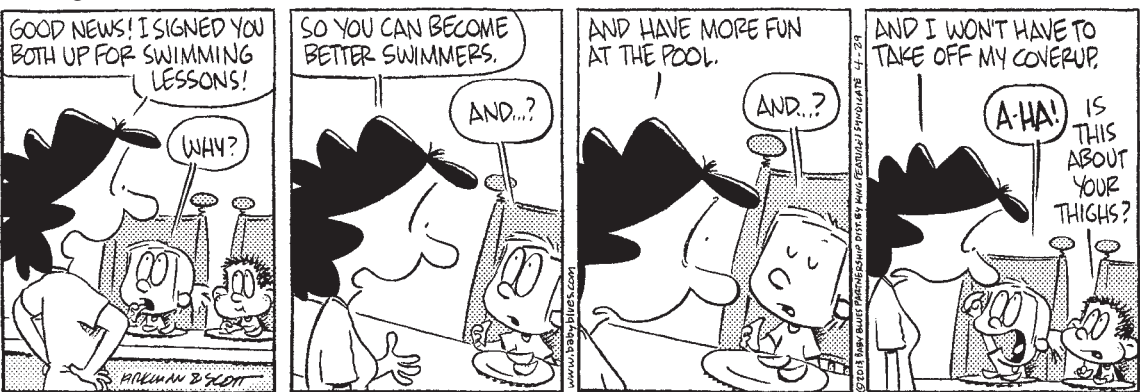


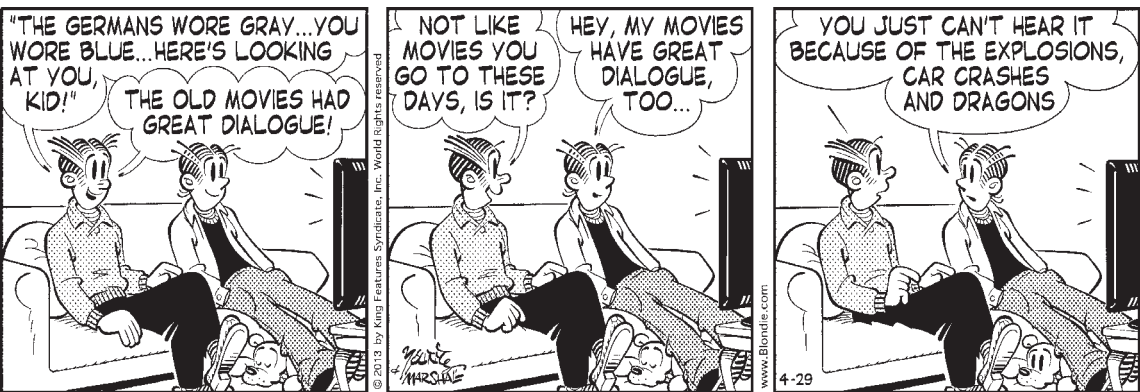
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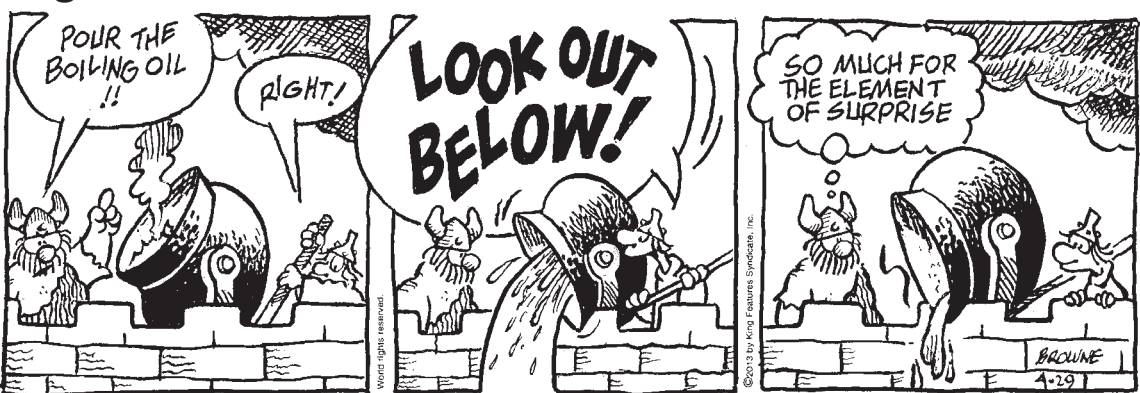
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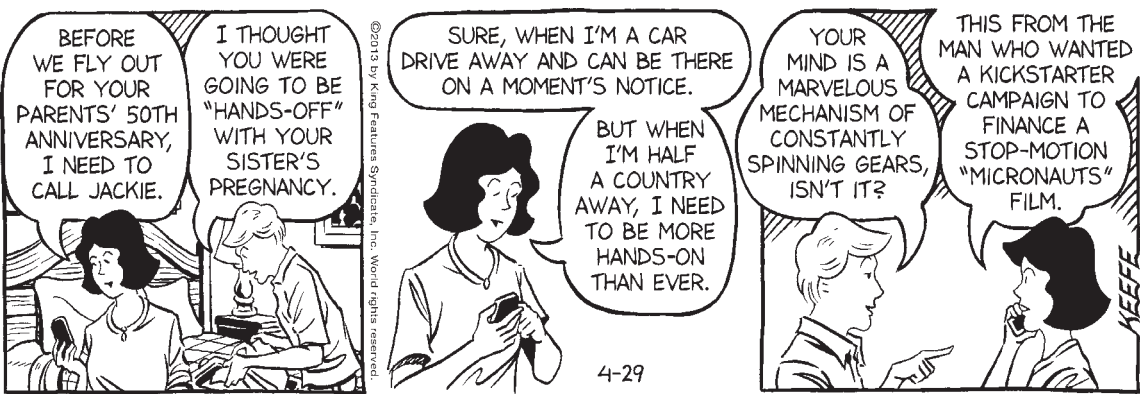
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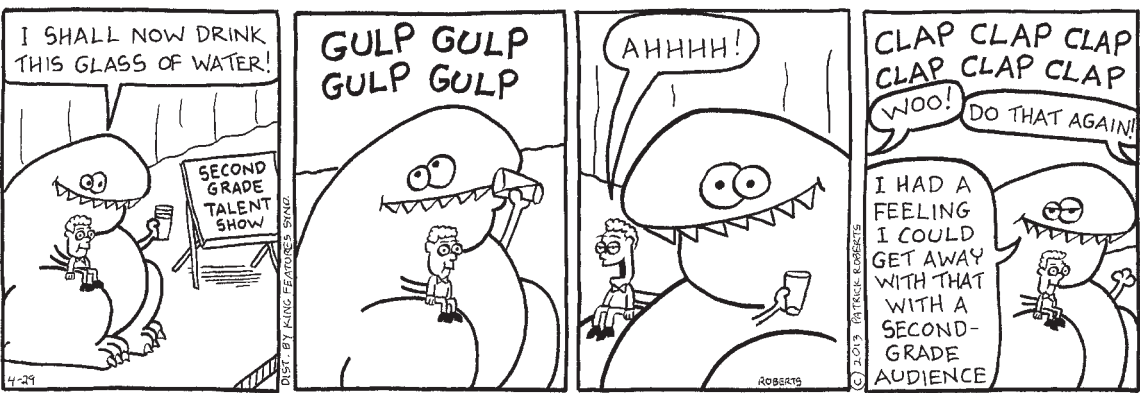
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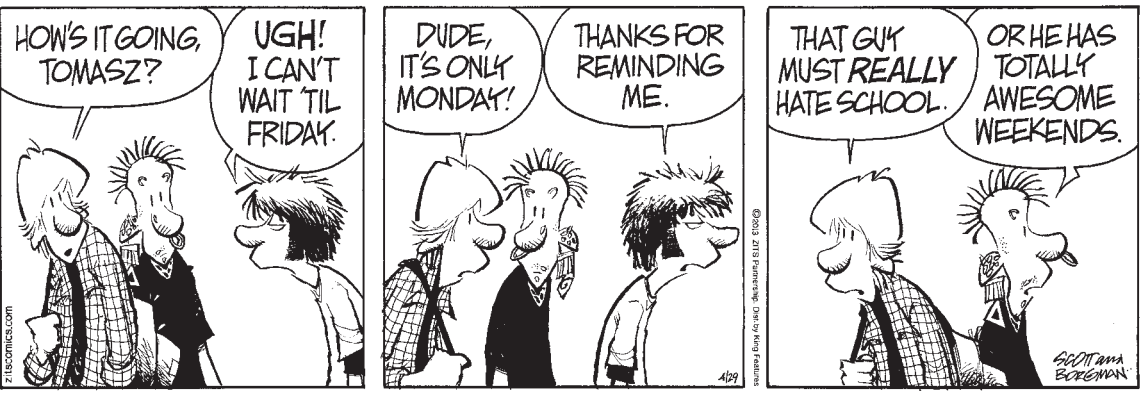
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Terry Kovel • Antiques and Collecting

Limited edition is a modern idea

A 7-1/2-foot-high safety pin that looks like a modern sculpture actually is a floor lamp made in 1975 by modern artist Yonel Lebovici (1937-1998).

In the 1960s, he started making very unusual lamps and other items inspired by everyday objects.

His marketing ideas were unusual for an artist at the time. He made a limited number of each creation, which means he was among the first to sell "limited editions." He was ahead of the huge popularity of limited-edition plates, figurines and other collectibles.

In the late 1960s, machine-made plates and figurines often were limited to the number made in one year. Collectors paid more for those no longer made.

In the 1990s, limited editions lost favor and prices fell. But to own "the-only-one-made" art piece by a known artist gives extra prestige to a collector, and prices are high. Work by an important artist limited to about 20 examples also entices collectors to pay higher prices.

Lebovici was influenced by everyday household items, fish and perpetual motion. He created cordless lamps using the then-new low voltage technology. The large safety-pin lamp, from an edition of 10, auctioned for \$37,500 at Sotheby's in 2012.

Q: I'm wondering what my Marx-a-Serve Electric Table Tennis game is worth. I don't have the original box or instructions, but I have all the game pieces – the battery-operated base unit and nets, four ping-pong balls and two rackets. The base unit shoots out a ball and the player hits the ball back into the net. The ball then falls back into the machine for continued use.

A: Your game, with its original box, sold online recently for \$32. Without the box, it would sell for less – perhaps \$20 if the mechanism still works.

Terry Kovel answers as many questions as possible through the column. Write to Kovels, (Colby Free Press), King Features Syndicate, 300 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K J 6 2
♥ J 6 5 4
♦ 6
♣ A J 8 7
WEST
♠ A 4 3
♥ 8 7 3
♦ J 9 7
♣ K 10 9 4
EAST
♠ 10 9 7 5
♥ 2
♦ A K 10 5 3
♣ Q 5 3
SOUTH
♠ Q 8
♥ A K Q 10 9
♦ Q 8 4 2
♣ 6 2
Contract: Four hearts.

Famous Hand

An American team composed of George Rapée, John R. Crawford, Sam Stayman, Howard Schenken and B. Jay Becker, the former editor of this column, journeyed to Naples in 1951 to play the Italian team in the world championship. The U.S. team won by 10,000 points.

Frederico Rosa of Italy wrote an account of the match for the European Bridge Review, a portion of which is presented here with all of its continental flavor retained. It features a hand on which the American team gained 720 points.

Said Rosa: "I witnessed many mistakes by the Americans during the tournament. On many boards they pressed the bidding level beyond the possible. They were apt to overrate their technique, hoping for miracles in the play. But I must state that I have been unable to find a single board among the 320 where their defensive play was not exact, not to say perfect. This is an example of beautiful defense.

"At both tables South was in four hearts. Stayman easily made the contract after Pietro Forquet led the seven of diamonds. At the other table, however, Becker (West) led a trump and started a fine defensive play.

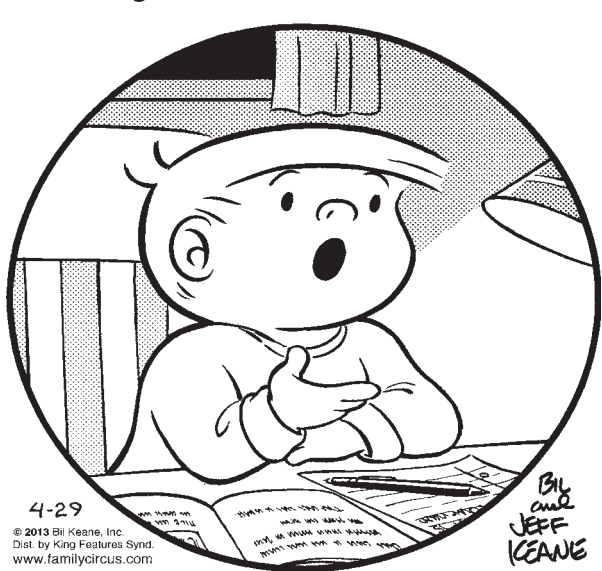
"[Mario] Franco won in the closed hand and led a spade to dummy's jack. A low spade to the queen was taken by the ace and a trump returned. Franco again won in the closed hand and led a club to dummy's ace.

"South's club loser disappeared on the king of spades and a low diamond was led from dummy. Crawford coolly played low and it is not surprising that Franco contented himself with the eight. Many of us would have done the same. This trick of Crawford's enabled West to win with the nine, and since Becker had another trump to lead, declarer had to lose two more tricks in diamonds.

"Franco should not be blamed for not putting up the queen of diamonds, but the Americans deserve all the praise for their skillful and audacious defense."

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



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"Mommy, I wanna write a best-selling novel. What should it be about?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★

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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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Cryptoquip

EXQ FA FYQHTFAV GX KVG

XEE GCV KQXRAZ, Y

IRHHXIV YG AVVZI GX CFPV

ETLFOYTYGL PYFOYTYGL.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT WOULD YOU CALL A TENTACLED MARINE CREATURE THAT IS ALWAYS HOSTILE? AN ENEMY ANEMONE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals F

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ACROSS | 35 Bird of peace | DOWN | message |
| 1 Variety of lettuce | 37 Decoration | 1 Zinger | 17 Embrace |
| 5 "Eureka!" | 39 Finish | 2 Pelvic bones | 19 Billions of years |
| 8 Book of prophecies | 41 Ireland | 3 Nut partner | 22 Wilkes-, Pa. |
| 12 Lotion additive | 42 Secular | 4 Pvt. Bailey | 24 Peculiar |
| 13 Chaps | 45 Servile | 5 Cherub, in art | 25 Brazilian tourist mecca |
| 14 Tooth-paste container | 49 Form a union | 6 The girl | 26 Lure |
| 15 Anger | 51 Top | 7 Picnic invaders | 27 Ache |
| 16 Conventional | 52 Isn't well | 8 Musically keyless | 29 Junior |
| 18 One up? | 53 Calendar abbr. | 9 Flood after-math, perhaps | 30 Teacher's |
| 20 Western occurrence | 54 Prolonged sleep | 10 Reed instrument | 33 Rid of rind |
| 21 Leopold's co-defendant | 55 Run away | 11 Send a naughty | 36 Put in a box |
| 23 Four qts. | 56 Automation, for short | | 38 Threaten |
| 24 One of Monopoly's light blue avenues | 57 Slaughter of baseball | | 40 Novelist Brown |
| 28 Speech impediment | | | 42 Unsliced bread |
| 31 Great noise | | | 43 Seed coat |
| 32 Disrobe | | | 44 Owl's perch |
| 34 Female deer | | | 46 PC picture |

Saturday's answer 4-29

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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