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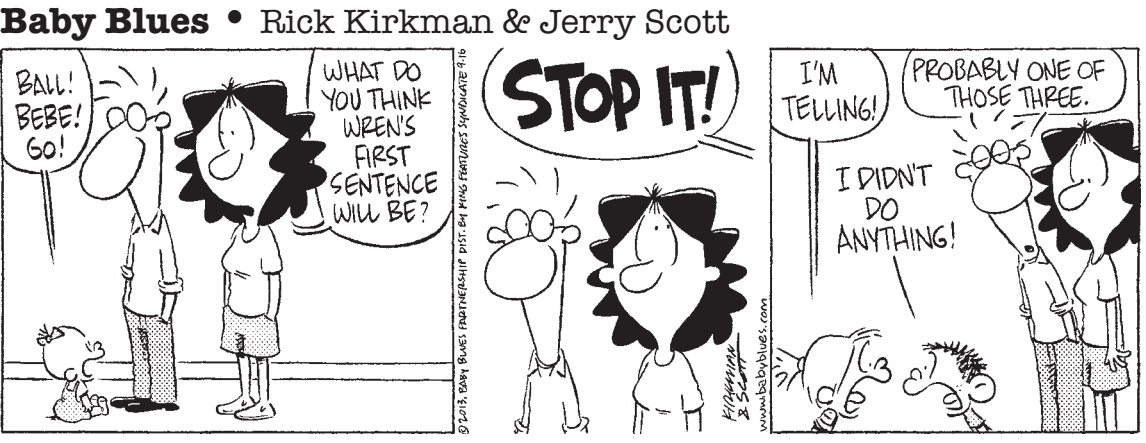

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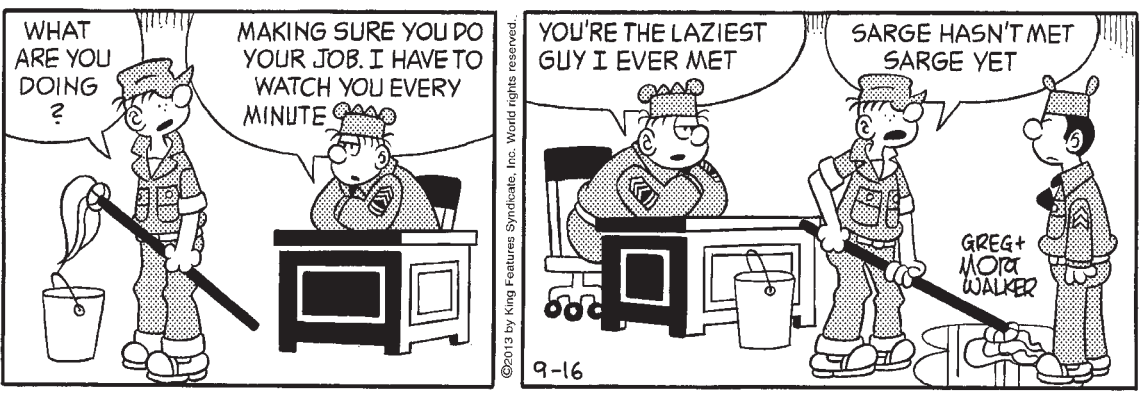

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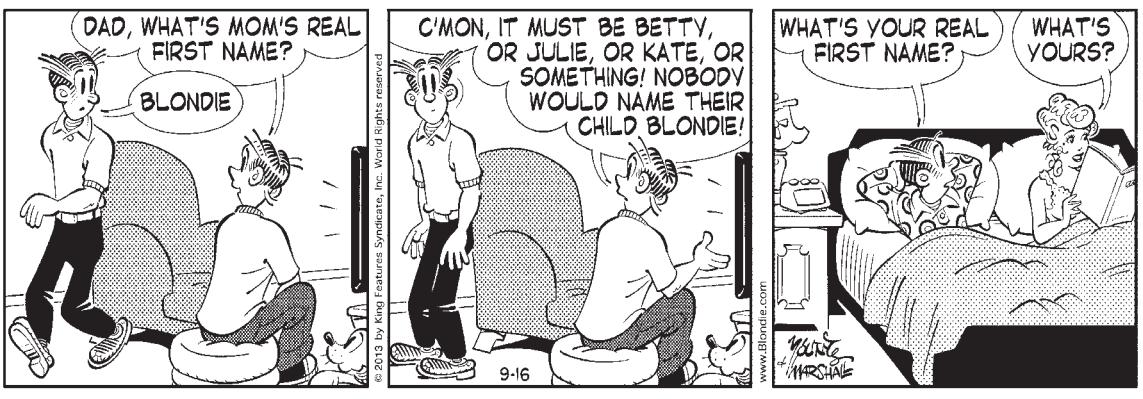

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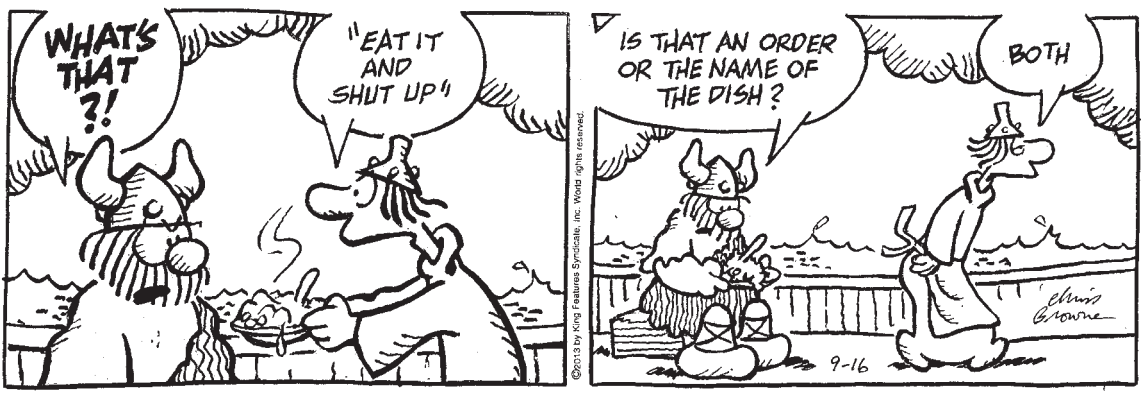

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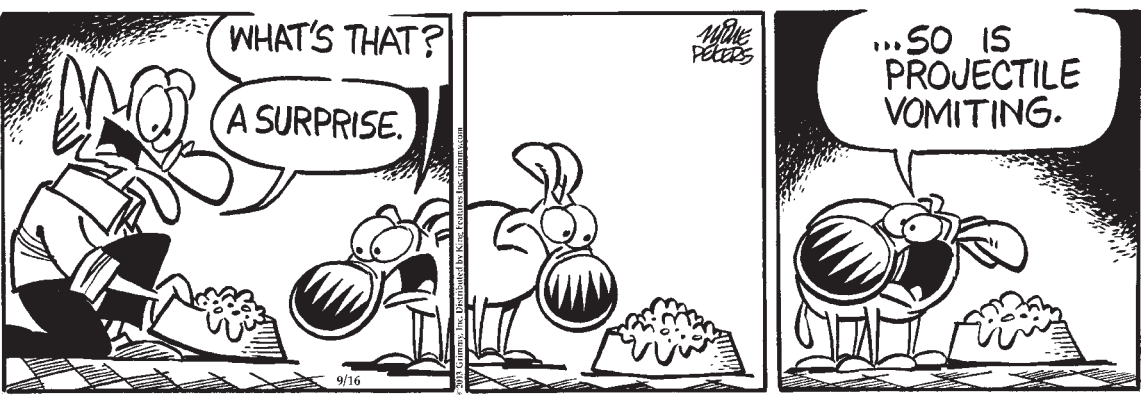

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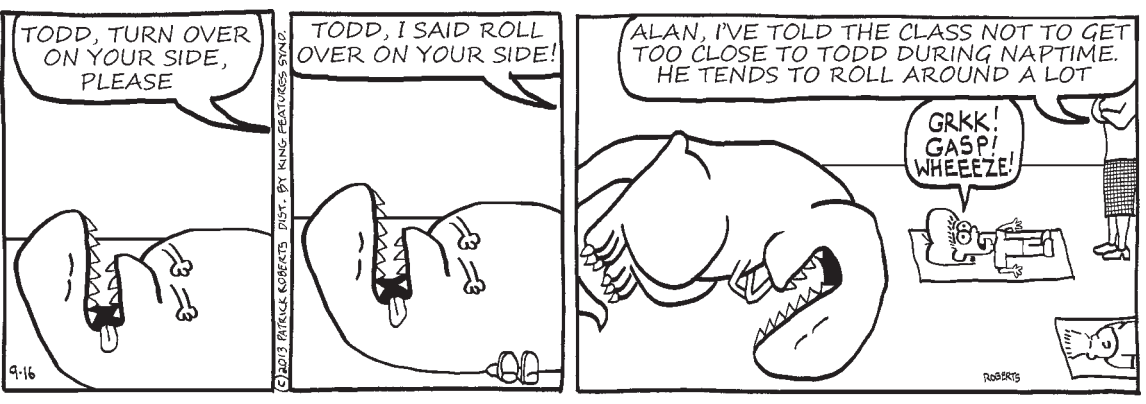

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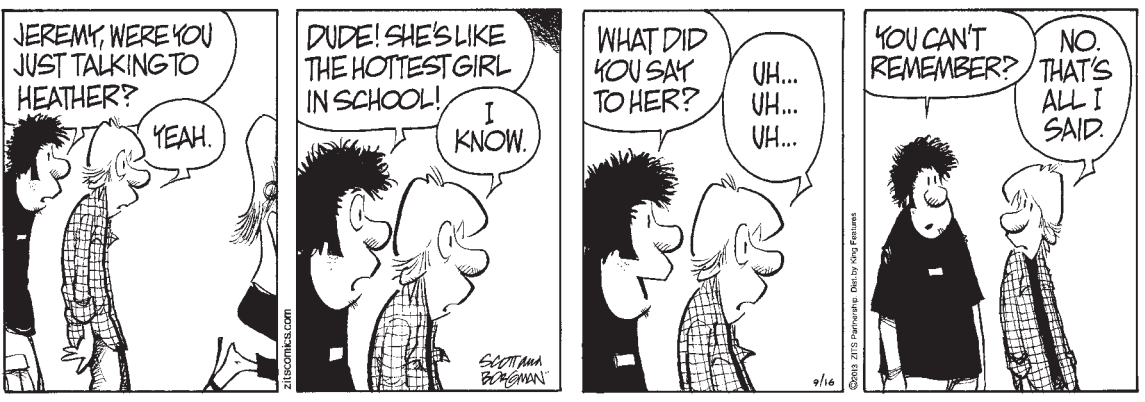

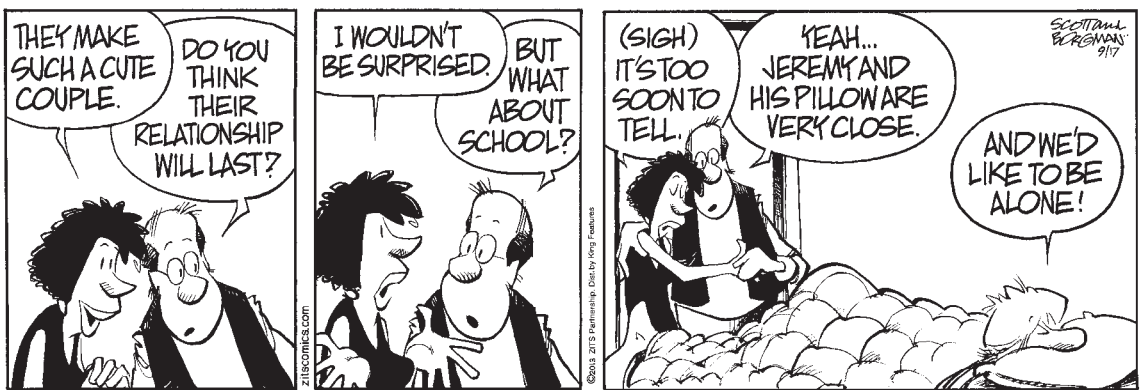

Terry Kovel

• Antiques and Collecting

Barrel seats widely popular

Garden seats shaped like a barrel are being made today from porcelain, pottery, plastic, rattan and even plaster.

They are used in a living room as a coffee table, in a powder room as a pedestal to hold towels, or inside or outside as a seat.

Garden stools have become popular indoors or outdoors. This blue porcelain antique Chinese stool sold for $1,210 in Hill-

The original antique "zuodun," a Chinese barrel seat, was a drum made with stretched skin tops held by nails and trimmed with nail heads. Many modern barrel seats have a row of bumps that imitate old nail heads. Most common are white porcelain decorated with blue designs, often hand-painted.

A 19-inch-high porcelain garden stool made in about 1900 sold for $1,210 at a Leland Little auction last December. The porcelain is blue with white flowers and birds. The stool has pierced decorations and bumps that resemble nail heads.

Q: When I lived in the north woods, I came across a pile of old bottles along a road. One of them was a Dr Pepper bottle. There is no label on it, only raised letters and numbers. It reads "Dr Pepper, Good for Life." On the back is a circle with the numbers 10, 2 and 4. The bottom reads "Fairmont, Minn." Can you tell me something about it and if it's worth anything?

A: The Dr Pepper soft drink was first served in Waco, Texas, in 1885 and marketed nationally in 1904. The period after "Dr" was used on and off in logos, then removed entirely in the 1950s.

Your bottle dates from between 1927 and 1934. During this period, embossed or "raised" logos and letters were used on the brand's bottles, along with the bottling city's name on the bottom. The 10-2-4 marketing idea for Dr Pepper was introduced in 1926 and stands for "Drink a Bite to Eat at 10, 2 and 4 o'Clock." The circle represents a clock dial. Dr Pepper bottles with raised letters like yours can sell for up to $50.

Tip: If you are buying a safe to store coins, jewelry, papers, sports cards or other valuables, don't forget a thief can just carry a safe away if it is lightweight and not bolted to a wall or floor. We laughed at the full-page ad that showed a mailman carrying a boxed new safe to the buyer's front door. A large safe, however, may be too heavy to put anywhere but in the garage or basement and too big to fit through a standard door.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 7 6 4 2
♥ A K 4 2
♦ 7 6
♣ Q 9 3

WEST
♠ Q 10 5 3
♥ —
♦ J 9 8 5 3
♣ J 8 5 4

EAST
♠ J 9 8
♥ J 10 9 7
♦ 10 4 2
♣ K 7 2

SOUTH
♠ A K
♥ Q 8 6 5 3
♦ A K Q
♣ A 10 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
6 ♥			

Opening lead — five of diamonds.

Famous Hand

This famous hand was played by Ewart Kempson, British star, many years ago. He got to six hearts, and West led a diamond. When dummy was tabled, making the slam seemed to be a cut-and-dried proposition. Declarer's only loser appeared to be a club.

But after winning the diamond with the queen and leading a trump to the ace, on which West showed out, Kempson discovered that he would have to lose a trump trick also.

Never one to give up easily, Kempson made the slam anyway by means of an extremely unusual squeeze-endplay. He began by cashing the A-K of spades, then led a heart to dummy's king and ruffed a spade.

Kempson now cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed the king in dummy. Next came a trump to the queen, producing this position:

North
♠ 7
♣ Q 9 3

West
♠ Q
♣ J 8 5

East
♥ J
♣ K 7 2

South
♥ 8
♣ A 10 6

Kempson led the trump eight, and West, who could not afford to part with the queen of spades, discarded the five of clubs. Dummy thereupon discarded the seven of spades, and East, compelled to win the trump trick, had to return a club.

It did not matter which club East led at this point. In practice, he returned the deuce, South playing the six, West the jack and dummy the queen. Kempson then took the obvious club finesse, and it was all over. Note that it would not have helped West to play the eight of clubs instead of the jack. In that case, declarer would win with dummy's nine and return the queen to achieve the same result.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane

"No, I don't think anybody is interested in how many potato chips you can put in your mouth."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★ 9/16

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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.

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 9/13

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Cryptoquip

CQF CFFBGVFT JU UYMQ G LGTIFPSYU ZSV CTGJBFT CQGC QJU MSPPFVF SRCFZ CS VJIF QJL G MSPPGT-UQJR.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THAT BUTLER FELLOW LECTURED SCARLETT O'HARA, IT WAS USUALLY ONLY A BUNCH OF RHETT-ORIC.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Bread quantity
5 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
8 Abbr. on a phone
12 Taj Mahal city
13 That woman
14 Soccer legend
15 "Dead Poets Society" director Peter
16 Gave a name to
18 At hand
20 Furry wraps
21 Raw minerals
23 Total
24 Tangled up
28 Camper's shelter
31 Court
32 French — soup
34 Meadow
35 Satanic
37 Involved
39 Trail behind
41 James of jazz
42 Fails to
45 Donny or Marie
49 Really excited (about)
51 Soft cheese
52 To be, in Toulon
53 Past
54 Capri, for one
55 Santa's sackful
56 Deteriorate
57 Not single-sex

DOWN
1 Croquet venue
2 Curved molding
3 Operatic solo
4 "Rosemary's Baby" star Mia
5 Wyoming's capital
6 Ballpoint, e.g.
7 — and crafts
8 Choose not to participate
9 In confused haste
10 Gen. Robert —
11 Cincinnati team
17 "— Impossible"
19 Vivacity, in music
22 French river
24 Ram's mate
25 Autumn mo.
26 Grooming product
27 Activity book puzzle
29 Born
30 Slight amount
33 Turner and Cole
36 Mascara sites
38 — pentameter
40 Wildebeest
42 Anti-insect ingredient
43 Aware of
44 Despot
46 Approximately
47 Cleopatra's river
48 Act
50 Id counterpart

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

Saturday's answer 9-16

1	2	3	4	■	5	6	7	■	8	9	10	11
12				■	13			■	14			
15				■	16			17				
18				19		■	20					
■	■	■	21			22	■	23			■	■
24	25	26					27	■	28		29	30
31			■	32				33	■	34		
35			36	■	37				38			
■	■	39		40	■	41				■	■	■
42	43				44	■	45			46	47	48
49						50		■	51			
52				■	53			■	54			
55				■	56			■	57			