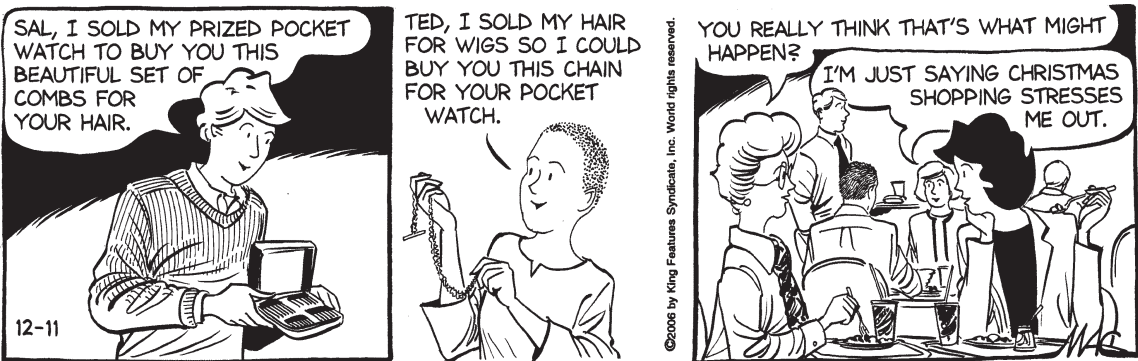
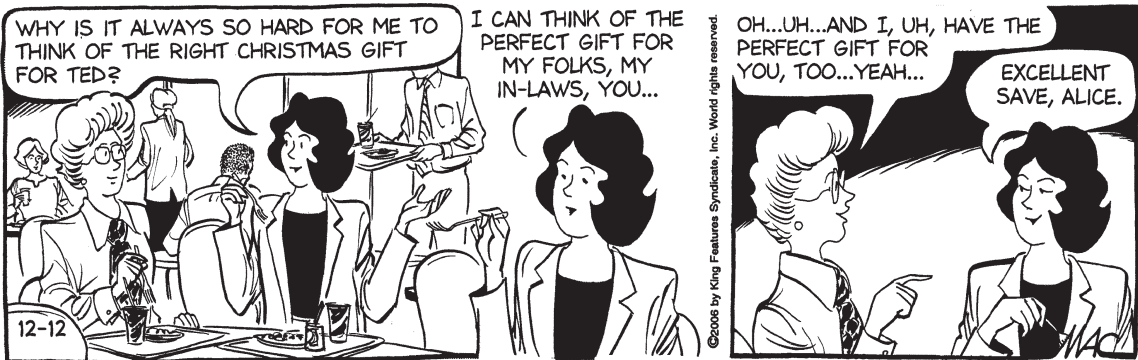


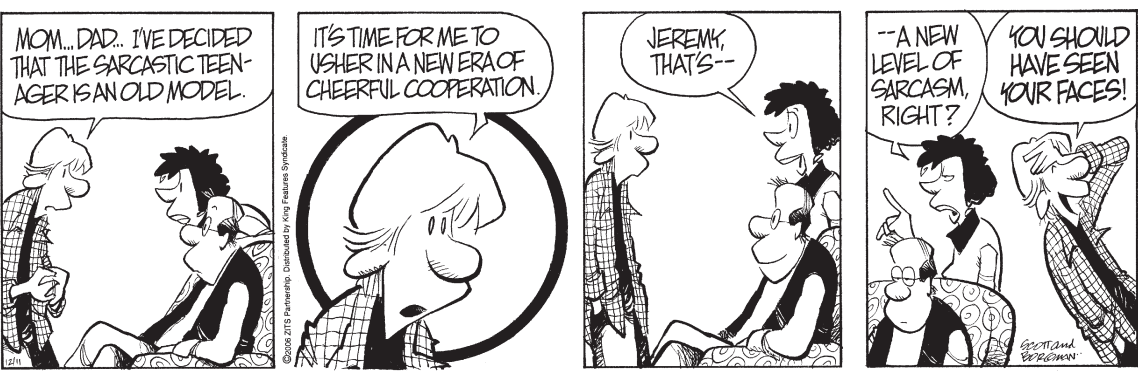
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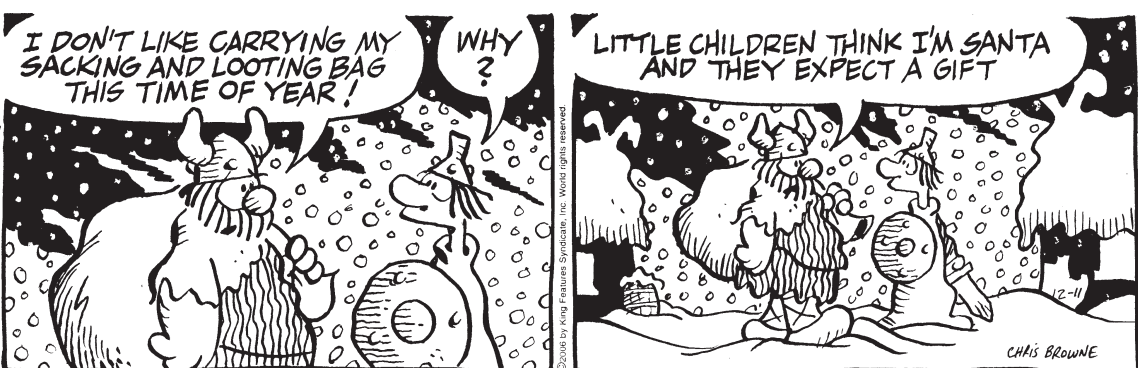
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Cryptoquip

UVWNK YUBZ IUF TSSJ NJ  
U YUTOBNOP QGJJGJD  
PWKSUZ, INXGJD IGP BOVZ  
QNOBFJ'W XSWSK NOW.  
Saturday's Cryptoquip: A VERY POOR FELLOW  
WASN'T LET IN THE CLUB BECAUSE HE DIDN'T  
HAVE THE PAUPER IDENTIFICATION.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals N

Conceptis Sudoku

by Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★

12/11

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 today's Sudoku puzzle is right.

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

Difficulty Level ★

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Bridge

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

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ 1♠ 2♠ 4♠  
6♥  
Opening lead — queen of spades.

Famous Hand

This remarkable hand, played many years ago by Claggett Bowie of Baltimore, features an extraordinary endplay.  
Bowie had bid six hearts fully aware that his partner was void of spades and that his ace was therefore of doubtful value. However, he also thought that his six-heart bid might induce the opponents to bid six spades.  
The slam seems impossible to make, even if you see all four hands.  
Declarer has a certain trump loser and also has a loser in both diamonds and clubs. But Bowie made the contract and, furthermore, could not be defeated!  
He ruffed the spade queen in dummy and led a heart to the ace. Then, to set the stage for the throw-in play he visualized, he played the ace of spades and trumped it in dummy!  
Bowie next led a trump, and after winning with the queen, West was in the soup.  
If he returned a spade, declarer would ruff in dummy, discard the club five and then establish an extra club trick in dummy by ruffing the third round. If West instead returned a club or a diamond, South would score four tricks in that suit and simultaneously avoid a loser in the other suit.  
If, say, West led a low club and East played the queen, West's jack could then be trapped. Or if West led the club jack instead, East's queen could be trapped by going up with dummy's ace.  
The same was true if West shifted to a diamond. All roads thus led to 12 tricks.  
Observe that if Bowie had discarded a club or a diamond from dummy instead of ruffing the ace of spades at trick three, the slam would have failed.  
After being thrown on lead with the trump, West would have returned whichever suit Bowie had discarded from dummy.  
The setting trick would then have come from the other suit.  
Tomorrow: A tactical defensive maneuver.  
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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"That's just a guy dressed up like a pizza. He's not REAL like the characters at Disneyland."

Crossword

ACROSS  
1 African antelope  
4 — Khan  
7 Cougar  
11 Coarse file  
13 Wander about  
14 Historic times  
15 Neighborhood  
16 Pussy-cat's partner  
17 Nearly  
18 Gift of the Magi  
20 Potter's oven  
22 Total  
24 Desirable male (Sl.)  
28 Environment  
32 Staffordshire ceramic ware  
33 Physical  
34 Gist  
36 Part of the loop  
37 "Likewise"  
39 Stove top features  
41 More than enough  
43 Pouch  
44 Oh, what fun — to ride ...  
46 Express gratitude  
50 Frizzy hairstyle  
53 — out a living  
55 Black, in poetry  
56 Actor  
57 Fleur-de —  
58 Start over  
59 Astonishes  
60 Bug killer  
61 Allow  
2 Not even one  
3 Addict  
4 Past  
5 Stare stupidly  
6 Wing it  
7 Cheap-skate  
8 Spoon-bender  
9 Periodical, for short  
10 Blond shade  
12 Cheap  
19 Shack  
21 —  
23 Fellow  
25 Color quality  
26 Olfactory stimulus  
27 Longings  
28 Rope fiber  
29 Ice skating leap  
30 Restrained  
31 Clumsy boat  
35 Kramden's transportation  
38 Mel of baseball lore  
40 Stoolie  
42 Highway sign  
45 Late-braking development  
47 The third man  
48 Protuberance  
49 Entanglement  
50 "The — Daba Honey-moon"  
51 A mere handful  
52 "Norma —"  
54 More than "—er"

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