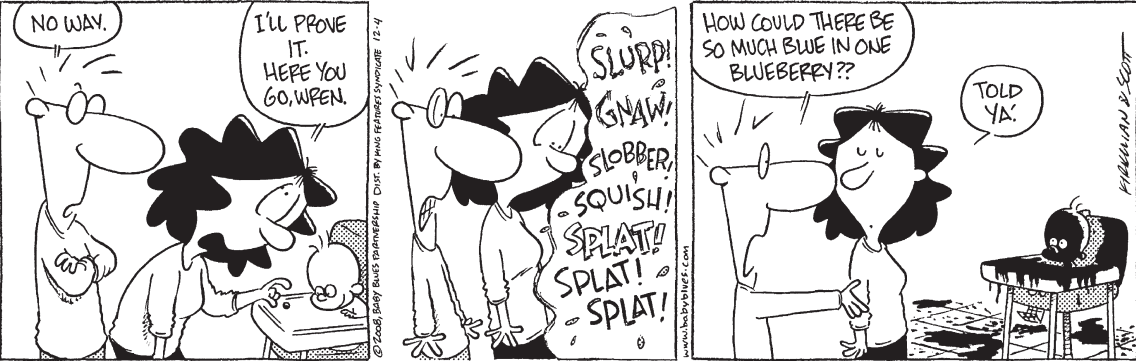
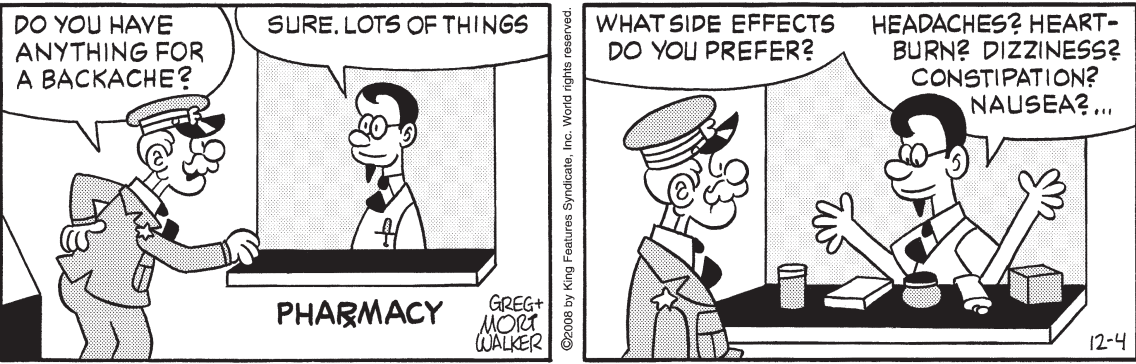


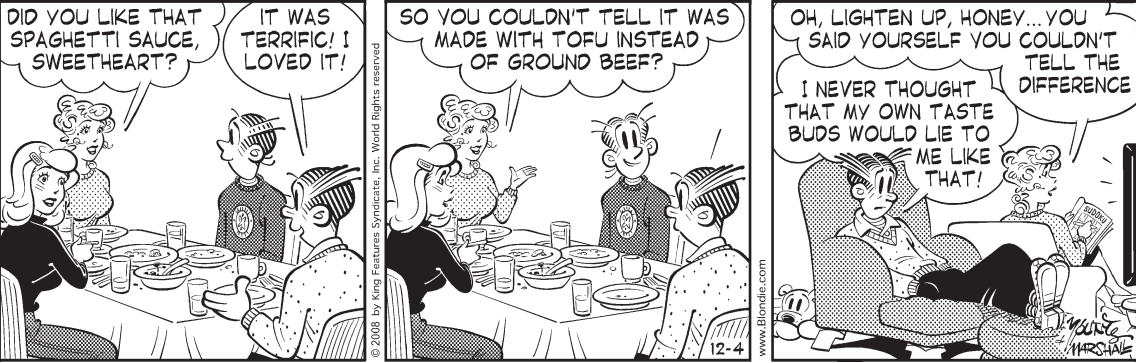
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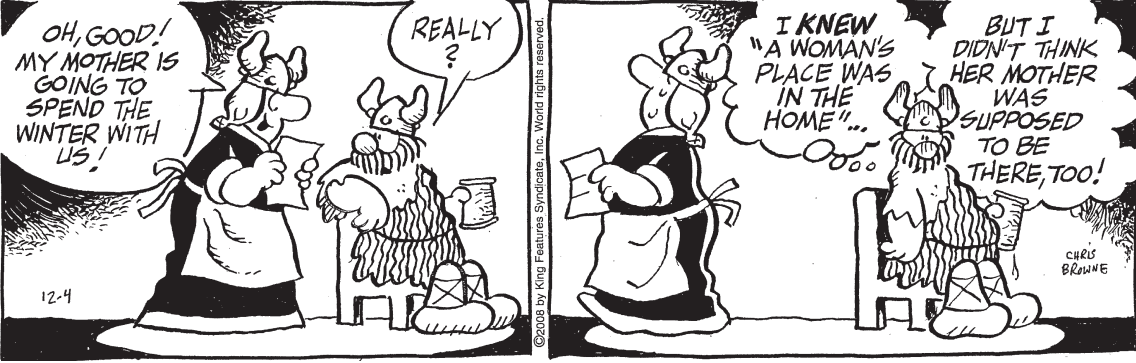
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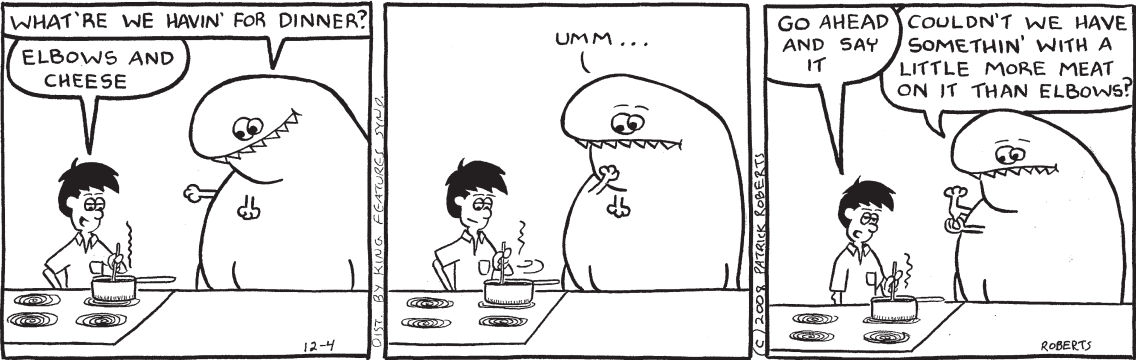
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Cryptoquip

12/4 Today's Cryptoquip Puzzle:

ORO AROM RB MZZQFD BQD
DQ WRXJM ZQFMJD ZLFMJ.
UM WGRAMO LD'J BQD BLWM
DQ ZXMG AQDUMF BRDXFM.

Answer to 12/3 Cryptoquip:

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SOME ALCOHOL IS PRODUCED FROM DECORATIVE WOOD VARNISH, YOU MAY END UP WITH LACOUER LIQUOR.

12/4 Today's Sudoku Puzzle:

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 12/04

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.

Bridge

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K J 9 7
♥ 9 5 4
♦ Q 8 3
♣ K 8 3

WEST
♠ Q 8 6 4 3
♥ Q 6
♦ 10 6 2
♣ 7 6 5

EAST
♠ 10 5 2
♥ 10 8 7 2
♦ A K J 9 7
♣ J

SOUTH
♠ A
♥ A K J 3
♦ 5 4
♣ A Q 10 9 4 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 3 ♣ Pass
5 ♣

Opening lead — five of clubs.

The Battle for Survival

It's a fact of life -- for which most declarers are ever thankful -- that the defense does not always find its most effective opening lead. Even so, declarer may still have to play his cards exceptionally well to take advantage of a favorable lead. For example, take this deal from a match between Canada and Mexico some years ago. Had West hit on a diamond lead, the Mexican declarer, George Rosenkranz, almost surely would have gone down. But after the opening trump lead, he seized his opportunity and found the winning -- and best -- route to 11 tricks.

He won East's jack of clubs with the queen, then cashed the ace of spades. Now came the key play -- before entering dummy, Rosenkranz played the A-K of hearts.

Had the queen not appeared, he would next have crossed to the eight of clubs, discarded a diamond on the king of spades and then led a heart toward the J-3. In this way, he would avoid losing two heart tricks whenever the hearts were divided 3-3, whenever East held four hearts to the queen or whenever the queen of hearts fell singleton or doubleton.

But when West's queen fell on the second round, it was a simple matter to draw two more trumps ending in dummy, discard a diamond on the spade king and eventually concede a heart and a

Family Circus • Bil Keane



Crossword

ACROSS

1 Oologist's subject

5 Adipose tissue

8 Roundish hairstyle

12 Reynolds or Lancaster

13 Falsehood

14 Whip

15 Hee-haw

16 Commercial

17 Den

18 Rental flat, perhaps

20 Play a piccolo

22 Will Ferrell Christmas movie

23 Dog's foot

24 Sword handle

27 In the wings

32 Under the weather

33 OPEC commodity

34 Set up

35 Italian "slipper" bread

38 Nevada city

39 Yank heat

42 Piano style

45 Erratically changeable

49 Lady's guy

50 Sapporo sash

52 Privy to

53 Carbon compound

54 "Miniver"

55 Have an inclination

56 Force unit

57 "Hum-bug!"

58 Lambs' dams

24 Toper's inter-rupter

25 "The Greatest" need?

28 Suitable

29 Halibut, for one

30 Card player's call

31 Swelled head

36 Bale

37 Time of your life?

38 Speak from memory

41 Afternoon hour on a sundial

42 Coaster

43 Small horse

44 "Who's buried in Grant's --?"

46 Recognized

47 Un-escorted

48 Odds' mates

51 Support system?

DOWN

1 Recedes

2 Pundit

3 Snatch

4 Thin surgical implement

5 Beat cop (S.I.)

6 Succor

7 Criterion

8 Showing buoyancy

9 Eating utensils

10 Disturb

11 Shrek, e.g.

19 Urban transport

21 Chances, for short

Solution time: 25 mins.

WAGS ALL AVER
ESAU PEA MERE
VERBATIM ARIA
EARTH PRIMED
LAVA UNO
FIVE EELS UKE
ORE DIGIT TEA
PER ALIS CHAR
OHM SARI
MANANA UNITE
OTTO VERTEBRA
MOCK OWEE MEET
SPAS WED AXES

Yesterday's answer 12-4

