

By Charles Schulz

CLASSIC PEANUTS

"AN EARTHQUAKE IS A SHAKING MOVEMENT OF THE EARTH'S SURFACE"

"THEY ARE MOST COMMONLY CAUSED BY THE JAR GIVEN THE EARTH'S SURFACE WHEN A FAULT OCCURS"

"STUDY OF EARTHQUAKES HELPS US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE EARTH'S INTERIOR"


"EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW WHAT TO DO IF AN EARTHQUAKE OCCURS"

"THE SAFEST PLACE TO STAND DURING AN EARTHQUAKE IS IN A DOORWAY"



GARFIELD

By Jim Davis



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BLONDIE

BY DEAN KANARIS & JOHN MARSHALL

ARE YOU READY TO GO?

YEAH, LET'S GO

ISN'T IT NICE TO GET OUT AND SEE THE PRETTY LIGHTS?

YUP! SOME OF THE DECORATIONS HAVE PRETTY WILD THEMES!

DWITZELL ALWAYS PUTS UP HIS DOG'S FAVORITE ORNAMENTS

THE TUTTLES DRESS UP THEIR HOUSE WITH ELMO'S FAVES!

I'M GLAD WE KEPT THE BUMSTEAD HOME SIMPLE THIS YEAR

YUP! TRADITIONAL, NOT OVERBOARD LIKE SOME PEOPLE!

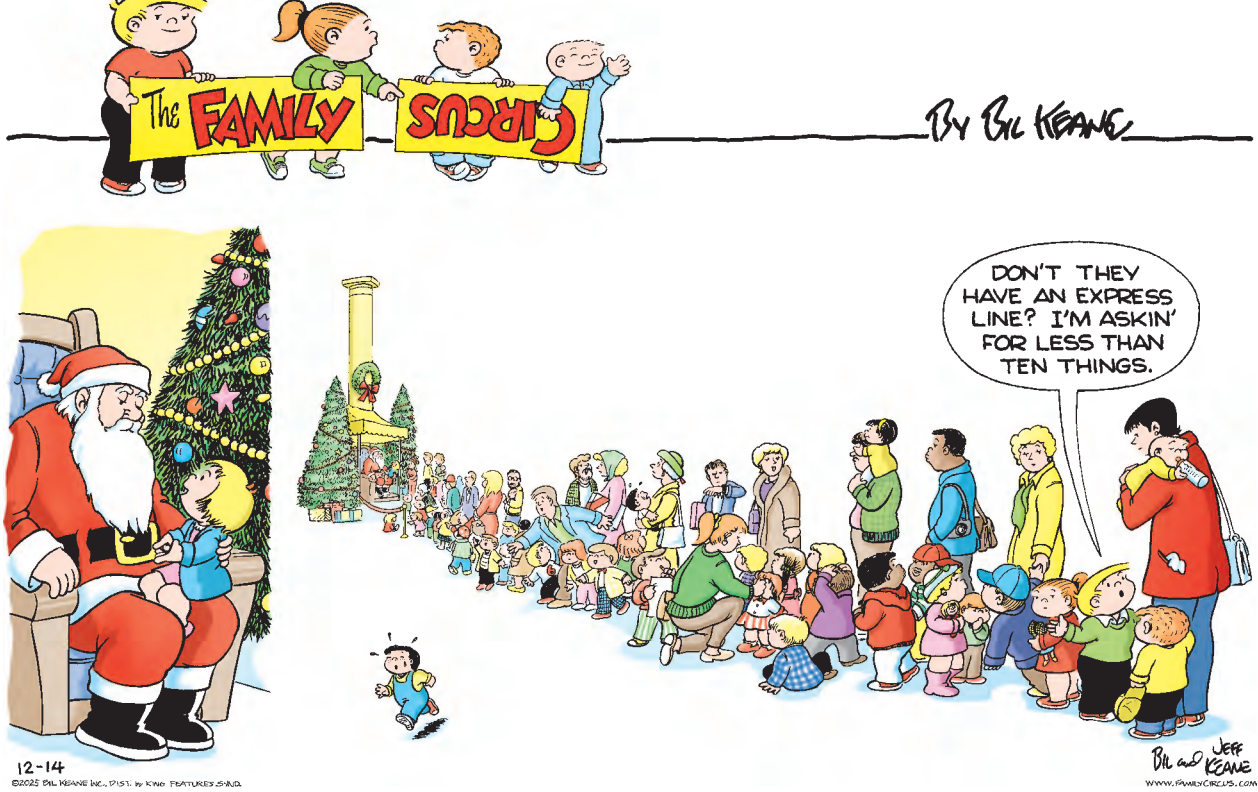




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The FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



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PICKLES  
by BRIAN CRANE

EARL, DID YOU EAT THE CHOCOLATE BAR I LEFT IN HERE?

UH, PROBABLY.

THAT WAS MINE! I WAS SAVING IT FOR LATER!

YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE CHOCOLATE LYING AROUND AND EXPECT ME NOT TO EAT IT. THAT'S LIKE DROPPING BACON ON THE FLOOR IN FRONT OF A DOG AND EXPECTING HIM TO IGNORE IT.

I DIDN'T JUST LEAVE IT LYING AROUND, EARL. IT WAS HIDDEN IN A BROWN PAPER BAG INSIDE A MASON JAR!

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...AND BURIED AT THE BOTTOM OF A HUGE CANISTER OF PINTO BEANS!

YEAH, WELL, I COULD STILL SMELL IT.

DID SOMEONE SAY "BACON"?


HAL FOSTER'S  
BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

**Prince Valiant**

LORD GUNTHIGIS OFFERS EMPLOYMENT TO THE TRAVELERS, BUT IT IS TO ENTERTAIN THE VISITING LORD OF BRISIGHELLA—THE MAN WHO USURPED THEIR PATRON, AND PERSECUTED THE TRIBE INTO HIDING. EMILIAN FEARS BEING RECOGNIZED BY THIS NEMESIS...

...AND IS INSISTENT THAT THE TRAVELERS AGAIN RETREAT INTO THE LIGURIAN WILDS. BUT SANARC AND OTHERS RESIST, ARGUING THAT THE TRIBE BADLY NEED INCOME. THEY ARE TIRED OF HIDING, AND FEEL THEY MUST ASSUME THE RISK.

VAL AND ALETA EXCHANGE AN ACKNOWLEDGING LOOK, AND APPROACH EMILIAN. "SANARC IS RIGHT!" PROCLAIMS ALETA. "FEAR OF THIS ONE MAN SHOULD AND CAN BE ENDED!" ALL STARE AT THESE SUDDENLY BOLD OUTSIDERS, WHO HAVE SHED THE PERSONAS OF ARTA AND VASO.



"THE TIME HAS COME TO END OUR RUSE. WE WERE INDEED WRECKED BY JUSTINIAN'S PIRATES— BUT I AM ALETA, QUEEN OF THE MISTY ISLES, AND MY HUSBAND IS PRINCE VALIANT, KNIGHT OF CAMELOT! IF YOU CHOOSE TO AID US AGAINST OUR COMMON ENEMY, MY KINGDOM WILL PROVIDE YOU REWARD AND SANCTUARY."

EMILIAN KNEW THERE WAS MORE TO THESE TWO, BUT HE DID NOT EXPECT THIS! THERE IS NO DOUBTING THEIR SINCERITY. EMILIAN BOWS TO THE WILL OF HIS JUBILANT FELLOWS, ALL EAGER FOR THE CHANCE TO FIGHT.

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THAT NIGHT, A TRUSTED TRAVELER IS SENT WITH A MESSAGE TO THE PORT OF RAVENNA, AND A CERTAIN SHIP THAT VAL AND ALETA HOPE HAS SAFELY ARRIVED.

NEXT: **Gunthigis' Carnival**

**Arlo and Janis**

Arlo and Janis are shown in various poses, including one where Arlo is holding a book and Janis is looking at it.

OBVIOUSLY, YOU HAVEN'T READ OUR TERMS OF SERVICE!

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Mort Walker's  
**beetle bailey**

TIME TO GET UP, OTTO. YOU'VE GOT WORK TO DO

OTTO, I WANT YOU TO KEEP AFTER BEETLE THIS WEEK

WOOF

WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!

GROWL! ARF! YIP!

WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!

YAP! ARF! ARF!

BEETLE IS GOOFING OFF AGAIN. WHY AREN'T YOU ON HIM?

I DON'T BARK ON SUNDAY

OTTO

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Your Pet Is ...  
**LOVE.**  
Your Pet Is ...  
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PIERCE, WHY DID YOU ASK TO BE EXCUSED FROM GROUP DISCUSSIONS?

I DON'T FEEL SAFE.

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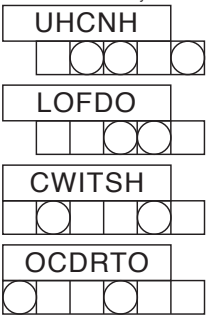
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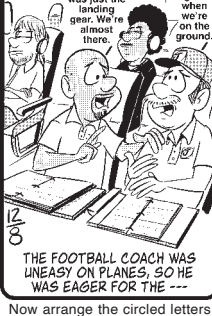
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Print your answer here: \_\_\_\_\_

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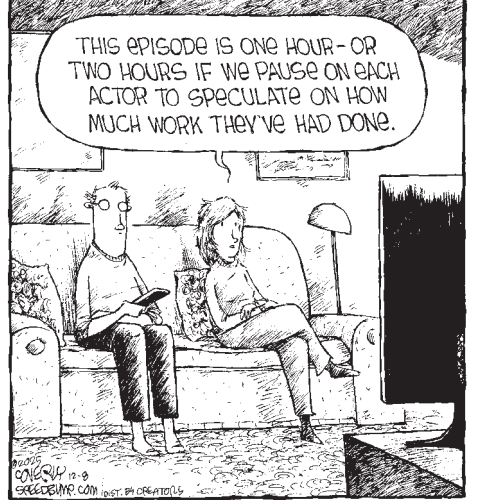
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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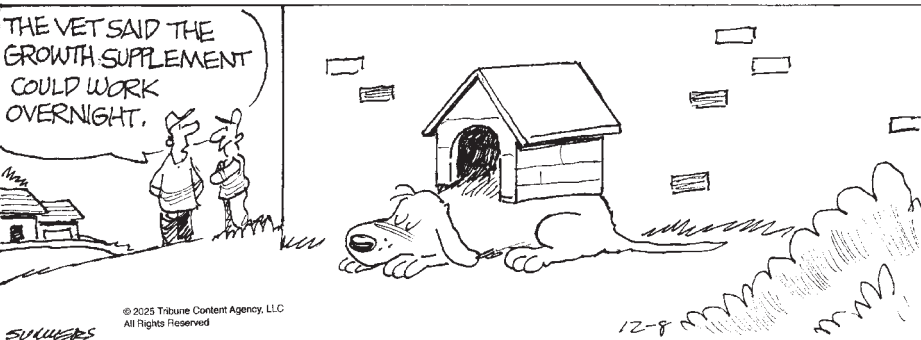
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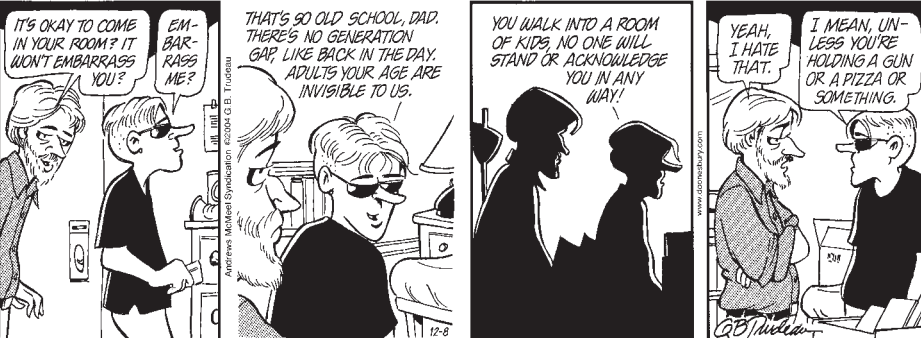
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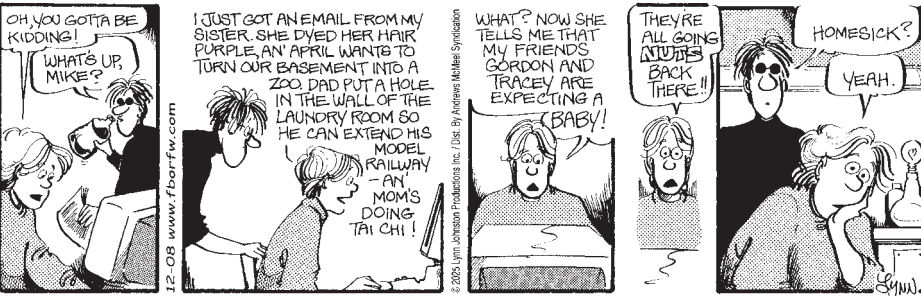
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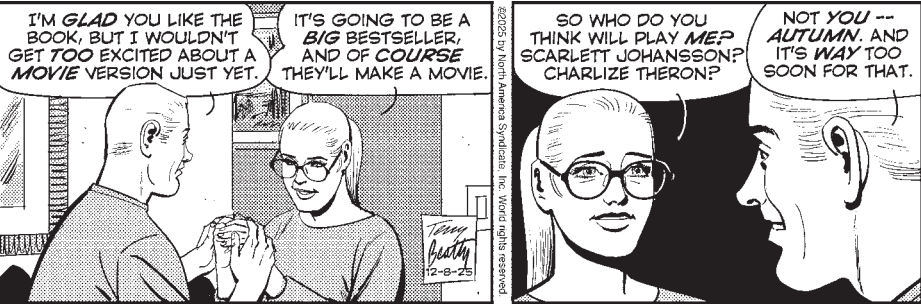
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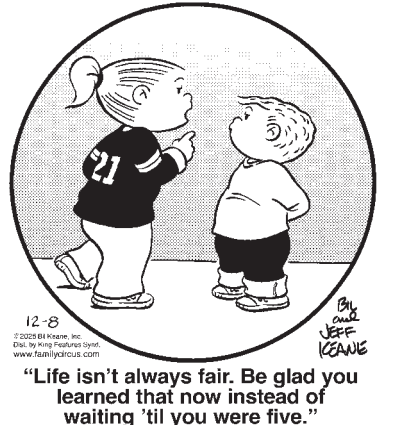
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CRYPTOQUIP

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YWLMMFM: KFDDROFFC.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU CHILL OUT AFTER YOU PUT AN EXTRA COAT OF POLISH ON YOUR CAR, DO YOU REWAX AND UNWIND?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals G

CROSSWORD

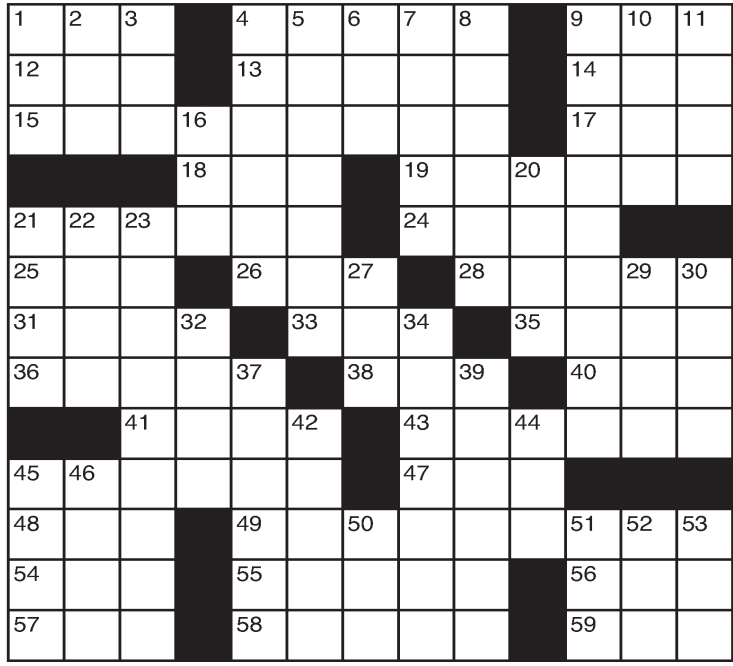
By Eugene Scheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Menagerie
  - 4 Answer
  - 9 Petrol
  - 12 Year in Madrid
  - 13 Big foil maker
  - 14 2016 Olympics city
  - 15 "So grateful that you flagged that typo"
  - 17 Coffee vessel
  - 18 In medias —
  - 19 Baker Street sleuth
  - 21 Dairy case buy
  - 24 Gumbo or bisque, e.g.
  - 25 — Dhabi
  - 26 Go astray
  - 28 Authority
  - 31 Rock's partner
  - 33 Upper limit
  - 35 Golden State sch.
- DOWN**
- 36 Clear up the wind-shield
  - 38 Pen name
  - 40 "— Wie-derschen"
  - 41 Furnace fuel
  - 43 Rich cakes
  - 45 "Scandal" creator
  - 47 Pouch
  - 48 Madre's sibling
  - 49 Prepaid stocking stuffers
  - 54 Triage ctrs.
  - 55 "Adam Bede" author
  - 56 However
  - 57 Drench
  - 58 Infield covers
  - 59 Leading lady?
  - 16 — Hill (R&B group)
  - 20 Hawaiian feast
  - 21 Three feet
  - 22 Slender wood-wind
  - 23 Region that includes Tampa and Houston
  - 27 Collar
  - 29 Pivot
  - 30 Klutzes
  - 32 Lake bird
  - 34 Refueling break
  - 37 Doo-hickey
  - 39 Works together
  - 42 Boxer Ali
  - 44 — Victor
  - 45 Leftovers recipe
  - 46 Employ
  - 50 Fragrant tree
  - 51 Reuben bread
  - 52 "Lion" actor
  - 53 Sault — Marie

Solution time: 21 mins.



Saturday's answer 12-8





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MZ BTSIKGWQ G LZHDZZWQ,  
LGVQ WTSQ FZT BGF MKQ PGAS  
LQQSVGM UGR TQ.  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SPECIAL DISTRICT  
PRODUCING MANY FILMS THAT FEATURE  
ACTRESSES RINGWALD AND SHANNON:  
MOLLYWOOD.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals M

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Scheffer

ACROSS

1 Actress Merrill  
5 "The Bells" writer  
8 Daly of "Judging Amy" subj.  
12 Earth Day  
13 Nabokov novel  
14 Get wind of  
15 More vivacious  
17 Avenue liners  
18 "Friendly skies" co.  
19 Bathroom bowl  
21 Postage  
24 "I'm a total klutz!"  
25 "Now hear —!"  
26 More hot and humid  
30 Help  
31 Sand bar  
32 — pro nobis  
33 More difficult, in slang

DOWN

35 Booty  
36 Billions of years  
37 Breezy talks  
38 Nog sprinkling  
41 Pub serving  
42 Tennis legend  
43 More delightful  
48 Conked out  
49 Roof ornament  
50 Low-lying region  
51 Bohe-mian  
52 Map lines (Abbr.)  
53 Okla-homa city

ACROSS

20 Lustrous gem  
21 Male deer  
22 Reedy  
23 Verdi opera  
24 Platte River tribe  
26 Roofing tiles  
27 Nebraska neighbor  
28 Part of Q.E.D.  
29 Scollin compositions  
31 Tart fruit  
34 Cure  
35 Postpone  
37 Browns, on score-boards  
38 Zilch  
39 Friendly leader?  
40 Yonder item  
41 Hertz rival  
44 Choose  
45 Author Fleming  
46 NFL's Manning  
47 Wine choice

Solution time: 22 mins.

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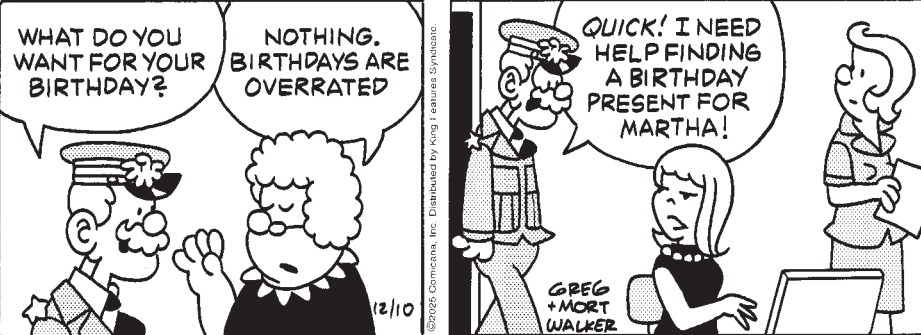
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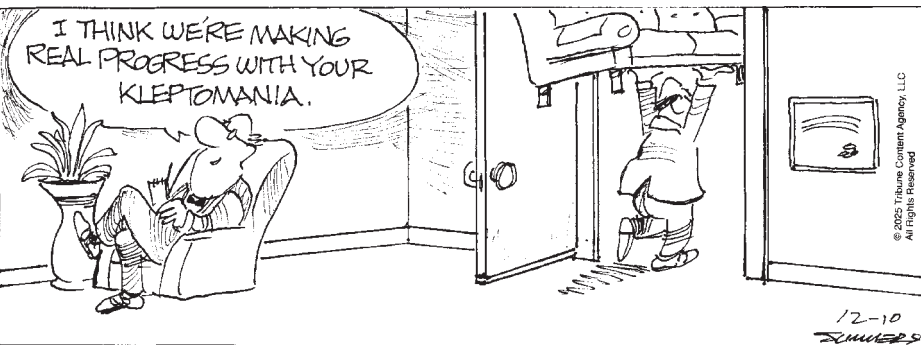
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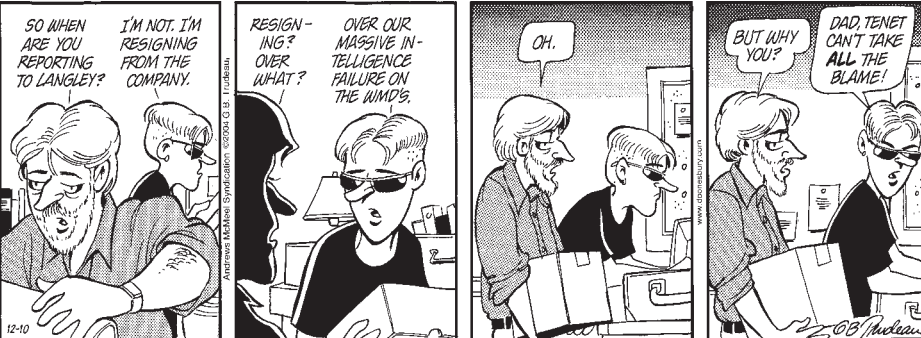
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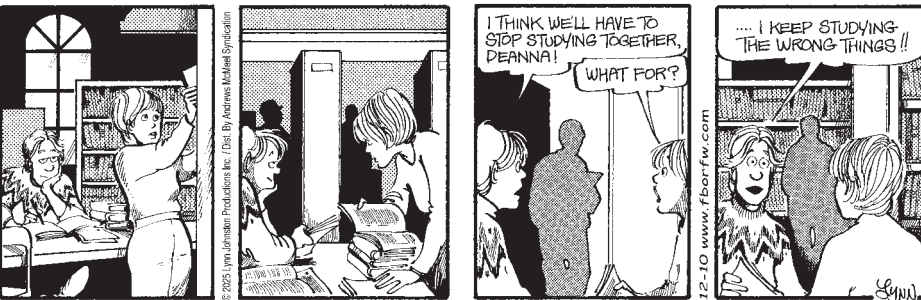
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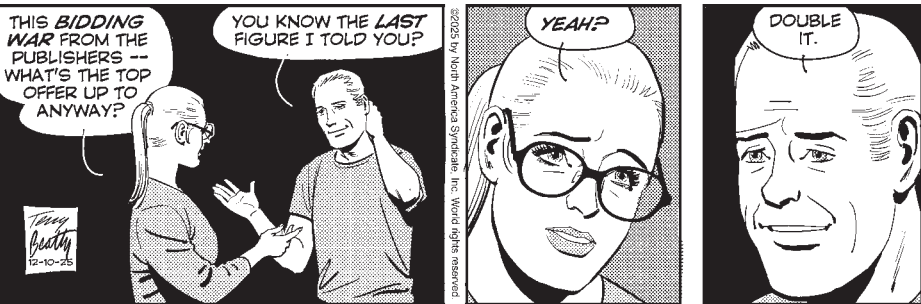
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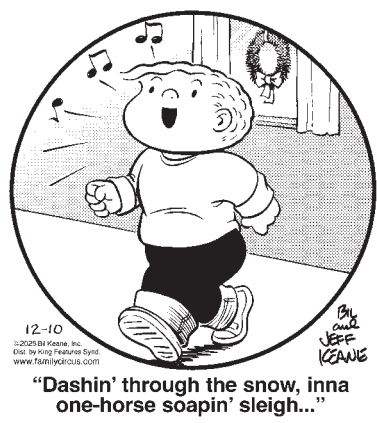
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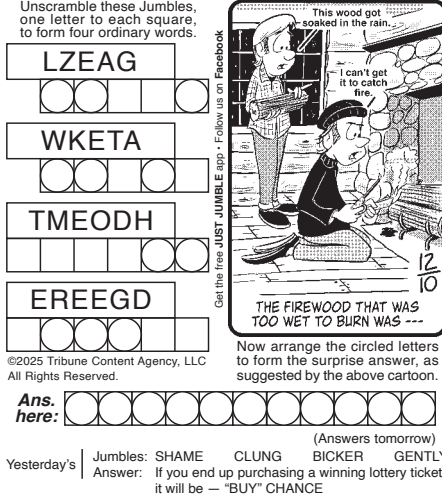
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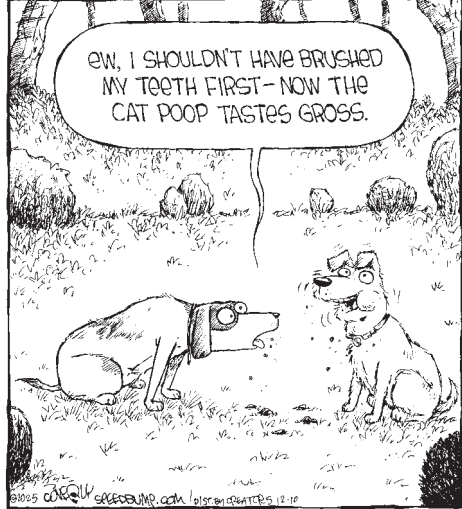
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MTOQXCFMJB, HM ZMI BITTMBO

CAOZ'H IBO DMV-DIKXCMQB?  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU'RE ACTIVELY SEEKING TO PURCHASE A MONGOOSE, MAKE SURE YOU PAY THE FAIR MEERKAT VALUE.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals P

CROSSWORD By Eugene Scheffer

**ACROSS**  
1 Poet Teasdale  
5 "Terrif!"  
8 Now, in memos  
12 Lena of "The Reader"  
13 Actress Lucy  
14 NYC gallery  
15 Sandlot game  
17 Sci-fi fleet  
18 Belly button type  
19 Casual eatery  
21 "Mad Money" network  
24 — Moines  
25 Yearn for  
28 Thinker Des-cartes  
30 Jump  
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34 Factions  
35 Gold, to Manuel  
36 Ump  
37 Bartlett, for one  
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50 Panache  
51 Senti-mental feeling  
54 Grime  
55 Bird (Pref.)  
56 Billions of years  
57 Beholds  
58 Squealer  
59 Crucial time  
60 Sluggish  
61 Falling-out  
62 Lepre-chaun's capers  
63 Ga. neighbor  
64 Have the flu  
65 Future tulip  
66 Tickle  
67 Tap-dance style  
68 Cupid's specialty  
69 El —, Texas  
70 Golfer Hogan  
71 "The — of March"  
72 French cheese  
73 Fragrant wood  
75 De-bussy's "La —"  
76 "Rocks"  
77 Computer programs  
79 Octavia's spouse  
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82 Mom's mate  
84 Relaxing refuges  
88 Had a hunch  
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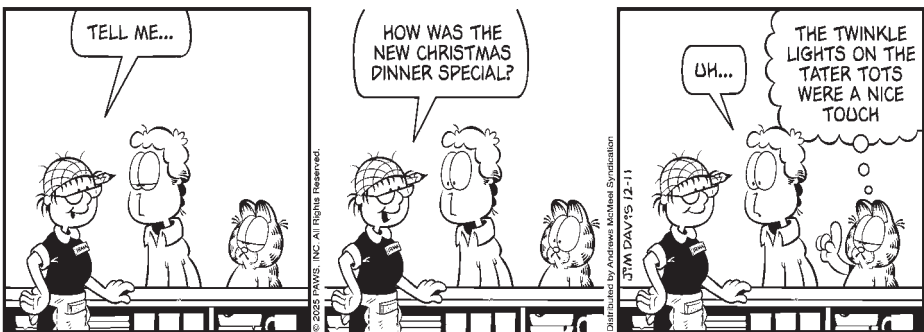
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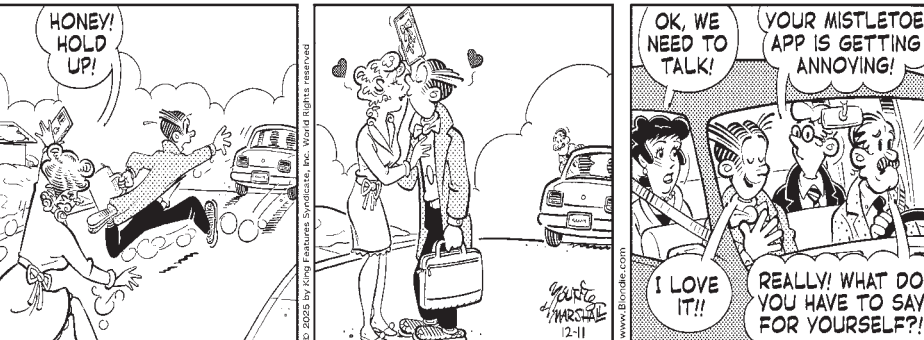
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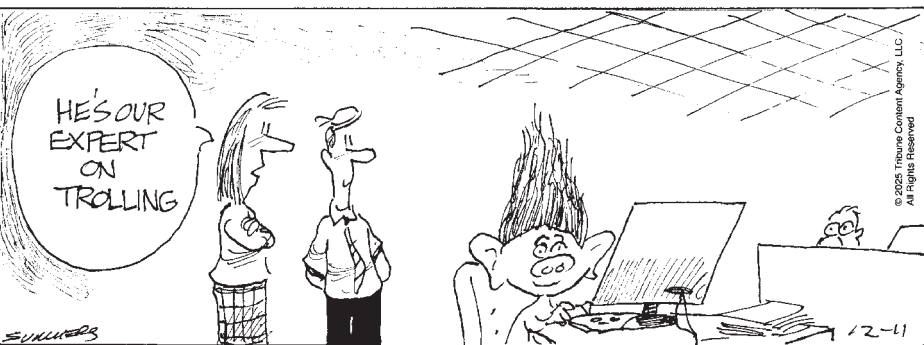
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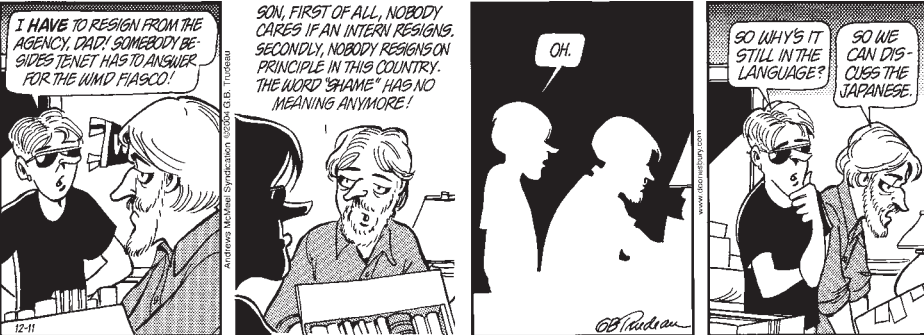
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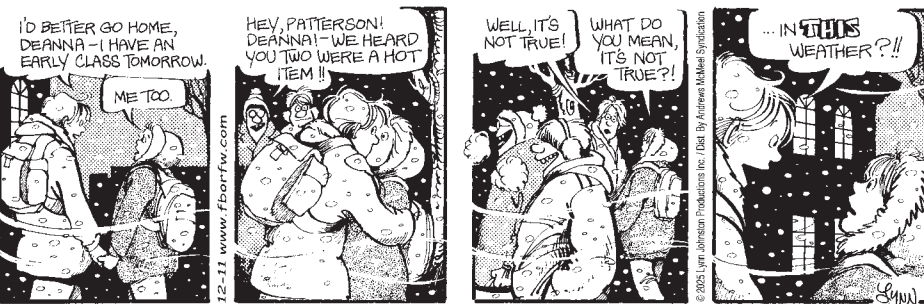
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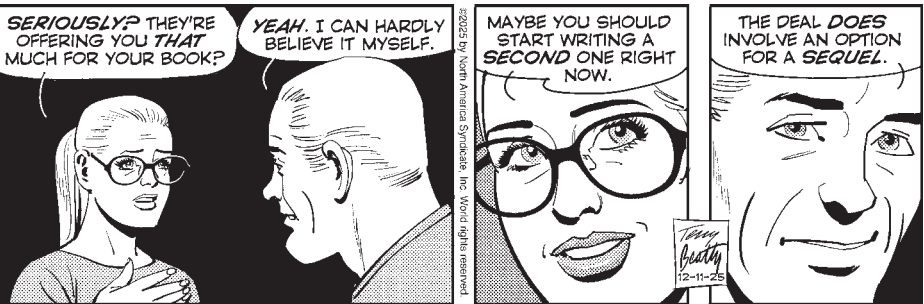
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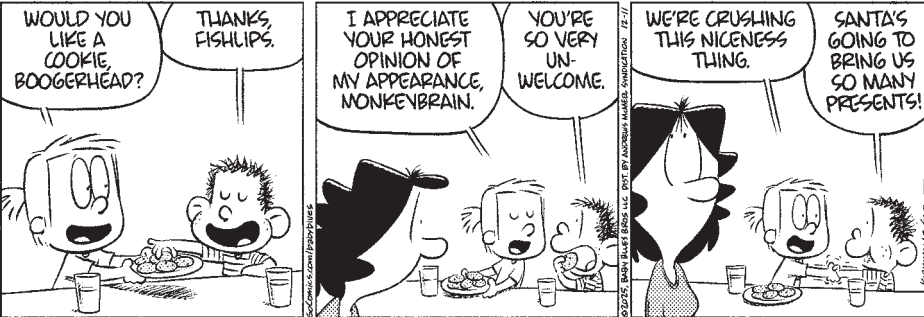
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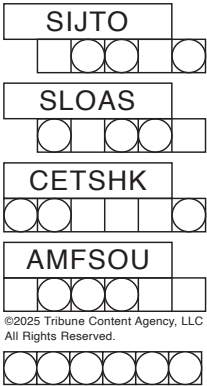
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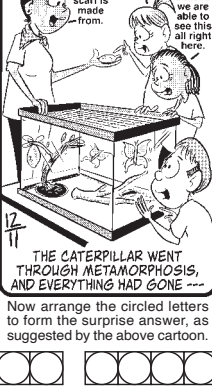


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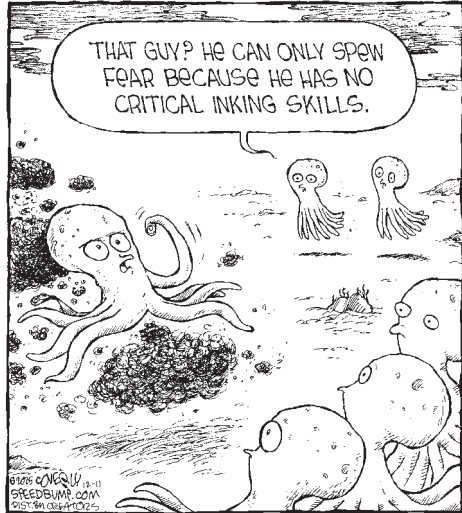


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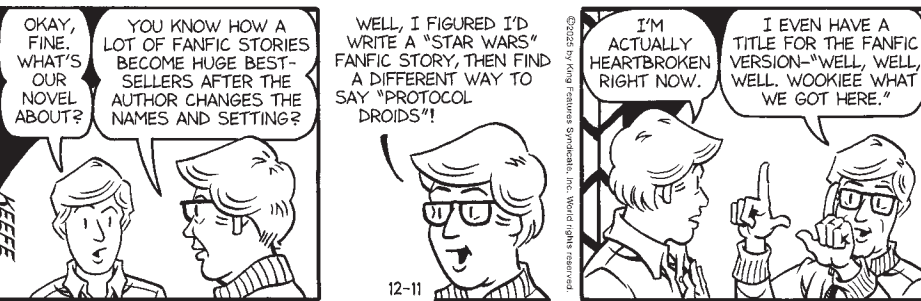
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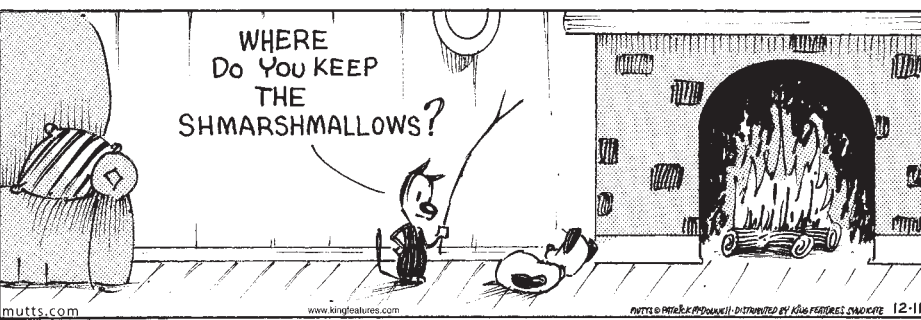
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CRYPTOQUIP

12-11

CRYPTOQUIP

YFVG KSUG TDO NVCC  
RDKPIDXT YFDRP YDZE SR  
XPRSUHSHU AOICSN ZPNZPVGSDH  
VZPVR? V AVZE-SGPNG.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN BOVINE BEASTS HAVE TO DO MATHEMATICAL OPERATIONS, DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY'D USE COW-CULATORS?  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals C

CROSSWORD

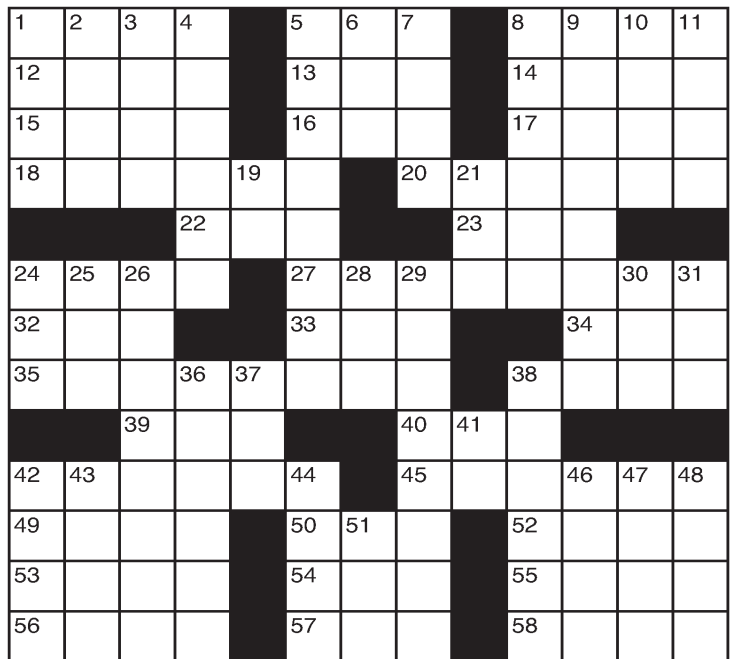
By Eugene Scheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Shake-speare title starter
  - 5 Bit of ink
  - 8 Inventor's inspiration
  - 12 Motown genre
  - 13 Caviar base
  - 14 Volleyball barriers
  - 15 Jai —
  - 16 Stately tree
  - 17 Taxpayer IDs
  - 18 Steep, rapid fall
  - 20 Eye quickly
  - 22 Tool set
  - 23 Plopped down
  - 24 Cautious
  - 27 "Again!"
  - 32 Green prefix
  - 33 Kung — chicken
  - 34 Bit of butter
  - 35 Sinks as low as
- DOWN**
- 1 Now, on a memo
  - 2 Lounge
  - 3 Hawaiian feast
  - 4 Stealthily quiet
  - 5 Perches for crows
  - 6 ISP giant
  - 7 Office part-timer
  - 8 Pants measure
  - 9 Some computers
  - 10 Sicilian spouter
  - 11 CEO's aide
  - 19 PX patron
  - 21 Jargon suffix
  - 24 Director Craven
  - 25 Performance
  - 26 Santa's landing areas
  - 28 Re-bellion leader
  - 29 Stove surfaces
  - 30 Fan's cry
  - 31 JFK info
  - 36 Delivers a keynote
  - 37 Dog's "dog"
  - 38 Alphas' opposites
  - 41 — and behold
  - 42 Vow
  - 43 Bangkok language
  - 44 Band boosters
  - 46 Rain-delay cover
  - 47 —
  - 48 Go by
  - 51 Tic-tac-toe win

Solution time: 24 mins.

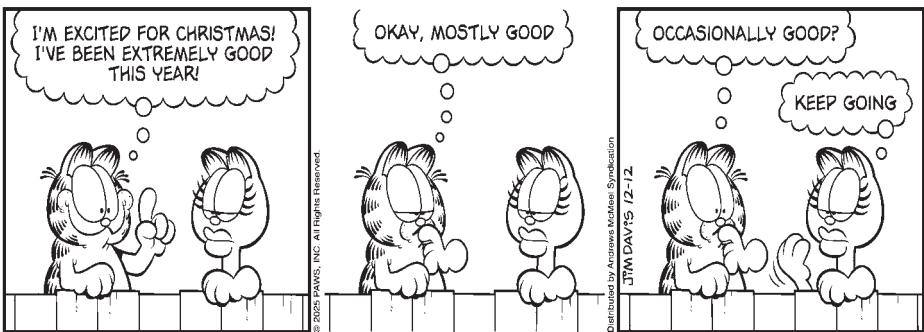


Yesterday's answer 12-11





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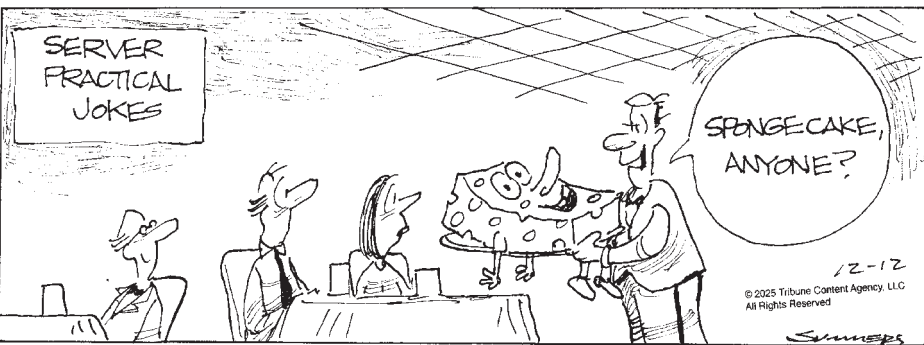
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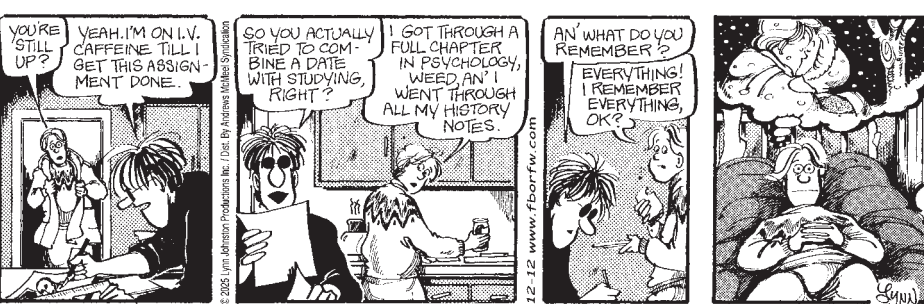
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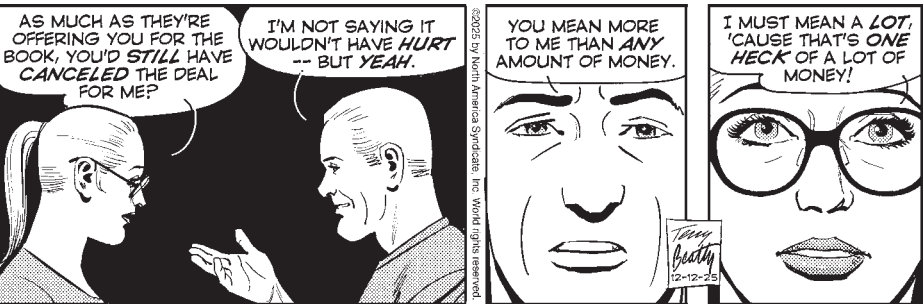
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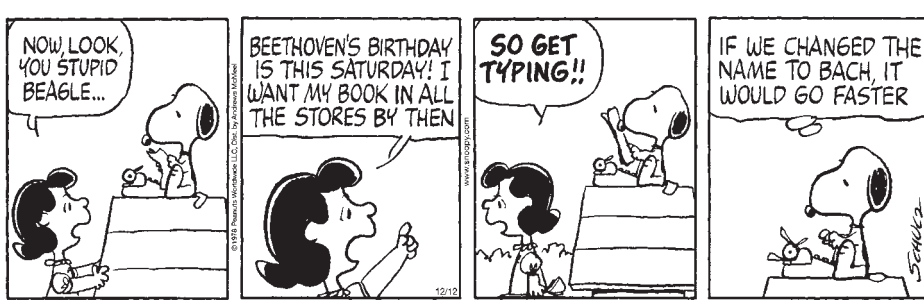
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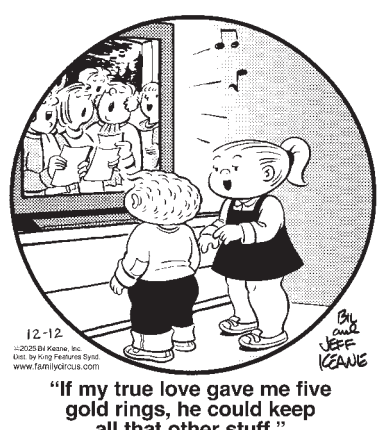
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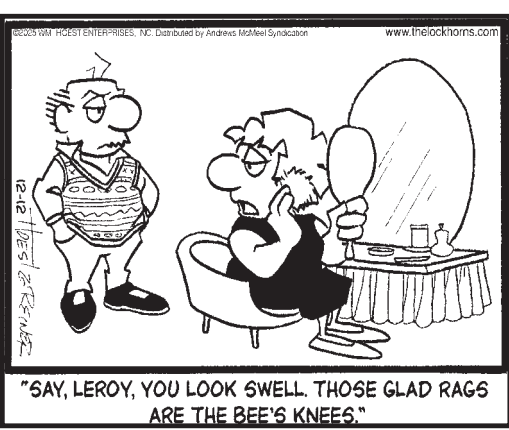
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SYAHT  
GNEVI  
RAOSIL  
HDUROS

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From my observations, I believe that it's the sun at the center, and we all travel around it.

You need to keep this idea to yourself. No one will accept this theory.

WHEN COPERNICUS THEORIZED THAT THE EARTH WENT AROUND THE SUN, IT WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: JOIST LASSO SKETCH FAMOUS  
Answer: The caterpillar went through metamorphosis, and everything had gone — SMOOTH AS SILK

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CRYPTOQUIP

12-12

CRYPTOQUIP

QCM GTJRQ YQJTHY CD EDJTTL

QELNRI QM QJTH, ZBQ J ODC

BRMGDRDS OTMCDEY HDGQ

ZBSSNRI NR.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT YOU CALL SOMEBODY WHOSE WORK IS DESIGNING PUBLIC RECREATION AREAS? A PARK-ITECT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals L

CROSSWORD By Eugene Scheffer

ACROSS

- 1 Rainy month  
6 "Kapow!"  
9 Radiator sound  
12 "— No Good" (Ronstadt hit)  
13 Brit. record label  
14 Author Harper  
15 Pop star John  
16 Massachusetts university  
18 Garden figurines  
20 Playwright William  
21 Neckline shape  
23 Ballot marks  
24 Lawn tool  
25 Estate measure  
27 Emporium  
29 Carl Sagan series  
31 Business goal  
35 Hosiery shade

37 Without help

- 38 Poker declaration  
41 Louvre treasures  
43 "Top Hat" studio  
44 Pleasing  
45 Partial  
47 South Carolina university  
49 Garden intruder  
52 "I — Rock"  
53 Super serve  
54 Show again  
55 Wd. from Roget  
56 Young bloke  
57 Big rigs

DOWN

- 1 Nay undoer  
2 D.C. figure  
3 New Jersey university  
4 Press  
5 Fine china  
6 Command  
7 You love (Lat.)  
8 Russian space station  
9 Word on the street?  
10 Suit fabric  
11 Passover meal  
17 YouTube uploads

19 Soccer star

- 21 Rug cleaner, briefly  
22 Green prefix  
24 Mess up  
26 Insignia  
28 Puccini piece  
30 British ref. work  
32 New York university  
33 Variety  
34 Overly  
36 Put on weight  
38 Early Peruvians  
39 Gossamer  
40 Whale's home  
42 Russian rulers  
45 — Raton  
46 Duel tool  
48 "On the Road" narrator  
50 King Charles  
51 ER workers

Solution time: 25 mins.

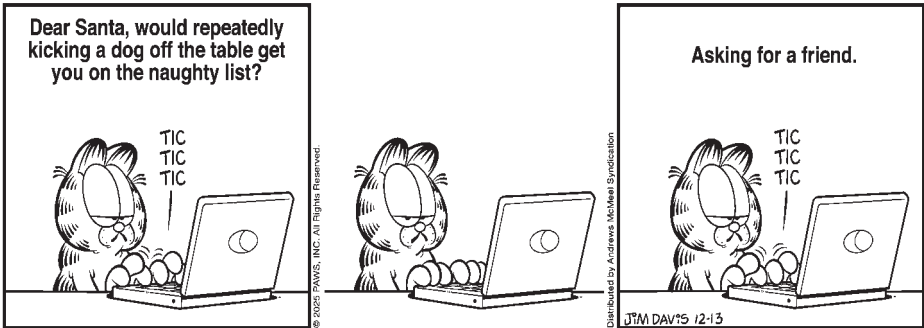
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|        | KIT  | SAT  |
| WARY   | ONCE | MORE |
| ECO    | PAO  | PAT  |
| STOOP  | STO  | OSHA |
|        | FRA  | KLM  |
| OTTAWA | TOET | AP   |
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Yesterday's answer 12-12

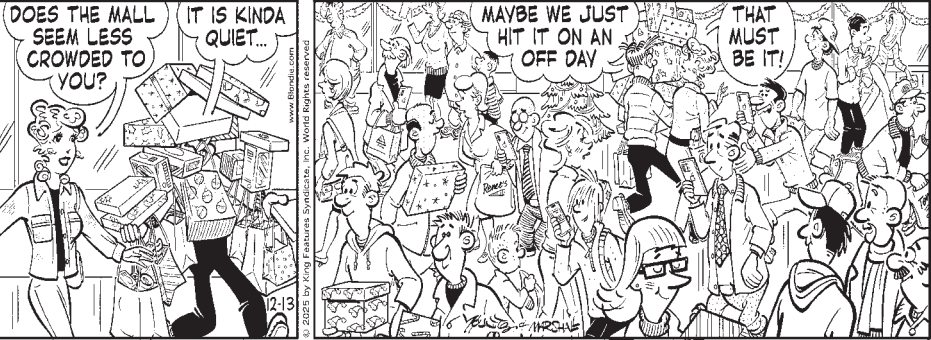
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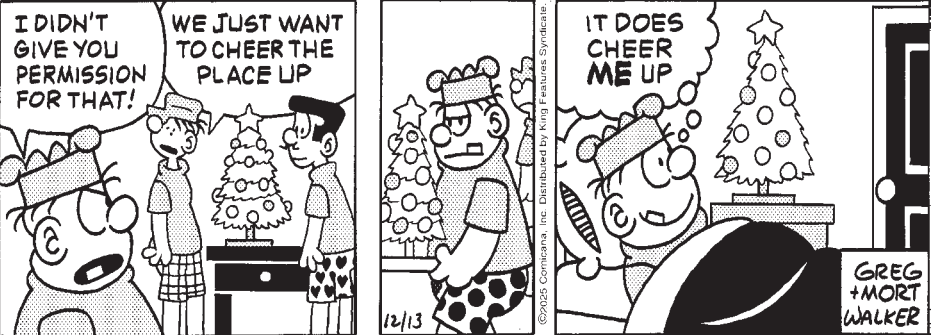
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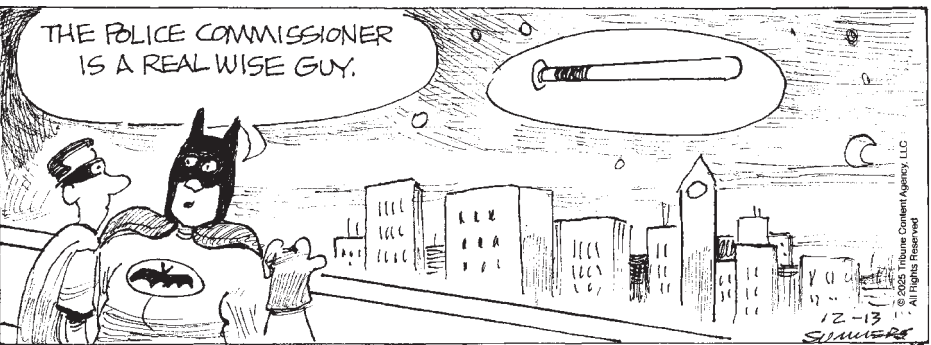
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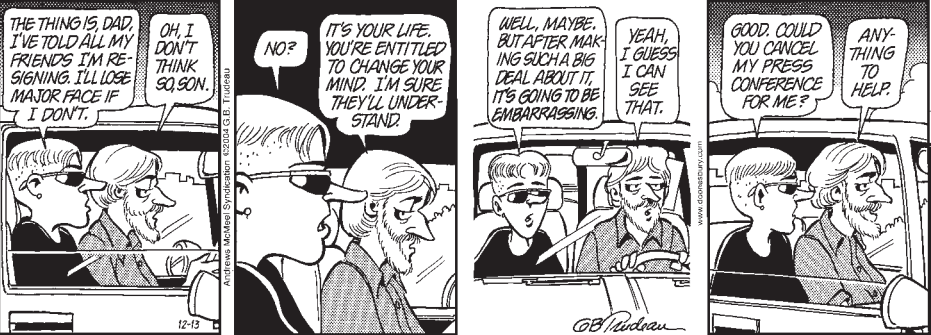
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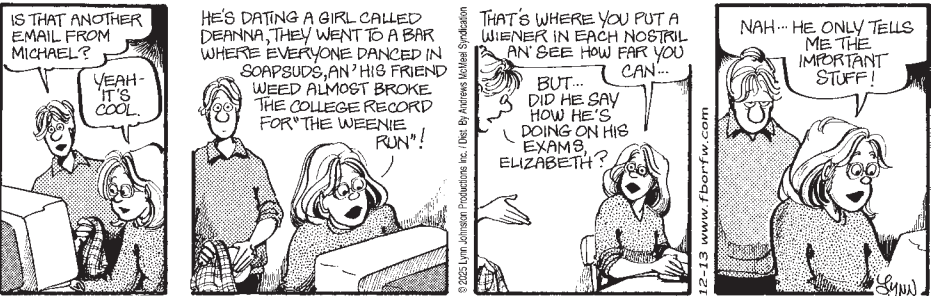
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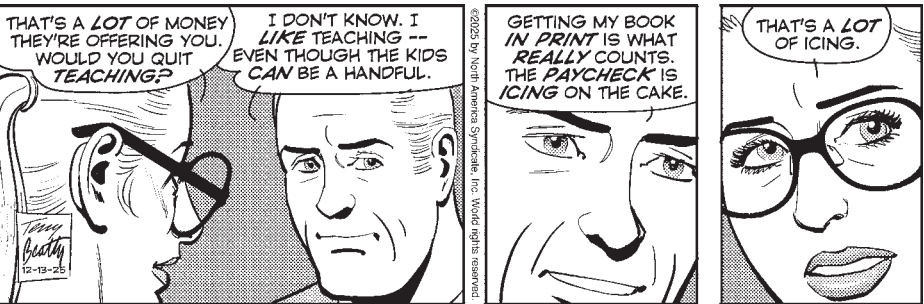
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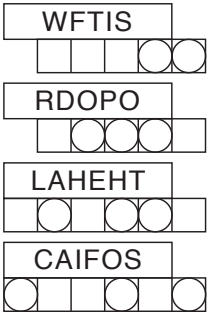


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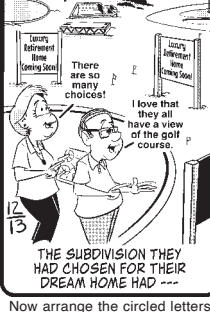
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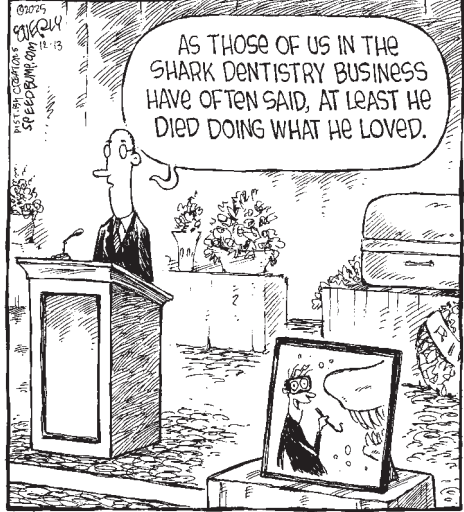


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"GOOD NEWS, LEROY... YOU'RE ON A WAITING LIST TO SEE A DOCTOR!"

"MY DILEMMA IS... DO I GET THIS IN HER ACTUAL SIZE OR THE ONE SHE CLAIMS TO BE?"

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# FLO & FRIENDS

Aging with an Attitude!

By Jenny Campbell

CREATED BY JOHN GIBEL

HI, JACK! HOW WAS THE GYM?

ARE YOU USING FREE WEIGHTS OR THE MACHINES?

IT WAS OK.

MOSTLY FREE WEIGHTS, BUT I DID FIND A MACHINE I REALLY LIKE!

WHICH ONE?

THE VENDING MACHINE!

by DAVE COVERLY

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Hank Ketchum's

# Bennis the Menace

## THE MAGIC WORD

SIT!

BEG!

ROLL OVER!

SPEAK!

MAYBE YOU SHOULD TRY SAYIN' PLEASE FIRST.

# WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

GOOD LUCK, HON

I'LL #@%!! NEED IT

SIR, THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION, BUT... UM...

THAT'S WHY THE KING MADE HIM PRESS SECRETARY

PRESSROOM

THAT'S WHY THE KING MADE HIM PRESS SECRETARY

POOF



SUDOKU

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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

Rating: BRONZE

Solution to 12/6/25

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

12/8/25

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

Rating: SILVER

Solution to 12/8/25

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

12/9/25

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 8 | 1 |   |   |   | 9 |   | 3 |
|   |   |   | 1 |   | 7 |   | 8 |   |
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| 6 |   | 3 |   |   |   | 5 | 1 | 7 |

Rating: BRONZE

Solution to 12/10/25

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| 7 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
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12/11/25

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

Rating: SILVER

Solution to 12/11/25

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 3 |
| 3 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 5 |
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| 9 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 8 |
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12/12/25

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

Rating: GOLD

Solution to 12/12/25

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 6 |
| 6 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| 9 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 5 |
| 8 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| 5 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 2 |
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JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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Rating: GOLD

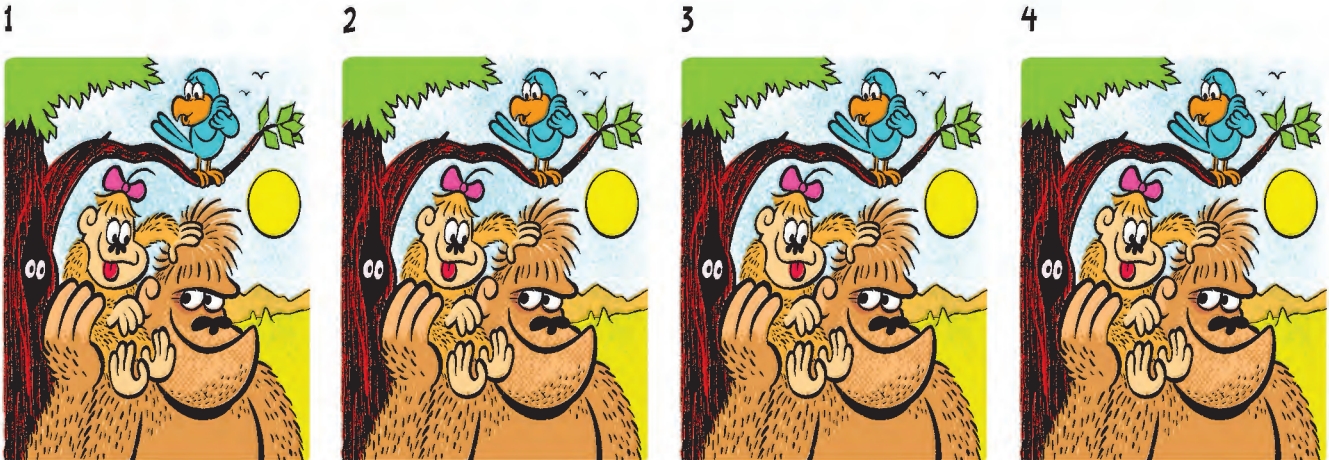
Solution to 12/14/25

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

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Which two scenes are exactly alike?



Answer -- Numbers two and four. Differences -- Leaf and tongue.

Rachel Rabbit says Shady Shrew stole a basket of carrots from her porch last night. Shady insists he's innocent, claiming he just returned from a three-week vacation. What did Slylock Fox notice in Shady's home that made him question the alibi?

Solution -- The time on Shady's wind-up clock matched the town clock outside the window. If Shady had really been away for three weeks, the wind-up clock would not be ticking.

WEBER/SOTU

HOW TO DRAW a pig in a bucket

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SpongeBob SquarePants was originally named ...

a) SpongeBlob  
b) SpongeBilly  
c) SpongeBoy  
d) SpongeBrain  
e) SpongeBath

Answer -- c) SpongeBoy was already trademarked.

Spot six differences between these panels.

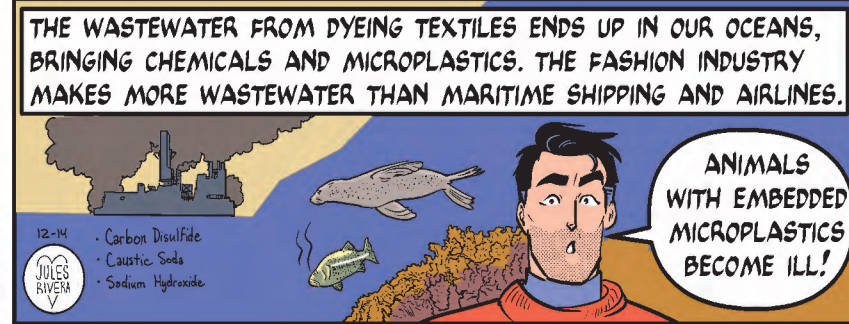
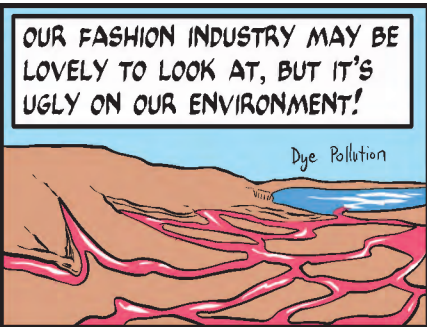
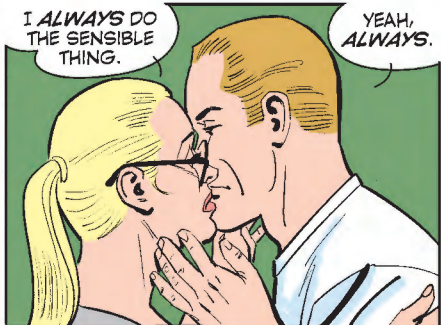
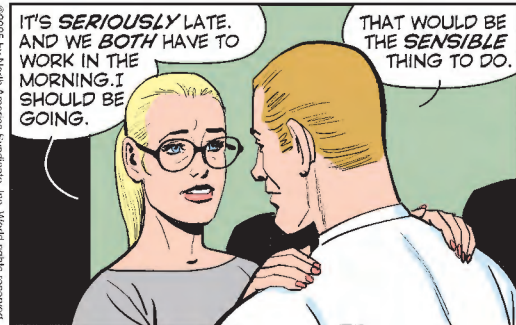
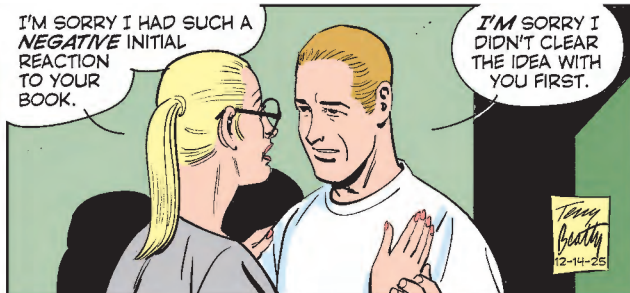
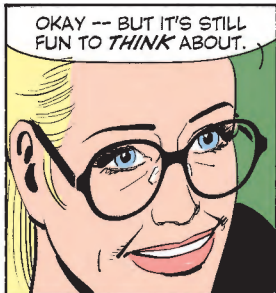
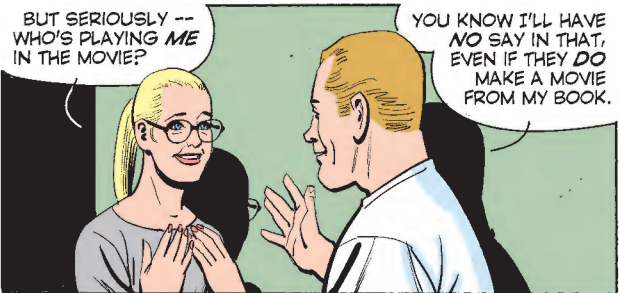
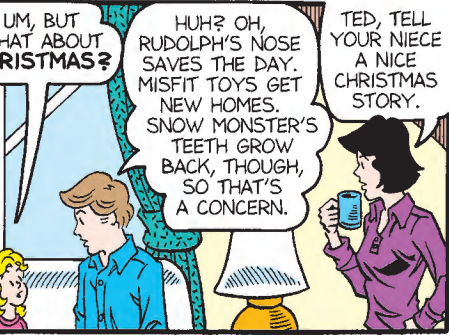
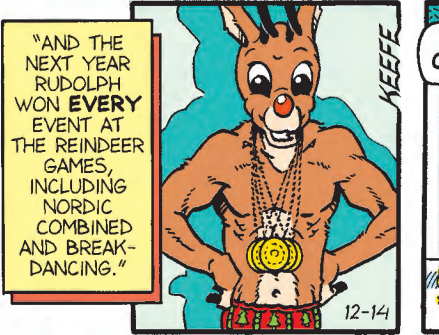
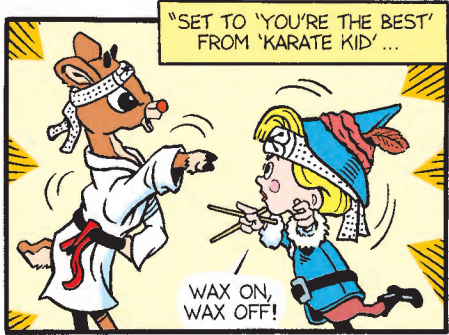
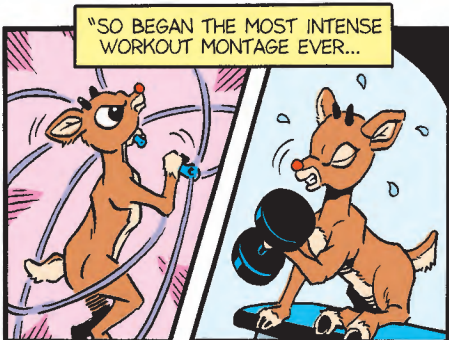
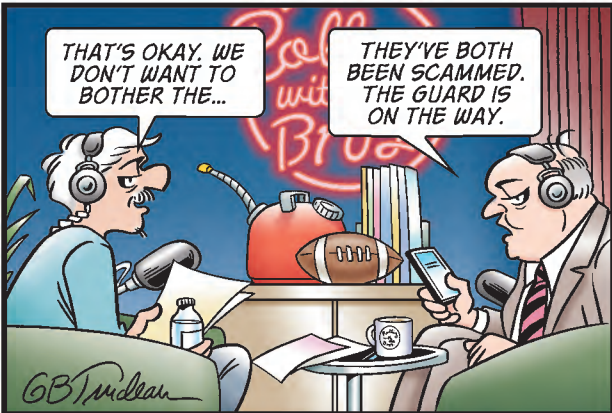
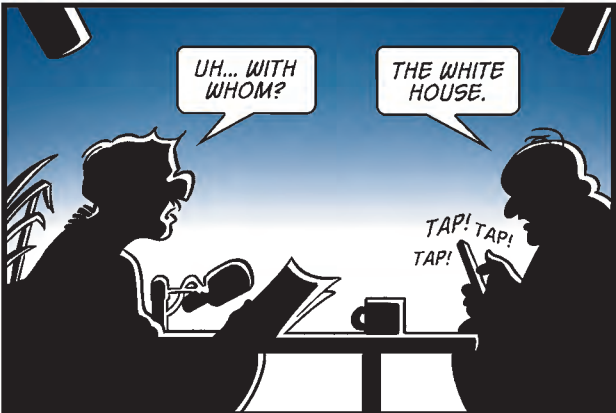
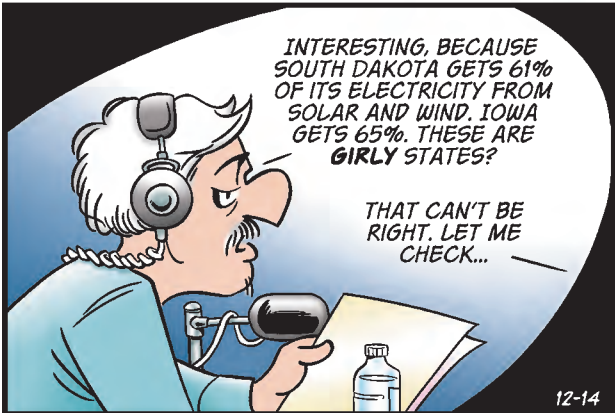
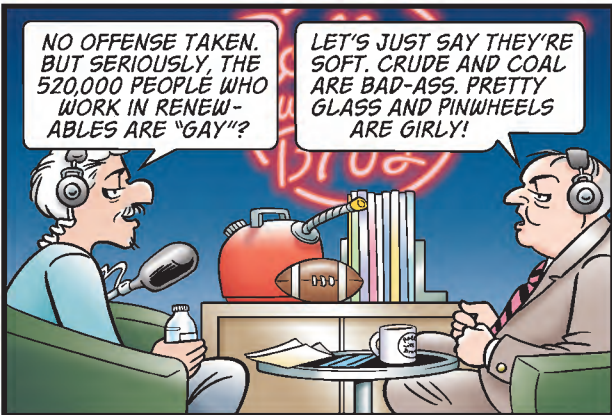
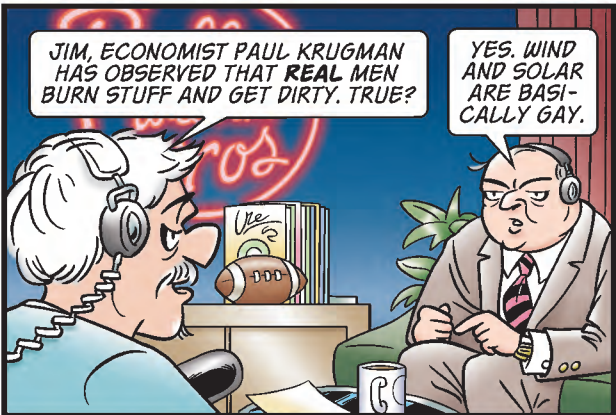
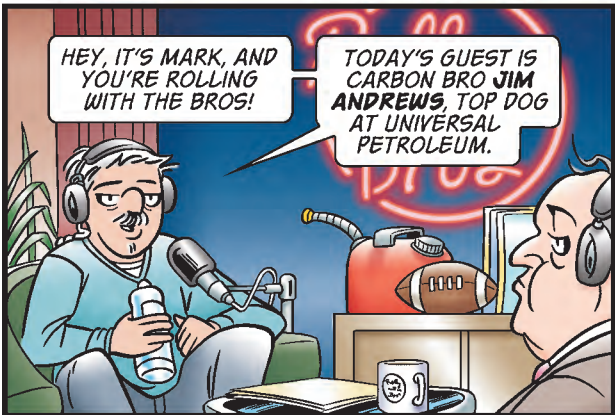
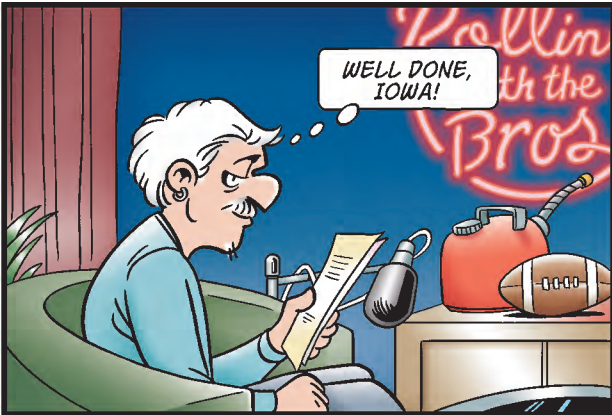
Answer -- Bone, finger, drink, mustache, tie and tongue.

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