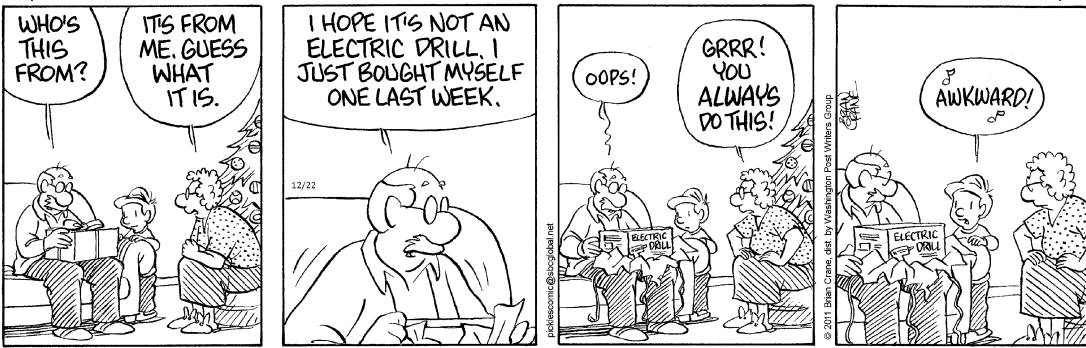
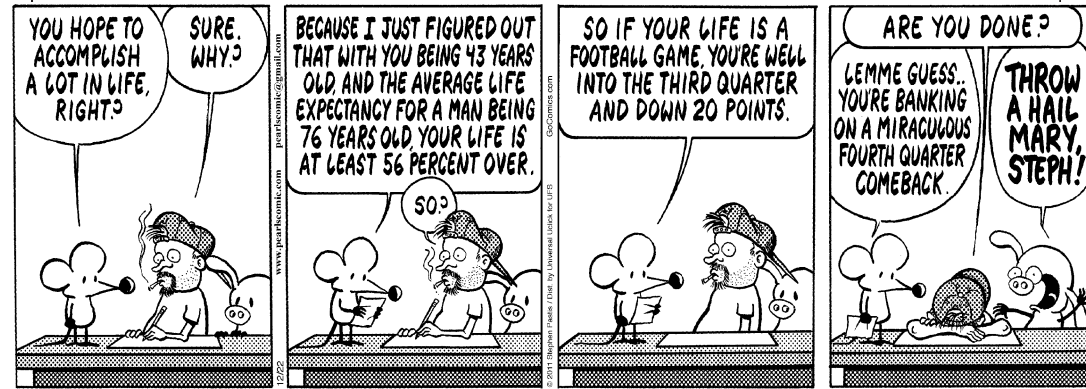


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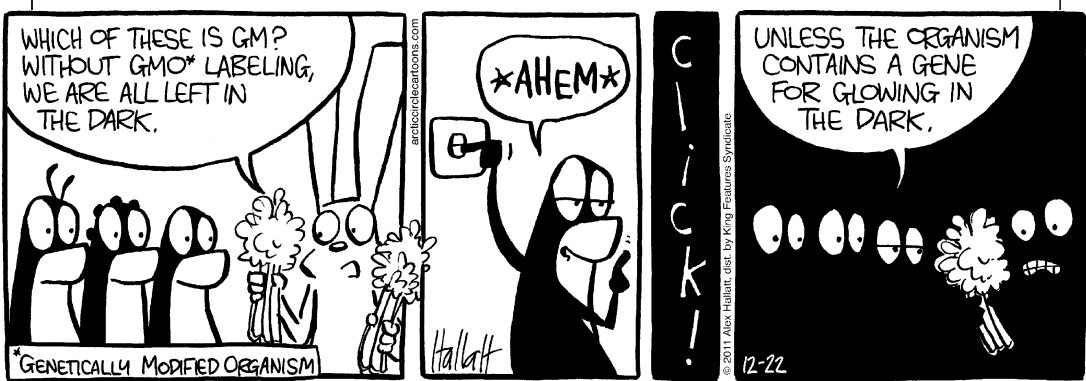
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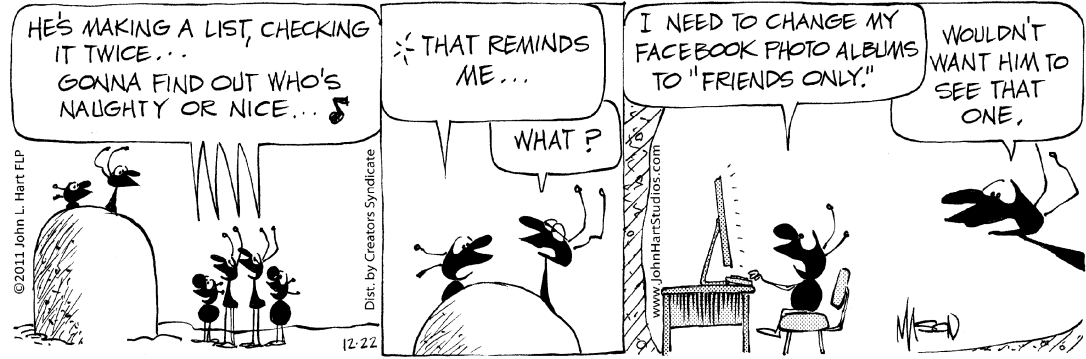
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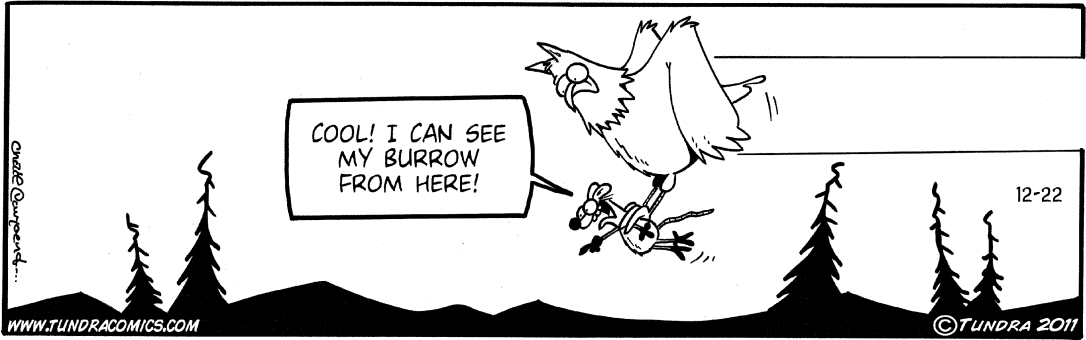
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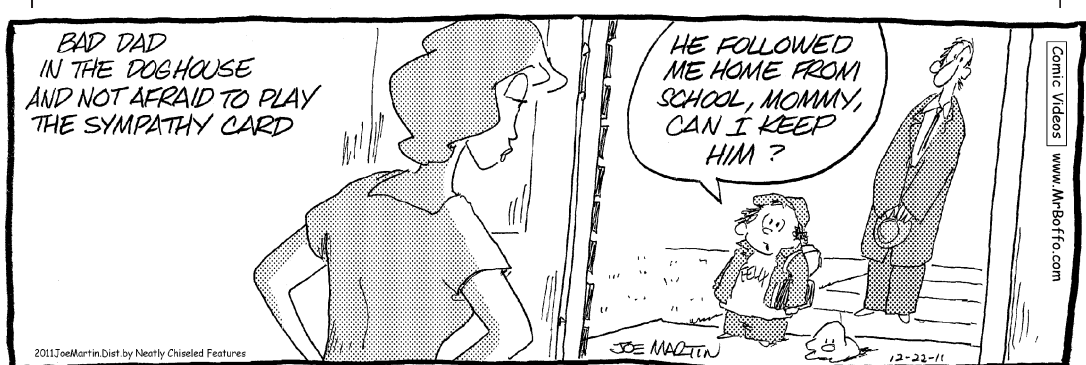
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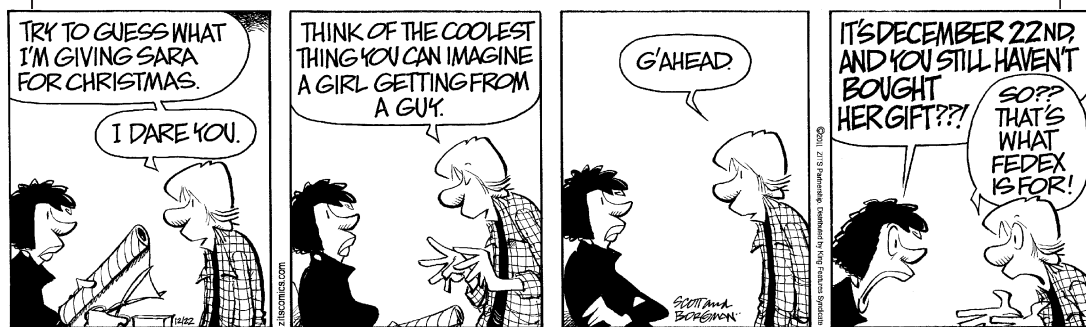
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ZITS



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- 1 Zorro accessory
 - 5 Church services
 - 11 Writer Paton
 - 12 Skiing variety
 - 13 Fellow
 - 14 Good witch of Oz
 - 15 Effort
 - 17 Kicker's aid
 - 18 Cardiff's land
 - 22 Rubber source
 - 24 Snoozed
 - 25 Gold (Sp.)
 - 26 Garden visitor
 - 27 Dancer's boss
 - 30 Crooked
 - 32 Sword material
 - 33 Frat letter
 - 34 School records notations
 - 38 Deodorant target
 - 41 Discussion
 - 42 Arizona resort
 - 43 Mother of Ares
 - 44 Flock leader
 - 45 Just
- DOWN
- 2 TV's
 - 3 Rich
 - 4 Menu choice
 - 5 Christmas travelers
 - 6 Permits
 - 7 Of the backbone
 - 8 Major no-no
 - 9 Goal
 - 10 Vast expanse
 - 16 Singer Ritter
 - 19 Hard Christmas cookie
 - 20 Foil's kin
 - 21 Hearty dish

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HUNK		E	T	O	N		
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REPAIR		P	I	N	E		
ALUMNI		E	D	N	A		
TINSEL		N	E	A	T		

Yesterday's answer

- 22 Red-ink tree
- 23 Smell — (suspect foul play)
- 28 Brewing aid
- 29 White rat, e.g.
- 30 Finished off
- 31 Don Qui-xote's pal
- 35 Christmas workers
- 36 Rank above viscount
- 37 Remain
- 38 Nile snake
- 39 Stephen of "The Crying Game"
- 40 Hosp. workers

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AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

12-22 CRYPTOQUOTE

CI, OEKYYKQ B GICDYBUQ
GRPKY GIK SKBYBUG XIC RY
OCJU, KBGY BUQ QRKY
XRGICDG BUWOCQW OCGIKJRUN
BOCDG IRY BVVBRJY.

— NRDYKSSK ZKJQR

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: SOAP AND WATER AND COMMON SENSE ARE THE BEST DISINFECTANTS. — WILLIAM OSLER

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Solution: 6 letters

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