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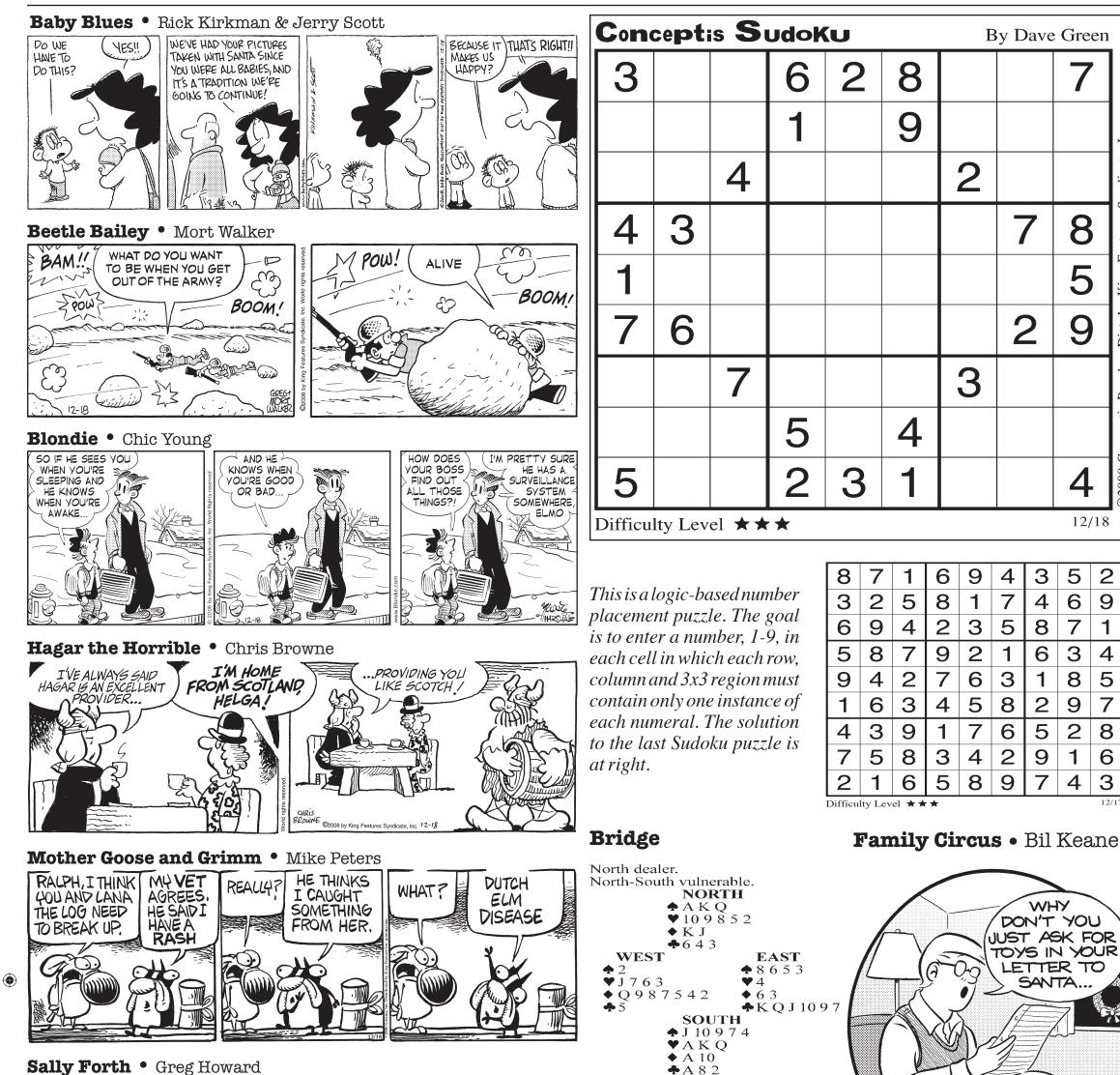
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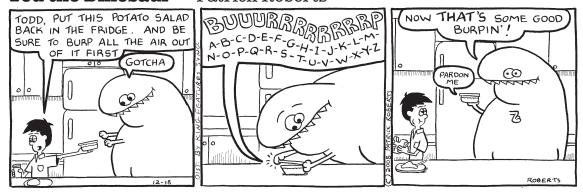
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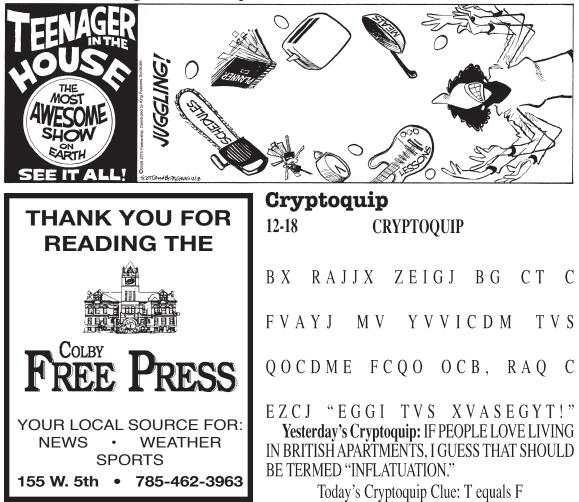
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REMEMBER WHEN

IT WAS ABOUT OH

• Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



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The bidding:

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A Very Tall Tale

South

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West

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Dear Mr. Becker: My name is Siegfried Munchausen. You will recall I wrote you on a previous occasion calling attention to the bridge feats of my late and illustrious father, Baron Munchausen. I realize that he has, unfortunately, gone down in literature as the greatest liar of all time, but I can assure you that his memoirs, duly recorded for posterity, are accurate in every respect.

As further evidence of my father's extraordinary skill at the card table, I include herewith a hand I myself recently played. It is presented to you in all modesty as additional proof of his and my genius, since it is well known that bridge genes are passed on from generation to generation.

I was playing with my three sons one evening and arrived at six spades as shown. I was South, and my youngest son -- age 3 -- led a club. It was at once evident that this was a singleton, but I had no doubt that I would eventually make the slam.

I won with the ace and cashed the A-K-Q of spades, my pride and joy on the left following to only the first spade. I then led a heart to the ace and drew my eldest son's last trump (he is only 5 years old).

When I next cashed the king of hearts, I discovered the hearts were divided 4-1. This development might have stumped a lesser player, but I found the solution at once. I cashed the queen of hearts, played the ten of diamonds and finessed dummy's jack, then led the ten of hearts and discarded the ace of diamonds!

My son was forced to win the heart with the jack and return a diamond, allowing me to discard both my club losers on the king of diamonds and nine of hearts. Very cordially yours, S. Munchausen.

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