

ZITS

WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS, DAD?

HMM...

WELL, I'VE HAD MY EYE ON A THUNDER CRICKET.

SWAMP DONKEY.

PINK-SKIRTED SPINNER.

OR A WIGGLY PICKLE.

FISHING LURES

RED AND ROVER

I'LL BET UP AT THE NORTH POLE, SANTA HAS THE WORLD'S BESTEST OUTDOOR HOLIDAY LIGHTING DISPLAY KNOWN TO MAN, ELF, OR POLAR BEAR!

IN FACT, I'LL BET THEY CAN EVEN BE SEEN FROM SPACE!

AND SINCE IT'S DARK HALF THE TIME UP THERE, I'LL BET SANTA KEEPS HIS LIGHTS UP YEAR-ROUND, TOO!

ROVER, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE A GAMBLING PROBLEM.

CRABGRASS

SO ARE WE GONNA SPEND THE WHOLE HUNDRED ON YOUR PARENTS FOR CHRISTMAS?

SURE, THEY DESERVE IT.

SO WHAT ARE YOU GONNA GET 'EM?

I'VE ACTUALLY THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT THAT.

IT'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING THEY'LL REALLY LIKE, BUT NOT TOO FANCY. THAT'S NOT MY PARENTS' STYLE.

I'M THINKING SOMETHING IN A LATE-MODEL SEDAN.

A NICE FOUR-DOOR.

F MINUS

THIS PARTICULAR FISHBOWL MAKES IT VERY EASY FOR YOU WHEN THAT MOMENT INEVITABLY ARRIVES.

BLONDIE

YOU DIDN'T GET ANY MAIL TODAY, BUT I'LL LET YOU BORROW MY CHRISTMAS CATALOG

WHY WOULD I WANT TO BORROW YOUR CHRISTMAS CATALOG?

I FIGURED YOU MIGHT LIKE TO SEE WHAT I CIRCLED FOR GIFT IDEAS!

PEANUTS

A FINE BROTHER YOU ARE! YOU LET ME MAKE A FOOL OUT OF MYSELF!!

IT ISN'T RAIN GEAR ! IT'S REINDEER ! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?!

THEY ALL LAUGHED AT ME! EVEN THE TEACHER LAUGHED AT ME! I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GO TO THAT SCHOOL AGAIN!

POOR SWEET BABY...

BABY BLUES

AW, THE BEATERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN LICKED!

AND SOMEBODY ALREADY GOT TO THESE, TOO!

YOU COULD HAVE A GO AT THOSE HANDS, IF YOU'D LIKE.

PASS.

BETWEEN FRIENDS

THERE SHE IS!

EMMA!

MOM ... DAD--

THIS IS MY PARTNER, DAVID

FRANK AND ERNEST

DO YOU HAVE RHYMING DICTIONARIES?

OF COURSE WE DO! SHALL I SELL ONE TO YOU?

ARLO & JANIS

GOOD MORNING!

DID YOU KNOW THE WINTER SOLSTICE IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE HIBERXUAL SOLSTICE?

FROM THE SAME ROOT AS HIBERXUATE!

NOW YOU TELL ME.

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“...and please make the days go FASTER.”

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SUHEO

BOTAO

REIPTM

GBREIG

Print your answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: YEAST HARSH ACCENT DRIVER

Answer: How he ended up with poison ivy on his scalp was a — HEAD-SCRATCHER

SUDOKU

Difficulty: ★

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

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

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DEAR THE WORLD AS I KNOW IT...

BE THE WORLD AS I ENVISION IT.

P.S. AND PLEASE HAVE ICE CREAM GROW ON TREES.

NEVER HURTS TO ASK.