

SIDE SHOW

POPEYE
HEY CFSMAN

WHAT A COINCIDENCE... BOTH OF US HERE AT LUNCHTIME!

I AIN'T BUYIN' YA NUTHIN'!

YOU HAVE CUT ME TO THE QUICK, SIR!

MOOCHING NEVER ENTERED MY MIND... YOUR SUSPICION HAS WOUNDED MY PSYCHE...

...AND PIERCED MY INNER CHILD!

OH, FER CRYIN' OUT LOUD!

AS A FRIEND, I DESERVE A KINDER GREETING...

...NOT A HOSTILE REBUFF!

SURELY OUR LONG FRIENDSHIP MUST BESTOW SENTIMENT BETWEEN US?

OH, ROUGH HOUSE!

... FROM WHICH WOULD EMANATE A MORE GRACIOUS...

PUT IT ON MY TAB?

...VIEW OF MOOCHING AS A FINE ART!

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FLASH GORDON
BY JIM KEEFE

WEAK FROM BATTLE, BRUCE THUN, STEADIES HIMSELF ON HIS BLOOD-DRENCHED SWORD.

THAT WAS INCREDIBLE! YOU DEFEATED A WHOLE SQUAD... A WHOLE SQUAD!

YOU SHALL BE MY ULTIMATE WARRIOR!

FLASH GORDON

DALE ARDEN

YOU'VE KEPT ME A PRISONER... TORTURED ME...

NOT ONLY WILL YOU FIGHT FOR ME...

K... KING WARTOG, FORGIVE THE INTRUSION, BUT AN UNIDENTIFIED CRAFT HAS ENTERED OUR AIRSPACE.

AHH... GOOD! I COULD USE A LITTLE DIVERSION. YOU KNOW THE WORD? GET MY SHIP READY. FULL ARTILLERY!

... THAT PILOT WILL NEVER KNOW WHAT HIT HIM!

YOU'LL LEARN TO KISS THE VERY GROUND I WALK ON!

ZZASK!

NEXT: DOGFIGHT!

Henry
BY DON TRACHTE

CHUGERUM!

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Out on a Limb
by Gary Kopervas

HISTORY OF ENCASED MEATS: A Review

Frankfurter → Hot Dog

WHAT A WIENIE!

THE ONE DAY THAT LARRY MULROONEY WASN'T SENT TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE FOR YELLING OUT INSULTS AT MR. FERNICK IN CLASS.

KOPERAS

Amber Waves
by Dave T. Phipps

MMPH.. GULP... ACKK!!

WHY DOESN'T MOM EVER THREATEN TO SEND ME TO BED WITHOUT DINNER WHEN BROCCOLI IS BEING SERVED?

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TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Is medication risk worth the benefit?

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 76-year-old woman with diabetes. My body, as I have been told, is bad with arthritis, for which I have been prescribed Celebrex. I have been taking it for a few months now, and am definitely moving around with a lot less pain. I recently watched a program that devoted the entire hour to Celebrex. It scared me out of my wits upon hearing the side effects of the medicine. I am asking your advice about whether to stop taking the Celebrex. -- S.A.

ANSWER: All medicines have risks, and in order to decide whether you should keep taking the medicine, you need to really understand what the risks are and balance them against the benefits you feel in your ability to move around more easily.

SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your batteries should be fully recharged by now, making you more than eager to get back into the swing of things full time. Try to stay focused so that you don't dissipate your energies.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to charge straight ahead into your new responsibilities. But you'll have to paw the ground a little longer, until a surprise complication is worked out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Rival factions are pressuring you to take a stand favoring one side or the other. But this isn't the time to play judge. Bow out as gracefully as possible, without committing yourself to any position.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Reassure a longtime, trusted confidante

In the case of Celebrex, we have a pretty good idea of what the risks are. Like all related drugs (including ibuprofen and naproxen), celecoxib (Celebrex) can damage the kidneys, so it isn't recommended for people with kidney disease. There also can be allergic reactions, which may be related to allergies to sulfa drugs. A few people have had vision changes. However, the most concerning risk is heart disease -- both heart attacks and heart failure. These risks definitely are increased among users of celecoxib.

However, the absolute risk is small: There were about two extra cases of all heart events, including heart attack and heart failure, per thousand people taking 400 mg once daily, and six extra events in people taking 400 mg twice daily. Those risks probably are higher if you are at increased risk for heart disease (which you probably are, because of your diabetes), but it still means less than 1 percent of people per year. If the medicine isn't helping, the risk certainly isn't worth it. However, only you can decide if the risk is worth the benefit.

Drug companies get into big trouble when they try to hide the risks

of their medications, and honesty demands that we admit that all drugs and supplements have risks. Only you can make that decision, but I think it's up to us as doctors to have a frank discussion, especially about medications intended to be taken long-term.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 72-year-old female. My doctor told me four years ago that I would need a Pap test only every two years, which I have done. She told me recently that I would not need to have any more. My tests have always been negative. I am concerned, as I would rather be proactive and know early if I had cancer. What is your opinion, and what does the American Cancer Society say? -- B.L.S.

ANSWER: All of the leading organizations, including the American Cancer Society, have recommended stopping screening at age 65 for women with no history of cancer and who have had adequate screening, meaning three negative Pap smears (or two negative combination Pap and HPV tests) in the past 10 years, with at least one in the past five years. The risk for cancer in this specific group is very low.

that you appreciate his or her words of advice. But at this time, you need to act on what you perceive to be your own sense of self-interest.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You need to let your warm Leonine heart fire up that new relationship if you hope to see it move from the "just friends" level to one that will be as romantic as you could hope for.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There's still time to repair a misunderstanding with an honest explanation and a heartfelt apology. The sooner you do, the sooner you can get on with other matters.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect a temporary setback as you progress toward your goal. Use this time to re-examine your plans and see where you might need to make some significant changes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some missteps are revealed as the cause of current problems in a personal or professional partnership. Make the

necessary adjustments and then move on.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Jupiter's influence helps you work through a pesky problem, allowing your naturally jovial attitude to re-emerge stronger than ever. Enjoy your success.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Set aside your usual reluctance to change, and consider reassessing your financial situation so that you can build on its strengths and minimize its weaknesses.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some recently acquired information helps open up a dark part of the past. Resolve to put what you've learned to good use. Travel plans continue to be favored.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Act on your own keen instincts. Your strong Piscean backbone will support you as someone attempts to pressure you into a decision you're not ready to make.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- Rebuff a masher
- Whip
- Vanna's cohort
- Twosome
- Reverberate
- Center
- European
- Part of Q.E.D.
- "Monty Python" opener
- Egg container?
- Symbol of intrigue
- Hoofbeat sound
- Mound stat
- Sib
- Like wet snow
- There
- Pot
- Of service
- Construction pieces
- Prepares to propose
- Bottom line
- Egos' counterparts
- Crooked
- Under the weather
- "G.W.T.W." plantation
- Regret
- Verbal
- Enthusiastic, plus
- "All the Things You --"
- Exhaust-pipe output
- Undressed
- Pantheon member
- Unoriginal one
- Ball-bearing items
- Room to maneuver
- Farm fraction
- Down-at-the-heels
- Stolen
- Donahue or Collins
- Car
- Recipe meas.
- Potential winner
- Lyricist's specialty
- Circular
- Take to the slopes
- U.K. pol. party
- Multipurpose truck
- Conk out
- Right angle
- Scale members
- Rouse
- Strikingly effective
- Boast
- Continental coin
- Requisite
- Like some excuses
- Chills and fever
- Took the shuttle
- Quite some time
- Son-gun link

DOWN

- Whirl
- Nathan of Broadway
- Helps
- Lutheran, e.g.

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Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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P	A	I	R	E	C	H	O	H	U	B
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G	O	D	A	P	E	R	T	E	E	S

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

ARE YOU KIDDING? WHEN I BOUGHT THIS ON OUR LAST TRIP DON'T YOU REMEMBER ALL THE PEOPLE COMMENTING AND STARING?

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READ IT TODAY!