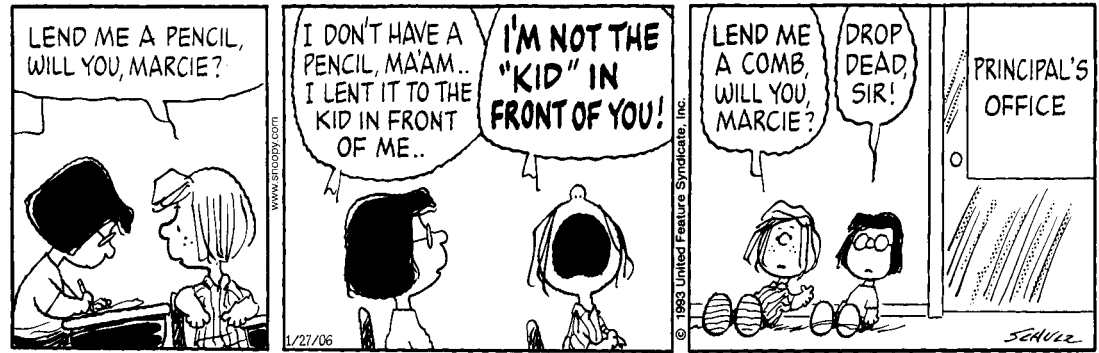


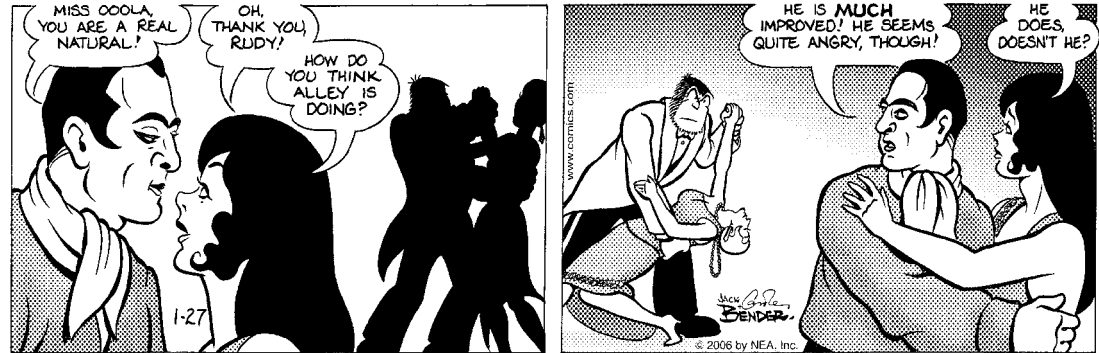
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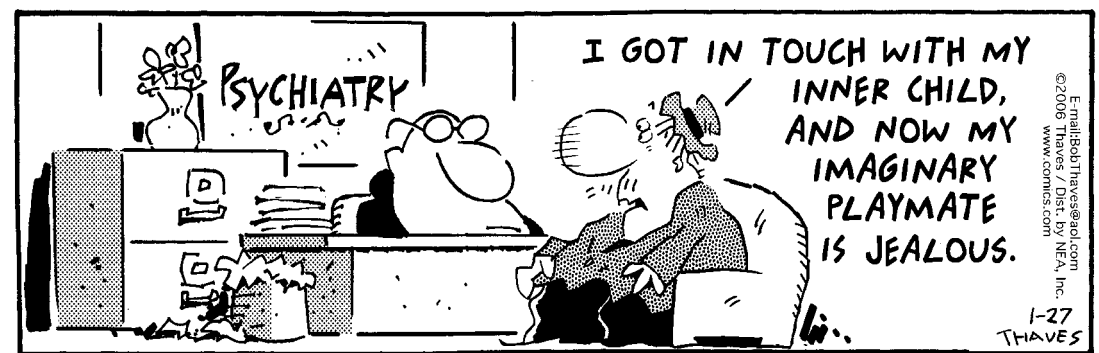
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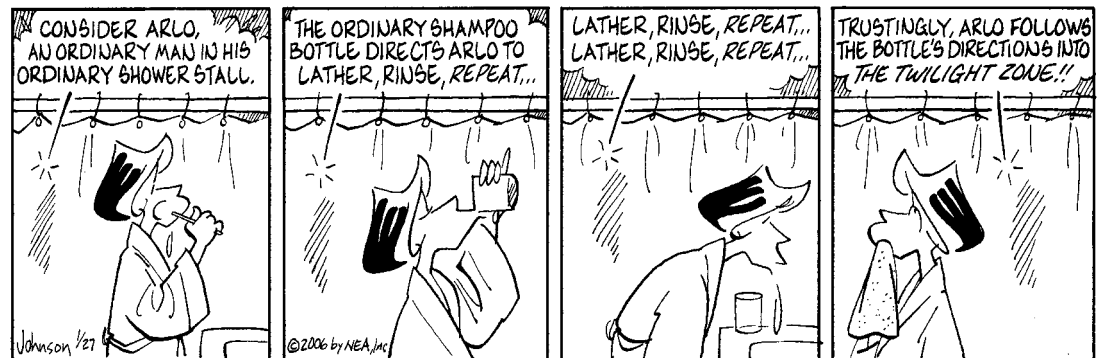
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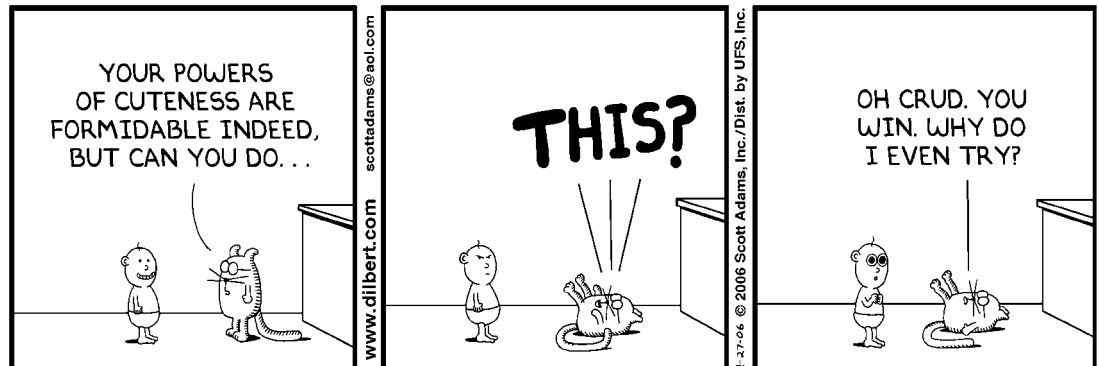
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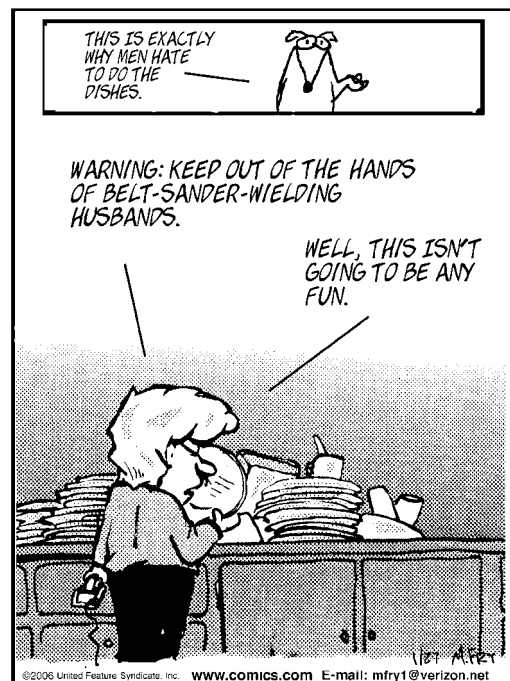
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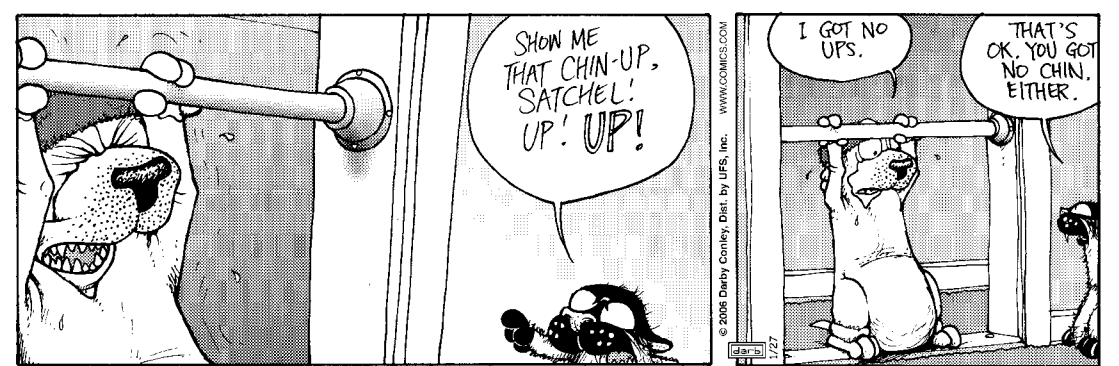
THE FAMILY CIRCUS



HERMAN



GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:
Friday, Jan. 27, 2006
 Conditions in the year ahead will prove to be far more hopeful for you than they have been in the past. Breaks will start coming your way in areas where you never seemed too lucky.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
 Conditions are favorable for you today when you apply yourself to meaningful goals. Aim for targets that can help improve your lot in life and much happiness will be derived from them.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
 A friend of yours could prove to be lucky for you today in helping you bring into reality something for which you've been hoping.
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 Your better qualities and capabilities will come to the forefront today when called upon to manage a situation too difficult for associates to handle. You'll do well as long as you view things realistically.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 Today your judgment is exceptionally sharp, especially in matters of major significance. Where it can go awry, however, is when you allow emotion and false optimism to govern your actions.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 If at all possible today, try to devote your time and efforts to the types of projects that you truly enjoy. If you like what you're doing, the results will be both productive and pleasing.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 Make a concerted effort today to firm

up relationships that are truly important to you, but don't spend the same energy on phony friends.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 Good things are stirring where your work or career is concerned, but once the opportunity becomes visible, competition can be expected. Stay true to the course and you'll win out.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Your ego could get a big boost today because friends will find you extremely appealing and are likely to tell you so. Savor their compliments, but don't let them go to your head.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
 This is a good day to go bargain hunting for those special items you've been hoping to get for your home. You'll find exactly what you want and, unfortunately, some things you don't need, too.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
 You could be extremely fortunate today in projects on which you can place your personal imprint. Even though others may volunteer to help, don't delegate what you do well.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
 Lady Luck may take it upon herself to intervene in your financial affairs today. Follow through on situations where she gives you favorable signals, but don't read her presence in places it is not.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 Special benefits can be derived today from mixing with a friendly crowd, but make sure the group you involve yourself with is of commendable quality. The wrong types will spoil things.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Girl headed toward dangerous situation with online dating

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl. One of my best friends, "Emmy," has been doing something I think is very dangerous. She has been dating online with people she has never met. She told me she recently had gotten engaged. Abby, she's only 14. I have tried to tell her she will get hurt, but she won't listen. She has actually gone to meet some of these people. But her parents and I go with her to make sure it isn't some pervert in his 50s. I really don't know what to do that won't make her mad at me or cause me to lose a friend. Please help.

— WORRIED IN COTTONTOWN, TENN.

DEAR WORRIED: It appears you not only have more brains than your 14-year-old friend, but also more than her parents.

Why they would tolerate, much less encourage, their daughter's online romantic liaisons boggles the mind. If you want to be her friend, you have my blessing; she certainly needs one. However, please do not accompany her to any more of those meetings.

DEAR ABBY: I was widowed two years ago, and I recently attended the wedding of my granddaughter. At the reception, the usual protocol took place, including the bride tossing her bouquet over her shoulder.

When the announcement was made, I got up from the table to join the other single women, and my daughter-in-law motioned to me to come to her table. She was shaking her head "no." I went over, and she told me it was inappropriate for me to join the younger women because I was actually considered a widow and not single.

She also told me that catching the bouquet was intended for people who had never been married, not people like me.

What is your take on this? Was she right that I wasn't eligible? I certainly feel as though I'm single. And I'm not ready to throw in the towel yet.

— TEXAS WIDOW

DEAR WIDOW: You had as much right as any of the other spouseless females to join the bouquet toss if you wished.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips. Write to Dear Abby at P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

KidSpot™ by Dick Rogers

Q. What could you call the story of the Three Little Pigs?

Solve the answer by adding and subtracting the picture clues.

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ANS: A PIGTAL (PIG TALE)

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bearskins, maybe
 - 5 Oolong, e.g.
 - 8 Charge
 - 11 Slouch
 - 13 Limb
 - 14 Caesar's law
 - 15 Big mix-up
 - 16 — Dawn Chong
 - 17 Hilo guitar
 - 18 Barking noises
 - 20 Post-sneeze word
 - 22 Kitchen herb
 - 24 Moonbeam
 - 25 Cat's foot
 - 26 Pate de — gras
 - 28 Nah
 - 32 Ottoman title
 - 33 "Star Wars" guru
 - 34 Comic-book heroes (hyp-h.)
 - 35 Hair treatment
 - 37 Wooded valley
 - 39 Off-road vehicle
 - 40 Away from the wind
- DOWN**
- 41 This, to Pedro
 - 42 Yo!
 - 43 Was in front
 - 45 Movie award
 - 47 Immigration factor
 - 50 Bear constellation
 - 51 Web site
 - 52 Collide with
 - 54 Tibet neighbor
 - 58 Fruit drink
 - 59 Gloss target
 - 60 Pass a bill
 - 61 Couple
 - 62 Fabric meas.
 - 63 Paris chum
 - 1 Hwy's.
 - 2 Large vase
 - 3 — few rounds
 - 4 Lobby furnishings
 - 5 Resurfaces a road
 - 6 Pitcher's stat

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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