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PEANUTS



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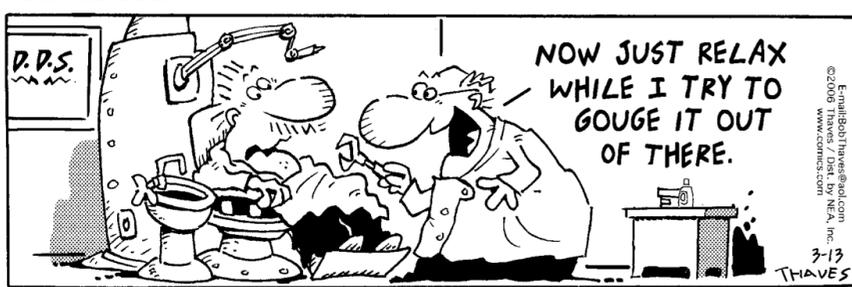
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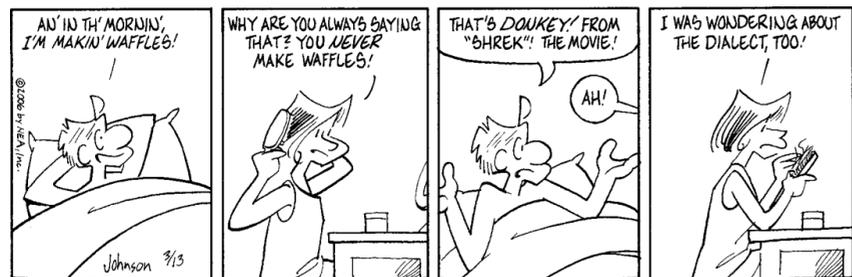
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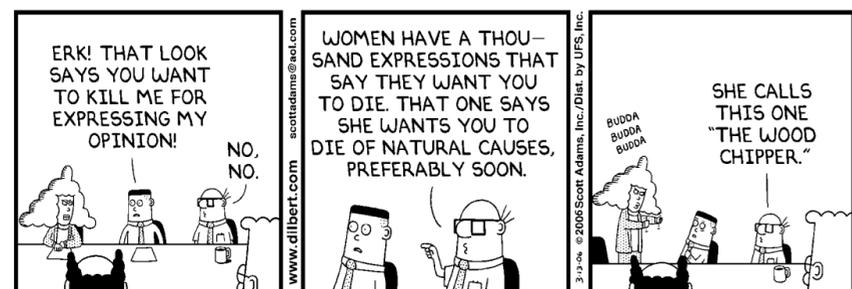
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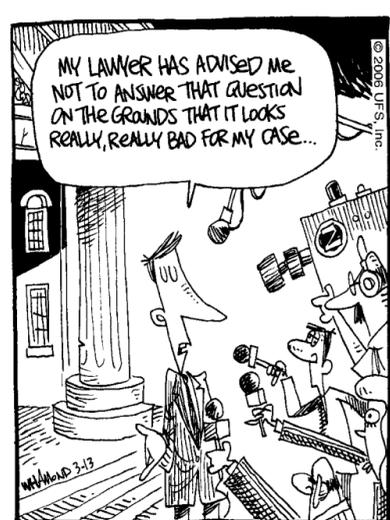
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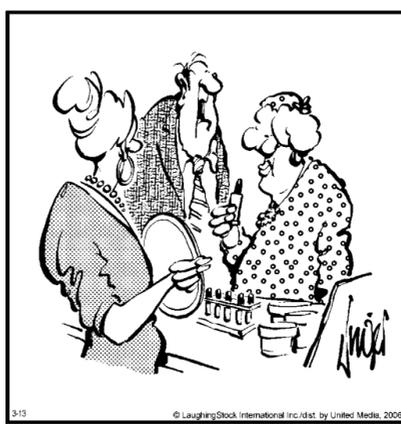
REALITY CHECK



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



HERMAN



GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:
Monday, March 13, 2006

Take every chance you get in the year ahead to cultivate contacts and connections that can help give your career a boost. It's not brown-nosing or kissing up; being nice to people is always right and always pays dividends.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
It could be one of those days where it might seem like everyone in your household, or those with whom you share your day, will be walking around with chips on their shoulders. Play it cool.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
If others find you indecisive and wishy-washy, a strong-minded individual who notes this will happily do all your thinking for you. Believe me, his or her ideas won't serve your interests.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Be extra guarded in your financial or commercial transactions, especially if you're doing business with one who has no track record. Ask a lot of questions and take nothing for granted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
If you come on too strong or are a bit too self-serving, it will cause others to back away in situations where they would otherwise be willing to cooperate with you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Think your moves through carefully today, so as not to further complicate an already complicated matter that is giving you fits. You could cause yourself further problems.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Unusual happenings may capture your

fancy today, but you must be extra careful you're not drawn into a scheme that puts you in the middle between two friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
One's reputation is always at risk of suffering when there is a departure from operating with high standards, but today it could be a sure bet. Be certain all you do is according to Hoyle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Unless you show a respect for the opinions of others, don't expect them to respect yours in return. Putting their views down is not only rude, it opens your up to severe criticism.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
You may be placed in an awkward position today, not necessarily from your own actions, but for something another has done while in your presence. Be careful not to be tarred by the same brush.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Important one-on-one relationships must be handled with particular skill and care today. Don't act too wise or too smart, or you could end up losing some treasured and valuable allies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
For reasons known only to you, you are likely to make heavy demands on yourself today and permit others to make them of you as well. Know when to slow down and when to say no.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
You're not normally prone to taking chances, but long shots and gambling may be very appealing and exciting today. Unfortunately, luck isn't apt to be on your side.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Free help with filing taxes aids military spouses

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a commander in the Air Force Reserve, recently deployed overseas. In his absence, I have been trying to establish a support group for the spouses of the deployed reservists in his unit.

A number of questions have come up among the spouses regarding the filing of income taxes for 2005. I am wondering if you know of any resources available for military service and family members, especially reservists.

Could you please help me find accurate information and/or sources of assistance in this area? Thanks!

— KATHERINE L. JOHNSON

DEAR KATHERINE: Every year, when tax season rolls around, there are always lots of questions. Some of them come in January, but most arise just before April 15.

The good news is, help is now available for military service and family members at no cost.

This year, the Department of Defense is providing free access to the popular TurboTax filing program to all active duty guard and reserves (regardless of their activation status) and their family members via the Web site www.militaryonesource.com.

This free program serves as an online "tax mentor" and helps in the preparation and filing of both federal and state taxes.

Military OneSource can also refer you to certified financial counselors, tax experts and public accountants who can answer questions, also at no charge, by calling toll-free: (800) 342-9647. (To access the numbers for overseas, Spanish language and hearing-impaired tax filers, log onto www.militaryonesource.com.)

Katherine, I'd like to personally thank you for establishing a support group for the spouses in your husband's unit because I am sure that at least some of them may feel isolated from one another while their loved ones are away.

If you haven't already considered it, you might want to check with your nearest military installation family readiness group, state coordinator or family program director.

Military OneSource's 24/7 readiness counselors can also connect you to support services you need.

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

1 DOWN: Opposite of STOP
4 DOWN: Opposite of STOP
9 ACROSS: 5+2=
3 DOWN: 5-3=
6 ACROSS: Opposite of CLOSED
1 DOWN: Opposite of TALL
5-3=
8 ACROSS: 5 DOWN: Opposite of OLD
2 DOWN: 1 DOWN: Opposite of STOP
1 ACROSS: 1. SCISSORS, 2. GLOW, 3. SEVEN, 4. START, 7. NEW, 8. OPEN, 9. TWO, 9. NEST

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Vagabond
- Watch pocket
- Install carpeting
- Big Ten sch.
- Where Pago Pago is
- Roswell crasher
- Favorite
- Public persona
- Spring time
- Merchant
- Dupe
- Staff
- Dessert favorite
- Denims
- Fills the tank (2 wds.)
- Froze over
- Nearest star
- Hunter's org.
- Mouths, in biology
- Sitcom planet
- Hindu mystic
- Make void
- Replaced a button
- 13 now 50
- Clean water org.
- Puffs along
- Maui greetings
- Drumstick
- Absolute
- Not strict
- Search engine find
- Occasion
- Belt-maker's tool
- Man, once
- Santa — winds
- Good connections

DOWN

- Jazz genre
- Not wasted
- Speechless
- Renowned
- Bradley or Sharif
- Wetland
- Piece of sugar
- Remote
- Vacillate (hyph.)
- Round build-
- ings
- Hawk's refuge
- Bone-dry
- Sushi morsel
- Spiky hair style
- Cub's parent
- Neutral shade
- Scalloppine base
- Wrath
- Kind of flurry
- Egg on
- Reimbursed
- Lobby furnishing
- "She Loves You" refrain
- Tire nut
- Distribute
- Polo or baseball
- Ms. Verdugo
- Golfer's need
- The good guy
- Like some crowds
- Nefertiti's god
- Kirghiz range
- Cut, as logs
- Water-power org.
- T-shirt sizes

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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