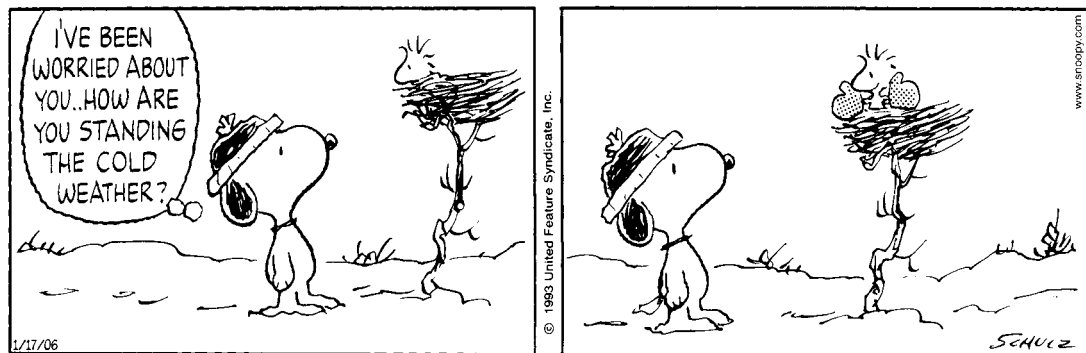


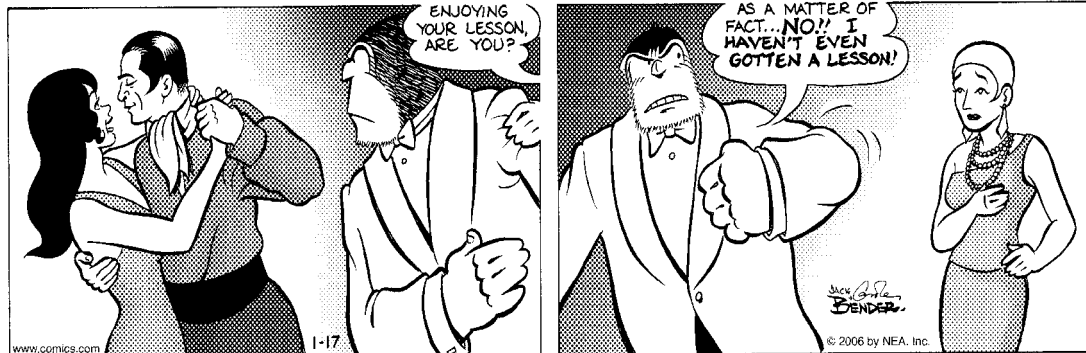
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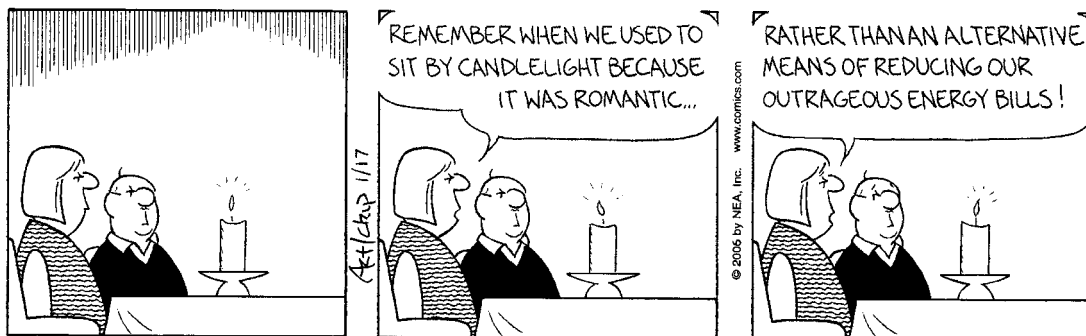
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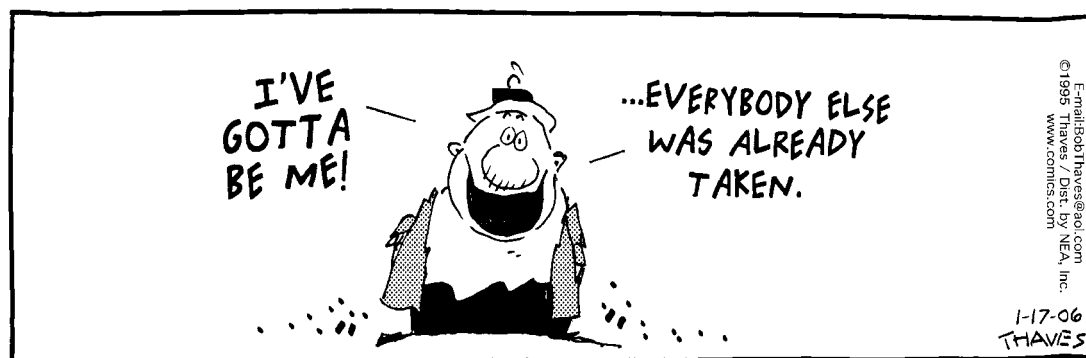
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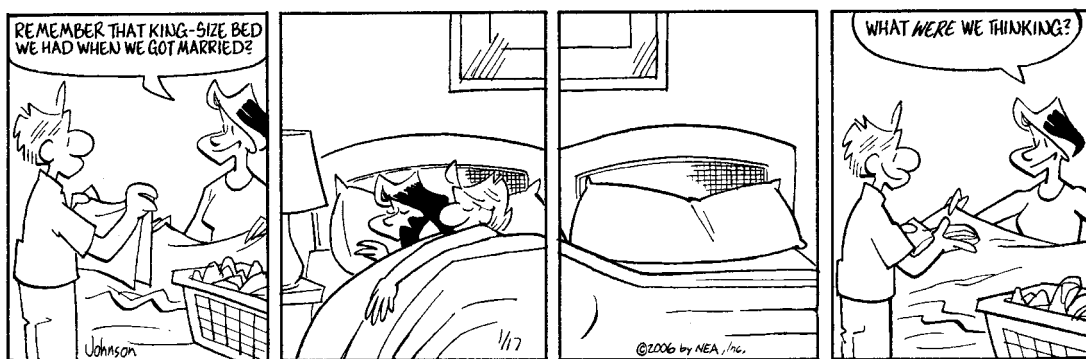
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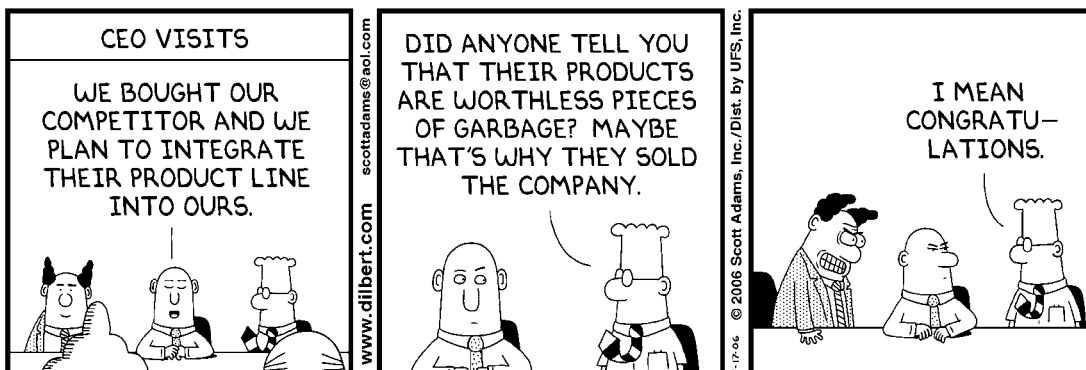
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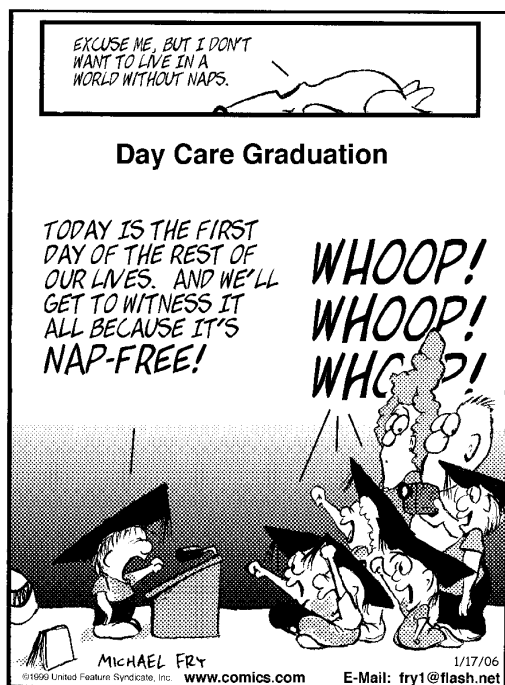
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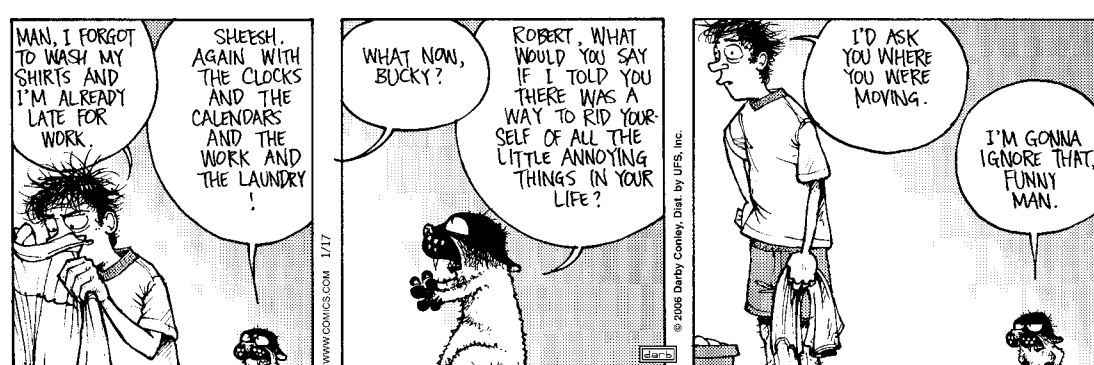


HERMAN



"If gas were \$10 a gallon, do you realize how many camels we could sell?"

GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006

You might enter into an interesting arrangement in the year ahead with someone who is either older than you or more experienced. It's an association that could prove to be quite rewarding. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Because you won't take things personally, you're likely to be better at managing the resources of others today than you will be your own. However, even here your handling may not be up to par. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It might take a little conscientious effort on your part, but try to keep your life in proper balance today. Don't be all work and no play, nor all play and no work. Parity is essential for happiness. PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today you might be feeling that you received little recognition for something you did for another while, in reality, you did receive proper acknowledgement. ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even small slights will breed resentments today, so watch your actions, words and deeds, and do not play favoritism in your involvements. Anyone who feels rebuffed will not readily forgive. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The way to generate respect from your associates today is by modestly emphasizing your virtues. Conversely, if you tend to be flamboyant or pretentious, it will have the opposite effect. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your luck is apt to remain intact in

areas where you've previously been fortunate. However, developments could be dubious today in situations where you have not established a track record. CANCER (June 21-July 22) The prospects for personal success could be a little iffy today, so proceed cautiously in any involvement that might be viewed as self-serving. It won't take much to tip things against you. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It might be best if you and your co-workers keep your hands off the office supply catalogs today. Don't order any parts or supplies without first checking with the purchasing agent. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be realistic today in discussing a matter that could affect your social standing among your peers. You might have a tendency to take the blame for a bad situation not of your making. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Avoid the lines of least resistance today, because what may appear to be simple could be fraught with complications, while that which appears difficult will be slower, but more accurate. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Give full expression to your ambitions today, but also be realistic regarding that which you hope to achieve. Don't establish objectives that are difficult to attain. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If your companions aren't in complete accord with your ideas or suggestions today, you might, uncharacteristically, be a bit difficult to get along with. Strive not to be dictatorial.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Keys to Dad's hobby cabinet start argument

DEAR ABBY: My beloved husband passed away in early October, leaving a hobby cabinet filled with expensive items. It had never been kept locked. The keys were always left hanging in the lock. The day before the visitation at the funeral home, my son locked the cabinet, pocketed the keys and took them with him. The next day, my husband's brother told me what my son had done. I was shocked and upset. I felt my son had violated the privacy of my home by locking the cabinet and leaving with the keys. Therefore, I called him and told him I wanted them returned the next day. My son began crying and saying, "Mom, why are you doing this to me?"

I was perplexed then and remain perplexed as to how he thought I was doing anything to him inasmuch as it was he who had locked me out of a cabinet in my own home. I felt then, and continue to feel, that I had every right to tell him I wanted the keys back. A few days later, my son told me he was "crushed, crushed," by my request. My son's wife is an attorney. She sees nothing wrong with what my son did and has criticized me for my remarks about his secreting the keys from my home.

Please tell me, was I wrong in wanting the keys returned, and was my son wrong in what he did? Also, what do you think of my daughter-in-law's position? This man is my only child, and he is no longer speaking to me.

- DISTRESSED MOM, ORMOND BEACH, FLA.

DEAR DISTRESSED: You were certainly within your rights to ask for the keys to be returned immediately. That your son would take it upon himself to lock a cabinet in your home and take the keys without first checking to see if it was all right with you was extremely presumptuous.

As to his wife's position, there's a country-and-western song title that describes it perfectly: "Stand by Your Man."

You have my sympathy, first for the loss of your husband, and second for the loss of your illusions about your child. Please, I urge you, do not allow him to emotionally blackmail you. He owes you an apology.

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.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Puzzle enthusiasts section with a grid and clues for a crossword puzzle.

KidSpot by Dick Rogers THE PUZZLER. A puzzle game with winter-themed words that rhyme with COLD.

ANS: 1.GOLD, 2.TOLD, 3.SOLD, 4.OLD, 5.FOLD, 6.BOLD, 7.HOLD.