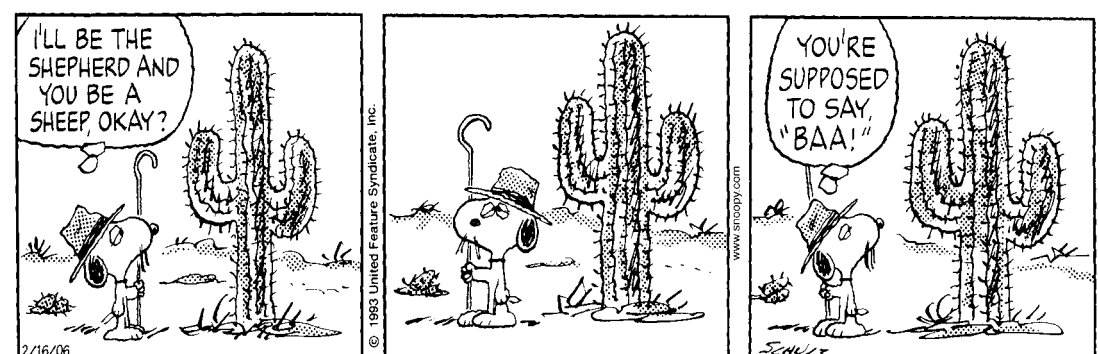


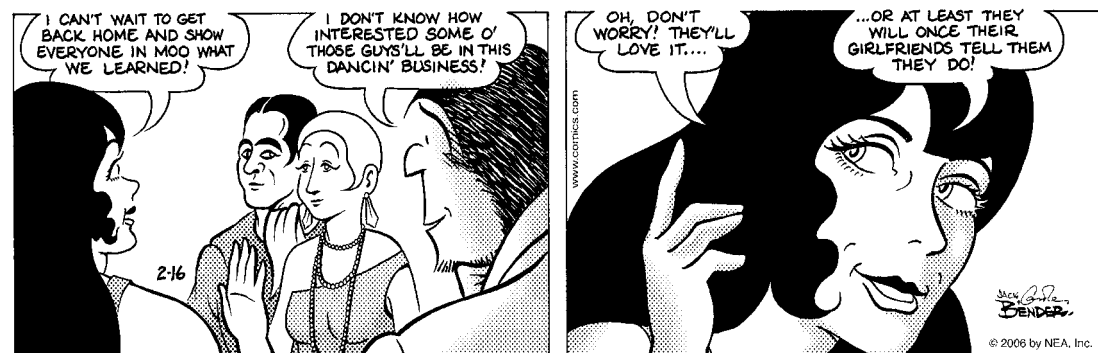
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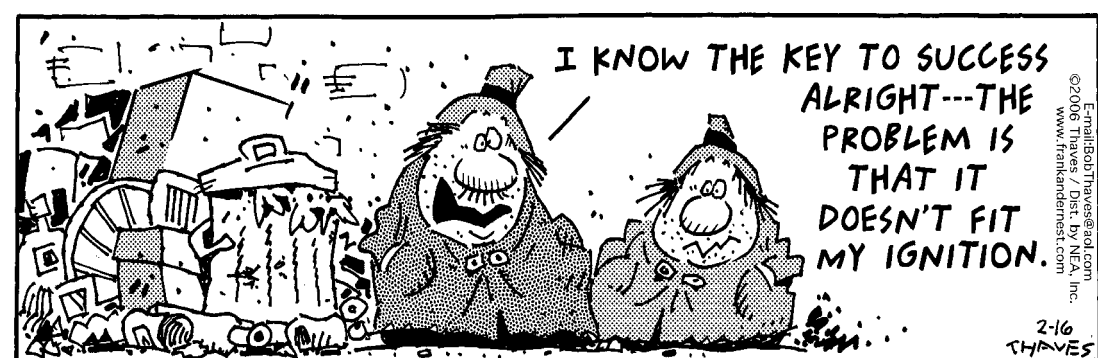
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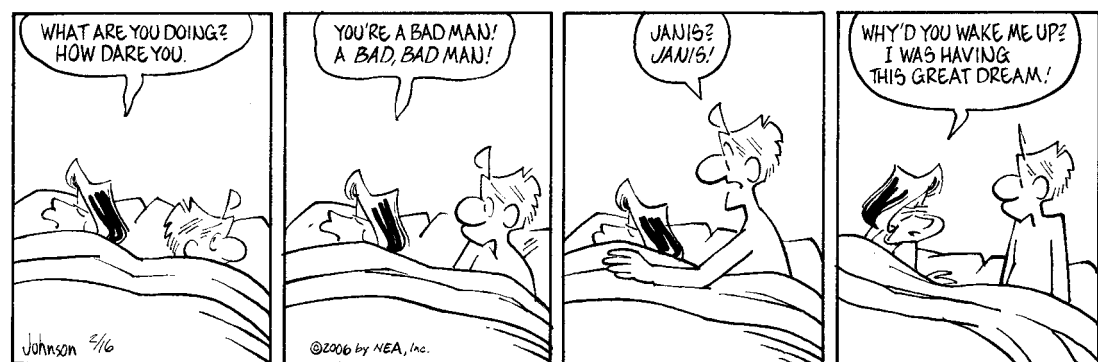
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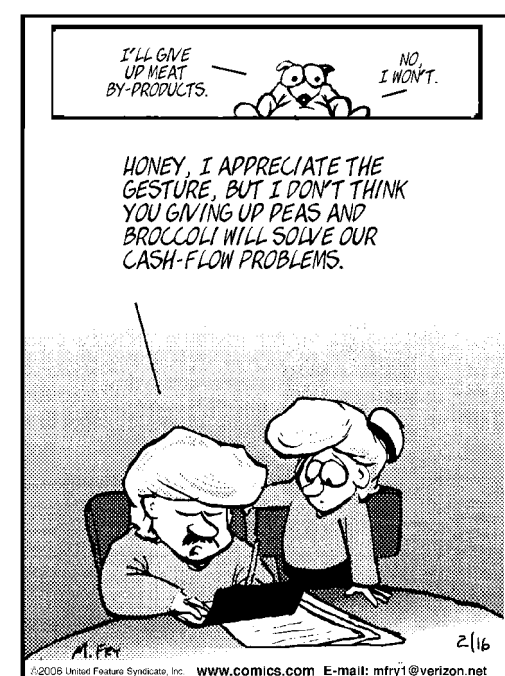
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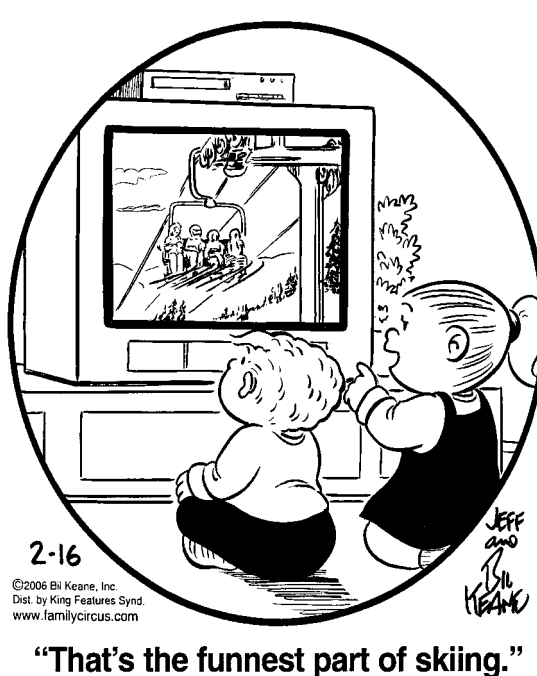
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



HERMAN



GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



KidSpot™ by Dick Rogers

There is one letter missing between the spokes of this word wheel. The word reads clockwise. Can you figure out what the missing letter is?

ANS: THE MISSING LETTER IS 'R', AND THE WORD IS FEBRUARY.

ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:
Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006

There could be a large shift in conditions in the year ahead that you'll find quite appealing and beneficial. You are not likely to be the one who brings them about, but it'll take know-how to take advantage of what is dropped into your lap.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
 It may be your lot in life to be the person who settles a serious decision that has others up in arms. You'll take it in stride and let past experience and knowledge govern your decision.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
 Should testy conditions prevail in an area that affects your work or career, you'll be up to the task of handling them well. Actually you'll be in your element in overcoming these obstacles.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 A good friend who always seems to be there for you the most won't let you down again today. This person will step onto the stage right on your cue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 Today is an excellent day to finalize to your satisfaction some sticky matters you've been unable to settle. This time you won't leave any loose ends hanging that'll give you trouble.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 That opportunity you've been looking for may present itself today and enable you to discuss with a friend a delicate matter that needs clearing up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 Someone who thinks a great deal of

you but usually doesn't show it might make it possible today for you to acquire something you've been wanting for a long time. Be sure to show gratitude.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)]
 It might take a lot of determination, but if you give it your all today, you will be able to substantially advance a personal interest that only you can make a reality.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 There are a number of underlying ways in which you can advance your material interests today. You won't have to do anything underhanded, but you'd be wise to do your thing quietly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
 Effective, tenacious methods are needed to bring something forth which you've been hoping into a reality today. But if you believe in yourself and are willing to be persistent, you can do it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
 One of your greatest assets has always been being able to take a few ingredients and transform them into something grand. It appears that you will use this gift in two separate areas today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
 An old and trusted friend who has not been around for some time may re-enter your life today, if not in person, it may be through a communication of some kind. It'll take you back a few years.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 Joint ventures can work out quite well for you today, as long as those with whom you team up can contribute as much knowledge or means as you can or, maybe, even more.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Dining out with dementia patient takes planning

DEAR ABBY: "Torn in Framingham, Mass.," wrote that her mother suffers from an Alzheimer's-like dementia. Her personality has changed from polite and socially correct to losing the checks and balances that prevent her from saying whatever comes to mind.

She went on to say that her mother sometimes acts up in public places and asked how to explain the situation to staff without embarrassing her mother.

I work as a server in an upscale restaurant. As a party was being led to my section, a woman from the party left the others and handed me a business card. She smiled and asked me to read it before coming to the table. I did so.

It was printed with information about her spouse having Alzheimer's. I thought it was a great idea. I shared the card with our hostess and the cashier so that no misunderstanding could occur there either.

— NANCY IN HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

DEAR NANCY: How kind of you to write. Since that letter appeared, I have received mail from readers coast to coast telling me that cards such as the one you were handed are available through the Alzheimer's Association.

Typically they read: "The person with me has a disease called Alzheimer's or a related disease. Please be kind and understanding. Thank you."

Readers, if there isn't a chapter of the Alzheimer's Association in your community, contact the National Alzheimer's Association. The toll-free number is (800) 272-3900. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Torn in Framingham" was good, but please go one step further and advise family members, caretakers and other associates of dementia sufferers to contact the Alzheimer's Association and ask for the book "The 36-Hour Day." It is filled with helpful suggestions and advice.

My oldest sister died recently at 79 after a 10-year-battle with Alzheimer's, and my youngest sister has recently been diagnosed with it. I have recommended this book to many people. Those who took the time to read it find it helpful.

— HORACE IN SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

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

ACROSS

- Foundation
- Garden spots
- Cajun county
- Dove cousin
- Pound and a shilling
- Delphi's god
- Ax cousin
- One's good name
- Evergreen tree
- News paper section (2 wds.)
- Ms. Zetterling
- Microscopic
- Big pitcher
- Island welcomes
- Arthurian paradise
- Swamp critters
- India port
- Hourglass contents
- Sonic boom maker
- Rainbow

DOWN

- Modem-speed unit
- Grand Canyon st.
- Tendon
- Flight dir.
- Small bark
- Back when
- Bank on
- Mele out
- Weather word's org.
- Bring under control

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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