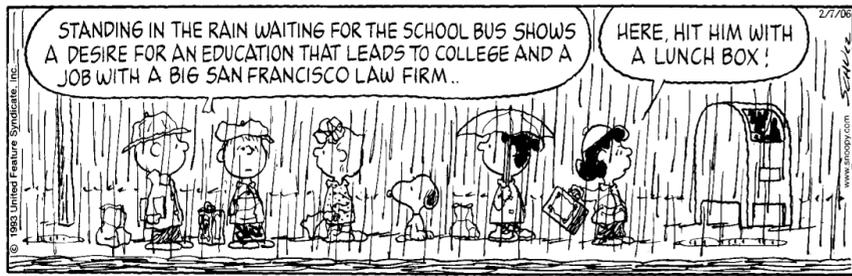


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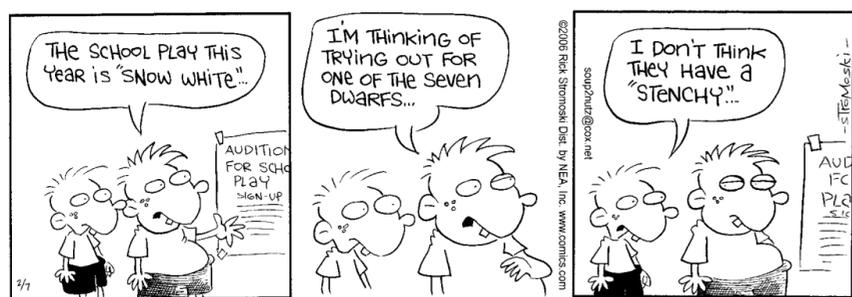
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THE BORN LOSER



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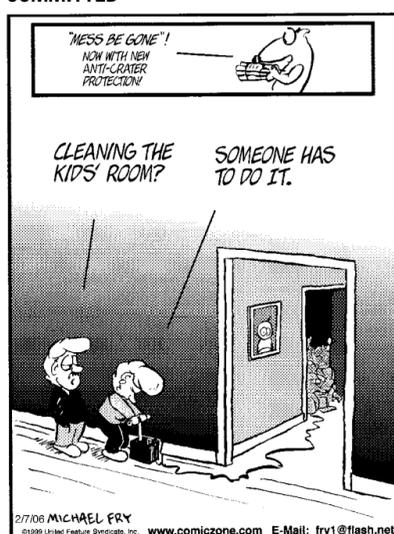
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



HERMAN



"What did you do before you were a self-employed mugger?"

GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday: Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006. The year ahead could be a favorable one for you where romance is concerned.

ing problems that may have been confronting you for some time. You'll be especially adept at solving tricky predicaments or mysterious situations.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Parents can't let pesky details ruin time at the zoo

DEAR ABBY: I disagree with the grouchy zookeeper who wants parents to stop lying to their kids about zoo animals.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS 1 Float along 4 Noisy bird 7 Chowder morsel 11 Pride 12 Love, to Claudius 14 Gael republic 15 Memorable time 16 Subside 17 Platform 18 Individual 20 Museum employees 22 Detective's cry 23 Spring mo. 24 Headache remedy 27 Muddy 30 Flake off, as paint 31 Discomfort 32 Respond to an SOS 34 Moth or ant 35 Actress - Sedgwick

Answer to Previous Puzzle. Crossword grid with words: ADD, HARE, FEW, GERM, ENDS, USE, OMNI, INST, ESE, GOOSE, INSD, PLED, HAI, JAG, KARAT, SUBARU, WRAP, BLTS, ANA, HIP, LOIS, OVID, ASCEND, CRETE, RAN, JAI, HAZY, ATOLLS, UTE, ZOOS, LEEL, LES, ECHO, ENVY, ANT, ETON, DIS.

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Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-58.

— MOMMY IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR MOMMY: Please don't blame the zookeeper for wanting to do a conscientious job. Zoos were created for the purpose of education, conservation, recreation and research. Read on: DEAR ABBY: Many parents at the zoo are working parents, single parents, stressed parents. We are doing well just finding time to take our kids to the zoo.

— DRIVEN CRAZY IN THE PAST

DEAR ABBY: I know a lot about sea lions because I was vol-unteered at the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito, Calif., for six years. One day, a little girl stood next to me asking her dad why she didn't see any baby sea lions. He replied, "That's because the big ones eat the babies!"

The child, who was about 7, looked so horrified I thought she'd cry. I said, "That's not true, honey. The sea lions out there are daddies. The mommies and babies are somewhere else away from the people. They only eat fish; they don't eat their babies."

The father gave me a white-hot glare of anger, but I still don't think I owed him an apology. Why tell a child such nonsense? — SHERRILL IN SAN JOSE

DEAR ABBY: My family

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KidSpot FUN FACTS by Dick Rogers. Boy: Is it true that you don't have a voice? Giraffe: No. I have the reputation for being voiceless because the low throaty sounds I make are seldom noticed. I'm just quiet by nature. Word list: HISSB, Arf, Oink, Caw, MAORA, MAORA, EWO, WOINK.