

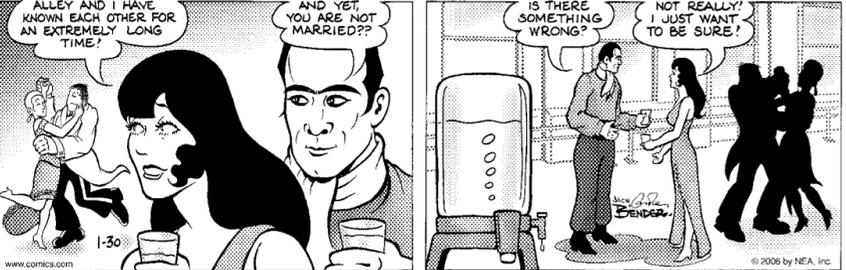
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PEANUTS



ALLEY OOP



SOUP TO NUTS



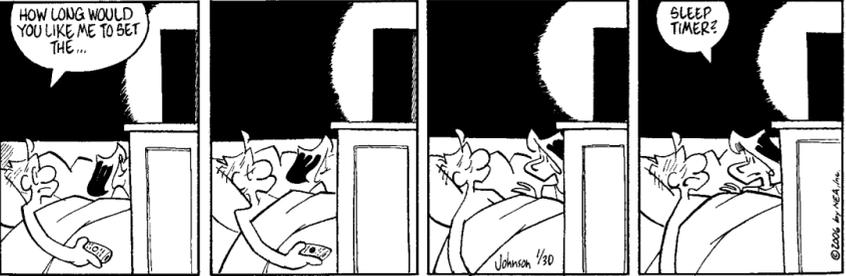
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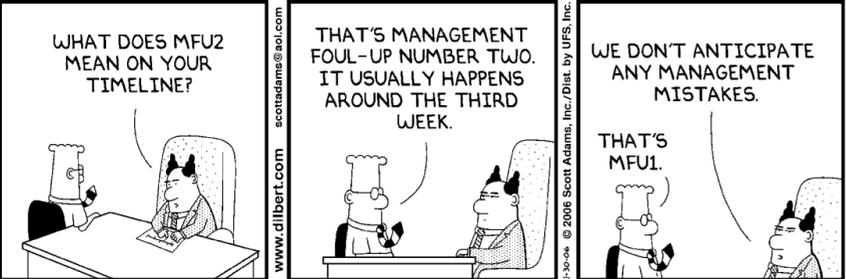
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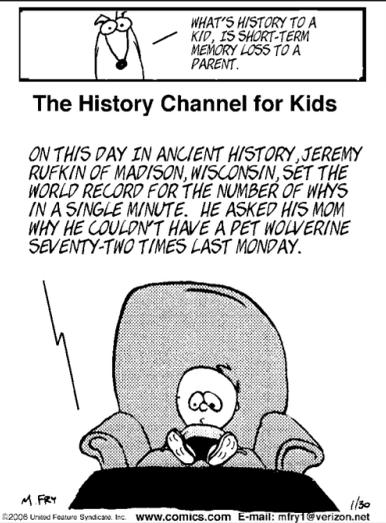
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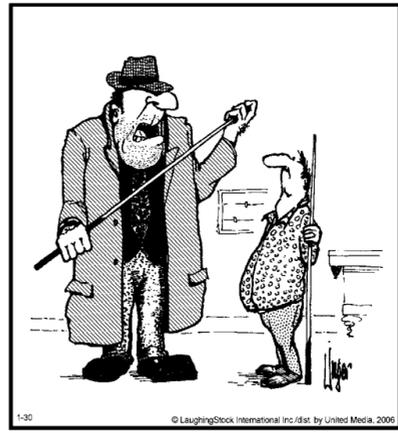
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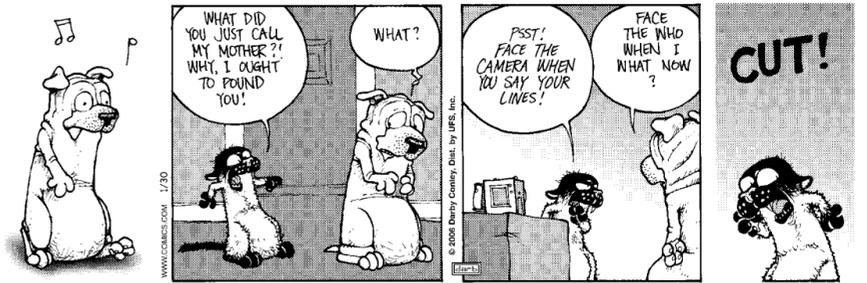
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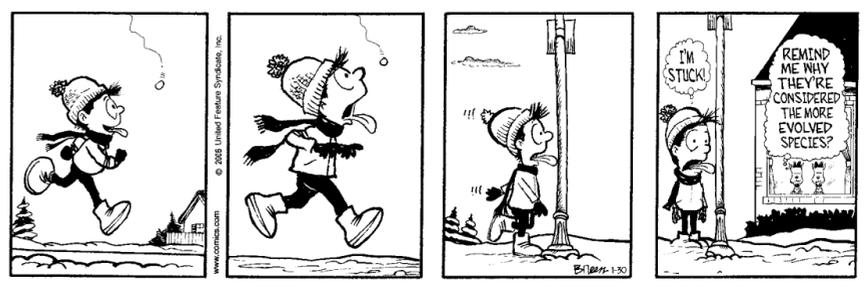
HERMAN



GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:

Monday, Jan. 30, 2006

Some very gratifying results can be derived in the year ahead from several situations that have appeared to be fizzle-ers in the past. You'll do your part in bringing this about, but it'll be mostly due to the timing being ripe.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

There is a certain mystique about you today which others will find charming and appealing. It won't be necessary for you to put on airs in order to be captivating; it will come naturally.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

You're extremely perceptive today and you should be able to figure out a variety of ways to be successful which aren't readily discernible to others. This is especially true in work-related projects.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

It's good to be open-minded today. A conversation with a colleague could give you new food for thought and could even cause you to change your mind of something which you've been adamant about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

If you put out a little extra effort on behalf of another today to acquire what this person wants, you could change the environment for yourself in being able to get what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You and someone important to you could reach a consensus today, which might even redefine your relationship in a good way. Long-hidden tensions may finally be eased.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Someone who likes you will do all he or she can to help make your work easier today. You might even find that this person may have never gone to bat for you previously but is more than willing now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Beneficial tides are stirring, which can serve to bring you and the people you love the most closer together. It could transform power struggles into power relationships.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your greatest asset today is your ability to reconstruct outmoded and useless things into beneficial things. Take life into your own hands and make things happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Certain situations which you've contended with for some time with people you have to live with may get new legs today and start rearranging your immediate environment. It'll be good for all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

If you are in need of anything today, especially material things, you may not have to go any further than turning to those who love you the most: your family.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Your ability to use new knowledge in ways that could turn things around for you is remarkable today. You will realize practical avenues for new development.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You have a substantial nose for rooting out means to make money today. Don't hesitate to follow your hunches as to how you can bring this about. Your windfall could be just around the corner.

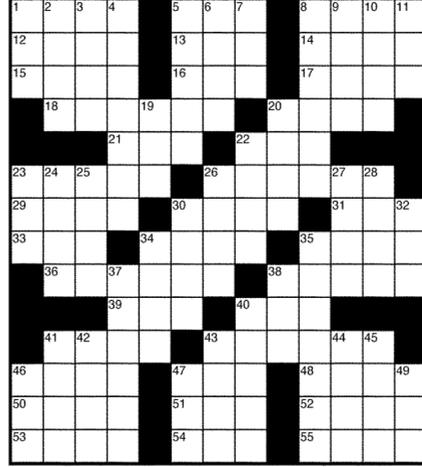
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS: 1 Tresses, 5 Cul-de-..., 8 Land measure, 12 Pliny's bear, 13 Navy noncom, 14 Zipped by, 15 NYC eatery, 16 "Daddy" Warbucks' servant, 17 Chenille item, 18 Jockey's seat, 20 Verdi princess, 21 Finish, 22 Fox competitor, 23 Animal with stripes, 26 Cafe —, 29 Singing brothers, 30 Team, 31 Deep water, 33 Temporary job, 34 Liqueur or Descartes, 35 Trey, e.g., 36 Casual top (hyph.), 38 Short poem, 39 Mont. neighbor, 40 — kwon do, 41 Mature, 43 Change genetically, 46 Discard, 47 Tonic go-with, 48 Bean hulls, 50 Dog food brand, 51 Road map info, 52 Periods, 53 Clutter, 54 Florida, 55 Colosseum site, DOWN: 1 Newman role, 2 Mars, to Plato, 3 "La — Bonita", 4 NFL team, 5 Spill hot coffee on, 6 Church part, 7 Constable, 8 Giraffe habitat, 9 Clump, 10 McEntire of country, 11 Wool producer, 19 Genetic material, 20 Competent, 22 In the altogether, 23 Opposite of zig, 24 Give off, 25 Asks for alms, 26 Dogpatch verb, 27 " —, old chap", 28 Technical word, 30 Inoculants, 32 Lemon cooler, 34 Ferris wheel, 35 Filmsier, 37 They swim with crocs, 38 Betrayer, 40 Adjusted, 41 Sovereignty, 42 Little rascals, 43 Tiny insect, 44 Pamplona runner, 45 Mild cheese, 46 Lake maker, 47 Fido's warning, 49 Compass pt.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Woman looking for Mr. Right could be using wrong criteria

DEAR READERS: A successful, single career woman wrote me recently wondering if she should "curtail (her) professional success, financial wherewithal and IQ" to land a husband. Fascinating mail from readers poured in.

DEAR ABBY: This is my reaction to that woman's comment about taking a job as an administrator so she won't appear to be so smart.

I assume by "administrator" she means the administrative assistant positions that are vital to the smooth running of almost every business and organization. Perhaps her elitist attitude is what's causing her to be single and not her job or financial status.

Please inform "Miss Thing" that not only are most successful assistants highly intelligent, but many of us know something she doesn't: how to deal with people.

Some of us went to college just like she did but ended up in administrative positions through downsizing or necessity, or maybe some of us really like our jobs.

You were right to advise her not to step down the ladder in the corporate world.

With her superior attitude, she'd never make it down here at the bottom.

— ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WITH AN MBA

DEAR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: I understand why you might have been offended by the writer's comment, but please understand that people experiencing a painful life crisis aren't always politically correct.

DEAR ABBY: I'll bet you \$50 those women all go out in a crowd.

There is nothing more intimidating than trying to ask for a date when the woman is at a table full of her girlfriends. Few males are confident enough to subject themselves to the typical withering judgment of a clique.

Smart women, if they are truly smart, understand that they need to make themselves accessible.

— J.S., DANVILLE, OHIO

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