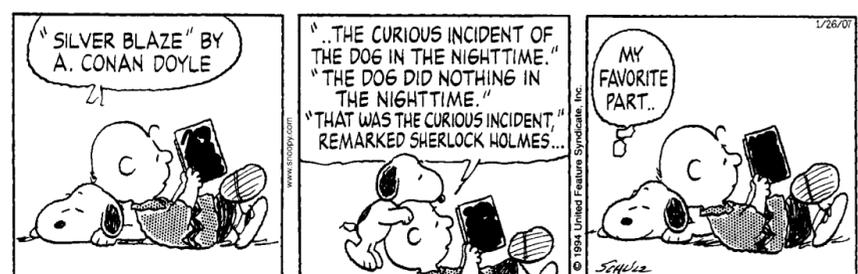


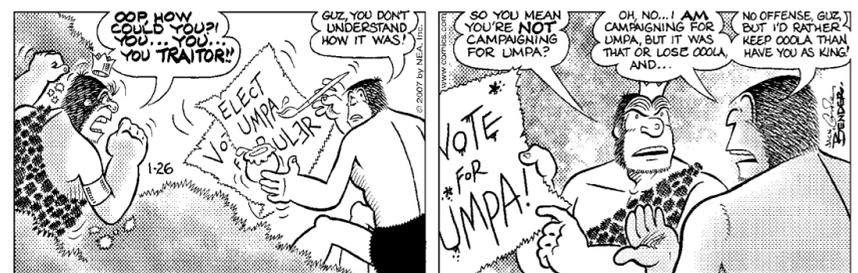
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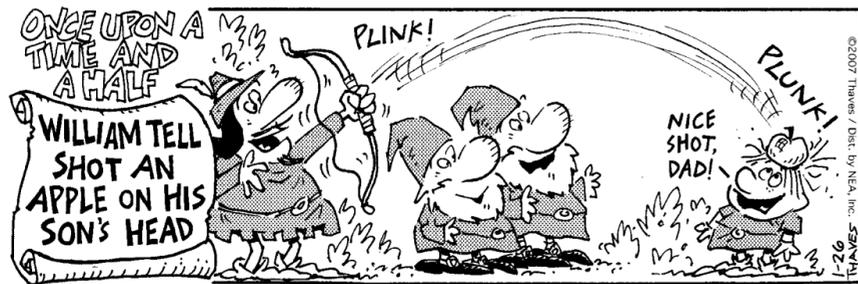
SOUP TO NUTS



THE BORN LOSER



FRANK AND ERNEST



ARLO AND JANIS



DILBERT



REALITY CHECK



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



HERMAN



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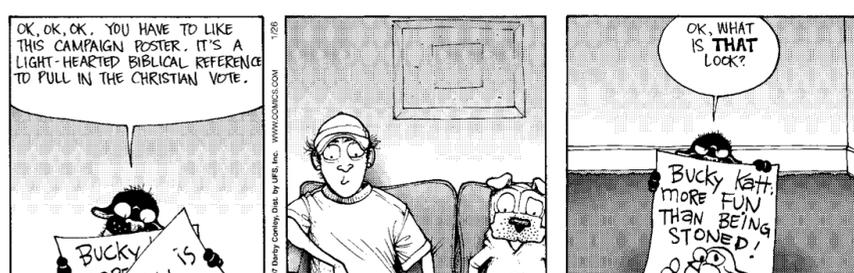
Doubling up
Doubling one of the letters in the words below will change the words into new words. In the first word below, by doubling the letter 'o' the word 'son' becomes 'soon.'



1. Double the letter _____ and SON becomes _____.
2. Double the letter _____ and SPED becomes _____.
3. Double the letter _____ and DINER becomes _____.
4. Double the letter _____ and TEN becomes _____.
5. Double the letter _____ and CARTON becomes _____.
6. Double the letter _____ and ROSTER becomes _____.

ANS: 1. SOON, 2. SPEED, 3. DINNER, 4. TENT, 5. CARTOON, 6. ROOSTER.

GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:

Friday, Jan. 26, 2007

Provided you don't lose faith in yourself, a number of projects you were unable to complete in the past, or even get to at all, can be finalized to your satisfaction in the year ahead. Stay focused, and don't be a quitter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

A number of goals may be established, but if everyone, including you, is at odds as to how things should be handled, it isn't likely anything of any substance will be accomplished.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

It behooves you to try to keep everything as simple as possible, because if you get a bit too clever in your dealings with others, there's a chance your coy maneuvers will backfire on you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Watch out that your motto doesn't become "What's in it for me?" Your friends might not be in much of a forgiving mood and might resent your self-absorption.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

If someone in authority confronts you, know when to tactfully back off. If you lock horns, you might lose big, especially when it concerns a serious problem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Sensibly pace yourself where your work is concerned, because if you run out of steam or try to rush things, you could jeopardize what you had completed and accomplish nothing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

This is another one of those days

when you must continue to be prudent and practical in the management of your financial affairs. Be especially cautious when your actions can affect others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

There is a possibility that even those who love you could be out of sorts and inadvertently try to push you around a bit. Try to be patient, as you would want them to be with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

It won't do you any good to try to pawn off tasks or assignments for which you are responsible, all you'll get is rejection. Just get the jobs done as early as you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Stop and think what you're doing before you put more good money on an arrangement that has thus far proved to be both costly and unproductive. Reassess your thinking.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Be on your toes so that someone doesn't jockey you into a position where you'll find yourself being placed in the middle between two dissenting factions. Both will come down on you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

If you lack faith in your own reasoning and allow a stronger personality to do your thinking for you, you won't like the outcome.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Involvements with friends could turn out to be a shade more expensive than you anticipated, especially if you allow yourself to be caught off guard and get involved in a costly entertainment outlet.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Neighbor's light puts resentful residents on stage

DEAR ABBY: My next-door neighbors are renovating their house to sell and have installed motion-sensor lights. Unfortunately, their floodlights shine on our deck and hot tub and have destroyed our privacy. I have spoken to them about it several times, and they turned them off for a while.

Now that they're getting ready to sell, they have turned them back on. Their property is only about 45 feet wide. One light that shines down the center of their property seems sufficient to me. Despite my having talked to them, they seem unconcerned. They say they need them to walk through their property at night, but they don't do it that often.

Other than politely asking them again to do something about the floods, what's my recourse? They have seen the lights shining on our property and acknowledged that they do shine on our deck and hot tub, but it doesn't seem important to them. I hope you can help.

— **BLINDED BY THE LIGHT**
DEAR BLINDED: Write your neighbors a nice registered letter and ask them to reposition their sensor lights so that when they go on, they do not illuminate your property. If they ignore you, then consult an attorney. I seriously doubt their property will sell easily if there is the taint of forthcoming litigation.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 43-year-old woman with a lot of experience in my field. My problem is, my boss hired a student intern full time. I have been working here four years and, basically, run the store — opening up, etc. — but the student is making more money than I do.

What would you do? Move on or stay and feel unfairly treated? — **THE OLD SHOE**
DEAR OLD SHOE: I would certainly explore other employment opportunities. Money talks, and by paying you less than the intern, your boss has sent you a message.

It appears your boss is taking you for granted. But before you leave, have a chat with the boss and give him or her the opportunity to offer you a raise and retain a trusted employee.

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**
- 1 CD — (PC accessories)
 - 5 Harmful
 - 8 Dandy
 - 11 Grabs a cab
 - 13 Make a typo
 - 14 Teahouse attire
 - 15 Habitually
 - 16 Android's lack
 - 18 Tapered seam
 - 20 Young screacher
 - 21 Nightclub
 - 23 Orangutan
 - 24 Sir, in Portugal
 - 25 Northern Iraqi
 - 27 Barking noises
 - 31 Distinct period
 - 32 Flower holder
 - 33 Metric pound
 - 34 Fishing lures
 - 36 Long-legged wader
 - 38 Machine part
 - 39 On a cruise
 - 40 DEA
- operative**
- 41 Dash off
 - 42 Wish undone
 - 44 Painter's device
 - 46 Hoops great — Baylor
 - 49 Atlas dot
 - 50 Oven pan
 - 52 Disney site
 - 56 Family member
 - 57 Here, in Le Havre
 - 58 Vacuum tube
 - 59 Your choice
 - 60 — Alamos
 - 61 Impressed
- DOWN**
- 1 Sorority letter
 - 2 Big lug
 - 3 Cambridge univ.
 - 4 Toboggans
 - 5 Root vegetable
 - 6 Fortify
 - 7 Slouch

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 8 Thwart a villain
- 9 Reed instrument
- 10 Pub serving
- 12 Munchies
- 17 Adjust slightly
- 19 Everyday
- 21 Tennis great — Hart
- 22 Mind's picture
- 23 Respects
- 24 — vu
- 26 Ms. McEntire
- 28 Nouveau — Thrash about
- 30 Vague amount
- 35 Mumbai wraps
- 37 Climbed a mountain
- 43 Up to
- 45 Cuttlefish pigment
- 46 "Cope Book" aunt
- 47 Raucous diver
- 48 Strong, as venison
- 49 Rainbow goddess
- 51 Environmental prefix
- 53 Intimidate
- 54 Sonnet kin
- 55 Koppel or Knight

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