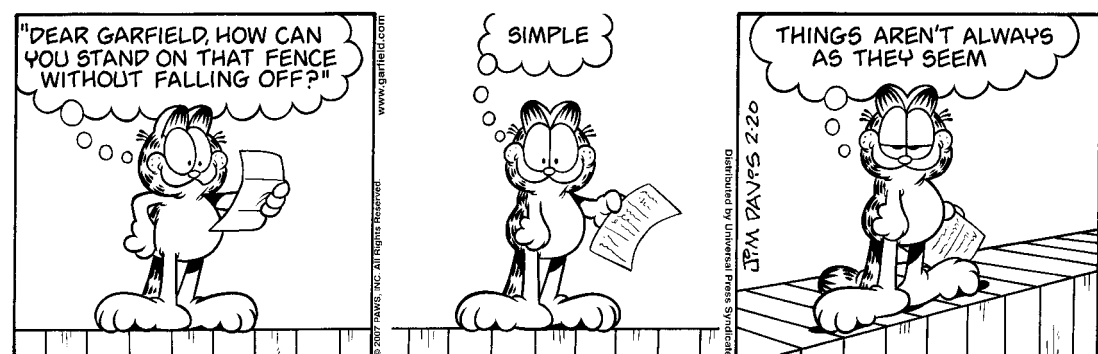


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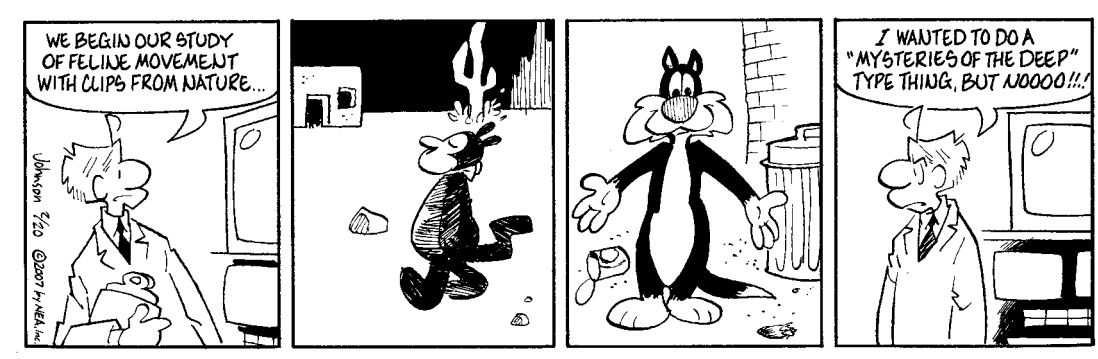
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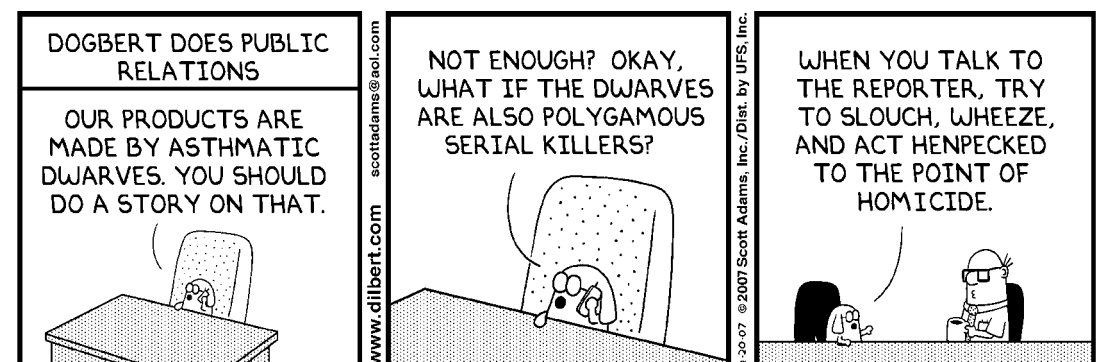
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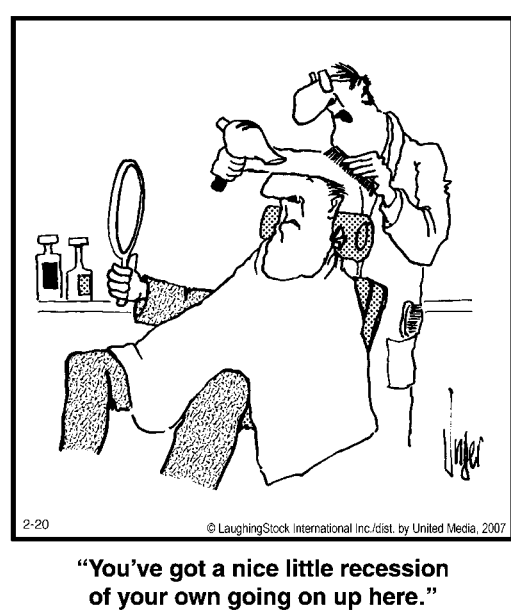
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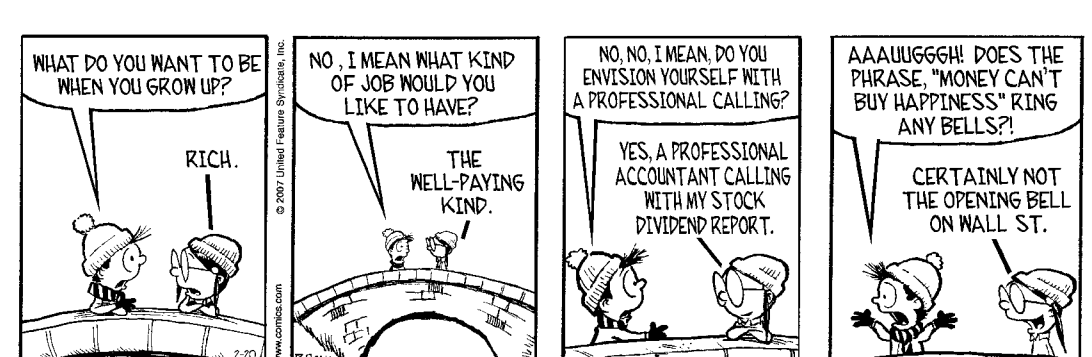
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ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007

The year ahead could be the one you've been waiting for, where great strides and advancement can be realized in your chosen field of endeavor. Where you once found obstacles strewn in your path, you will now find opportunities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Financial proposals brought to you by others could prove to be profitable, so don't judge a "buck" by its cover and listen attentively, even if it comes from a least-expected source.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Your best chances for success will come from working on endeavors where you can take personal control. Don't let anybody move in and try to usurp your way of doing things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Someone you may not be aware of who knows your needs is apt to be looking out for your best interests. He or she has what it takes to make it possible for you to hold a winning hand.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You'll be at your best mingling in the pleasant hustle and bustle of social gatherings. So don't turn down any invitations, even if you have to clear your calendar to do so.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Dame Fortune will clear a path for you in order to help fulfill your goals and ambitions. Don't be afraid to think in large measure and go for things that are bigger than life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Although you may have to maintain a flexible attitude to do so, treat events philosophically and you'll find everything will work out advantageously. Move as opportunity directs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Joint ventures look particularly promising, mainly because you'll associate yourself with someone who is privy to inside information that will work in your behalf.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

The only thing to keep in mind when involved in an important partnership arrangement is achieving desirable results, not who plays a leading role.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Because you're willing to work hard for what you hope to achieve in life, you can make a success out of most anything to which you put your mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

When planning a social activity, it would behoove you to include someone you just recently met to whom you're attracted. It's an especially good day for cultivating friendships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

An especially large opportunity could come your way through a least-expected source or individual, so make it a point to be warm and pleasant to everyone you encounter now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

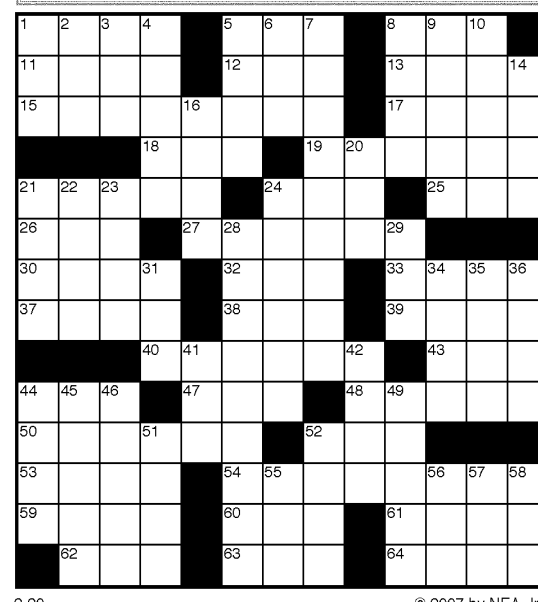
Should your restless nature give you an urge to put things aside for the moment and scoot off to someplace different for fun and excitement, do so. You've selected a good day.

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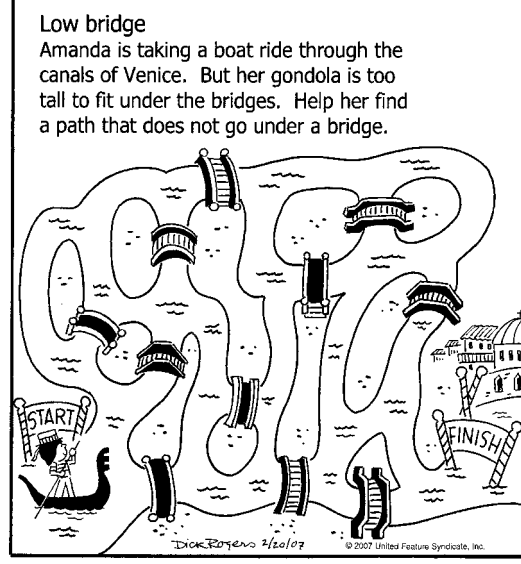
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'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Actions by bride's father come with Nebraska territory

DEAR ABBY: When I first read the letter from "Wounded Bride," whose father left immediately after her wedding ceremony on television, I thought, "What an insensitive, inconsiderate boor!"

However, when I saw the signature, "Wounded Bride in Nebraska," I laughed. I was born and raised in Nebraska. The percentage of the population in Nebraska who are not obsessed with football is definitely in the minority. It has reached the point where weddings, birthday celebrations, anniversaries — even women's C-sections — are planned around the Cornhuskers' schedule.

This may seem ridiculous and juvenile, but it's the reality if you choose to live in Nebraska. What her father did was wrong, yet he probably was never taught anything different. I'd cut the guy some slack.

— REFORMED CORNHUSKER FAN, NOW IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR REFORMED: I told "Wounded Bride" (in essence) that her father might have been trying to send her a message about his feelings about her marriage, but she should try to forgive him and concentrate on building a successful life with her spouse. Of course, when I penned my answer, I had no idea how pervasive football fanaticism has become. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Although I feel her pain, I had to chuckle. We just moved back to Colorado from Nebraska, and believe me when I say that "Husker" is the state religion.

Some close friends recently planned the marriage of their son around the Cornhuskers' football schedule, and another friend was late to his own wedding because he was watching a game. "Wounded Bride's" father is just a typical Husker fan.

— BRENDA IN AURORA, COLO.

DEAR ABBY: My in-laws' anniversary was in the fall, and we had to plan their 60th on a weekend other than game day, or many guests would not have come. Heck, my father-in-law might not have come! They played the Nebraska fight song at his funeral, and everyone cried.

— HUSKER FAN, ROCKLIN, CALIF.

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