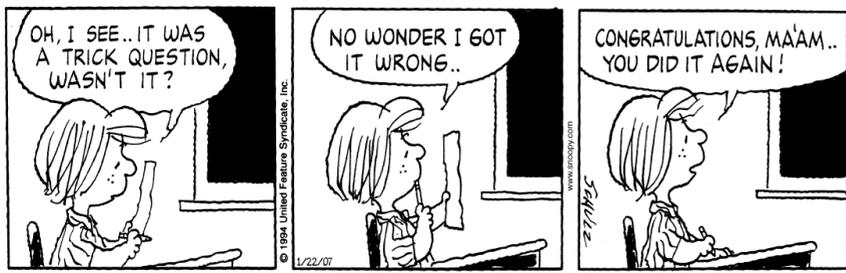


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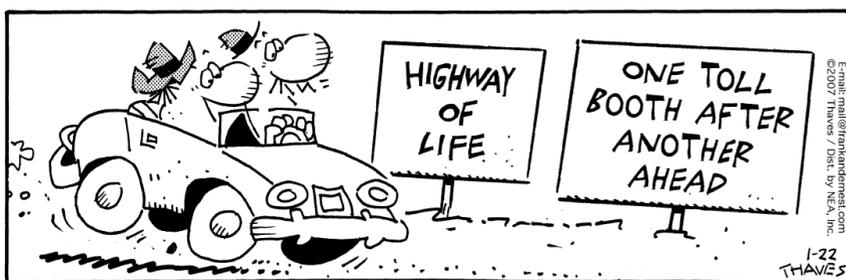
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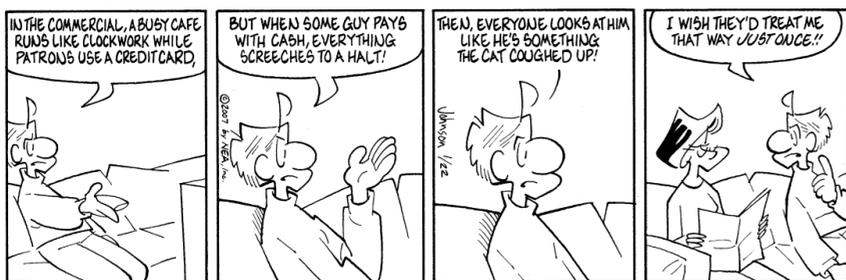
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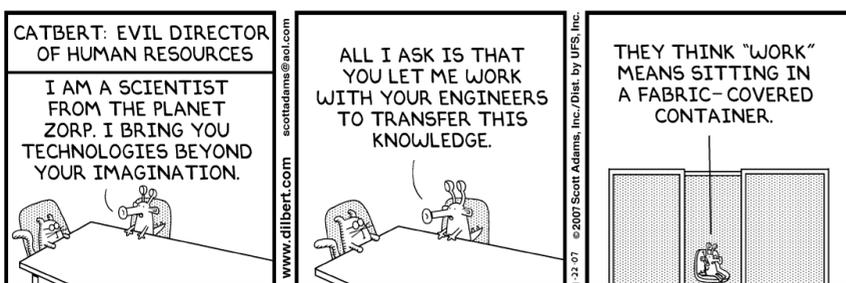
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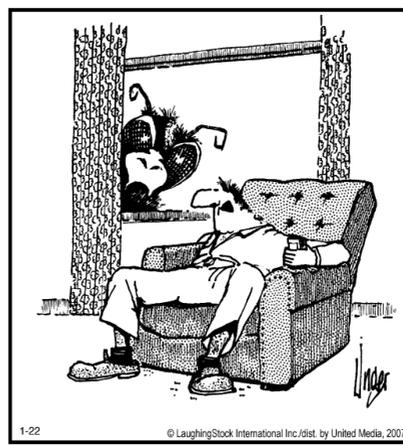
REALITY CHECK



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



HERMAN



GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday: Monday, Jan. 22, 2007

Several unique opportunities may be presented to you, but sandwiched in between them could be one of a spurious nature. Although most will be of a fortunate bent, watch out for that one fly in the ointment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Recently, you've been doing rather well in the management of your financial affairs, but you could throw caution to the wind, lose your resolve and do something wildly extravagant.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Dame Fortune could be working in tandem with you, but don't make the mistake of leaving everything up to her. The moment she sees you're not doing your part, you'll be dumped.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Don't bank too high on your intuitive hunches, because they're not likely to be too reliable. Conversely, that which is well thought out will lead to lucky conclusions for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

A well-meaning friend's suggestion about making extra money is likely to prove to be erroneous. If you're looking for a good investment, check around and you'll find a moneymaker.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Count only on yourself, because someone on whom you're depending to back you up on an important career situation isn't apt to be there for you when you need this person the most.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Important tasks for which you're

responsible should not be delegated, even if he or she volunteers to do so. If the person does a poor job, you'll be the one who gets the heat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Be objective and keep a cool head at all times when it comes to your business dealings, especially if something significant is involved. Conditions are more complex than you expect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

An agreement you find yourself negotiating must be treated with shrewd intelligence. Don't take any of the details for granted. Think well on it before you accept the final terms.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Any co-worker who has a tendency at times to be erratic or even careless must be watched closely when working on an important assignment with you. He or she could bring you down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

If you take a foolish risk on a financial deal that sounds too sweet to be true, it may very well be a lemon. However, it will be your own fault for not listening to your common sense.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

For the sake of expediency and to get someone off your back, you could make a commitment that, intellectually, you know you don't have time for. Think; don't react.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Unless you're willing to give your full attention to a major task at hand, it's more than likely you'll overlook an important detail. Only total concentration will eliminate mistakes.

KidSpot™ by Dick Rogers

11 ACROSS: PIGEON
9 ACROSS: APPLE
1 ACROSS: GOAT
5 DOWN: Opposite of GO
3 DOWN: Opposite of CLOSED
10 DOWN: LEAF
8 DOWN: GOAT
2 DOWN: PIGEON
6 DOWN: APPLE
7 DOWN: GOAT
8 DOWN: LEAF
9 DOWN: PIGEON
10 DOWN: GOAT
11 DOWN: APPLE

ACROSS: 1. BOOTS, 6. PIGEON, 9. TOP, 10. LEAVES, 11. PIE.
DOWN: 2. ONE, 3. SUN, 4. APPLE, 5. STOP, 7. GOAT, 8. OPEN, 11. PIE.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Woman with unstable life needs direction

DEAR ABBY: My roommate, "Jeff," and I got into a huge fight last week, and he kicked me out. My mother took me in and said if I ever moved back in with him, she'd disown me. While I was living with my mother, I had trouble finding employment. While I was with Jeff, I received offers of employment from no less than three companies. I have spoken with Jeff since the incident. He apologized and wishes I'd move back in. He realizes he acted like an idiot. I would like to move back with him so that I can have a job, but I don't want to make my mother angry. Also, I don't think that living with her is healthy for me right now. Please advise ASAP.

— "PAMELA" IN CLEVELAND

DEAR "PAMELA": While it may not be healthy to live with your mother right now, moving back in with a roommate who kicks you out when he loses his temper does not seem like a wise move either. You did not make clear why you can't take the job(s) you were offered and live with her. If the problem is geographic, perhaps you should explore what other arrangements you can manage, because you have no guarantee that Jeff would not evict you repeatedly. The goal to aim for is to be independent, able to stand on your own two feet and beholden to no one.

DEAR ABBY: I lost my wife, "Vicki," six months ago. She was the love of my life, and it was unexpected. I am raising our two children, ages 5 and 8, by myself. I now understand why so many women say they have a hard time finding someone special. What does a widower have to do to find someone special when he has kids?

— MR. LONELY IN DETROIT

DEAR MR. LONELY: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your wife. I'm sure she won't be easily replaced. The first thing to do is start from square one and remember that dating is a hit-and-miss proposition, and few people hit the jackpot the first time. You will find a special someone in places where nice people congregate. In your case, it might be during kids' activities at school and church. There also is an organization called Parents Without Partners. Contact it by logging onto parentswithoutpartners.org.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Joist
- Downed a sub
- Hen or mare
- Old barge canal
- Floppy contents
- Unisex wear
- Agrees silently
- Libra's stone
- Omitting none
- Delhi title
- Some pizza orders
- Before
- Kon-Tiki Museum site
- Come out in drops
- Perchance
- Point a gun
- Sealed
- Chutists' needs
- Perfume label word
- Decides
- Medieval adven-

ture

- Toolbox item
- California's Big
- Aristocracy
- Gift from a new dad
- Malt brew
- Showroom item
- Mild rejoinder
- Remove, as branches
- Pelt
- Not any
- Crumb-toter
- Gaze at
- Nesting place

DOWN

- Big clock
- Winged god
- Verdi heroine
- Dovetailed
- Sun-dried brick
- Collect maple sap
- Sweater letters
- Booth
- Word of welcome
- Congers
- Not quite
- Temper
- spumante
- Swab target
- Noon on a sundial
- Ref's kin
- Pot covers
- Hosp. areas
- Kind of critic
- Horse command
- Suffers from
- Famous mummy
- Young horse
- La Scala productions
- On the — vive
- Imperative
- Law breaker
- Bumbling
- Upscale cookie
- Lavish party
- Raucous laughs
- Petri-dish contents
- Red on the inside
- Fasten securely
- Do Easter eggs

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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