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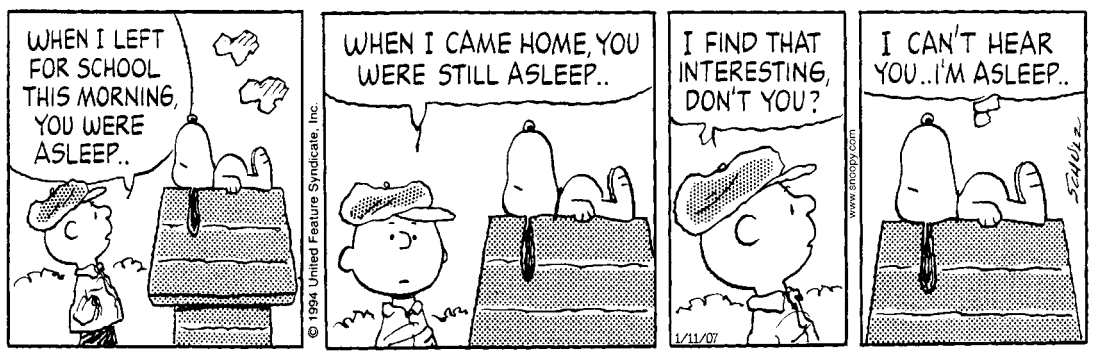

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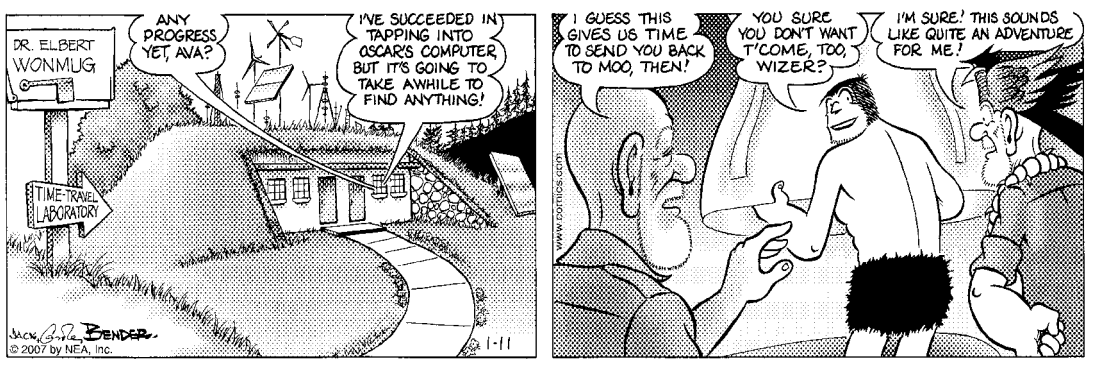

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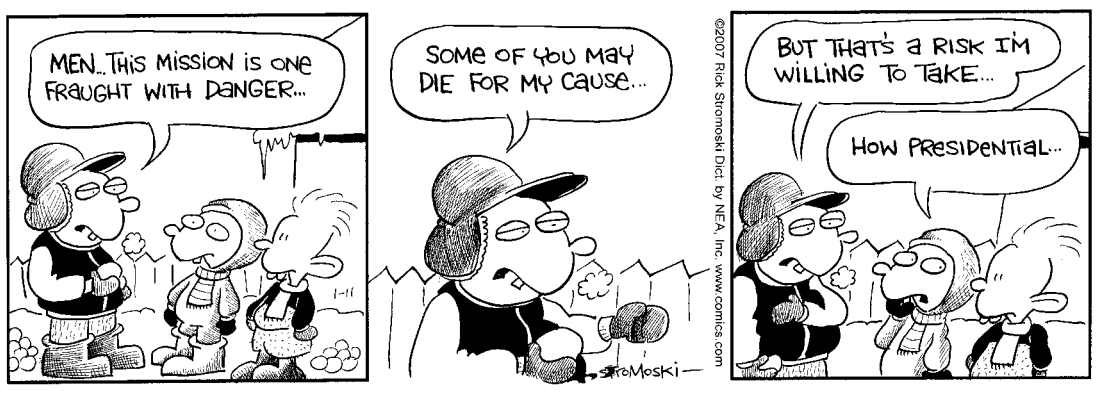

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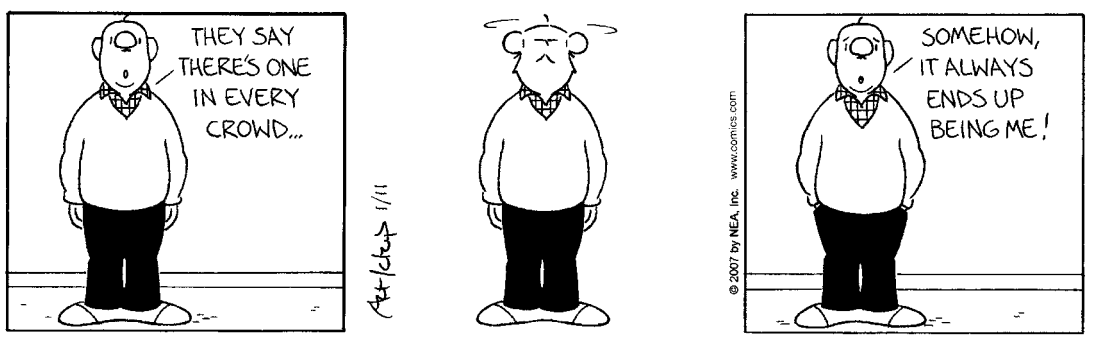

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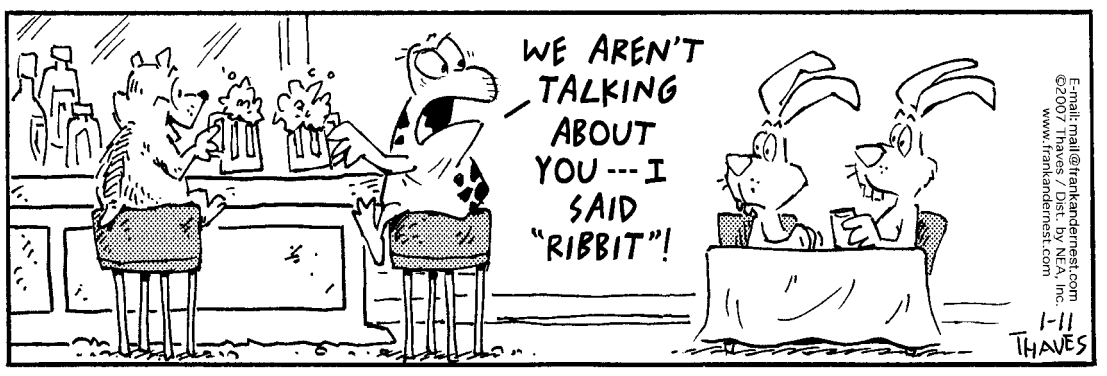

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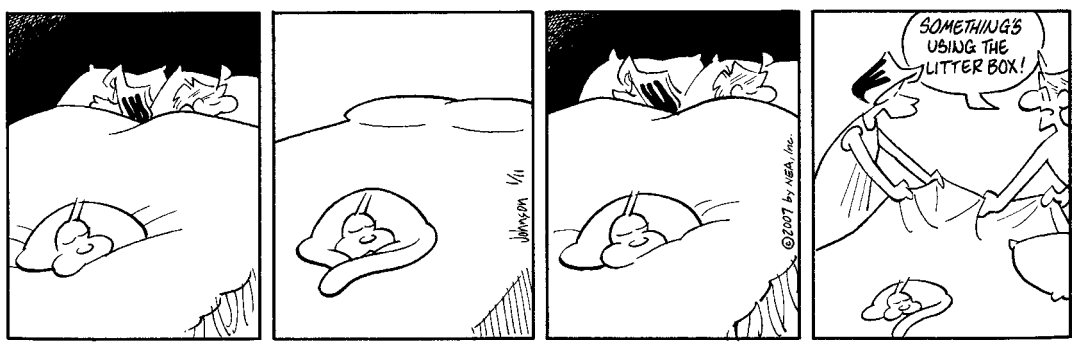

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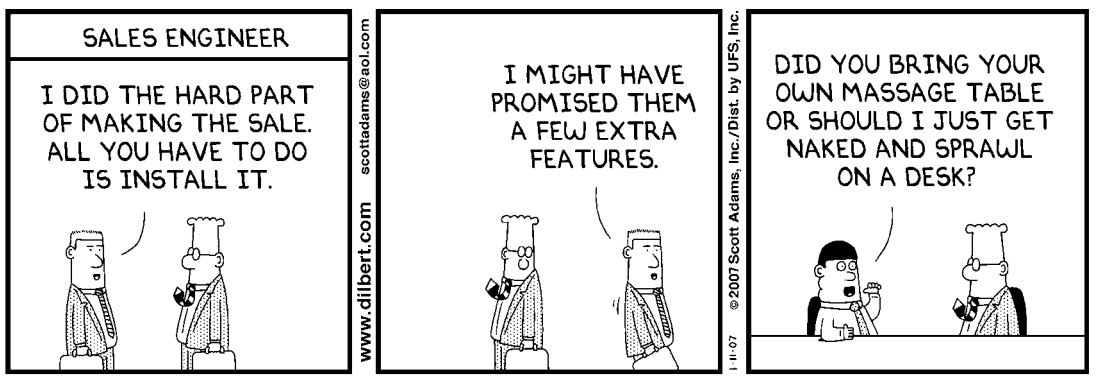
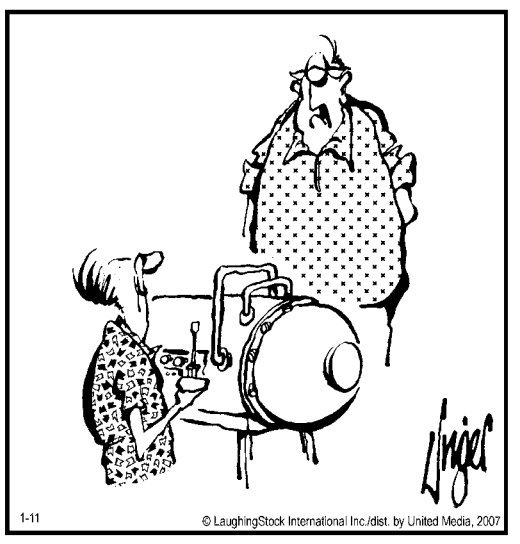


REALITY CHECK

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Dagwood will be jealous. I'm making a cookie sandwich."

HERMAN



"Did your mother say you could build a nuclear device?"

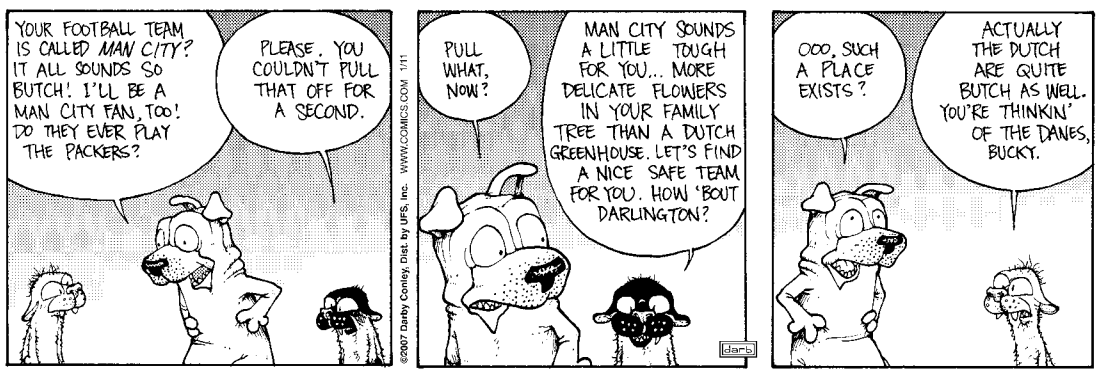
KidSpot™

by Dick Rogers

Can you spot the seven mistakes in the alphabet?

ANS: TWO "E.S," "L" IS BACKWARD, "N" AND "O" MISSING, "T" AND "U" REVERSED, "V" UPSIDE DOWN, "Z" IS BACKWARD.

GET FUZZY



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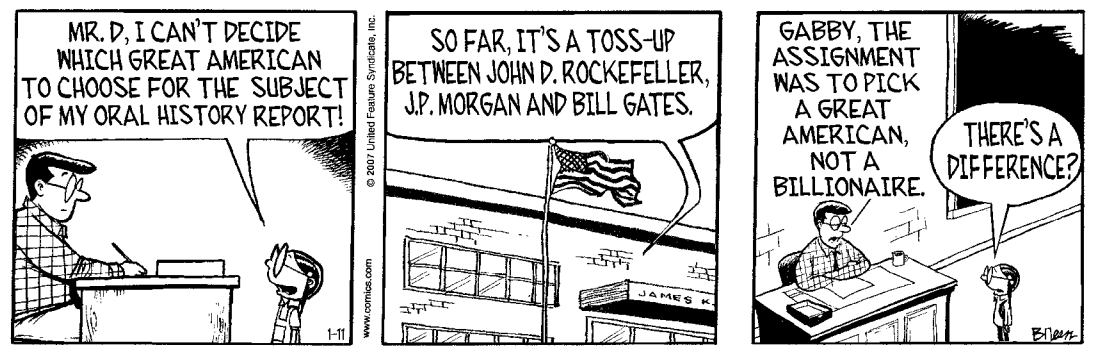

ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:

Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007

Don't get discouraged at those times when the breaks don't come about in the ways you anticipate. Your prospects for everything going well are good, but in their own time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

It looks like you'll remain in control of all the events of the day, but at those moments when your energy level diminishes you may display a cranky side.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Without paying much heed to your behavior or actions, you might be a bit more insistent that others do things your way. Be more tolerant and charitable at this time, not dictatorial.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Try not to make an issue of something that, in reality, is rather trivial, don't spoil a fine day. If you insist on infusing importance to petty issues, it'll create unnecessary problems.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

If you're involved in any type of commercial contract or important agreement with another, pay attention to the small print or details. Therein could lay trouble ahead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

The interests of others might not be completely in accord with your agenda, but if you go along with the will of the majority, it'll keep things happy at work and at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Although you might not be able to do everything you desire at this time, by keeping pace with things that really matter, you'll be glad you didn't cause problems for yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

It might be wise not to purchase any expensive merchandise for the house purely on impulse. By shopping around, you'll find much nicer things elsewhere and at a better price.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

If there is something you are advocating, don't overrate or overstate that which you are trying to convince others of. The stronger you make your pitch, the less they're apt to accept it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Take care of any errands you've neglected for the past number of weeks, but don't get yourself in a dither over them. The only one who is apt to have a stopwatch on your completion is you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Someone who knows you are a kind and generous person might put the bite on you when he or she catches you at a weak moment. Just be sure to match your generosity with practicality.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Show an appreciation for people who go out of their way to try to do nice things for you. If you take them for granted, feelings could be hurt when their efforts go unacknowledged.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Do not worry about negative situations that have yet to happen, and probably never will. If you remain positive, optimistic and self-assured, these qualities will serve as a shield.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Swedish import
6 Fictional plantation
10 "Anchors —!"
12 Mrs. Bogart
14 Get cozy
15 Items of business
16 Zeroing in on
18 Chatter
19 Potter's need
21 Track event
23 Skosh
24 Disparity
26 Belly-flop
29 Mighty steed
31 High school class
33 Didn't spoil
35 Diamond Head locale
36 Practical question
37 Cuzco founder
38 Split
40 South Seas staple
42 Outperform
43 Hill
45 Throw
47 Head signal
50 Humorous plays
52 Cliffs
54 Pianist's span
58 Paddles
59 Distorted
60 Sense
61 Rhyme makers

DOWN

1 Panel truck
2 Have bills
3 Brown of big bands
4 Urgent
5 Wolf's pastime
6 Touched with the ball
7 Stretchy bandage
8 Phoned
9 "Betsy's Wedding" star
11 Garment bottom
12 Nuisance
13 Chem room
17 Unseemly
19 Jeweler's measure
20 Leading potato state
22 Polynesian carving
23 Cosmic force
25 Sigh of content
27 Cracks in volcanos
28 Orlando attraction
30 Perry Mason portrayer
32 Couple
34 Knock gently
39 Tower designer
41 Polar buildup
44 Back talk
46 Kind of turf
47 Fox competitor
48 Viking name
49 Sand formation
51 Herd animal
53 Rival
55 Fossey friend
56 Rover's doc
57 Newspaper execs

Answer to Previous Puzzle

	Z	E	B	R	A			Y	E	A	S	T
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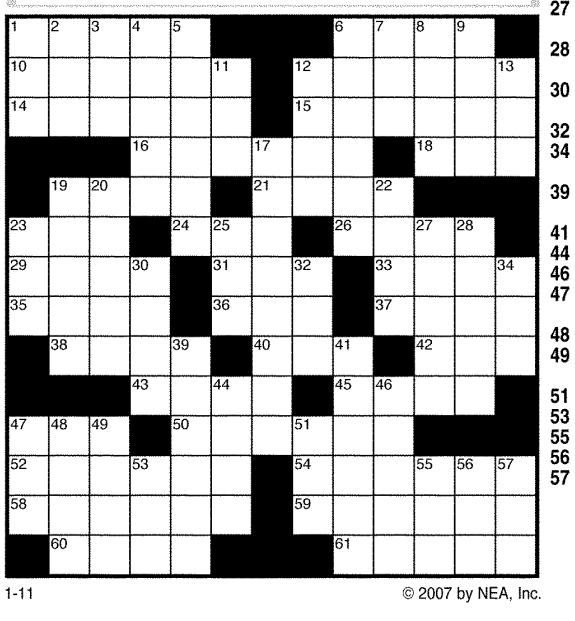

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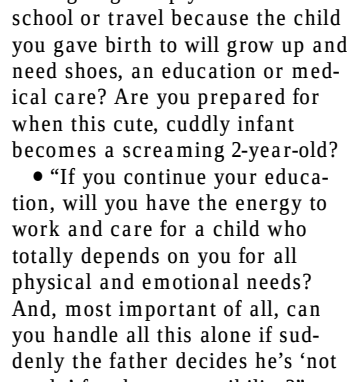

'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Facts of life for parents are laid out in questions

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading your list of questions for "Are You Ready for Parenthood?" Your advice was fine, if you were addressing a mature adult. To reach a 15-year-old, try this:

• "If your child throws up all over your bed, are you or the father going to clean it up, stay up all night with a crying child and then go to work the next day? When the baby is sick, will you cancel your plans with your friends and stay home?

• "Will you skip buying clothes or the latest cell phone for yourself because you can barely afford food for your little one? Are you willing to give up your dreams of school or travel because the child you gave birth to will grow up and need shoes, an education or medical care? Are you prepared for when this cute, cuddly infant becomes a screaming 2-year-old?

• "If you continue your education, will you have the energy to work and care for a child who totally depends on you for all physical and emotional needs? And, most important of all, can you handle all this alone if suddenly the father decides he's 'not ready' for the responsibility?"

— WAITED TILL I WAS OLD ENOUGH AND GLAD OF IT!

DEAR WAITED: No one could say it more plainly than you have. I received a bushel of mail from readers who, like you, wanted to weigh in on the subject. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Nancy in Flagstaff" concerning "Are You Ready for Parenthood?" the question that should be No. 1 is: Are you married? Sex before marriage, though rampant, is still wrong.

— TIM IN LAWTON, OKLA.

DEAR TIM: Sex before marriage may be wrong, but if my mail is any indication, it's happening. And while having children outside of marriage is not the ideal, the fact remains that folks are doing it and probably will continue, if the folks in Hollywood are any example. (Where have all the role models gone?)

The fact that more than half the households in America are headed by single parents should be evidence that the old rules, however valid they were, are now being ignored. I'd change it if I could, but I have to deal with reality.

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