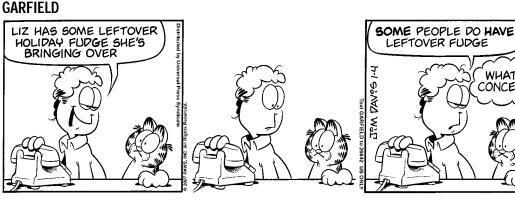
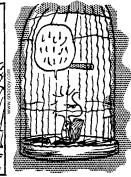
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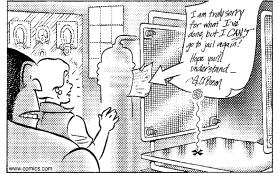




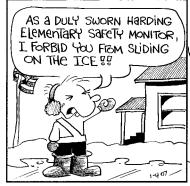


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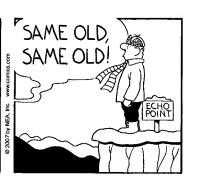




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REALITY CHECK



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I haven't sterilized PJ's bottles since I saw him gnawing on one of my shoes.'

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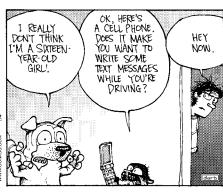
"My sister wants to exchange this for a radio-controlled tank."

KidSpot. by Dick Rogers Words that begin or end in TEN. 1. Ten ___ Camp shelter Racket and ball game 3. ___ ten Young feline. 4. ___ ten Frequently. 5. Ten ____ One who rents. 6. Forgot_ Not remembered. 6. FORGOTTEN. ANS: 1. TENT, 2. TENNIS, 3. KITTEN, 4. OFTEN, 5. TENANT

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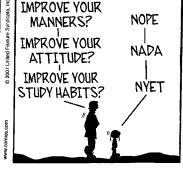






GRAND AVENUE





ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:

Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007

A number of big achievements could be in the offing for you in the year ahead, but they won't be accomplished unaided. It will take a great deal of cooperation and teamwork in order to pull them off, so be ready to join up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

If you hope to establish an important union with someone, treat them as an equal and forgo any form of gloating. He or she will not be impressed. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

It's important to keep up with your duties and responsibilities. If you attempt to sweep something under the rug, it

could leave a stain on your reputation when the cover is removed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you can't find anything pleasant to say about another, it's best to keep your mouth closed. Insincerity on your part will be instantly detected and read as quite

unbecoming and shallow. ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Thinking and talking big will not make your dreams come true. You're going to have to develop your ideas by laying out a plan and working hard toward making things happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Unless you look at matters realistically, you're apt to formulate self-deception into providing a disappointing day. Don't allow yourself to color the facts at hand. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

It's nice to be hopeful about receiving

things you really don't merit, but it won't be realistic. The world will never give you a free ride. Expect only what you earn and deserve, and no more. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Be honest with your judgment because you could end up catering to someone who doesn't deserve it while ignoring a good friend who has always

stood by you. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You may view a commitment you made to someone as being insignificant, but the person to whom you made that promise is taking it very seriously. Be sure to honor your word.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Pretending to be more than what you

really are is foolhardy. Your friends will see right through your pretext and will think less of you. You're more attractive being who and what you are. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Don't be disappointed with someone you're very fond of who doesn't live up to what you expected of him or her. People are seldom what we want them to be, only who they really are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be watchful about what you say and to whom you say it or you could experience

one of those mortifying moments. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It's a big mistake to think you must put

on airs and spend a lot of money in order to impress someone you believe only associates with high rollers. This person will be turned off.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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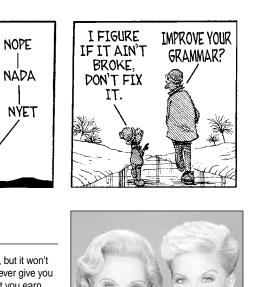
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'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Vets suffering from stress can find needed help

DEAR ABBY: Although I am not a mental health professional, I am concerned for the welfare of 'Stressed in Pennsylvania" (Nov. 22), who is suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder due to his tour of duty in Iraq.

As a current commander of troops and a two-time returnee from "down range," I take caring for soldiers seriously, and I would opine that the writer's healing process has already begun. It began as soon as the soldier acknowledged he had demons he could not deal with.

Regardless of a soldier's location in the continental United States, Veterans Affairs has a steady stream of counselors available for any soldier, past and present, dealing with the aftermath of his experience in Iraq.

In addition, depending on his location and current status (active duty, primarily), he can go to any base and seek assistance through the Community Mental Health Agency. Within that office he will find a host of professionals ready and able to assist him with the symptoms associated with post-traumatic

stress disorder. To the writer of that letter: Good luck, Godspeed, and thank you to all of my sisters and brothers in uniform for your service to our nation.

- CONCERNED MEDICAL SERVICES CAPTAIN

DEAR CONCERNED: Thank you for your helpful letter. For any other veterans who are reading this column and are perhaps in need of assistance, I am offering a reference you can use to begin your quest for support: www.ncptsd.va.gov.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has launched this Web site for the National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, a special center within Veterans Affairs. The center is designed to

advance the clinical care and social welfare of America's veterans through research, education and training in the science, diagnosis and treatment of stressrelated disorders.

If someone is in need of assistance for problems related to his or her experience in combat, he or she should seek help immediately.

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