

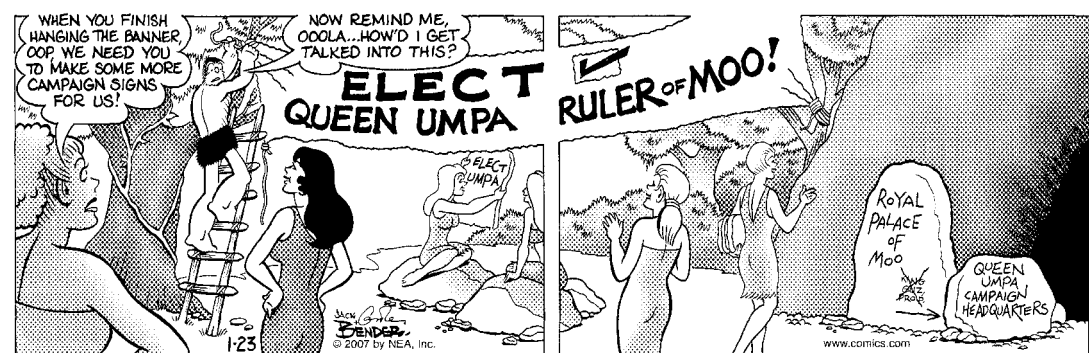
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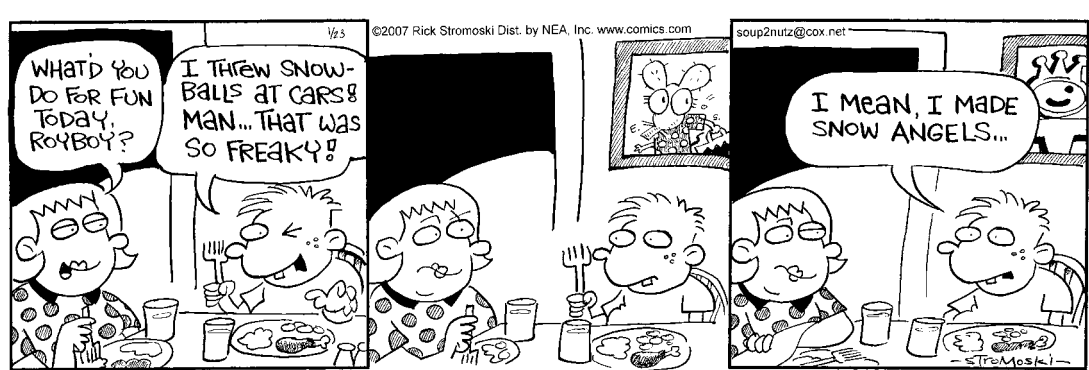
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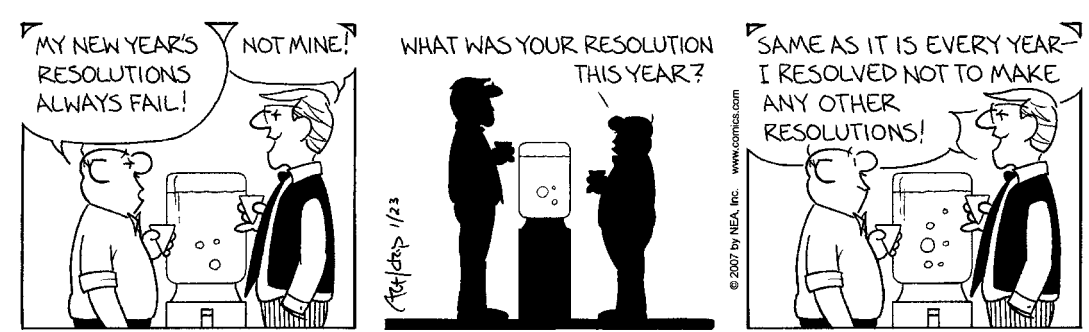
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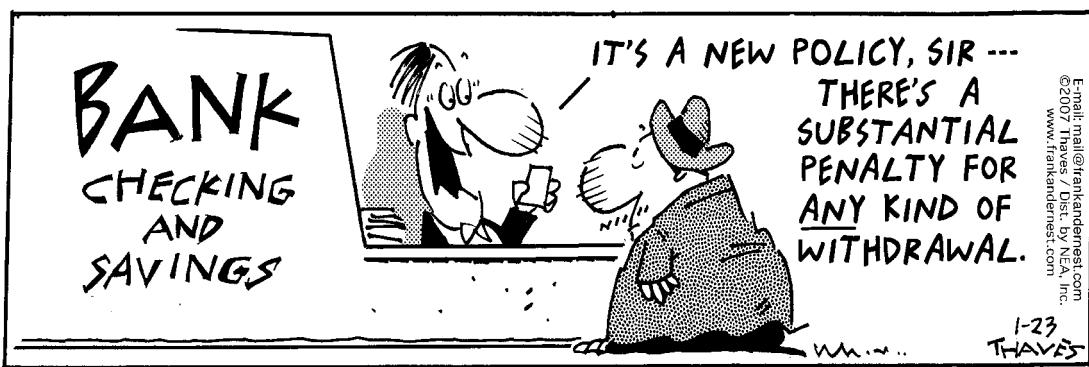
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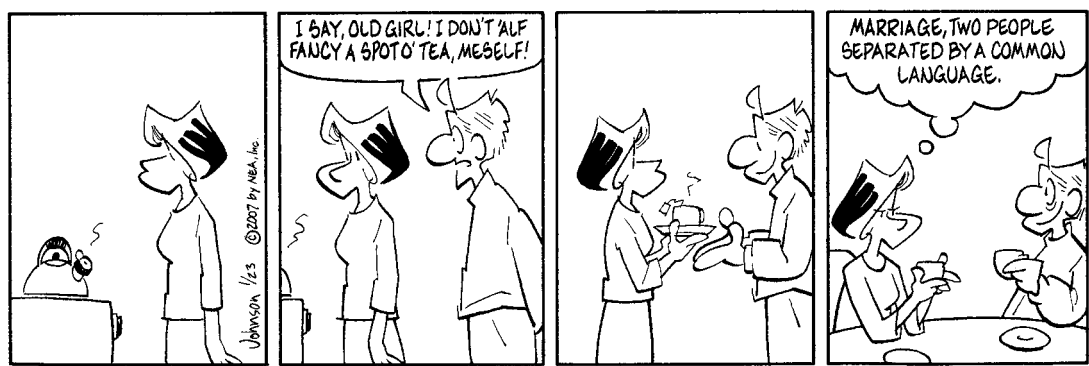
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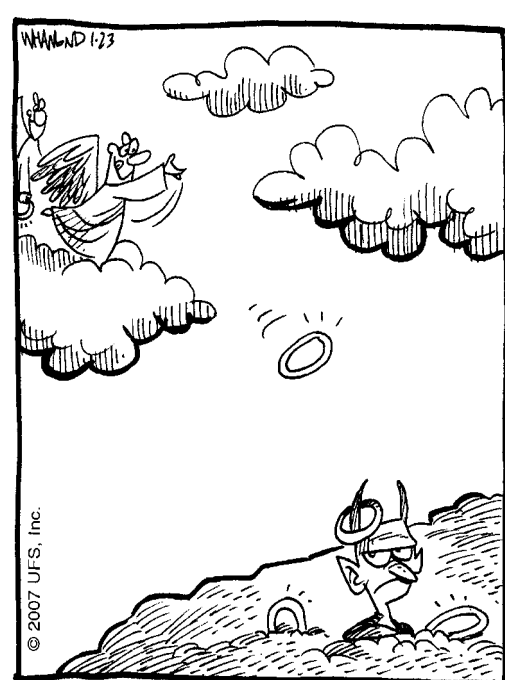
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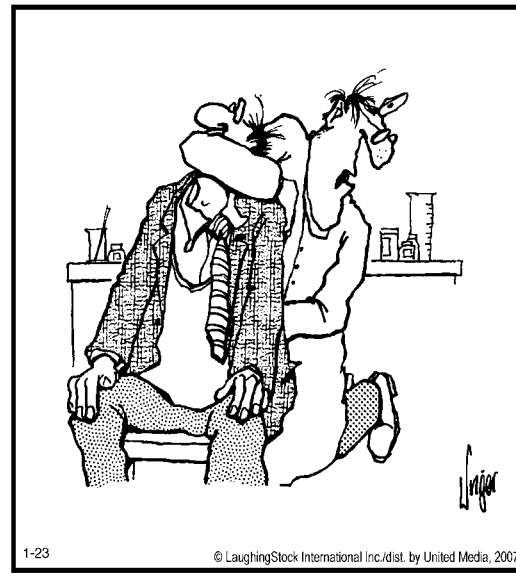
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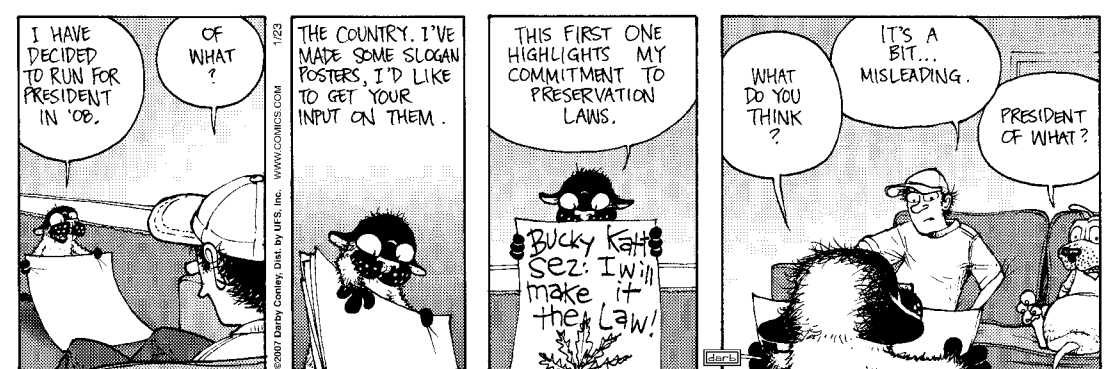
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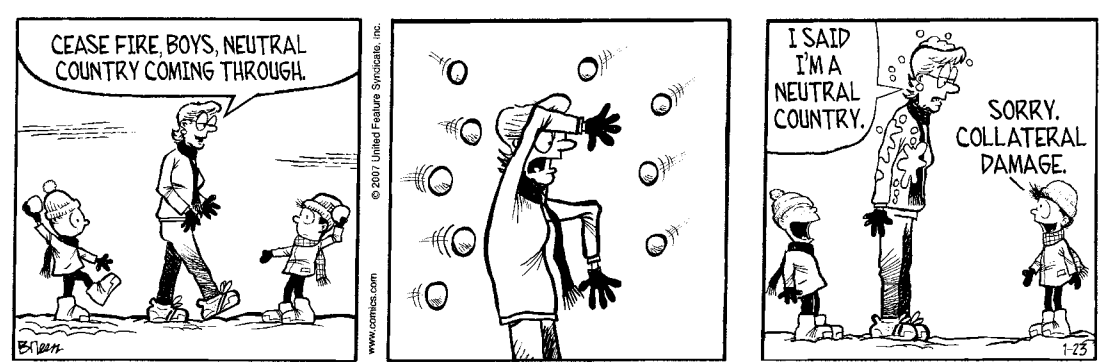
HERMAN



GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday: Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007

With the entrance of a new dynamic friend in your life, a number of important contacts will be established. This individual will be responsible for helping you see others from a fresher, more positive perspective.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Channels of communication may be opened to you, yet sadly you might use them only in areas that are purely social. This can be gratifying to a point, but unproductive in the long run.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Harboring strong desires for material things might give you incentive for ways to acquire financial growth, but they may also make you equally extravagant. It's a no-win day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Even though you may be motivated to advance your self-interests, there's a possibility you're likely to go about things in ways that will prove to be unproductive and a waste of time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

If you're distracted by peripheral developments and unable to focus exclusively on your prime objectives, don't expect to achieve the goals you had in mind. It won't help to get angry.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Don't allow yourself to get drawn into a silly debate with a friend over who always does favors for the other. It's a meaningless dispute that will not produce any winners or losers.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Your own logical perceptions are like-

ly to be far superior to those of someone with whom you're involved at this time, so don't let this person intimidate you into believing otherwise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You're not apt to work too well under pressure, so schedule your assignments in ways where you'll have far more time needed to complete them. Give yourself ample time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

The only way you'll be effective in handling your commercial affairs is by refusing to permit those who aren't involved to interfere. Limit participants only to the ones who belong.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Proper timing will spell the difference between success and failure. Be patient and don't prematurely attempt to finalize anything before it's ready. Let matters develop as needed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Be a careful listener so that there is no possibility you could get offended and misinterpret something someone says where no ill will was intended. Don't jump to conclusions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Try to avoid financial extremes, especially where your social involvements are concerned. Don't spend more than you should or get too tight in situations where everyone is pitching in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

If you have a difficult time separating past experiences from present happenings, you could be in for an unpleasant time by resurrecting an old grudge about something that was history.

KidSpot by Dick Rogers. Which letter below has all of the parts above? N A K M W



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Readers praise Dad for making kids top priority

DEAR ABBY: "Slightly Cluttered in Washington" wrote that, as a single dad, he is deeply involved with his children's activities. Then he described his relationship with his ladyfriend as at a standstill because he spends so much time with his children that his housekeeping isn't up to her standards.

You complimented him on his parenting skills and advised that his kids should be sharing the chores. Your answer was right on. My children and I have always cleaned up together. But when there's a choice to be made, time with family always comes first.

Before you know it, the kids are grown and gone, but there will always be housework to be done. That was my philosophy, and it has paid off. We invested in our children. Now they're paying us back by involving us in their lives and trusting us with the most valuable thing they have: our grandchildren.

- HIGH-YIELD INVESTOR IN UTAH

DEAR INVESTOR: I'm pleased your investment of time and love is paying off. Many readers commented on that letter. Some felt I didn't praise the father highly enough; others felt the ladyfriend's priorities were what needed reorganizing, not his home.

Read on: DEAR ABBY: Why doesn't the woman he's dating pitch in? She could bond with the kids by joining them for a cleaning day on Saturdays, while Dad takes over another chore. She appears to be disconnected from their lives.

Maybe she could start bonding now and bring cleaning into their lives by making chores fun. After all, to date a dad is to date his kids.

- SIGRID G. IN L.A.

DEAR ABBY: I grew up with a mother who was a neat freak. We kids had to clean the house every day, even when the weekly cleaning lady came. Our pets were imprisoned in the basement. We were allowed to bathe only once a week so the bathroom would be scum-free. If a book or a coat was left on the sofa for a minute, we were spanked.

We grew up knowing our mother cared more for her fancy home than for us. Bravo to "Cluttered" for putting his kids first. Happy childhood memories are worth far more than pictures of a spotless home.

- A.S.R., HOUSTON

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Big flops
2 Monastic title
3 Evergreen tree
4 Unfenced
5 Easy toss
6 PC operating system
7 Desert safaris
8 Brief engagement
9 Establish
10 Out-of-date
11 RV haven
12 Pale
13 Taiga animal
14 Horse sound
15 Yeah, right! (2 wds.)
16 Terminate
17 Norse king
18 Easy gait
19 Citrus drink
20 Dinner beverage
21 Planets
22 Wernher - Braun
23 Glee/cry
24 Luau strummer
25 Mortgages
26 Sense of taste
27 Pirate's quaff
28 Flowerpot locale
29 Weak brew (2 wds.)
30 Made with Freddy
31 Krueger's street
32 Humerus neighbor
33 Ms. Merkel
34 Veggie-tray item
35 Otherwise
36 Grumpy's pal
37 creek
38 Berlin article
39 Glitches
40 Stop a train
41 Presidential nickname
42 Took off
43 Dynamite detonator
44 Wife's father (hyph.)
45 Rodeo noose
46 Mutant heroes of comics (hyph.)
47 Landscape
48 Kept in shape
49 Bell sound
50 What is more
51 Start a fire
52 Paid attention
53 Zippy's word
54 Not many
55 Exist
56 Unknown auth.
57 Marshes
58 Loophole
59 Disparaging remark
60 Basilica part
61 Japanese verse
62 Gracie or Fred
63 Infuse
64 "Hawkeye" Pierce
65 Turnpike exit
66 Cotton gin name
67 Plumbing bend
68 USN rank
69 "Norma -"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Crossword grid with words filled in: BEAM, ATE, SHE, ERIE, DATA, TEE, NODS, OPAL, ALL, SAHIB, SMALLS, XER, OSLO, EXUDE, LEST, AIM, AIRTIGHT, RIPCORDS, EAU, OPTS, QUEST, FILE, SUR, GENTRY, CIGAR, ALE, AUTO, EGAD, LOP, SKIN, NARY, ANT, SEE, TREE

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