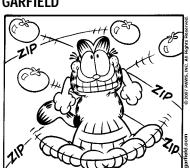
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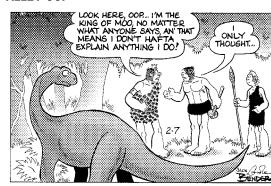
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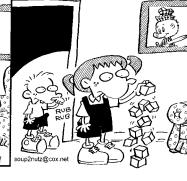
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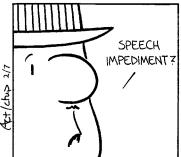


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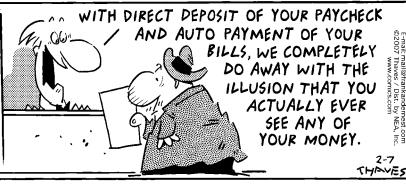






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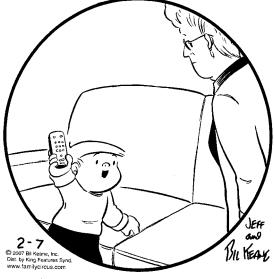




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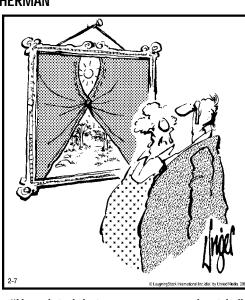
THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I found your remote, Grandma! It was in the couch down here where you keep the crumbs!"

HERMAN

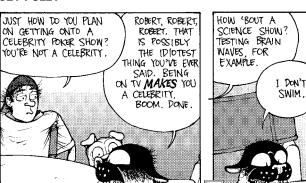
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"He painted that one on our camping trip."

GET FUZZY

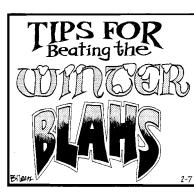








GRAND AVENUE





ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007

The year ahead could turn out to be an extremely rewarding one in ways that will affect your relationship with others. Your loved ones will respond to your overtures, which will greatly intensify the level of feelings they have with you. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

A new attitude toward money may be in the offing in ways that will prove to be soothing. You'll realize that, considering how little control you have over the economy, why fight it?

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

New energies arising within you will find easy solutions to old problems that had overwhelmed you. Your fresh insight will bring about an effectiveness you never had.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Although you're a pragmatic person, it

would be to your benefit to let your heart rule your head when you have to make a choice between the two. It's one of those times it'll pay off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's important you don't kid yourself

about the intentions of others, especially if they are negative. You're a sensitive person and can talk yourself in and out of most anything. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Your heart might guide your objectives, but, in this instance, that's not all bad. You have both the insight to see what you truly want and the power to achieve your goals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your active mind may have you life is recognized for the good it is, you'll not entomb it ever again. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

There's a lesson to be learned that you will welcome and enjoy. You may discover long-hidden tensions within you aren't worth the discomfort they

searching for an understanding of the

world and the wisdom to handle things.

Don't leave out the heart's role in all of

Much to your surprise, you might

resurrect something that you thought

you had buried deeply. Once the new

have been causing you. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

There may be some unexpected changes taking place concerning your work or career that you'll want to take advantage of. What is set in motion now could alter your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

For the first time, you may understand what's behind the behavior of someone who is close to your heart. What you uncover will be a blessing and bring you

much happiness in the future. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

A certain characteristic you've dealt with since childhood could once again rear itself, but you'll find a way to put it to very good use and, as such, never

have to deal with it again. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Events may bring out into the open

an idea you've held true without guestion. It has been undermining you in subtle ways. This enlightenment might make life far more interesting.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

TEAK

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(2 wds.) 9 Table-tennis

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AURA

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ROASTS

student-analyst wants off couch DEAR ABBY: I have been out of

the dating scene for a while. I was divorced nine years ago. My children are 27, 19, 16 and 17. My oldest two are married; the other two are still at home. I recently started dating a guy

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Woman dating

who is studying to become a psychiatrist, and he constantly evaluates everything I say, including small talk about my children.

How can I stop him without upsetting him over his true passion? Not every conversation has an undercurrent.

I try to be honest in this relationship, but I have shut up about some things because I don't need him evaluating my past relationships, how I reared my kids, etc. At my age, I really don't have that kind of couch time. We can't even have sex without him analyzing my feelings. I have been alone awhile, but isn't this a bit too

much for the psyche? ŬSUALLY JOYFUL IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR USUALLY JOYFUL: The next time he starts analyzing you, remind him that he isn't licensed to practice yet — and tell him that sometimes a cigar is just a cigar. If someone doesn't get that message across to him, I predict that vou will be only the first of many to run from this aspiring shrink.

DEAR ABBY: I'm curious to know what makes men of any age sleep on couches and easy chairs in the daytime? I don't know of any women who do it.

- MARISA C., ONTARIO, CANADA DEAR MARISA: Men nap on

couches and easy chairs because they are sleepy (or perhaps bored). However, this trait is not quite gender-specific. In fact, I am sure there are also women who do it, too. You just don't happen to be acquainted with any who admit it.

DEAR ABBY: Please explain the difference between gossip, interesting conversation and expressing an opinion.

- AVIS IN HOUSTON DEAR AVIS: Gossip is saying

something unkind or embarrassing behind someone's back. Some people mistake this for "interesting conversation." However, interesting conversation usually involves discussing ideas, not the behavior of other people. Expressing an opinion is what I have just done.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

38 Phone button

40 Bout windup

--- Plaines

46 Cereal grains 48 Hit the showers

55 Coats with gold

DOWN

Coup plotters Messed up

52 Place under

42 Every

49 Dilute

53 Roswell

54 Funny

56 Diagram a

sentence

1 Mold filler

ACROSS

- (hyph.) Beyond banal
- 11 Chest of drawers
- 12 Set right 13 Disquiet 14 Parade sights
- 15 Burgoo and daube
- 16 Hairless 17 Hooray for me!
- (hyph.) 18 Wintertime sound 19 Gravy no-no
- 23 Quick to the helm 25 New Age singer 26 — tai
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