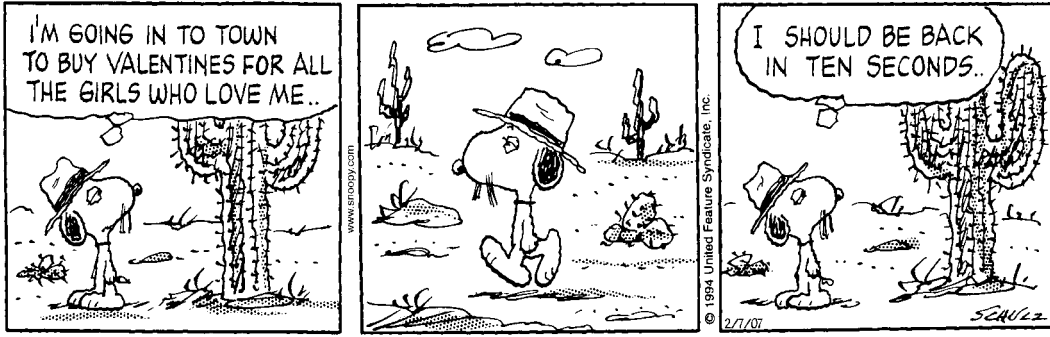


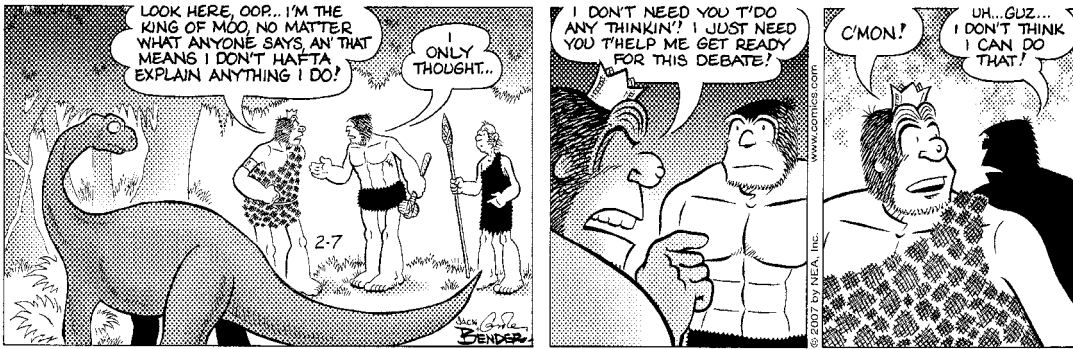
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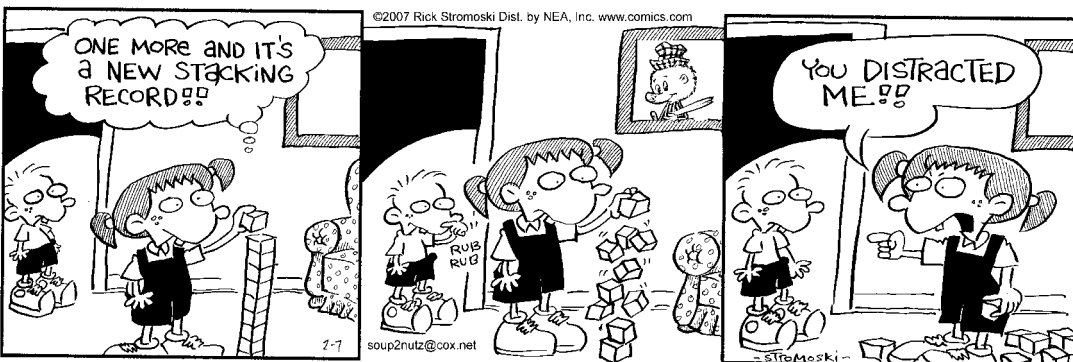
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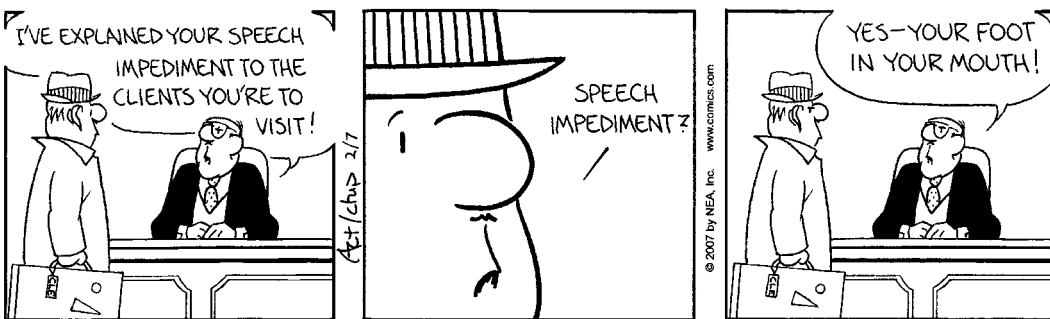
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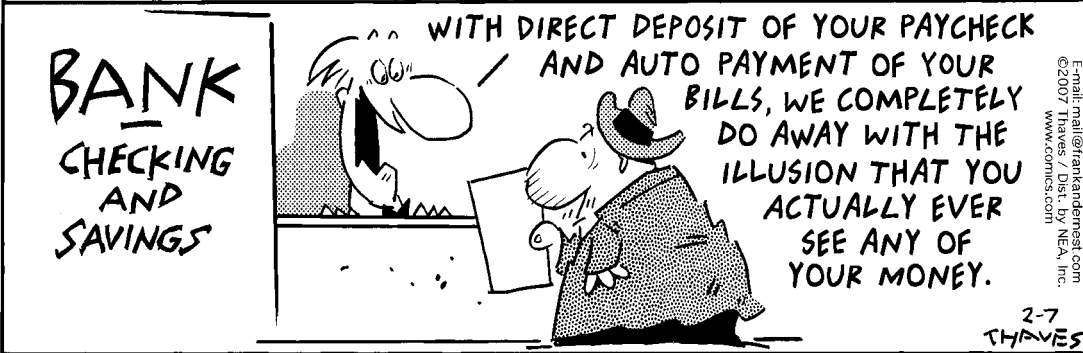
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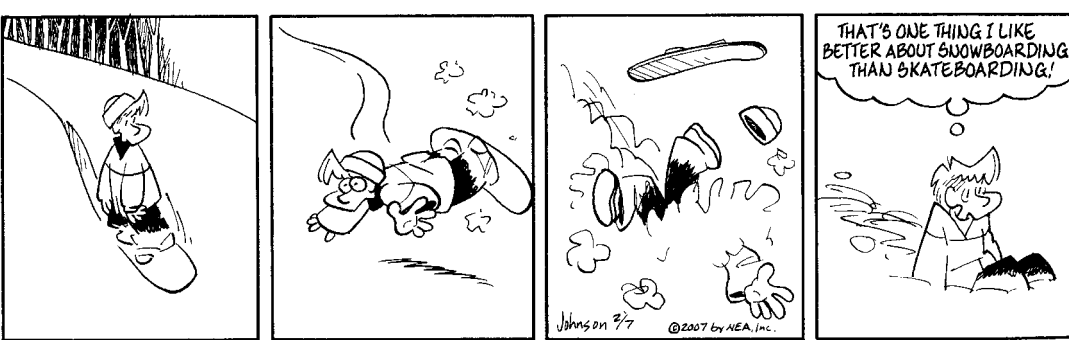
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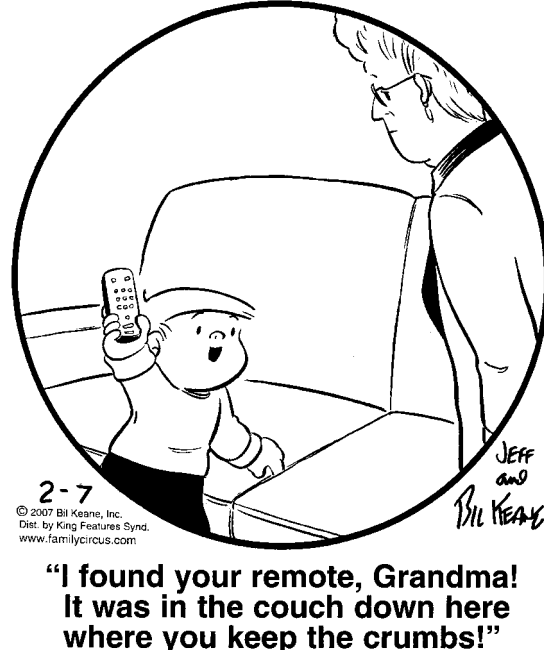
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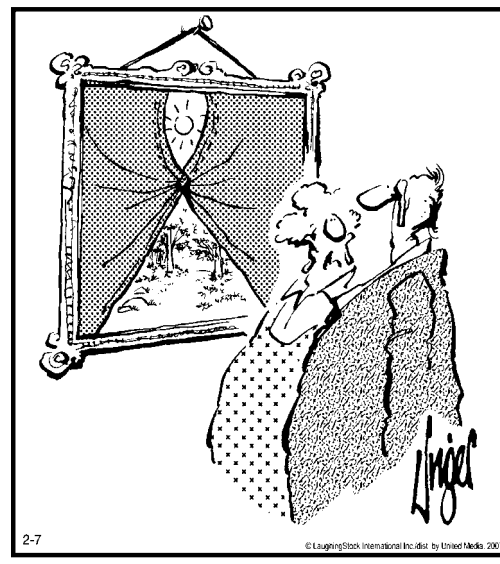
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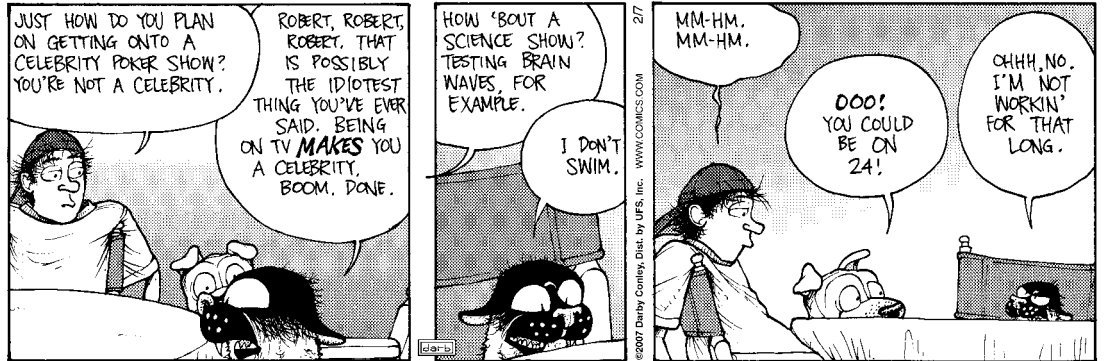
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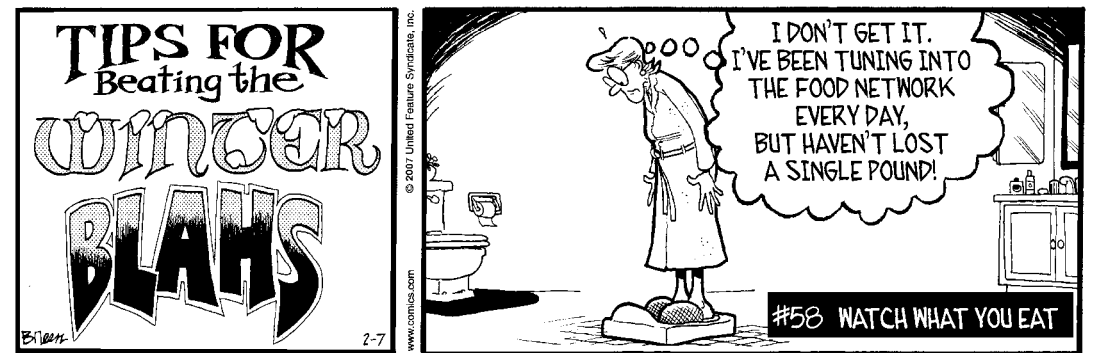
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GET FUZZY



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.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

A new attitude toward money may be in the offing in ways that will prove to be soothing.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

New energies arising within you will find easy solutions to old problems that had overwhelmed you.

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.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

It's important you don't kid yourself about the intentions of others, especially if they are negative.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Your heart might guide your objectives, but, in this instance, that's not all bad.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Your active mind may have you

searching for an understanding of the world and the wisdom to handle things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Much to your surprise, you might resurrect something that you thought you had buried deeply.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

There's a lesson to be learned that you will welcome and enjoy.

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.

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.

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 question. It has been undermining you in subtle ways.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Woman dating student-analyst wants off couch

DEAR ABBY: I have been out of the dating scene for a while. I was divorced nine years ago.

I recently started dating a guy who is studying to become a psychiatrist, and he constantly evaluates everything I say.

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.

— USUALLY 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.

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.

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.

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips. Write to Dear Abby at P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS: 1 Mold filler (hyp.), 6 Beyond, 11 Chest of drawers, 12 Set right, 13 Disquiet, 14 Parade sights, 15 Burgoon and daube, 16 Hairless, 17 Hooray for me! (hyp.), 18 Wintertime sound, 19 Gravy no-no, 23 Quick to the helm, 25 New Age singer, 26 — tai, 29 Fragment, 32 Bed-and-breakfast, 33 Rover's greeting, 34 Sajak or Trebek, 35 Make lace, 36 Jazzy refrain, 38 Phone button, 40 Bout windup, 41 — Plaines, 42 Every, 46 Cereal grains, 48 Hit the showers, 49 Dilute, 52 Place under arrest, 53 Roswell visitors?, 54 Funny feeling, 55 Coats with gold, 56 Diagram a sentence, DOWN: 1 Coup plotters, 2 Messed up, 3 Room to maneuver, 4 Laird's daughter, 5 Three strikes, 6 "— do for now", 7 Chicken soup ingredient, 8 Wheel buy, (2 wds.) sculpture, 9 Table-tennis divider, 10 Magazine execs, 11 Head-and-shoulders, 12 From a distance, 16 Trousers, 18 Sombrero feature, 20 Meter or second, 21 Feathered talker, 22 Wheeze, 24 It has long arms, 26 Check off, 27 Diva's rendition, 28 Up in the air, 30 Business VIPs, 31 Moray, 37 Like lightning, 39 Merchant, 41 Hibernates, 43 Reference book, 44 Follow in pursuit, 45 This spot, 47 Desires, 48 — fide, 49 Jokester, 50 Wallach or Lilly, 51 Feel unwell, 52 Half pint

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