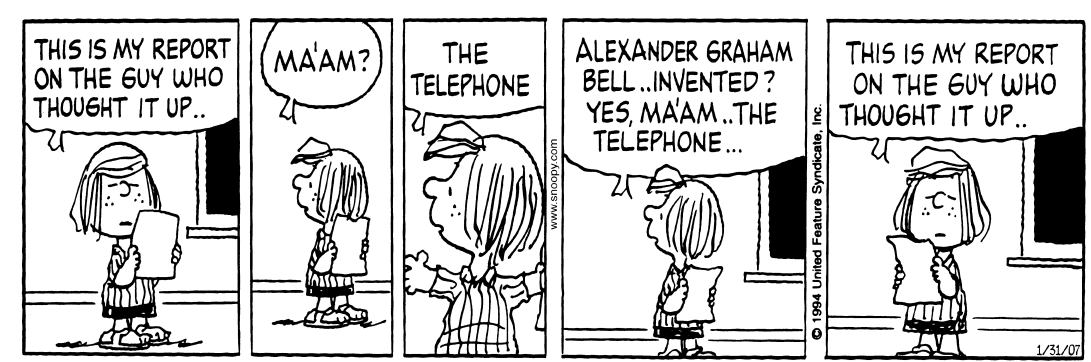


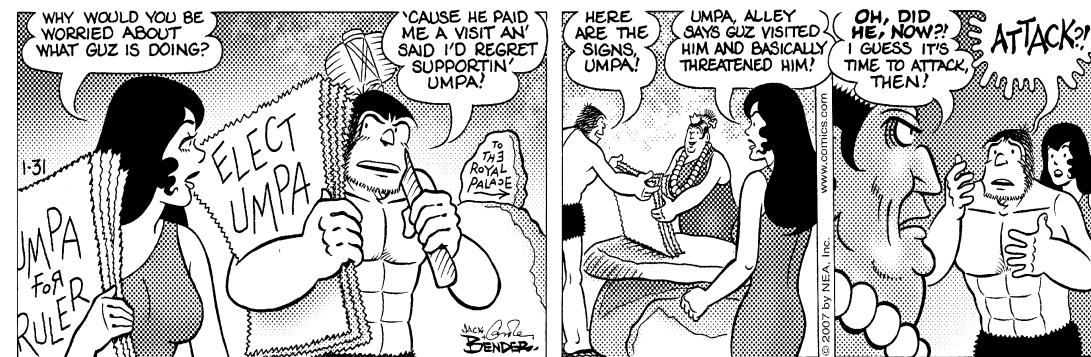
GARFIELD



PEANUTS



ALLEY OOP



SOUP TO NUTS



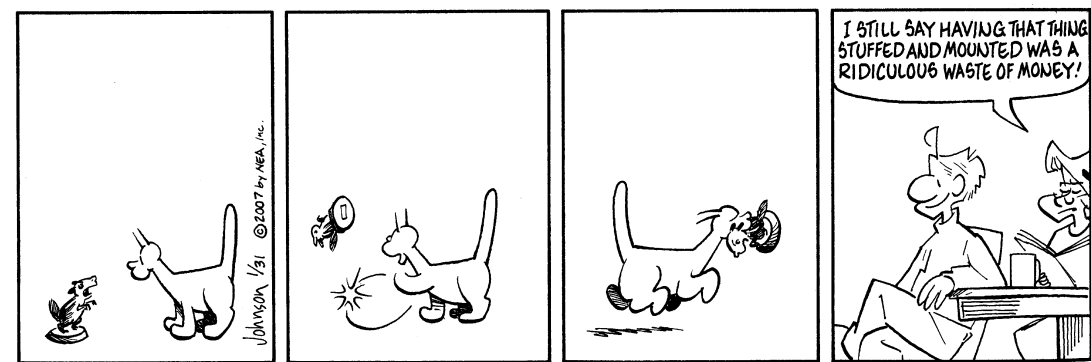
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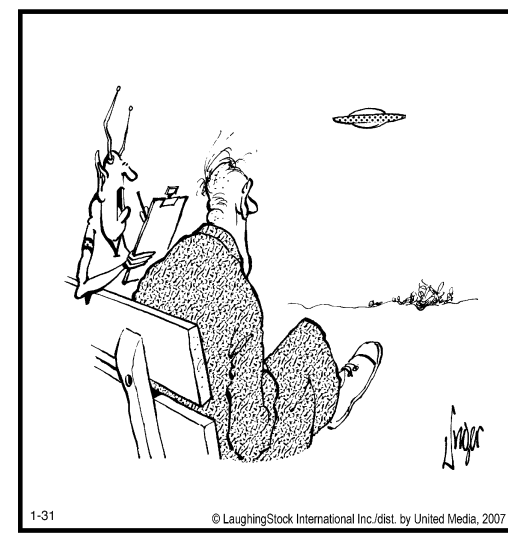
REALITY CHECK



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

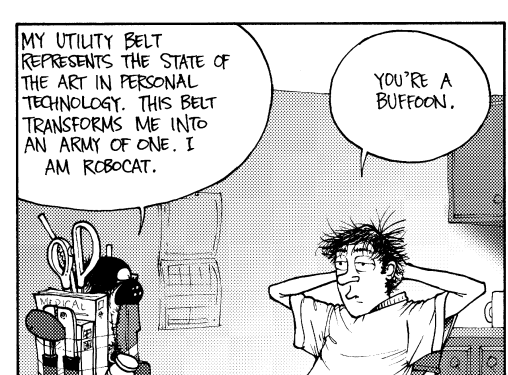


HERMAN



"Would you say you are, 'extremely happy,' 'happy,' 'average' or 'bored-stiff?'"

GET FUZZY



KidSpot by Dick Rogers

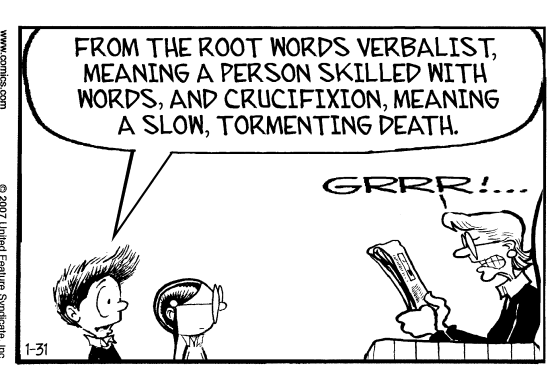
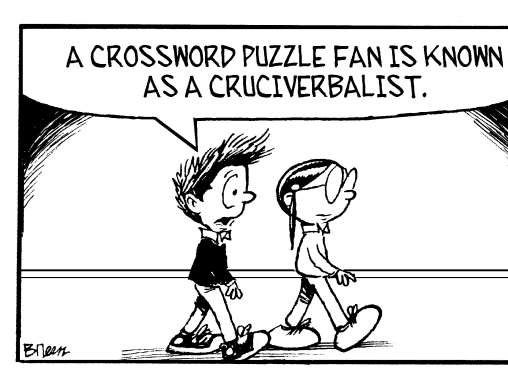
PENNY PUZZLE

100 pennies add up to a dollar. How many combinations of 'pennies' can you find in this puzzle that add up to one dollar? Circle them going up, down and diagonally.

50 20 20 10
30 50 20 30
20 70 60 40
30 10 40 20

ANS: THERE ARE FOURTEEN COMBINATIONS (DOLLARS)

GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:
Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007
 The year ahead could launch a period of great changes in your long-range goals. Activities and interests that you once enjoyed may no longer appeal to you; instead, newer regards take center stage in your life.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
 Projects or ventures that you personally originate or manage have better-than-average chances for success at this time. Get your wares to the marketplace while the aspects favor you.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
 For the best results concerning career objectives, don't reveal any more information than is necessary or ethical. Keep your eyes in reserve until you know the timing is right to play.
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 Strive to be alert to some clever ideas that could enable you to advance your purposes in ways that bring you advantages your companions fail to recognize.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 A long-nurtured secret ambition has a good chance of being advanced at this time. It's all because you're now secure about knowing your capabilities for achieving your goal.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 Several profitable uses can be derived from the knowledge and expertise you've gained in personal experience. Don't hesitate to start putting what you know into action.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 Something promising could develop by putting your head together with another who has what you lack. It'll involve a joint venture that may have a degree of secrecy attached.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 You've entered a period where those profound and significant transformations you've made toward partnerships could play an important role in your affairs.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Continue to focus your energies and talents on situations that could advance your possibilities for profitable gain. Allow plenty of time for things to develop, and your patience will pay off.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
 You may be preoccupied by scrutinizing and probing all aspects of your social affairs, be it a romance, friends or an event. No one is apt to be able to fool you now.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
 Conditions that displeased you where your family is concerned can now be regulated in ways that will please everybody. Your ability to persuade their thinking will change how they act.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
 What you have recently learned enables you to teach others valuable truths concerning how to get in touch with their personal aims. You'll pass on that which has affected you deeply.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 The possibilities for adding to your present holdings or resources are growing stronger at this time. Be materially aware and willing to change what you have to in order to gain.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Aunt weighs telling niece facts of her adoption

DEAR ABBY: My sister, "Elizabeth," died recently. She had adopted a baby at birth and insisted that the child not be told that she was adopted. The "child" is now in her 50s, and we think that for years she may have suspected that she was adopted because she's different in appearance and temperament from other family members. On the off chance that she has siblings, would it be wise to inform her at this late date of her adoption? I think the reason Elizabeth didn't want her to know was that she was afraid of losing her daughter's affections. I did not agree with that decision, but I honored it while my sister was alive. What are your thoughts on this matter?

— STAYING MUTE IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR STAYING MUTE: Remain mute no longer. Your niece has a right to know her personal history. Adoption stopped being considered a deep, dark secret decades ago. I am sure she will have mixed feelings knowing this was kept from her for so long, but it's important you share with her any and all information you have so that she can initiate a search if she wishes. At the least, she should know if there is a genetic predisposition to any illnesses in her background.

DEAR ABBY: Is it appropriate for my husband's mother to take him alone to dinner to celebrate his birthday? We have been married for 13 years and have two children, yet she did not include the rest of us. My husband thinks it's because she can't afford dinner for all of us, but I think she should then just order a pizza and have us to her house. This is the third or fourth time she has invited him to dinner without including us, and I am hurt that I am excluded. Should I not take this personally?

— LEFT OUT ON THE LEFT COAST

DEAR LEFT OUT: If his mother wants alone time with her son, she could invite him to join her for lunch that day so they could talk privately. As it stands, I agree, you are being excluded, and I'm curious about why your husband would go along with it.

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

- Bicycle part
- Feudal tenant
- Powerful raptors
- Dream of
- Low-budget film
- Marsh vapor
- Holm of "Alien"
- Pie container
- Affirmative
- Psyche components
- Maybes
- Brooch
- Attacker
- Hits the horn
- Showed the way
- Foul up
- 1950s record
- Slur together
- Prince Val's son
- Raw metal
- Headache remedy
- Type of microscope
- Brink
- Continent divider
- Dutch airline
- Rested
- Twist the truth
- Make inquiry
- Video-store section
- Came closer
- Seer
- C to C,
- Boot uppers
- Ate on the run
- Giggle (hyph.)

DOWN

- Duck's foot
- Green eggs' mate
- Arrogance
- Tupelo phenom
- Carrie's "Star Wars" role
- Great Wall
- locale
- Floppy-eared pooch
- Family nickname
- Body part
- and Perrins (steak sauce)
- Prom honoree
- Returns
- Chicory
- Wreck, as a train
- Bogart's topper
- Polttergeist
- Entreaty
- Intuit
- Rhine port
- Appear to be
- Patois
- Parmesan cousin
- Entered data
- Aquarium denizen
- Doing nothing
- Religious faction
- Ear of corn
- El Dorado loot
- de mer
- Bleachers cry
- Twilight, to a poet
- Kiki or Joey

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ZEN	STOP	VIE
OVA	OAFS	WICK
NETS	SURFS	ACHE
ENTERS	TAD	
STYLE	SEAL	
	DRENCH	MIR
RENO	DOE	DOSE
ALUM	GEL	ERAS
PAD	FELLED	
NEIL	MULES	
	LOU	DOCILE
CLUE	PRATTLED	
EONS	DOZE	ANA
ECHO	ODES	CAN

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