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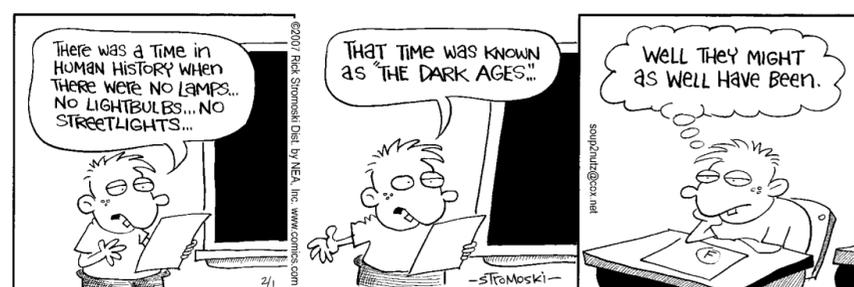
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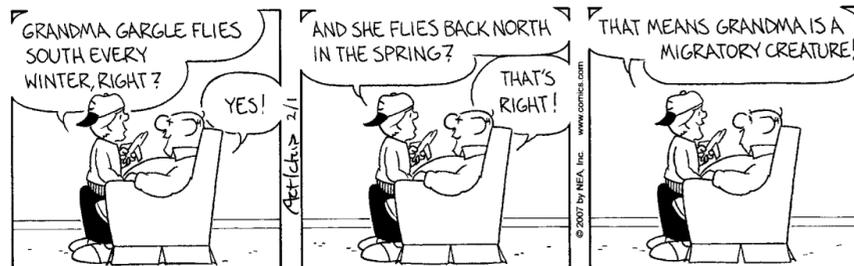
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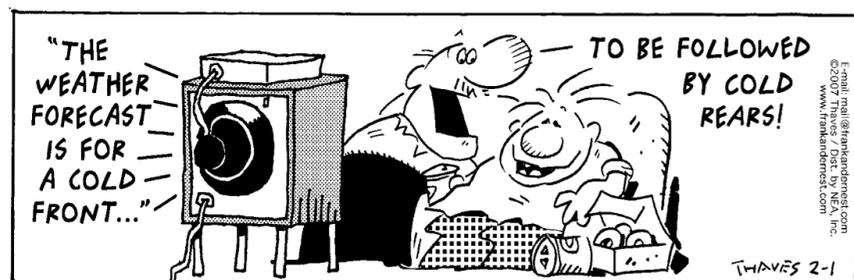
SOUP TO NUTS



THE BORN LOSER



FRANK AND ERNEST



ARLO AND JANIS



DILBERT



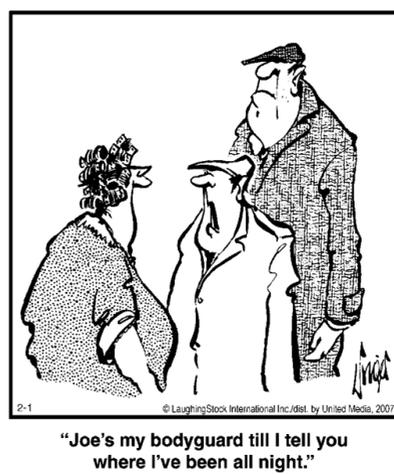
REALITY CHECK



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



HERMAN



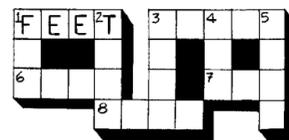
KidSpot by Dick Rogers

This crossword contains words that sound the same as the clues. Words like blue and blew are called *homonyms*. They sound alike but have different meanings. We did the first one for you.



Across:
1. Feat 3. Bored
6. Reel 7. Tee
8. Urn

Down:
1. Four 2. Tail
3. Bare 4. Aunt
5. Deer

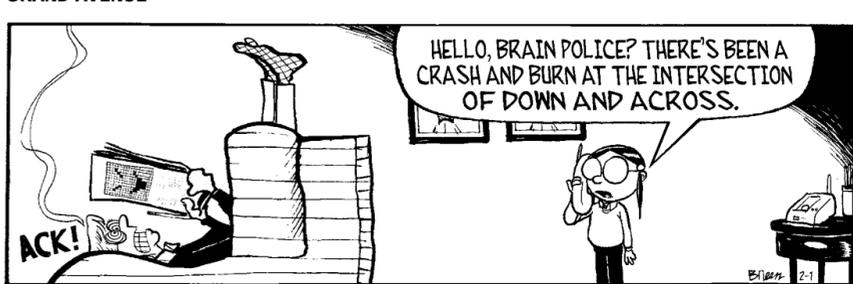


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GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:
Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007

In the year ahead, you are likely to make several interesting alliances with a number of people you'll meet socially. Although the prime engagement will be one of friendship, their impact will touch other areas of your life as well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Judgments regarding that which affects you personally should be decided solely by you. Take care not to put yourself in a position that enables another to make decisions for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
There are indications that conditions will make your workload a bit heavier than usual in the next few days. Your load can be lightened if you use your smarts and not just your back.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
If you're forced to take a back seat when you cross paths with a dominating personality, don't try to fight for center stage. When hogging the scene, he or she will take nothing but boos.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
It will be impossible for a ticklish family issue to be resolved at this time, especially if everyone is not given the opportunity to express his or her feelings. Only when all are heard can headway be made.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Expect a plan of yours to be diametrically opposed by others, especially if your agenda is presented in a self-serving manner. The more important it is to you, the more diplomatic you must be.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

When it comes to any business dealings you have where money is involved, insist upon a complete disclosure of all relevant facts before making a decision. Don't proceed without them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
If you are too indecisive, it will definitely impede your progress. No matter how burdensome, face up to difficult decisions and be brave enough to take the appropriate action.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Stop and think before taking actions, or chances are the problems with which you'll have to face will be of your own making. Don't do anything silly and try to blame others for it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
You're fortunate in that you have lots of friends, so stick to pals who like you. There's no need to impose yourself upon a clique where you're not welcome.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Should you find your ambitious objectives being stymied by another, counter-act it by simply changing your tactics. Showdowns or confrontations will only make matters worse.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
There's a possibility you might waste valuable time trying to do things in the same old manner that has shown to be unworkable. Move forward with the new.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
For the next couple of days, strive to be both penny-wise and pound-conscious when wasteful spending beckons. Think everything through carefully before plunking down any hard funds.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Readers bring out wrath for man who impregnates teen

DEAR ABBY: I am one of your many male readers. Regarding "Betrayed in the Midwest" (Dec. 27), whose fiance, "Reid," impregnated her younger sister, "Lindy," there are at least two major issues that the writer should consider about this man.

No. 1: He's an adult who had sex with a minor. In all states that I know of, this is a crime, reportable to Child Protective Services and to the law, and it's punishable. It amounts to statutory rape. Reid is the guilty party here. Lindy is a victim and should not feel punished in any way.

No. 2: Reid had unprotected sex with Lindy, which means he disregarded the health and safety of not only the girl, but also his fiance and himself. With whom else is he sexually active? Who knows what risks he has exposed all of them to?

Your advice to "Betrayed" was right on. She needs to distance herself and her sister from him as far as possible, as soon as possible. I hope that she'll continue to care for her sister, who obviously needs good parenting and role modeling. I hope she also realizes that the child of this situation is innocent and needs care as well.

— CONCERNED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, PHOENIX

DEAR CONCERNED: Many readers were up in arms after reading that letter. They wrote and e-mailed to say that Reid belongs in jail as a pedophile. However, the age of consent is not the same in every state, and in the state where "Betrayed" lives, it is 16. (Lindy is 17.) Therefore, although Reid is a manipulative jerk with no conscience, he is not a "child molester." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: From the sound of it, Lindy is probably just a lonely, orphaned child looking for some attention. Reid is a user, and neither woman needs him in her life. You failed to point out that a man who has been "carried financially" by someone is not "well off," nor does age equal maturity. Lindy is probably on her own if she chooses to raise a baby with him.

If she cares about her sister, "Betrayed" should dump Reid and have a frank discussion with the girl about alternatives to raising the baby herself.

— ELIZABETH IN UPPER DARBY, PA.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Large fishhooks
 - 6 Subatomic particle
 - 11 Perfect
 - 12 Municipal
 - 13 Fig-filled treat
 - 15 Hour unit
 - 16 Bristled with
 - 18 Mao — tung
 - 19 Bullfight cheer
 - 21 Pasture sound
 - 22 Devastate
 - 23 Tiny stream
 - 25 — Dawn Chong
 - 28 On pins and needles
 - 30 Strong alkali
 - 31 Goofy
 - 32 Bartender's rocks
 - 33 Affix
 - 35 Astronomer
 - 37 "The", to Wolfgang
 - 38 Simply
- DOWN**
- 1 Win at rummy
 - 2 Lemon cooler
 - 3 Small number
 - 4 Beefs up, as livestock
 - 5 Wild plum
 - 6 Tobacco chew
 - 7 Vase
 - 8 Lean against
 - 9 Wharf denizens

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