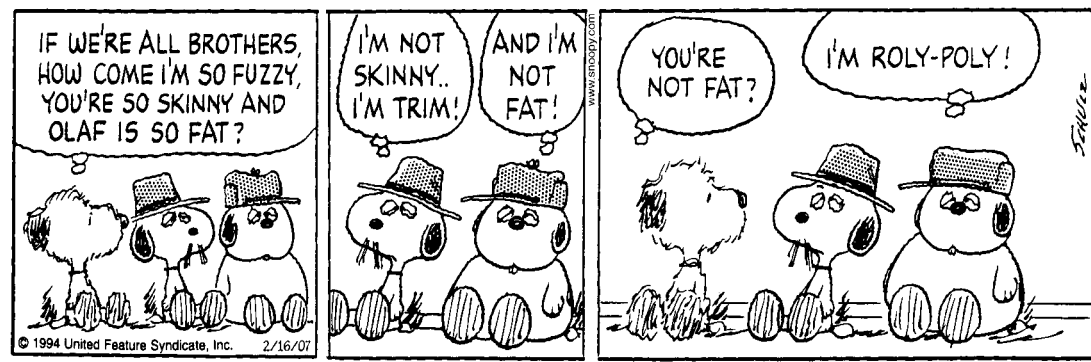


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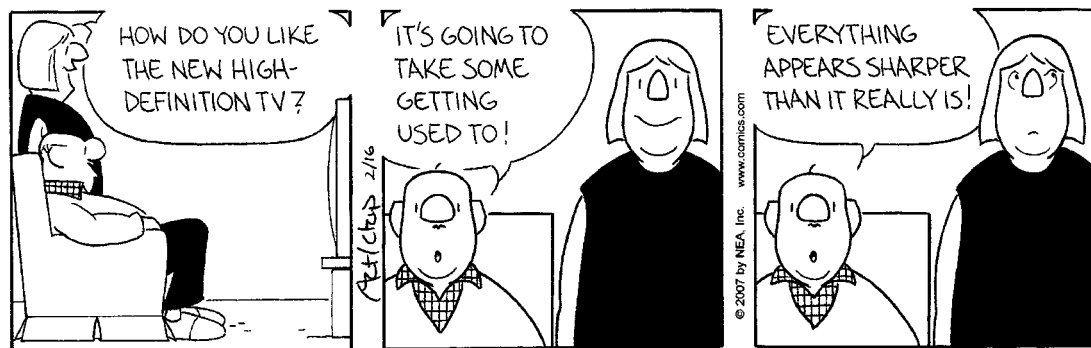
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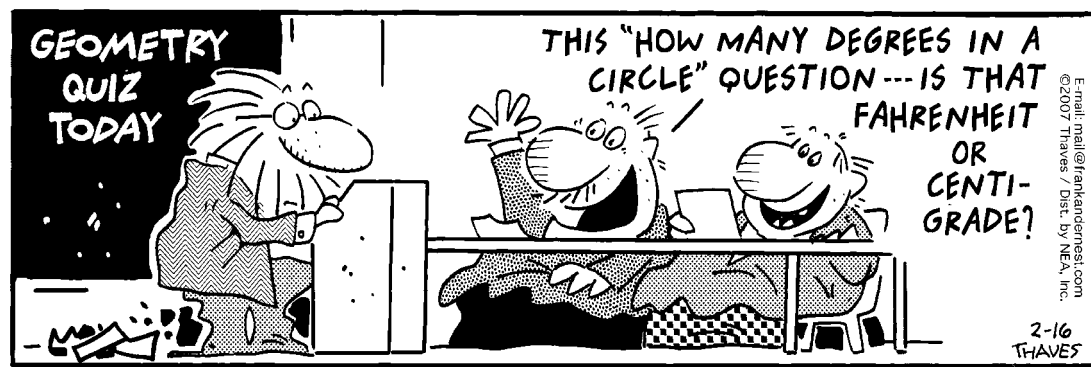
SOUP TO NUTS



THE BORN LOSER



FRANK AND ERNEST



ARLO AND JANIS



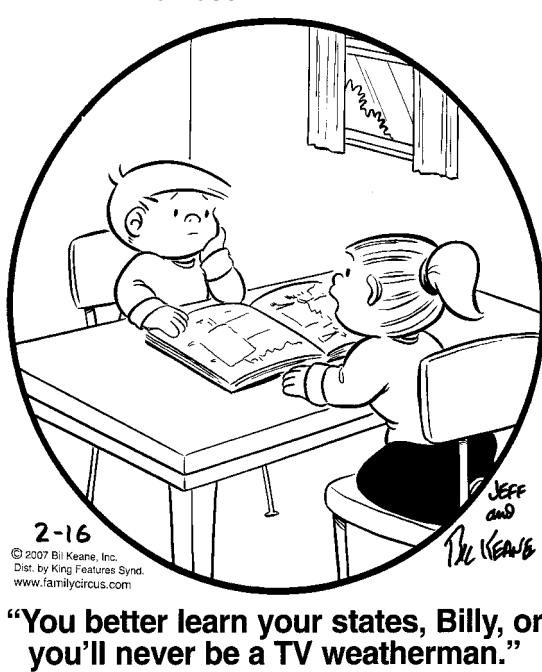
DILBERT



REALITY CHECK



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

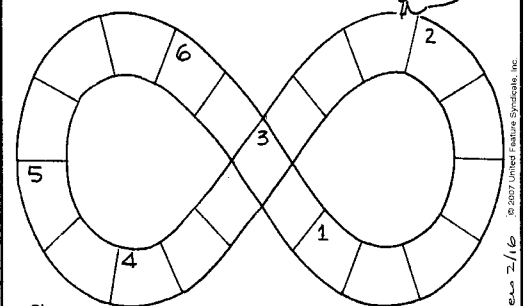


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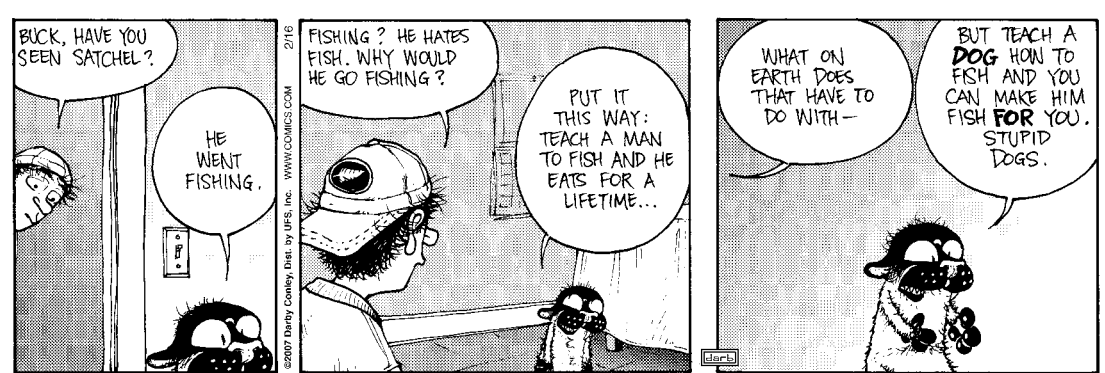
KidSpot™ by Dick Rogers

Word chain
The last letter of each word in this word chain becomes the first letter of the next word.



- Clues:
1. Green parts of a tree. 2. What goes up a chimney.
3. Opposite of difficult. 4. Opposite of no.
5. Heavenly twinklers. 6. Snail's house.

GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:

Friday, Feb. 16, 2007

Any important alterations you orchestrate yourself should turn out as well as you anticipate, provided they were well thought out and researched for the good they might provide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Should you get involved with a companion who dislikes someone you like, don't allow this individual's actions to cause your friend to start thinking you're at the bottom of this. Speak up.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Guard against a tendency to turn things that would normally afford you much pleasure into a tedious time. Life is problematical enough without you making things tougher on yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Should some company politics come into play and get you tapped into doing an assignment that a fellow worker has been dodging, instead of resisting, use it to feather your own nest.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Lady Luck will play an important role in your affairs, but only if you know her input will be limited. If you don't do your share, what she does for you will count for little.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Individuals who hold limited views could rub you the wrong way. However, instead of letting their lack of knowledge disturb you, simply avoid discussing issues in depth with them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Strive to keep a cool and logical head

during all your financial dealings. Allowing emotions to govern your transactions will cost you money instead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Before pointing any fingers of blame, check to see if the reason you're not getting all the cooperation you think you deserve is because others feel they're not getting any from you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Although you might be saddled with some responsibilities or duties that are not of your own making, don't become so upset that you make things harder than they need to be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Others may try to put you in the position of taking sides between friends pertaining to a problem that doesn't concern you. If you allow them to do so, it will be your own darn fault.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

If you're smart, you will place blinders on and pretend not to notice the infractions of certain other family members. You can maintain tranquility for yourself by taking this position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Take care not to further complicate a problem of a close friend by voluntarily offering suggestions as to how to handle things. You may not be working with all the facts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Treat warily any investment tips you may get from an "insider." Remember, misery loves company, and there's a chance you might be talked into paying for another's mistakes.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Girls with no place don't find safety with aunt

DEAR ABBY: My sister and I live with our aunt because our mother is in jail and our father is nowhere to be seen. She was the only one willing to take us in. However, she uses drugs and has many criminal types in and out of the apartment.

Some of the guys she brings here sometimes stay awhile and try to make moves on us, and it makes us very uncomfortable. We share a room that doesn't even have a lock on the door, and we are so scared at night we put the dresser against the door before we go to bed when there's somebody here.

We're grateful that our aunt cared enough about us to take us when nobody else would, but it's still a scary situation. What can we do?

— SCARED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR SCARED: You and your sister have my sympathy. For no fault of your own, you have been dealt a difficult hand in life.

Although your aunt's heart may have been in the right place when she took you in, it appears from what you have written that she is neither mature enough nor stable enough to live up to that responsibility. You and your sister deserve to be able to sleep in your beds at night without fear.

I strongly urge you to talk to a trusted teacher at school about your situation. Your well-being could depend upon an intervention.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are the parents of two small children. We have started writing our wills to help plan for our children's future.

I was wondering, would it be appropriate to request that should one or both of us predecease our children, that people donate money to an educational trust for our children in lieu of flowers? I'm wondering if our request would be considered tacky or inappropriate.

— CURIOUS IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CURIOUS: Although the loss of a parent is tragic, I'm reluctant to endorse that kind of request. Please take into consideration that an education costs far more than flowers for a funeral.

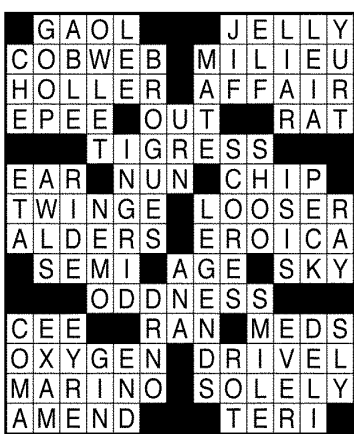
The best way to ensure that your children can complete their education would be to start a college fund for them now and also make sure you have adequate life insurance.

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 Athletic sort
 - 5 Nick or scratch
 - 8 Rapper Moe Dee —
 - 12 Stratford's river
 - 13 Noted Khan
 - 14 Undressed
 - 15 Nor'easter
 - 16 Gear
 - 17 Between ports
 - 18 Hanger-on
 - 20 Conduits
 - 22 Philosopher — tzu
 - 23 Mork's home planet
 - 24 Used hip boots
 - 27 Slick
 - 30 Sharif of the movies
 - 31 Darkness
 - 32 Poultry buy
 - 34 Zero
 - 35 Takes for a ride
 - 36 Soda fountain treat
 - 37 Scripts, mostly Dryad
 - 39 Cry of disgust
 - 41 First space lab
 - 42 Fuss with makeup
 - 44 Tolerate
 - 47 Urgent appeal
 - 48 Sunflower yield
 - 50 Catches cold
 - 52 Fly high
 - 53 Source of iron
 - 54 Money owed
 - 55 Casually
 - 56 Bought
 - 57 Remain
- DOWN**
- 1 Costly British car
 - 2 Almond-shaped
 - 3 Merry king of rhyme
 - 4 Pew adjunct
 - 5 Like Rambo
 - 6 Earlier
 - 7 Old-fashioned toys (2 wds.)
 - 8 Special skills
 - 9 Remove from office
 - 10 Byron's works
 - 11 Grassy expanse
 - 19 Heel
 - 21 Russian range
 - 24 Came out on top
 - 25 In the course of
 - 26 Limp-watch painter
 - 27 Urban threat
 - 28 Hoax
 - 29 Shrink bark
 - 31 Dismiss lightly (hyp.)
 - 33 Extreme degree
 - 35 Shellfish
 - 36 Huge numbers
 - 38 Drone's home
 - 39 Pen point
 - 41 All uncles
 - 42 Tramp along
 - 43 Not phony
 - 45 Low-cal
 - 46 Place of exile
 - 47 Tire pressure meas.
 - 49 401(k) cousin
 - 51 Farm shelter

Answer to Previous Puzzle



NEA Crossword Puzzle

