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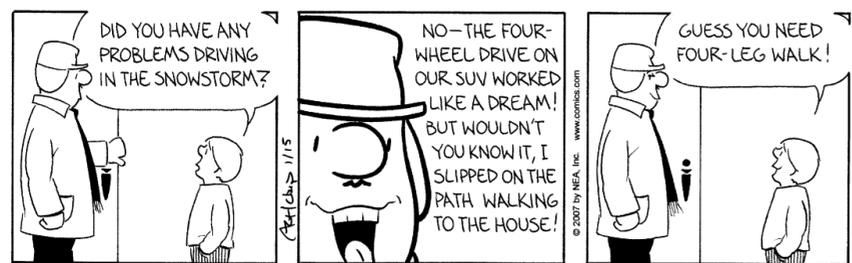
ALLEY OOP



SOUP TO NUTS



THE BORN LOSER



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REALITY CHECK



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



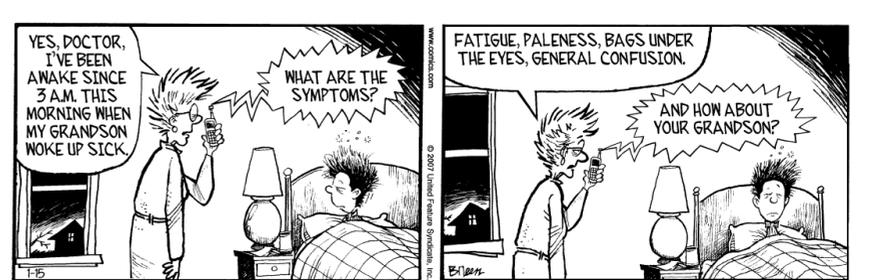
HERMAN



GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday: Monday, Jan. 15, 2007

You might have a beneficial opportunity to put an enterprise together, which will be both enjoyable and profitable, with a couple of trusted allies. It will pertain to something you're familiar with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You could be exceptionally fortunate in material ways from your dealings with an associate who is older or more experienced than you. Don't hesitate to follow his or her lead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

This could be an extremely pleasant day, especially if you take the time to get together with several dear friends who want to meet. You won't be sorry you put other things aside for them.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Objectives you establish for yourself might experience a few bumps in the road, but if you don't let that distract you, your goals are achievable. Keep plugging for what you want.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

If you need a pick-me-up in order to get the week on a roll, engage yourself in something that is mentally stimulating with some associates who are both creative and fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You'll be very effective taking the lead in a situation that is undergoing some unwelcome changes. Knowing how to direct things without ruffling feathers keeps things calm.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Let your heart, coupled with common

sense, be your guide when you have to deal with a situation that needs some tough decision-making. What makes people happy will prove fruitful.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Your efforts will prove to be very gratifying when you not only work hard for yourself but for those for whom you feel responsible. Their appreciation will be sweetness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

One of your more remarkable faculties is the ability to make everyone you deal with on a one-on-one basis feel as if he or she is the most important person in the world. You'll use it well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Although you thoroughly enjoy a variety of pleasurable pursuits, nothing will be more gratifying than spending your time on as many constructive things as possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

The sensitivity you show toward others will win you the respect of your peers. They'll admire the courage and intelligence you display to say what needs to be said without blaming anyone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Fortunate circumstances could unfold in ways that will enable you to take care of a long overdue obligation. It will make you feel as if a giant weight has been lifted off your back.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

This is a good day to rethink a matter that has caused complications to pop up continually. The answers for which you've been searching will take aim at the heart.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Parents' big loan delivers wedding on shoestring

DEAR ABBY: I was married recently, but I am extremely embarrassed about the wedding. My husband and I are recently out of college and have no money. The wedding was done on a shoestring, and it looked it. It was certainly not the fantasy I had envisioned.

We are now trying to buy a house and, coincidentally, using the same mortgage company my parents have used for years. During a chat with our loan officer, she let it slip that "the wedding must have been gorgeous" because my parents took out a huge loan to pay for it.

Well, they didn't pay for anything but the food. It was barbeque and not expensive.

I am hurt that my parents used me as an excuse to get a large loan and didn't even offer to help. I never expected anything from them. I worked my way through college. Now that I'm aware of their lie, I want to talk to them about it. Should I?

—UPSET IN IDAHO

DEAR UPSET: The loan officer was wrong to have revealed confidential information. However, rather than being hurt by the news, perhaps you should be concerned. It's possible your parents took out the loan to help with the wedding but needed the money for some emergency.

By all means discuss it with them, but don't do it with a chip on your shoulder.

DEAR ABBY: I am 23 years old and in the Navy. I am in the medical field, and the chances of my going to Iraq are high. Lately, all I can think about is when I die what song I want my parents to play at my funeral. I have the song already picked out.

My problem is, how do I bring this up to my parents without freaking them out?

—CONFUSED CORPSMAN IN ILLINOIS

DEAR CONFUSED: Write your parents a letter to be opened in the event of your death. In that letter, outline whatever wishes you have regarding your funeral and the disposition of your property. (I am surprised that the subject of a last will has not been raised already by the command of your unit.)

Leave the letter with your attorney, your parents or a trusted friend, to be delivered if you do not return.

P.S. Please do not think negatively. It will only distract you.

KidSpot™ by Dick Rogers

5+4=9

10 ACROSS 2 DOWN

9 DOWN: Opposite of DOWN

4 ACROSS

5 ACROSS

1 ACROSS

6-5=1

6 DOWN: Opposite of NO

7 ACROSS

ACROSS: 1. RACKET, 4. COMB, 5. EYE, 7. OCTOPUS, 10. NINE
DOWN: 1. RACCOON, 2. COMET, 3. TIE, 6. YES, 8. ONE, 9. UP

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Awful
7 Litter member
10 Rhea kin
11 Pasture entrance
13 Hematite
14 Leaf vein
15 — up (buys gas)
16 Sense organ
17 Savings (2 wds.)
19 Kind of role
21 Itty-bitty
22 Da or ja
23 Kitchen herb
26 Tendrils
30 Sign over a door
31 Food steamer
32 Senate response
33 Rapper — Kim
34 Visa and pass-

port
35 Excellent
36 With suspicion
39 Foul-smelling
40 Tibetan ox
41 Coffee dispenser
42 Out-and-out
45 Prophecy
49 Informal wear
50 Seafood servings
52 Caviar
53 — standstill
54 Ms. Bernhardt
55 Motor lodge
56 Border
57 Kyoto cash
58 Harden

DOWN

1 European capital
2 Jacques' girl
3 Names
4 Footlights
5 — Kong
6 Class

7 Sonnet writer
8 Russian range
9 Mademoiselle's dad
11 Type of guitar
12 Banana oil, e.g.

18 Gibe at
20 Devotee's suffix
22 Raucous laughs
23 Actor — Lugosi
24 Graph part
25 Corn tassel
26 Bump or knot
27 College credit
28 Rajah's spouse
29 Gave the once-over
31 Oil-lamp cord
35 Manage for oneself
37 Vote in favor
38 DEA agents
39 Just made
41 Clitified
42 Mountain state
43 Monsieur's pate
44 Dogsled pullers
45 Whittle down
46 Bearded flower
47 Traffic pylon
48 Backpacker's gear
51 Moonbeam

Answer to Previous Puzzle

SPAM OWL OPAL
HOPE RHO ROLE
HOST ROUNDUPS
REEF ODE ROT
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VEE EASY ONYX
ASTERN BRIER
ITALY PAELLA
LASS LIST ELY
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