

**GARFIELD**



**PEANUTS**



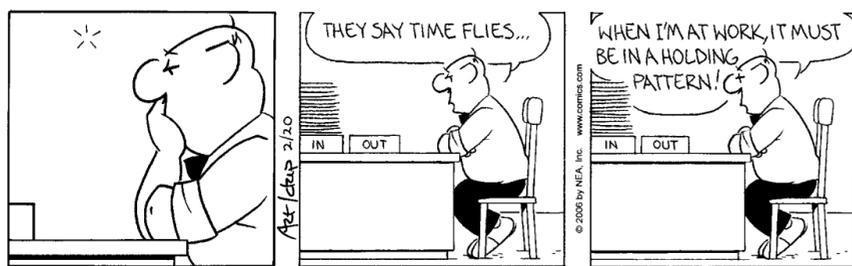
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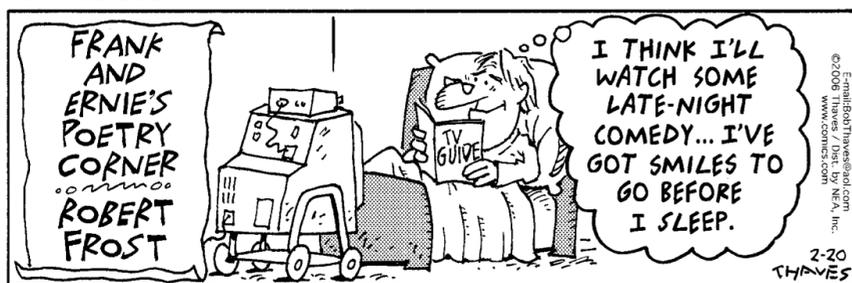
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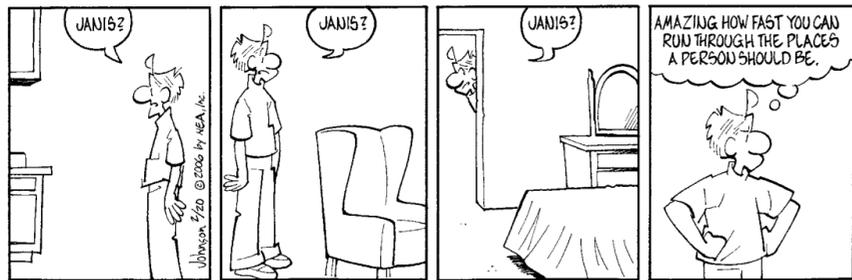
**THE BORN LOSER**



**FRANK AND ERNEST**



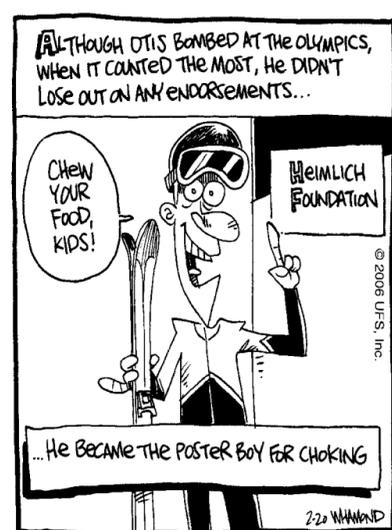
**ARLO AND JANIS**



**DILBERT**



**REALITY CHECK**



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



**HERMAN**



**GET FUZZY**



**GRAND AVENUE**



**ASTROGRAPH**

**Your birthday:**  
**Monday, Feb. 20, 2006**  
 There's a possibility you could become involved in an enterprise in the year ahead with an individual whose talents you admire greatly. You will gain from both intellectually and materially.  
**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**  
 Possibilities for problems to arise on the domestic front today are a bit higher than usual. If some type of incident should occur, remain calm and don't let your temper gain the upper hand.  
**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
 In your haste to get things done today, you could end up running around in circles unless you first take time to organize your activities. Otherwise, you'll have no hope of accomplishing your goals.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
 Be mindful today of saving and filing away your receipts or records of your business or commercial transactions. A failure to do so could result in a problem.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
 Don't let a hotheaded person upset you today and goad you into an ugly confrontation. Arguments won't resolve anything, so walk away and let him/her be the one who looks bad.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
 This could be one of those days to temporarily postpone a distasteful chore you resent doing rather than undertake it with a poor attitude. You'll only mess things up for yourself and others.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 A troublemaking friend could spoil the

fun for everyone today. If you know a character of this ilk, don't include this person in your social arrangements or you'll pay the consequences.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 If the outside world doesn't treat you like royalty today, don't come home and take your anger out on innocent family members. It's not their fault you weren't given the treatment you wanted.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**  
 There's nothing wrong with making suggestions to a friend today, but if you do so just be careful you don't come on too forcefully. Encourage your pal to think, but don't make him or her blink.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**  
 Be wary of a joint venture that places the greater burden on one or the other either physically or financially. It won't work if the load isn't equally distributed and shared by both parties.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**  
 Being self-sufficient is an admirable quality; being self-serving isn't. Guard against carrying your interests to extremes today, especially in situations which call for harmony and teamwork.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
 This is apt to turn out to be a rather demanding day for you. If you do not take proper charge of your responsibilities, they could end up taking charge of you.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)**  
 Spend your leisure time today in the company of people with whom you feel very comfortable and relaxed instead of with those who make you feel you must compete in one-upmanship games.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

**Playing games at day care is taking toll on toddler**

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a 3-year-old daughter who has been going to a home day-care provider since she was an infant. The sitter is wonderful, and I like the way she cares for my daughter. She doesn't speak English very well, but we have been able to communicate through her 12-year-old daughter, "Laurie."  
 The issue that I'm having is with her daughter. Laurie plays with the children a lot when she gets out of school in the afternoons. Lately, my daughter has been telling me that they play school and that Laurie is the "teacher."

My daughter comes home devastated every day because Laurie tells her that she is getting failing grades and pretends to send her to the principal's office.  
 According to my daughter, none of the other kids have to do this. She also says that she has to eat her lunch alone for talking. I don't think the sitter realizes that this is going on. I have tried to talk to Laurie about it, but she denies doing it.  
 I'm afraid this will have a lasting effect on my child when she starts school. I don't want to change sitters, but I don't want to subject my daughter to this kind of behavior either. I need some help here. What should I do?

— MELODY IN HOUSTON  
**DEAR MELODY:** The first thing you should do is find someone who speaks your day-care provider's language to help you to explain to the woman what her daughter has been doing. Your concerns are well-founded. It's possible that Laurie is mirroring what is going on with her at school, and her mother should be made aware of it.  
 Second, please remove your daughter from this home day-care situation and find a licensed and accredited day-care center for her. There are things she should be learning to prepare her for school that she isn't being taught.

A proper preschool education can give your child an important head start. As a responsible parent, it's up to you to see that she gets 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.

**KidSpot™** by Dick Rogers

5 ACROSS: Apple  
 1 DOWN: Shoe  
 2 ACROSS: Ant  
 3 DOWN: Pie  
 6-4= 2  
 7 ACROSS: Ship  
 8 DOWN: Opposite of STOP  
 4 ACROSS: Well  
 9 ACROSS: Egg  
 6 DOWN: Opposite of DRY  
 9 DOWN: Opposite of STOP

ACROSS: 2. ANT, 4. SHIP, 5. PIE, 6. WELL, 7. EGG, 9. TWO  
 DOWN: 1. SHOE, 2. APPLE, 3. TOE, 8. GO

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**ACROSS**

- Flake off
- Seek information
- GPs
- Aloe
- Gaze at
- A Gershwin
- Wearing something
- Artifact
- Pat on
- Hockey gear
- Martial art (2 wds.)
- Fair-hiring abbr.
- Bug repellent
- Opera by Gounod
- Company emblem
- Conditions
- Infrequency
- Acting moody
- Sock filler
- Grabbed a cab

**DOWN**

- Garden hose plastic
- Scaleless fish
- Latin 101 word
- Polite address
- Comparable
- Grassy
- High notes
- Blue or green
- Tabloids "monster"
- Urged on
- TV spots
- Go out with
- College credit
- Funny Charlotte
- By mouth
- Chatty starling
- Soph. and jr.
- Part of LAX
- Alleviate

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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DEDUCE	TAKEN	
	GIN	HISS
MOCHA	SPAN	
URN	LOLA	GRAD
MENU	HOCK	OLD
	LIME	EGYPT
CAYS	QTY	
RUSTS	UTMOST	
RIDS	TAIL	AIR
AMIE	ELLE	FLA
PETS	WIT	SLY

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 7 Oddball  
 8 Gnat  
 9 First version  
 10 "Jungle Book" star

13 Inelegant solution  
 19 Canvas bed  
 21 Light in a tube  
 24 Stretch the truth  
 25 Windhoek's cont.  
 26 Gl aid org.  
 27 Highway division  
 28 URL suffix  
 30 Eliminate  
 31 Plato's H  
 32 Family member  
 33 Mermaid's domain  
 35 Crude metals  
 36 Square dance call (hyph.)  
 39 Jowly canine  
 40 Protein source  
 41 Fragrant wood  
 42 Mountain curves  
 43 Scoundrels  
 44 Not a single one  
 45 Countess's spouse  
 47 New Age singer  
 48 Confused noises  
 51 Eastern philosophy  
 53 — kwon do

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