

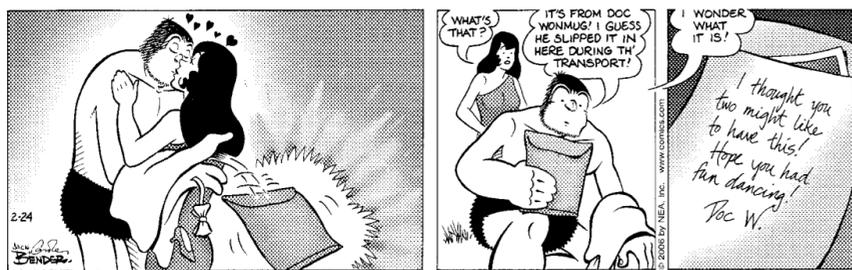
GARFIELD



PEANUTS



ALLEY OOP



SOUP TO NUTS



THE BORN LOSER



FRANK AND ERNEST



ARLO AND JANIS



DILBERT



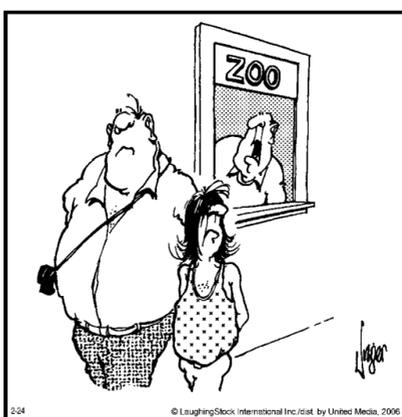
REALITY CHECK



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



HERMAN



"Hang on to your tickets! You may have trouble bringing that kid out."

GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:

Friday, Feb. 24, 2006
Your creativity could reach new heights in the year ahead. Products, systems or ventures which you originate will have Lady Luck's stamp of approval and your audience's acceptance.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Exceptionally pleasant developments are likely today in your involvements with your friends. Your very presence will have an inspirational effect on your contemporaries, as well as events.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Although you may have to contend with self-doubts, you should do well in competitive situations. Once you start, even Lady Luck will jump in and help your cause.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Conditions in general look exceptionally fortunate for you today, especially in matters that you consider to be personally important to you. Think positive and get out there and do your best.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Some bold strokes may be required to further your ambitious interests today, but that shouldn't stop you. Simply take active measures and watch good things start to happen for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Bargains or agreements into which you enter today should prove to be very fortunate. This will be particularly true if you are negotiating with people who are as trustworthy as you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You have the ability to focus your tal-

ents toward profitable ends today, so apply yourself to those ends and realize success. Concentrate on things that are meaningful to you personally.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
That which you are unable to do solely on your own today can be achieved with competent partners. You shouldn't have any trouble finding those who need you as much as you need them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Don't postpone doing those things that you can do now to a later date when the aspects might not be as propitious. You're in a lucky phase today for finalizing matters important to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
You are best equipped today to deal with involvements that challenge your brain rather than your brawn. Don't waste time trying to muscle your way through the maze; use your mind power.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Something quite unexpected but opportune might develop for you today; which could be meaningful to you in financial ways. It should dovetail comfortably into an ongoing situation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
When you expound your ideas to others today, your presentation could go so smoothly you might think they're not listening. However, they'll be spellbound by what you have to say.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
When it comes to your commercial dealings today, for best results keep your thoughts to yourself. Don't let others know what your targets are or how you plan to reach them.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Racy pictures fuel fantasies about friend's husband

DEAR ABBY: I was visiting my friend, "Carla," last week and arrived a little early on our way to go shopping. While I was waiting for her to dress, I noticed some photographs on her kitchen counter. I browsed through them and was shocked to see they were pictures of Carla and her husband, "Cesare," naked, in various positions and stages.

Cesare has always flirted with me. He has even suggested on a couple of occasions that he'd like to take me out. Of course, I deflected his advances.

But now, after seeing these pictures, I am torn. Cesare is extremely manly. My husband is a kind and gentle person, but he has nothing close to what Cesare has to offer.

Now, whenever I see Carla's husband, I flash back to those pictures and can't help fantasizing about what it would be like to be with him. This has begun to affect my sex life with my husband. I know it's wrong, but I can't help it.

Should I tell Carla I saw the pictures? Should I tell her that Cesare has been coming on to me? Help!

— TEMPTED IN CAROLINA

DEAR TEMPTED: I see nothing to be gained by telling your friend you saw the pictures, nor do I think it would help the situation to tell her that her husband has been coming on to you. The fantasy in which you are indulging is a common one, but let's get real here: not all daydreams make for a pleasant reality.

My advice is to snap out of it and find something else to occupy your mind, because from my perspective, it seems you have too much time on your hands.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 10 years recently left me for another woman. My mother-in-law e-mailed me today telling me to return all of the gifts given to us for anniversaries and Christmas for the past 10 years. I am hurt beyond words.

What would be the best way to respond to her e-mails?

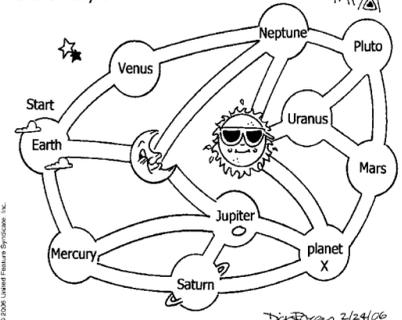
— STEWING IN SEATTLE

DEAR STEWING: There are times when silence speaks volumes. The strongest message you could send this woman would be to ignore her outrageous e-mail.

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

Mars landing
Can you find your way from Earth to Mars through this solar maze? You must pass through all the heavenly bodies, but you can't land on any one more than once.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Catcalls
 - 5 Not many
 - 8 DJ's supply
 - 11 Imposing on
 - 13 Ms. Thurman
 - 14 Punch
 - 15 Draft animals
 - 16 Container
 - 17 Jacket feature
 - 18 Autobahn vehicle
 - 20 Wading bird
 - 22 Mystic of India
 - 24 Sharp — tack
 - 25 Riled up
 - 26 Greenish-blue
 - 28 Auction
 - 32 Environmental prefix
 - 33 Bag
 - 34 Survey chart
 - 35 Fly catchers
 - 37 Hoover Dam lake
 - 39 Mexican gold
 - 40 Quell
 - 41 Nobel Prize city
 - 42 Sister
 - 43 40-cup brewer
 - 45 Campaign issue
 - 47 Projection
 - 50 Baroness Karen
 - 51 Bungle
 - 52 Sellout notice
 - 54 Peace goddess
 - 58 Psyche component
 - 59 Many years
 - 60 Winning margins
 - 61 Token amount
 - 62 NFL stats
 - 63 Cathedral part
- DOWN**
- 1 Cadge
 - 2 Buckeye campus
 - 3 Mideast export
 - 4 Skulk around
 - 5 Japan's highest peak
 - 6 Non-flying bird
 - 7 Worker's pay
 - 8 Burn slightly
 - 9 Dreadful
 - 10 Bill, briefly
 - 12 NASA outfits (hyph.)
 - 19 "You wish!" (2 wds.)
 - 21 Pant
 - 22 Gem surface
 - 23 Taos dwelling
 - 24 Lime and potash
 - 25 Pet pleas
 - 27 Queen beaters
 - 29 Tag — with
 - 30 Cowboy star Lash
 - 31 Bond's alma mater
 - 36 Self-satisfied
 - 38 Realm
 - 44 PC button
 - 46 Tire center
 - 47 Sediment
 - 48 Thus
 - 49 Stop dating
 - 50 Charged particles
 - 53 Closet need
 - 55 That muchacha
 - 56 Carson City loc.
 - 57 Wind dir.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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