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PEANUTS



ALLEY OOP



SOUP TO NUTS



THE BORN LOSER



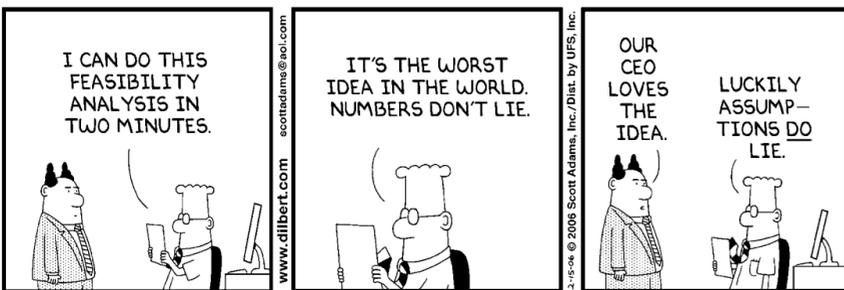
FRANK AND ERNEST



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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

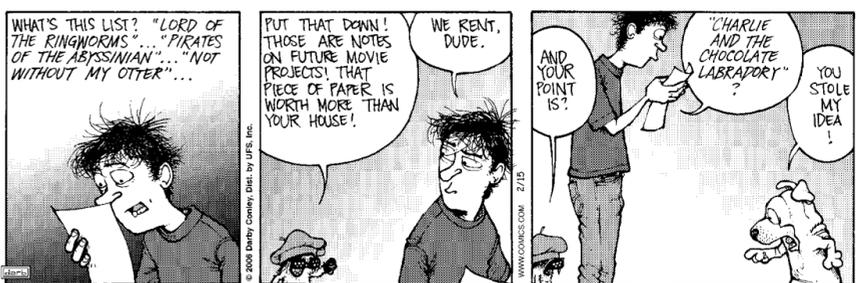


HERMAN



"So what happened when you called him an idiot?"

GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday: Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006

In the year ahead, events may occur that'll get you to realize that you are not as beholden to others for your success or happiness as you previously believed. By becoming more self-assured, new vistas will begin to open for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

There's a chance your partner could be a bit more temperamental than usual today, so if you're smart you'll be prepared to handle him/her with all the charm and tact that you can muster.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

As sometimes happens, things could appear much harder today than they actually are. Strive to conquer these mental obstacles by replacing them with positive, happy thoughts.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Do not permit any selfish or ulterior motives that occur to you today to dominate your actions. Act from a kind heart and you'll end up being the winner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

It's OK not to be in a domestic frame of mind today; you don't have to defend it. Rather than mope around and make waves, plan to do something out of the house with some friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

There's a possibility that you may mis-read the intentions or plays of others today. Be careful that you aren't too glib, because someone sly might attempt to take advantage of your naivete.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Avoid groups today who you know

measure one's worth by the size of a person's bank account. Rather than be subjected to their arrogance, select friends who like you just for yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Do not rely too heavily upon your wit, charm and good looks to get you by in the business world today, because a lot more will be demanded of you. You'll have to display some real effort.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Most of your problems today are apt to be the creations of your own fertile imagination and sour outlook. Negative thoughts will only produce negative results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Appreciate your friends today for who they are and not for what they have to offer. Don't select to be with only those whom you think can grant you special favors or bail you out. They won't.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Treat everyone with whom you come in contact with equal graciousness and politeness today or you could ignore someone who has real value to offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

You'll have no trouble being cordial to people who don't make demands of you, but not if you encounter one in need. You won't look too well in the eyes of others if you are uncaring.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Although it looks like Cupid could be your ally today, don't expect the same treatment in the commercial world. If you're smart you'll put all your chips on romance, not business.

KidSpot™ by Dick Rogers

Before and after
What word will fit between the two words to make a new word before it and a word after?
(Example: Coffee **BREAK** fast)

- Copy _____ fish
- Blue _____ cage
- Spelling _____ hive
- Star _____ bowl
- Base _____ room

ANS: 1. CAT 2. BIRD 3. BEE 4. FISH 5. BALL



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Woman reluctant to reveal details of mom's death

DEAR ABBY: My mother was murdered by a serial killer about 16 years ago. Whenever the subject of parents comes up at work, I don't know what to tell people when they ask about my mom. I am 26. Once in a while, they will ask me about what happened to her, but when I open my mouth to say something, I get nervous and start blushing. This might be because I know people get uncomfortable when you talk about stuff like this. I also feel weird telling them that my mother was a prostitute and that's how she was murdered. Sometimes I say she was in an accident, but that's a lie.

Can you give me any advice on the proper way to discuss this in the office without it being weird for me or the other person?
— MOTHERLESS DAUGHTER IN WASHINGTON

DEAR MOTHERLESS DAUGHTER: The fact that you become nervous when trying to discuss what happened to your mother means, to me, that you are still traumatized by the circumstances of her death.

When someone asks about your mother, it's not necessary to give chapter and verse unless you want to. Tell the person your mother passed away many years ago, which is true. If you are pressed for details, say that the topic is painful and change the subject. You are under no social obligation to bare your soul to anyone.

DEAR ABBY: I am getting married in May. I want to wear my wedding gown to the airport and on the plane. Is this common? Is it proper? Please let me know.
— BRIDE-TO-BE, TERRE HAUTE, IND.

DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: There is no law against it, but I would recommend against wearing your bridal gown to the airport because the idea is impractical. Airport floors are dirty and could soil the gown. A trip up or down an escalator could tear the hem. The compulsory security screening could also create a problem, and so would the seating on the aircraft.

It would be much better to do what brides traditionally do: After the reception, change into comfortable traveling clothes and leave your wedding gown at home.

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

- Vast expanse
- Make restitution
- Port city
- Looked happy
- Familiar threat (2 wds.)
- White herons
- Slangy affirmative
- Chinese "way"
- Put away
- "The Body" Ventura
- Babysitter's bane
- Mongrel
- Acorn dropper
- Bright object
- Hot water
- spumante
- Monogram pt.
- Student's pads
- Weakness
- 201, to Claudius
- Orchestra leader — Baxter
- Banned DDT

DOWN

- Cry of discovery
- Wheels
- Previously
- With competence
- Rhinoplasty (2 wds.)
- Pond growth runner
- Have debts
- After taxes
- MS readers
- Abolish

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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