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PEANUTS



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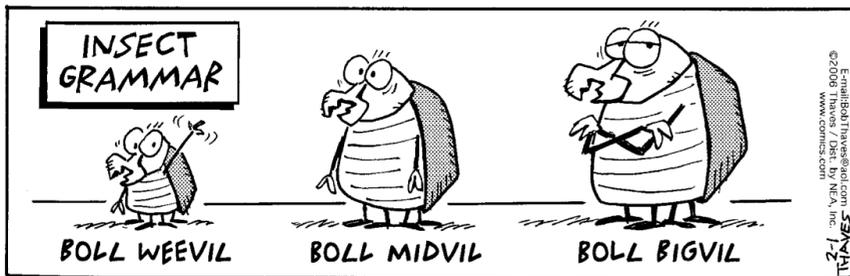
SOUP TO NUTS



THE BORN LOSER



FRANK AND ERNEST



ARLO AND JANIS



DILBERT



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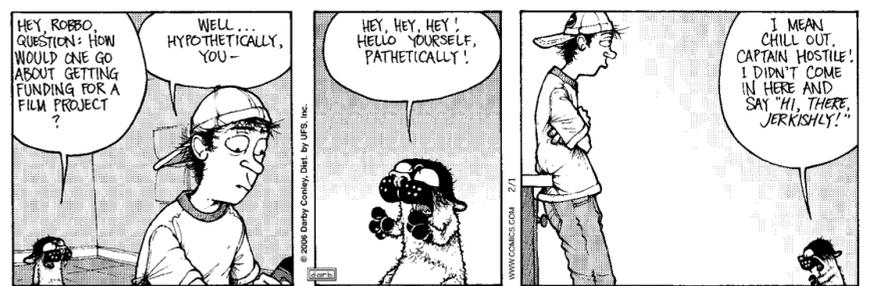
THE FAMILY CIRCUS



HERMAN



GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006

Relationships should take on new meaning for you in the year ahead. A number of new associations can be formed through your outgoing nature if you're willing to give more of yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Friends will comply with your wishes today, but only to a limited degree. If you become too dictatorial or demanding, even those persons who have been supportive will work against you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Your hunches could provide you with valuable insights, but the trick is to be able to monitor and distinguish between what are positive impulses and which ones are merely wishful thinking.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Chances are, if you pay a lot of money today to have a good time, you won't be entertained. Conversely, activities that are free or inexpensive could be a lot of fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

It's admirable to be independent and have strong self-identification, but don't go to such foolish lengths today to think you have to prove your points. Victories of this ilk will have a hollow ring.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Although your mind may be keen and your intentions good, there is a strong possibility today that you might do or say something thoughtless, which could hurt a sensitive friend's feelings.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Being willing to share what you have

today will encourage those people with whom you're involved to do likewise. Hold back, and it's your loss. Be giving and you'll come out a winner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

As always, your companions will be far more at ease with you if you are thoughtful and gentle today. Being aggressive could embarrass you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

When operating with your highest standards, you can never go wrong in whatever you do. Yet, for reasons known only to you, you may slip a bit today and cause complications for yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Social conditions should be to be liking today, but you might not feel too happy about the financial arrangements involved and make a stink about them. Don't be cheap or stingy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

There is a delicate balance that must be maintained in your commercial affairs today or conditions could force you out of a favorable position and into a negative one. Remain neutral.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

No matter how hard you try today, you'll find it may be impossible to please everyone with whom you'll have dealings. Getting upset over it will only make matters worse. Stay calm.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your possibilities for personal gain continue to look encouraging again today. However, if what you get is less than you had hoped or expected, it could leave you extremely unhappy.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Smart people look for love in more of the right places

DEAR READERS: As promised, today I'm printing my own tried-and-true list of how to meet a potential mate. Because some of my suggestions have already been offered by others, I'm abbreviating this list.

Read on: Simply put, decent people are found where decent people gather. Enroll in an adult education class, take a class in auto mechanics, welding, computer training, sailing, navigation or golf.

Volunteer your services. There are plenty of underprivileged, disabled, elderly and teens who could use a friend. Get involved with your church or a civic organization. Join a political party and volunteer to help at a polling station. Join a professional organization: Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, manufacturing organization or any organization having to do with your profession.

Take dancing lessons: square dancing, line dancing, ballroom or salsa. Take up fishing or hiking or join a gym or health club. Do some entertaining and ask your friends to bring along a friend. If you have children, join Parents Without Partners.

You may not meet "The One" right away, but you'll make new friends, and one of them may have a friend who's perfect for you.

DEAR ABBY: I was sitting with a friend today, and we began talking about the rising gas prices. After a few minutes she said, "Why don't Americans do what they do in Europe?"

I asked her what that was, and she told me that Europeans take a regular day off from driving, which not only saves gas but also brings families closer together. What an excellent idea for people here in the United States.

I think it is a simple solution to a growing problem and could make a huge difference.

— JIM H., NAPLES, FLA. DEAR JIM H.: I agree. When people are determined enough, anything is possible. We may not be able to control gas prices, but we can decide how we want to spend our money.

For those who need to economize, walking, riding bicycles, ride-sharing and public transportation are sensible solutions.

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 Free rides
6 - over (fainted)
12 Peanut
14 Fudgy
15 Grand Tour site
16 Satirical, maybe
17 Extreme degree
18 Law, to Caesar
19 Yon maiden
21 Cyberspace letters
23 Those elected
26 - chi
27 Consumer protection org.
28 Bumps into
30 Elev.
31 GI hangout
32 Famous racetrack
33 Gave as an example
35 Business mag
37 Overtime reason
38 Roast cookers
39 Family nickname
40 Pretend
41 Rocket trajectory
42 RR terminal
43 Sounds of hesitation
44 Qty.
46 St. Louis time
48 Cruise stop
51 Breathe
55 Have plans
56 Reunion attendees
57 Choir members
58 Bear down

DOWN

- 1 Not sm. or med.
2 Debt memo
3 Gift-tag word
4 Juicy steak (hyph.)
5 Fall mo.
6 Whale's diet
7 Dublin's land
8 Glues
9 Hosp. employee
10 Inventor - Whitney
11 Calendar abbr.
13 Fixes up
19 Digestive fluid
20 Bat swinger
22 Orchestra member
24 Honey source
25 Zeno followers
26 Kind of salad
27 Leafs out
28 PC alternatives
29 Proofer's word
34 Puts in a box
36 Vitamin B component
42 Small earrings
43 Knockout gas
45 Rider's handhold
47 Fabric sample
48 Robin's beak
49 Wheel buy (2 wds.)
50 City res.
52 Excellent
53 Guitarist - Paul
54 Slalom run

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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