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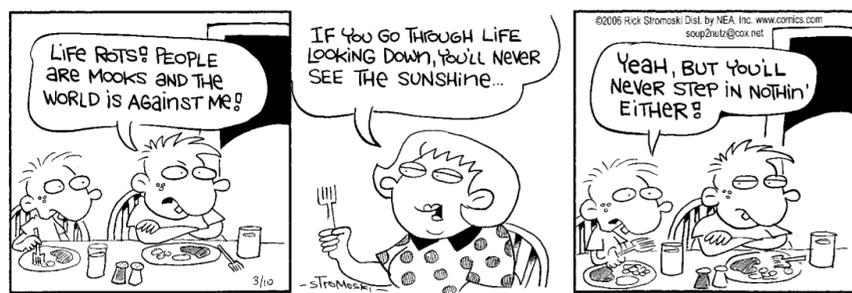
PEANUTS



ALLEY OOP



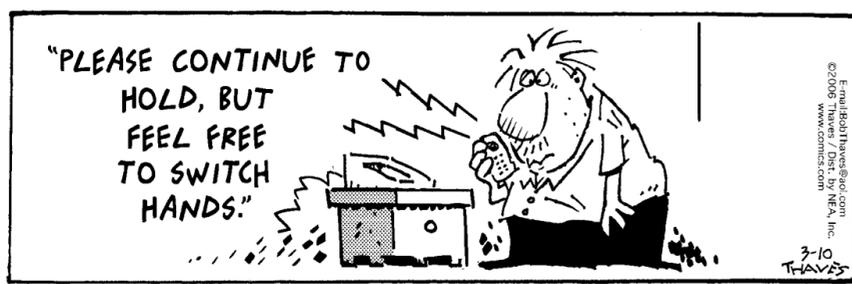
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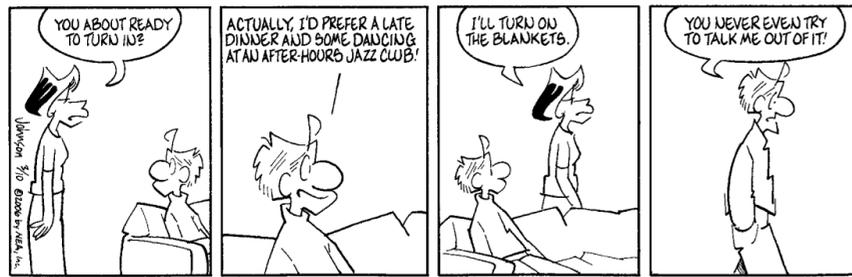
THE BORN LOSER



FRANK AND ERNEST



ARLO AND JANIS



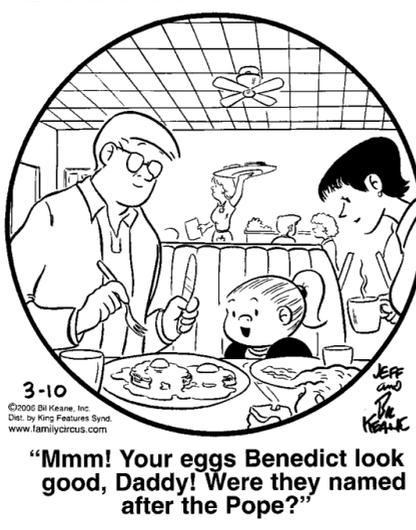
DILBERT



REALITY CHECK



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



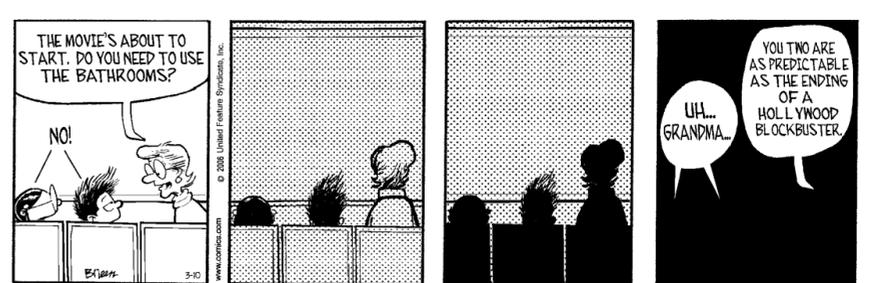
HERMAN



GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:

Friday, March 10, 2006

Even if you are rather shy about it, utilize your imagination and creativity to the fullest in the year ahead. These attributes will enable you to pull off something grand, which will benefit your life.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

An important objective can be achieved today. But you might find out, much to your chagrin, you can do so only if you clear up a number of small, distasteful tasks you've been avoiding. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that are governing you this year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

A strong desire for something you want immediately could cause you to behave in ways you normally wouldn't and bring additional problems down the line.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

If others don't do things exactly as you would like them today, don't lose your temper and attempt to force them into compliance. Intimidating or browbeating will make matters worse.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Someone you have treated generously may reciprocate in a stingy fashion today. Don't let this person's behavior determine the standards you now set when dealing with others who need help.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You may have to negotiate a delicate matter today with someone who isn't too ethical. Be smart enough not to let his or her glib talk make you ignore what you can see with your own eyes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Serious matters should not be treated in a lighthearted fashion today. If you do, your behavior could cost you the respect of someone who now admires you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Something you agreed to do for another might turn out to be far more difficult than you had anticipated. Nevertheless, honor your commitment. If you don't, you'll look bad.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

A channel that you usually can count on may be closed today. Don't waste time trying to break down the door. Instead, look for other routes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Someone whose assistance you've been counting on may let you down big time today. However, if you plug along on your own, you'll discover you didn't need this person's help in the first place.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

If pure laziness is the reason you fail to finish your assignments, those depending on you will be unforgiving. Make an effort, and do what you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

An acquaintance you think is great might disappoint you today, but loved ones won't. This can prove to be an important lesson about where your loyalties should lie in the future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Guard against tendencies to reward the undeserving while ignoring someone to whom you truly should be indebted, just because he or she isn't listed among those who are socially popular.

KidSpot™ by Dick Rogers

March on!

Use the clues to fill in the definitions. Then write the numbered letters in the puzzle's matching number boxes below.

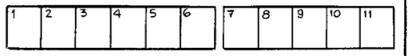


In baseball, a hit ball that flies high.

Finger jewelry.

What the boy is flying.

March winds, to children's delight, brings forth



ANS: FLYING KITES



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Man sheds too much light on morning routine

DEAR ABBY: My 53-year-old husband insists on raising the window shade and turning on the light when he takes a bath and when he washes up in the morning. He strips naked to brush his teeth and wash his face while standing 4 feet from the window. I have asked him not to do it because I don't think it's appropriate. I have told him he will be regarded as the weird old man in the neighborhood. When I told him the situation bothered me, he stopped for a few weeks. Now he's at it again. How do I get him to stop?

— WANTS LESS SOUTHERN EXPOSURE IN MINNESOTA

DEAR WANTS LESS: That you told him it bothered you and he felt compelled to start again indicates to me that he gets a thrill out of exposing himself in situations where he could get caught.

Because he's in his own home, I don't think he's breaking any laws. However, rather than argue over it, I have a suggestion: Contact a window company and have the bottom half of the bathroom window "frosted." That way, your husband can parade around the way nature made him, and if anyone happens by, there won't be any embarrassment.

DEAR ABBY: I run a small daycare business out of my house. One of my friends wants me to start watching her daughter, "Sierra," who will turn 6 this summer.

The problem is Sierra is terrified of animals, and we have a dog, three cats and a guinea pig. Sierra refuses to get out of the car and stand in my yard. I think they should find daycare elsewhere. They keep insisting she will be fine.

I think it's cruel and insensitive of them to expect Sierra to get over it just like that. I have asked them to start asking Sierra to get out of the car and slowly work her way up to coming in before summer starts, but they just laugh and shrug it off. Please help me.

— "MARY POPPINS" IN KENTUCKY

DEAR MARY P: Because your concerns are realistic, tell your friends that you have instituted an entrance exam. Unless they can prove to you that their daughter can get out of the car, enter your house and interact with the other children, you cannot accept her.

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 Buddhist practice
- 4 Creative works
- 8 Fleetwood —
- 11 Honda rival
- 12 Rangy
- 13 "I" trouble
- 14 Chowder morsel
- 15 Lo-cal
- 16 Not just mine
- 17 Fall headlong
- 19 Dazzled
- 21 Wager
- 22 Zodiac sign
- 23 Late bloomer
- 26 Dry red wine
- 29 Court evidence, maybe
- 30 "The Wanderer" singer
- 32 Unseen emanation
- 34 Type of luck
- 36 Garden dweller
- 38 It may be tidy
- 39 Rock shop curiosities
- 41 Eight voices
- 43 Face the target
- 44 Swimming pool tester
- 45 Self-confidence
- 48 Acrobat
- 52 Soph. and jr.
- 53 Immerse
- 55 Popular salad
- 56 Rear-end
- 57 Sea eagle
- 58 Collar or jacket
- 59 Metro RRs
- 60 Table props
- 61 Take at gunpoint

DOWN

- 1 Language with clicks
- 2 Holland export
- 3 Agile
- 4 Dumpster locale
- 5 Foray
- 6 Dynamite's kin
- 7 Kebab holder
- 8 Comment from Tabby
- 9 Shivery feeling
- 10 Twine
- 11 False front
- 18 Animal fat
- 20 Oop's girlfriend
- 22 Actress — Olin
- 23 Extend
- 24 Tucked in
- 25 Not exciting
- 26 Dairy sounds
- 27 Eject
- 28 Actual
- 31 Object
- 33 Check fig.
- 35 Light wraps
- 37 Adverse fate
- 40 Fuel for big rigs
- 42 Nucleus
- 44 Youngsters
- 45 Ceremonial fire
- 46 Like some exams
- 47 Doctrines
- 48 Ring
- 49 Parking lot sight
- 50 Haughty type
- 51 Make leather
- 54 Unrefined metal

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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