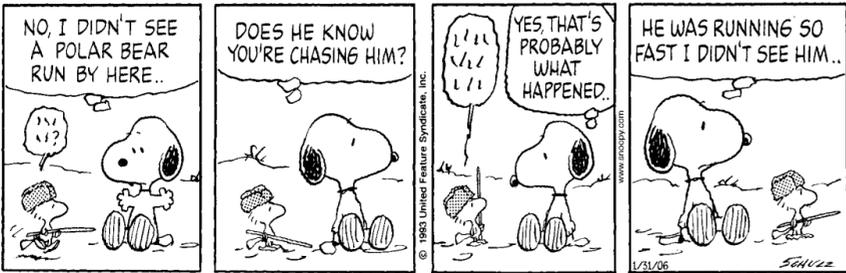


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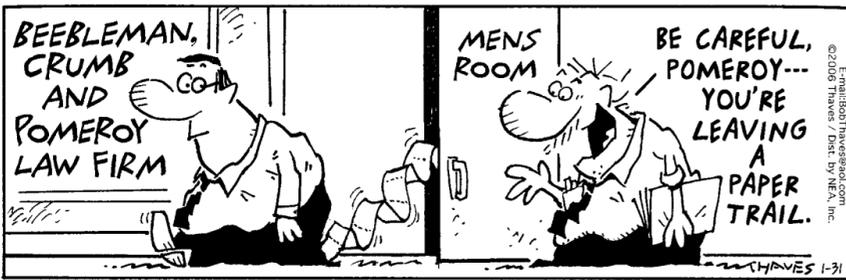
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THE BORN LOSER



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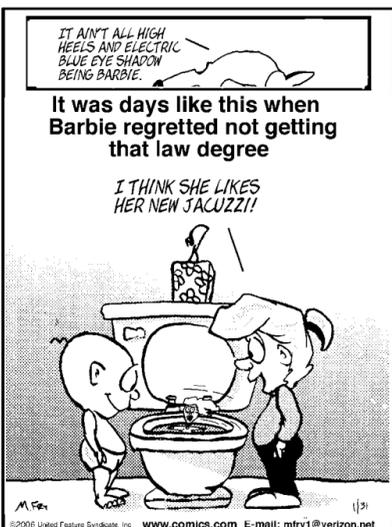
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

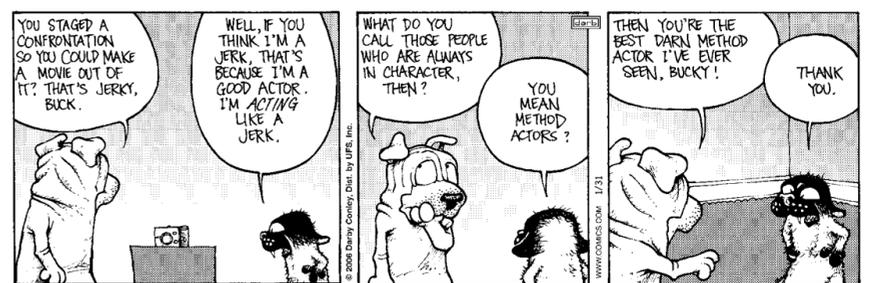


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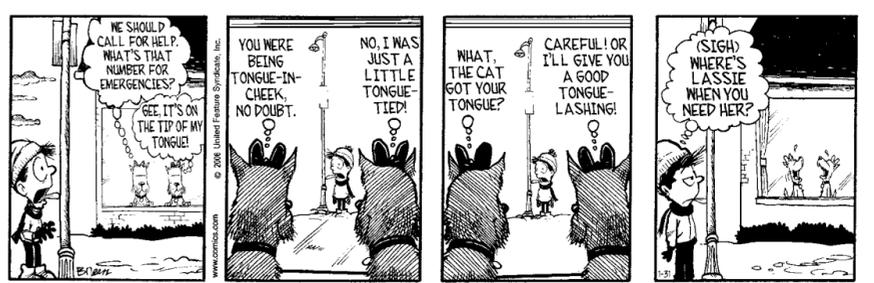


"If this marriage is going to work, you're going to have to learn to control your temper."

GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:
Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006

Long-term improvements in your basic lifestyle can be achieved in the year ahead if you apply yourself toward those ends. Once Lady Luck sees what you're doing, she'll jump in and help fulfill your large goals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

If you're involved in an arrangement today where you are dealing for some high stakes, you could come out rather well. Lady Luck may be instrumental in giving you a large edge.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

It could turn out to be wise to first seek advice from friends or associates today whose opinions you respect before making an important decision. They could have valuable insight to impart.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

The greatest benefits you are likely to get are probably going to come from situations where you share a vested interest with another. Joint ventures look more promising than usual.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You are presently in a favorable cycle for enhancing your popularity and/or making new friends and contacts. Today may offer you several pleasant experiences that give you these chances.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

The aspects indicate a number of opportunities for gain today that could come from two different sources: yourself and an outsider.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Dame Fortune tends to favor your endeavors today, especially in situations

where there are intermediaries involved. Lady Luck brings the spirit of cooperation that will be the catalyst.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

The eventual outcome of a matter that has been of considerable concern to you appears to be favorable now. Don't let any grass grow under your feet if you see a way today to conclude it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

It could prove to be of fortunate timing if you get in touch today with a couple of your friends who are successful in life. Each could have something good going on that you'd fit into nicely. Exercise your networking muscles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

If you have an important financial arrangement to transact, you're apt to fare much better today than you would at another time. Treat the party involved fairly and you'll come out a winner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Because of your excellent foresight today, some changes for the better can be brought about which would help you considerably to advance your personal interests. Get ready to strike while the iron is hot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

If you need a favor, the timing is good today for calling in a marker for something nice you did for another in the past. This individual is likely to be in a great mood and ready to help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

This promises to be a successful day for you if you apply yourself toward furthering your goals. Hopes and wishes can only become realities when they are acted upon in a positive manner.

KidSpot™ by Dick Rogers

FUN FACTS

Boy: Do earthworms die when the ground freezes?

Worm: No. We just burrow down to where the soil isn't frozen. There, one or more worms curl into a ball and sleep through the winter.



Riddle: How do you tell which end of the worm is its head?

Answer: Tickle its belly and see which end laughs!

1/31 Dick Rogers



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Increase chance of finding mate by mingling

DEAR READERS: As promised, I'm continuing the topic about finding Mr. or Ms. Right.

Read on:
DEAR ABBY: I would like to offer some suggestions to the successful career woman who asked if she and her friends should dumb themselves down to find a man:

When people let frustration and pouting get the best of them, they give off a bad vibe that no one finds attractive. She needs to continue with her success. She should get out of the house, do things she enjoys, go to parties, parks, sporting events, church, art classes, wine tastings, whatever.

Mr. Right won't magically show up on her doorstep, and she'll be happier in the meantime doing what makes her happy.

It's OK to talk with friends and co-workers about her single status. Do they know she's available and open for suggestions and blind dates? The person she meets may not be Mr. Right, but he may have a friend who could be. Has she tried online dating sites?

Instead of looking for "Mr. Perfect," look for "Mr. Perfect-for-you." Make a list of the qualities that you can't live without and then stick to it. And, last but not least, list all the great qualities she has to offer and post it where she can see it every day.

If she keeps reminding herself that she is a catch, she'll get caught.

— HAVE FAITH, COLUMBIA, S.C.

DEAR HAVE FAITH: Thanks for wanting to help. **Read on:**
DEAR ABBY: In my area of about 150,000 people, there's a shortage of women. Many single, successful straight men find it hard to thrive amidst all the noise, pollution and crime of a big city.

Look at the statistics: The new exurbia is where to find a lot of single engineers, scientists, financial and insurance executives.

I know smart women who have moved here just to meet men and have promptly gotten married. (And if they absolutely, positively want to be married, they should consider moving to Alaska.)

— STEVE, RICHLAND, WASH.

DEAR STEVE: It would certainly be worth an exploratory vacation trip to find out.

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 Out of reach
 - 4 Roman historian
 - 8 School org.
 - 11 Spinks defector
 - 12 Right on!
 - 13 Burmese weaver
 - 14 Mama's boy
 - 15 Vex
 - 16 — de plume
 - 17 Pulled at
 - 19 Grabbed a chair
 - 21 Allot
 - 22 More than serious
 - 25 Planet next to Saturn
 - 29 Chest-beater
 - 31 District
 - 34 Kyoto honorific
 - 35 Kept cold
 - 36 Sorrowful wail
 - 37 Easel display
 - 38 Tournament passes
 - 39 Boot liner
- DOWN**
- 1 Zippy
 - 2 Not silently
 - 3 A Beetle
 - 4 More than a job
 - 5 At the center of
 - 6 Util. bill
 - 7 Dollar bills
 - 8 Quid — quo
 - 9 Beret cousin
 - 10 Tummy muscles, in the gym
 - 13 Opposed
 - 18 Fixes firmly
 - 20 Magazine revenue source
 - 23 Spicy
 - 24 Fencing sword
 - 26 Cold
 - 27 Ancient ointment
 - 28 A law — itself
 - 30 MS readers
 - 31 Shock
 - 32 Norse king
 - 33 Table salt
 - 35 "Ghosts" writer
 - 40 It may be fragile
 - 41 Ferret or mink
 - 43 Type of rug
 - 45 Boxing wins
 - 46 Kind of thief
 - 48 Long-legged wader
 - 49 Browser's delight
 - 50 — spumante
 - 51 ER practice
 - 52 Malt beverage
 - 53 — out (relax)
 - 55 Sonnet cousin

Answer to Previous Puzzle

H	A	I	R	S	A	C	A	C	R	E
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