

**GARFIELD**



**PEANUTS**



**ALLEY OOP**



**SOUP TO NUTS**



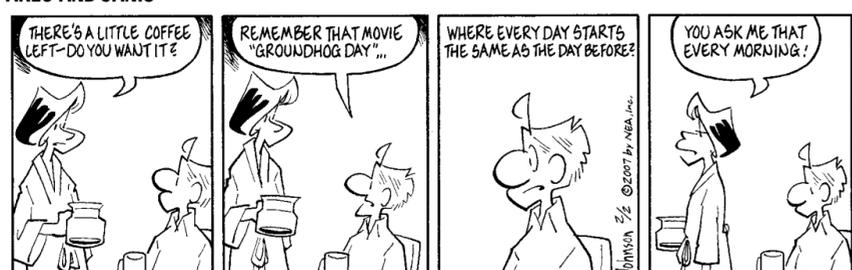
**THE BORN LOSER**



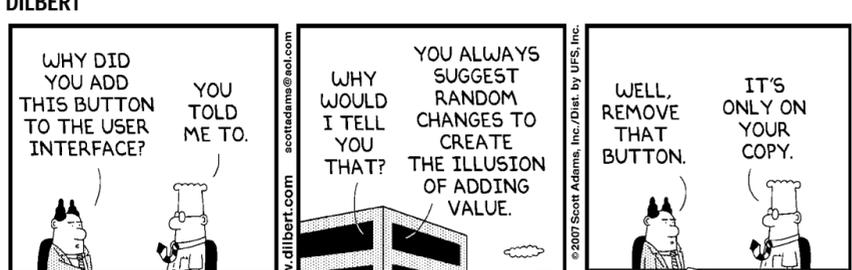
**FRANK AND ERNEST**



**ARLO AND JANIS**



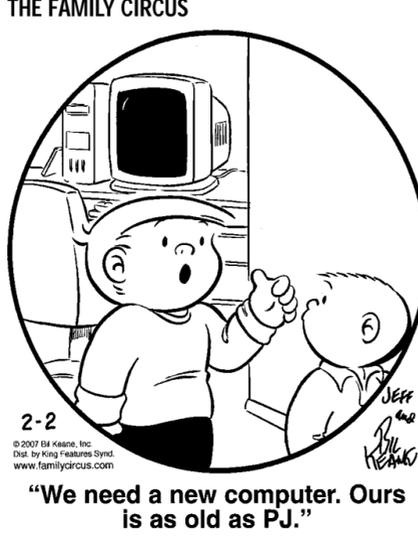
**DILBERT**



**REALITY CHECK**



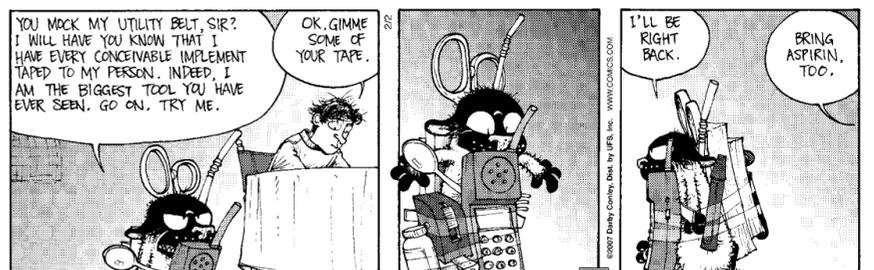
**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



**HERMAN**



**GET FUZZY**



**GRAND AVENUE**



**ASTROGRAPH**

**Your birthday:**

**Friday, Feb. 2, 2007**

In the year ahead, you might have to take care you do not make changes merely for the sake of change because you're uncertain of what you want out of life. If things aren't giving you trouble, don't rock the boat.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)**

Generally, you're a diplomatic person who thinks well of others. But it might be difficult for you to be complimentary. Instead of praise, you're apt to use sarcasm or scorn.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**

Until you resolve problems you've made for yourself, it might be difficult to move forward with life. Fulfill those obligations and get on with your affairs.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

You enjoy meeting new people, but not necessarily at this time. You're likely to feel far more comfortable going to familiar places where friends and acquaintances can be easily found.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

Don't throw any pity parties for yourself. Be grateful and appreciative of who and what you are because the grass isn't as green in the other guy's yard as you've led yourself to believe.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

Having a Pollyanna view of life can be satisfying, provided you don't have to deal with any cold, hard developments. Should reality strike, however, it can be quite ruffling.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

Even though you might feel it is time

for some payback to which you're entitled, this might not be a good time to try to collect your dues. Wait until others are more receptive.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

Unless you're appreciative of the individuality of each of your friends, you could be accused of trying to remake your pals in your own image. It won't go over too well.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

Negative attitudes leading to depression are usually the result of basing your beliefs upon fantasy rather than realism. Until you look at life optimistically, you could be destined for gloomy days.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**

Even though you're generally inclined to treat others in a friendly, generous manner, should you have to deal with difficult people, all these good intentions will fly out the window.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**

To achieve your noble goals, you need to take into consideration all contributing factors that could affect your efforts. Ignoring them will lessen your chances for success.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**

You know better than most that good judgment is based on conclusions that have been arrived at after sober thought. So take care not to make rash moves when under pressure.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

If you do not think well of yourself, you will give the impression that others shouldn't think well of you, either. Don't humble yourself unnecessarily, even when around brassy types.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

**Couple consider giving up on rebellious girl**

**DEAR ABBY:** My granddaughter, "Tiffany," quit school at 16 because she didn't like her teachers, and "all the kids did drugs." She got a job as a maid, then quit. She got the job back and was fired. She went to work in a restaurant. It lasted three days. You get the picture. Tiffany has lived with various pregnant girlfriends on their child-support money until the inevitable squabble occurs and she's kicked out. She has tried cigarettes, alcohol and various drugs and is currently dating a prisoner who is on work release and with whom she plans to live with when he's released from jail.

She's 19; he's 32. He has been in prison or jail twice, the most recent time for nine years. He has two illegitimate children in New York, so we assume he's unmarried.

Tiffany wants us to welcome him into the family with open arms, even though she won't tell us his name or why he went to jail the first or second time. She refuses to listen to anyone.

Should we give up on her and disinherit her or keep trying to persuade her out of this ridiculous relationship?

— LOVING GRANDPARENTS IN IDAHO

**DEAR LOVING GRANDPARENTS:** You have my sympathy. Not only does Tiffany appear to be intellectually challenged, it appears she has never outgrown the rebellious stage.

Are you sure you can't ascertain the identity of the new boyfriend? I am sure the authorities would like to know that he has been dating a teenager while on work release, since it's not what the program is intended for.

As for what to do about your granddaughter: Some people need to learn their life lessons the hard way, and Tiffany appears to fall into that category.

However, rather than disinheriting her, consult an attorney who specializes in wills and trusts to see how some money could be put aside to be doled out in the future, should she mature sufficiently to want to complete her education.

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

Groundhogs aren't the only creatures that spend the winter sleeping. The letters along the correct path to this little hibernator's snug, winter-burrow spell out the animal's name.

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Toast spread
  - 4 Jungle crusher
  - 7 Plant crops
  - 10 Teahouse attire
  - 11 Work units
  - 13 Fungus
  - 14 Brokaw's network
  - 15 Sunburn remedy
  - 16 Dick Tracy's wife
  - 17 Gridiron gain
  - 19 Nerve network
  - 20 Ms. Rand
  - 21 Melts, as an icicle
  - 23 Economist — Smith
  - 26 Wood nymph
  - 28 Commuter vehicle
  - 29 Chimp abode
  - 30 Nobel Prize category
  - 34 Game-show host
- DOWN**
- 1 Mr. Voight
  - 2 Popular advice giver
  - 3 Easily-split mineral
  - 4 Glittering
  - 5 Epcot neighbor
  - 6 In a dither
  - 7 Collie's charge
  - 8 Ejects
  - 9 Discerning
  - 12 Dilapidated
  - 13 Take long steps
  - 18 Smash into
  - 22 Absorbed
  - 23 Chuck Yeager, e.g.
  - 24 Grand Coulee
  - 25 Fly ball's path
  - 27 Fundamental part
  - 29 Athena's father
  - 31 Turkish official
  - 32 Urban transport
  - 33 Overhead trains
  - 35 Social peers
  - 37 Golf course
  - 40 Major Japanese port
  - 41 Hibernian
  - 42 Softens up
  - 43 Cads
  - 45 "Alfie" star
  - 46 Cry of delight
  - 48 Gentle slope
  - 49 Smooth-talking
  - 50 Roof edge
  - 54 "So long!"

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