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PEANUTS



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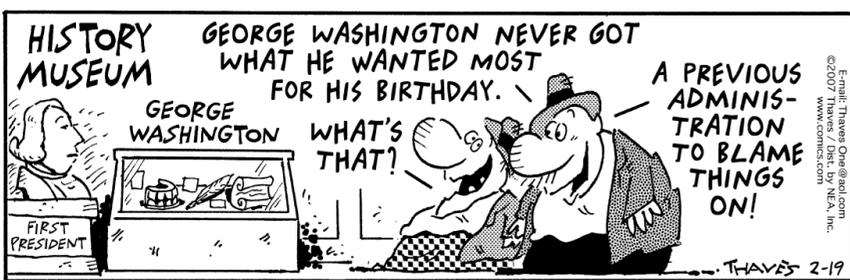
SOUP TO NUTS



THE BORN LOSER



FRANK AND ERNEST



ARLO AND JANIS



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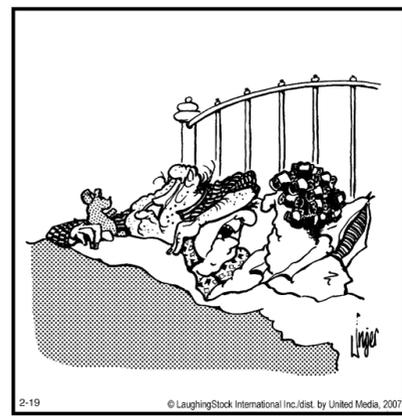
REALITY CHECK



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

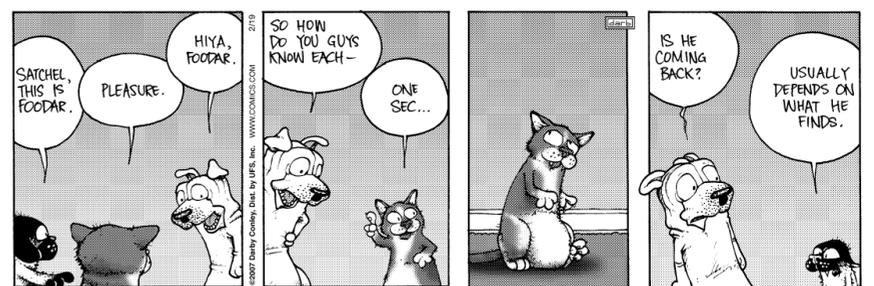


HERMAN



"I don't care if he is your grandfather; he's not staying another week."

GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday: Monday, Feb. 19, 2007

When it comes to a project you've been nurturing for some time, take care not to get impatient and alter your mode of operation...

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Take care not to let yourself get drawn into an expensive activity with friends just because you feel somewhat insecure about your relationship with them.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

In your eagerness to please or impress your friends and associates, you could get involved in activities at which you're not too proficient and end up embarrassing yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Your ability to understand the world around you might be somewhat suspect, so put off making any important decisions right now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You're going to have to be a bit firmer than you may like, especially if what you are trying to do is to get another to come through on a promise he or she made to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

If you yield too easily to pressure from an associate who is trying to get you to unconditionally accept an agenda you don't like, you'll end up doing something that'll benefit him but not you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Laying burdens on others that you should be taking care of yourself isn't likely to accomplish your purposes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

There's a strong possibility someone you meet on a social basis, and are drawn to, might not be all he or she appears on the surface and could greatly disappoint you later.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

It is imperative you think for yourself because if you permit others to make decisions without first consulting you, the results could be most regrettable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

This might be one of those days when you could feel a bit lazy and slack off somewhat, which is fine if you don't have to handle anything of importance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Try not to get involved in anything of a financial nature and, even more importantly, if you should, don't encourage anybody else to go along with you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Unfortunately, others might have a tendency to judge you on your outward appearance only, so be conscious of both your attire and your demeanor when around anybody important.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Because of some insecurity on your part, you could have a tendency to exert greater control over those you think are important in your life. The result could be far too restrictive.

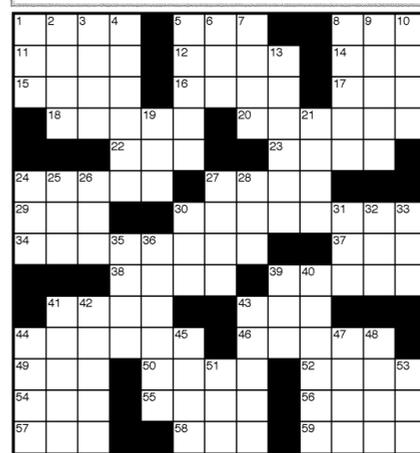
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS: 1 Stick together, 5 Subway opposites, 8 Peace gesture, 11 DEA operative, 12 Belt holder, 14 Talk idly, 15 Idaho neighbor, 16 Polynesian cookout, 17 Temper, 18 Flea to wed, 20 Flowers and weeds, 22 One, to Helmut, 23 Deep breath, 24 Select group, 27 Left in a hurry, 29 Zip, 30 Many snapshots, 34 Brisk musical, 37 kwon do, 38 Lemon candy, 39 Charcoal starter, 41 Epic, 43 Might, 44 Adorn, 46 Sea eagles, 49 Tarzan's nanny, 50 Gael republic, 52 Fracture finder, 54 Gloss target, 55 Clobber, 56 Overhang, 57 Have a meal, 58 Successful candidates, 59 Dance move, 1 Veldt grazer, 2 Past due, 3 Russian range, 4 Resounds, 5 Scarlett's, 6 Comedian - Costello, 7 Grease cutter, 8 Competing for, 9 Mars neighbor

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'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Wedding isn't right time for men to make up

DEAR ABBY: My brother and I are one year apart and grew up practically as twins. We buried our mother and bought some land together. Then, in our late 20s, my brother met and married a woman. We still lived together, only with hostility and distance.

Five years have gone by, and we now live apart. However, the feelings of hurt still remain and in fact have intensified. Recently I wrote a letter to him expressing my anger about the past, and he cut me off permanently.

We both understand that we needed to separate and how unfortunate it was that it happened with a lot of anger and resentment. However, I am being married this summer and am unable to decide if I should invite him to the wedding.

What do you think? — GERALD IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR GERALD: A wedding is the joining together of a couple who hope to spend the rest of their lives committed to each other.

It is not a time for feuding brothers to attempt a reconciliation, which could be distracting for all concerned. If you plan to patch things up with your sibling, do it before the wedding or don't invite him.

DEAR ABBY: Is it appropriate for a couple living together — "Carrie" is a widow and "Jake" is divorced — to wear wedding bands on the ring fingers of their left hands? They say they are married in their hearts and cannot marry legally for financial reasons. My husband and I feel that the wearing of wedding bands without following the rules of marriage diminishes the sanctity and authenticity of our own wedding bands and those of all others who are legally married. — JEAN IN LOS GATOS, CALIF. DEAR JEAN: Couples who find themselves in the situation of the couple you have described sometimes discuss it with their clergyman and exchange vows so they can be "married in the eyes of God." Because Carrie and Jake's marital situation bothers you so much, why don't you mention this to them? After that, however, I would urge you to devote your attention to your own marriage, because how others choose to conduct their lives is no reflection on the sanctity or authenticity of your wedding bands, and frankly, it's none of your business.