

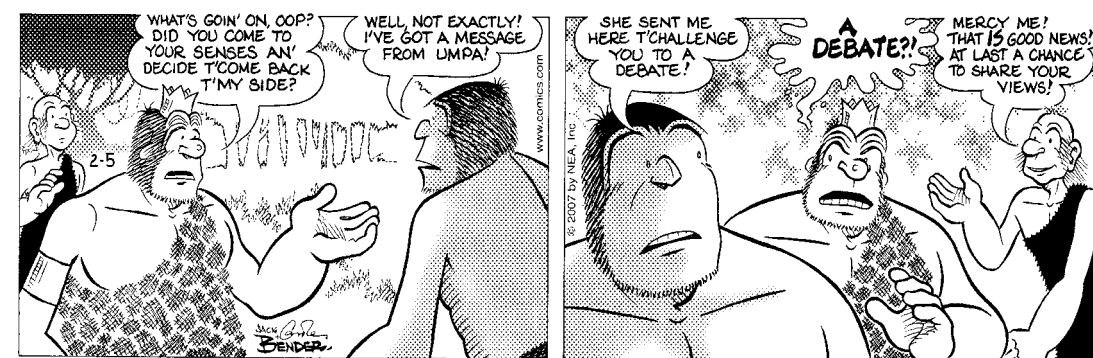
GARFIELD



PEANUTS



ALLEY OOP



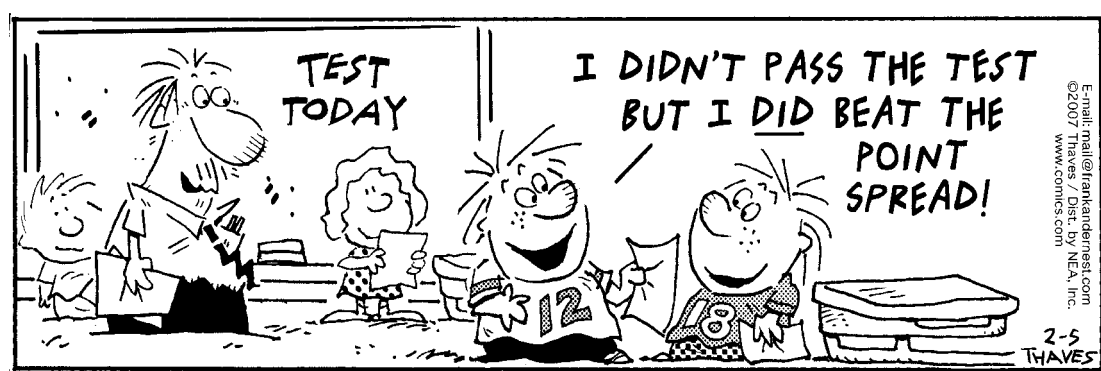
SOUP TO NUTS



THE BORN LOSER



FRANK AND ERNEST



ARLO AND JANIS



DILBERT



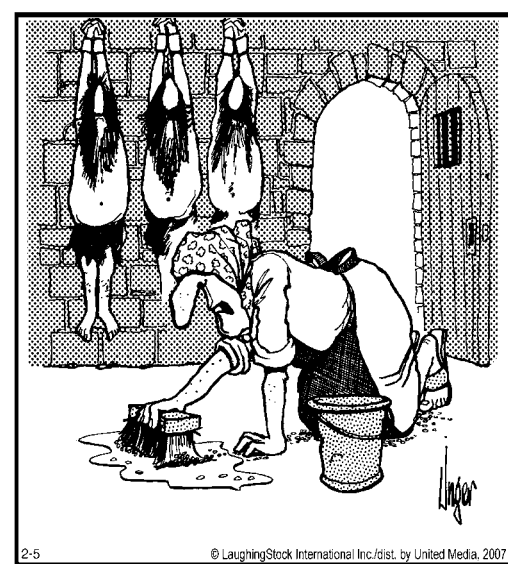
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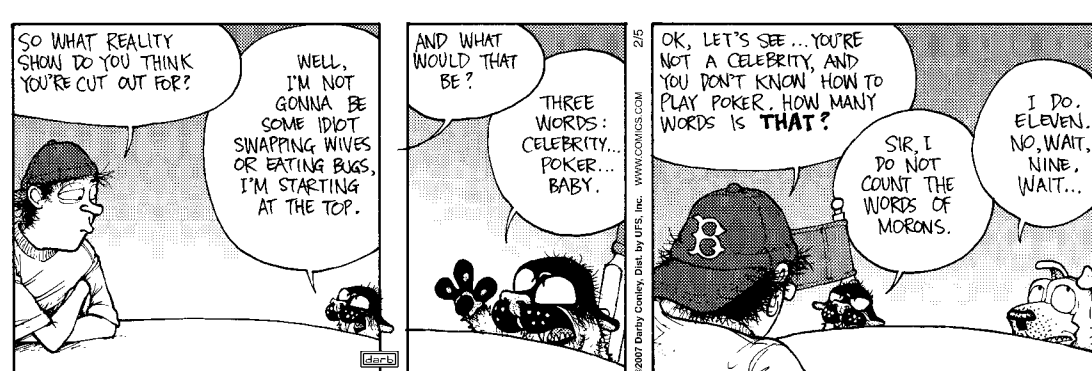
THE FAMILY CIRCUS



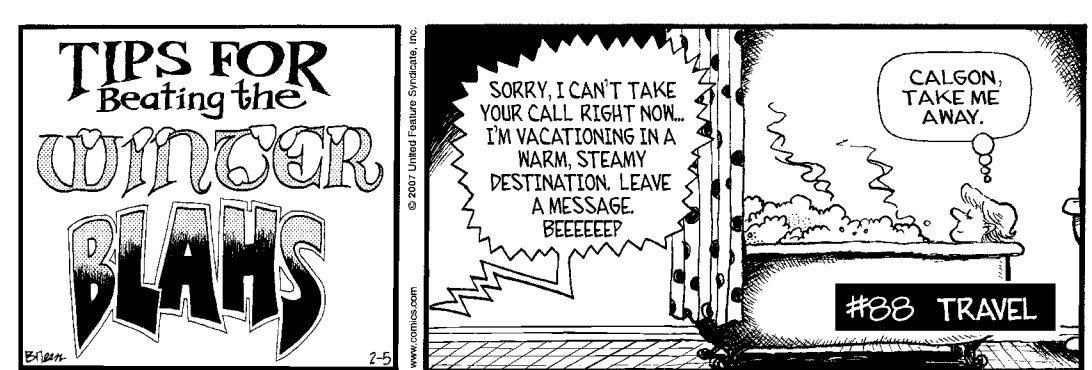
HERMAN



GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday: Monday, Feb. 5, 2007

There are many indications your financial indicators will be trending upward. However, there are also signs you could be sluggish in capitalizing on your opportunities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Be careful about those with whom you select to spend your day. There are signs you could choose a companion who'll do something underhanded and cause you to be accused of complicity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

You're not one who always needs to set the goals of the day, but take care not to entrust that assignment to someone whose aims aren't in harmony with yours. It'll be a bummer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Expect problems with co-workers, especially if you are hypercritical of their efforts and overly insistent they do everything your way. They'll be more efficient doing things their own way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Someone who is indebted to you will find ways to avoid you, especially if you attempt to pressure him or her. If you're tactful, this person will be more apt to try harder to find the means.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Should you have to make a hard decision that would affect you and another, make sure you let this individual know you are considering his or her interests, along with your own.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Those over whom you have some authority will mirror the work example

you set. So if you want to get more out of them, don't let them perceive you as being indifferent and inactive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Unless you make a diligent effort to be proficient in handling your resources or those of others, you're apt to be chastised for losses you incur. Be prepared to take some heat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Guard against inclinations to overreact to unexpected frustrations. If you blow small infractions way out of proportion, you'll make matters far worse.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Without having tolerance, you might expect more from people than capabilities warrant. And when they can't deliver, you end up getting angry. You'll be your own worst enemy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You have a tendency to be overly generous at times, which is fine. But you may reward the undeserving and ignore one who warrants kindness. It's a formula for hurting someone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

You might want to re-evaluate your objectives, because the very goals you go after at this time aren't apt to gratify your needs once they are attained. Apply your efforts to essentials.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Don't suffer in silence should something disturbing occur. Bring it out into the open with those involved, where it can be discussed and resolved to everyone's satisfaction.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Photo of stillborn infant creates awkward issue

DEAR ABBY: I am writing on behalf of my friends at work. We have a co-worker, "Madge," who had a stillborn baby last year. It was tragic.

Our problem is, she keeps a photo of the deceased infant with its little eyes sewn shut on her desk in plain view, so that if we must interact with her (we have an open cubicle layout) we have to see it.

Is this appropriate? Ninety percent of the employees here are women. Most are appalled. Others say, "Well, it's all she has."

Madge is expecting again, and we are rooting for her and the baby.

In addition to all this, she is mean and gossipy. Madge tells everyone what to do and how to do it, which is not in her job description.

I hope that when the baby arrives she will soften and not be so bitter. But how on earth do we blow off that photo?

— APPALLED
IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR APPALLED: While a person's desktop is usually private territory, I agree that the photograph you describe is inappropriate in an office environment.

Because Madge feels the need to keep the picture of her stillborn baby close, it should be kept in her purse with other family photos or in her desk drawer.

How very sad that woman must be. The person who should deal with this delicate problem is the boss or the supervisor.

DEAR ABBY: How do I overcome my insecurity issues? I have been insecure all my life. I have always felt fat, ugly, unacceptable and worthless.

A couple of years ago, I appeared on a popular reality makeover TV show. I thought it would solve everything, but inside I am still all messed up.

How do I move on to a healthy, less stressful life?

— STILL HURTING
IN CALIFORNIA

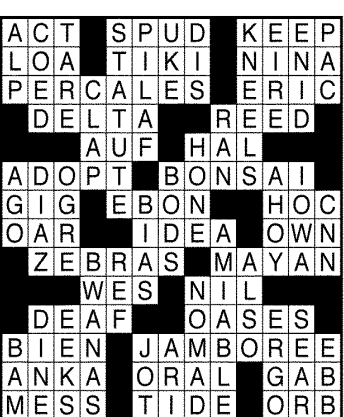
DEAR STILL HURTING: When people feel fat, ugly, unacceptable and worthless, it often goes back to the way they were brought up and lack of support from their parents. You can heal what is hurting you, but you must recognize that, unlike plastic surgery, there are no quick fixes for what ails you.

You will find the answers you are seeking by consulting a licensed, experienced psychotherapist. I hope you will ask your physician for a referral. You have a right to be happy, so please don't put it off.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Most, slangily
 - 4 Walks barefoot
 - 8 Scoop
 - 11 Notion
 - 13 First-aid plant
 - 14 Mine find
 - 15 Took a poll
 - 17 — Bernardino
 - 18 Sends via modem (hyp.)
 - 19 Capsize
 - 21 Stein filler
 - 22 Sony competitor
 - 23 Footballer — Rice
 - 26 Carrion feeders
 - 29 Auction site
 - 30 Heavy metal
 - 31 Tumult
 - 33 Won — soup
 - 34 Basted
 - 35 Thick cord
 - 36 Vitamin B component
 - 38 Oater extras
 - 39 So!
 - 40 Gathered dust
 - 41 Raj headquarters
 - 44 Frisk about
 - 48 Dorm climber
 - 49 Terms
 - 52 Mal de —
 - 53 Pet plea
 - 54 Grounded birds
 - 55 Previously
 - 56 Snowmobile parts
 - 57 Poetic tribute
- DOWN**
- 1 PC gadgets
 - 2 Arkin or Bede
 - 3 Warrior
 - 4 Princess
 - 5 Outmoded
 - 6 Unser and Gore
 - 7 Fawn parent
 - 7 Swept away
 - 8 Nurse's portion
 - 20 Kitchen utensil
 - 22 O'Neal
 - 10 Await action
 - 12 Zoo building
 - 16 Join forces
 - 20 Kitchen utensil
 - 22 O'Neal
 - 23 Jacuzzi feature
 - 24 Poet's black
 - 25 Asian princess
 - 26 Rough-cut
 - 27 Bustling commotions
 - 28 Enjoys a fine brandy
 - 30 R2D2's owner
 - 32 Before marriage
 - 34 Splits
 - 35 Take turns
 - 37 Long sigh
 - 38 Averages
 - 40 Gushes forth
 - 41 Pocket change
 - 42 — so much
 - 43 Homer's instrument
 - 45 Fictional sub commander
 - 46 Caked-on dirt
 - 47 To be, to Brutus
 - 50 Response to a rodent
 - 51 Pardonnez —, monsieur!

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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