

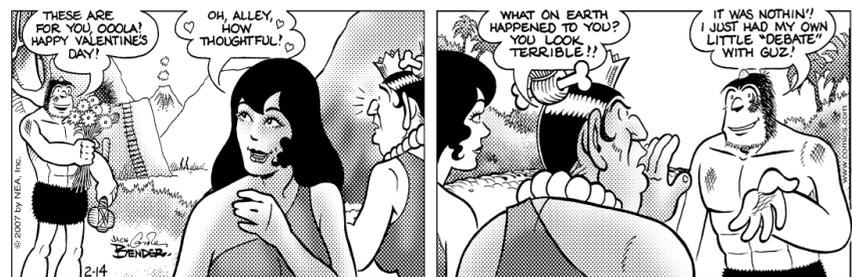
GARFIELD



PEANUTS



ALLEY OOP



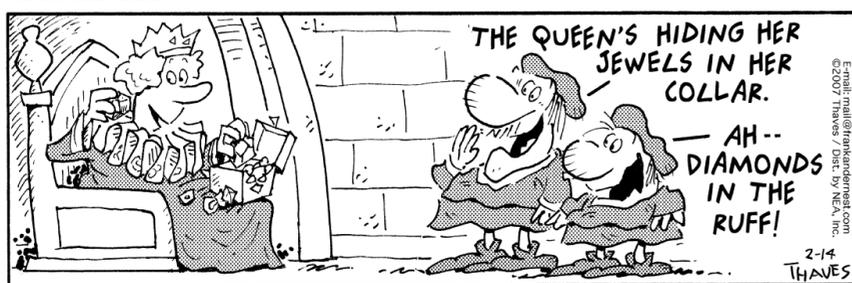
SOUP TO NUTS



THE BORN LOSER



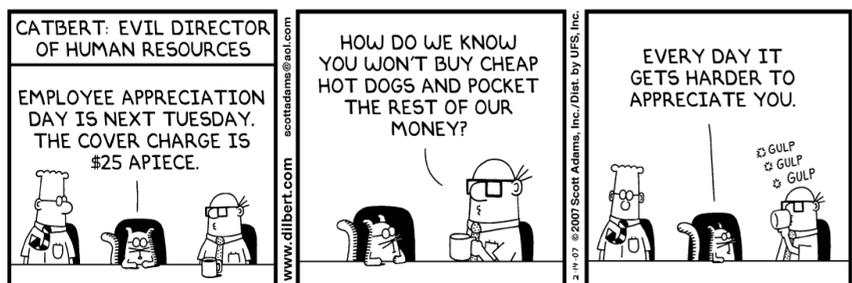
FRANK AND ERNEST



ARLO AND JANIS



DILBERT



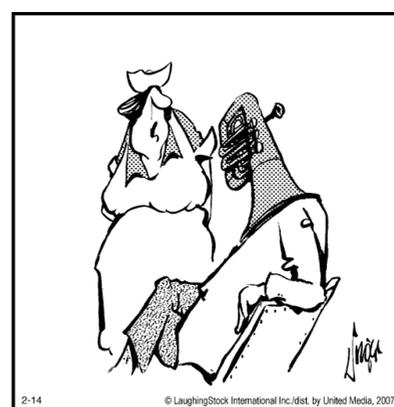
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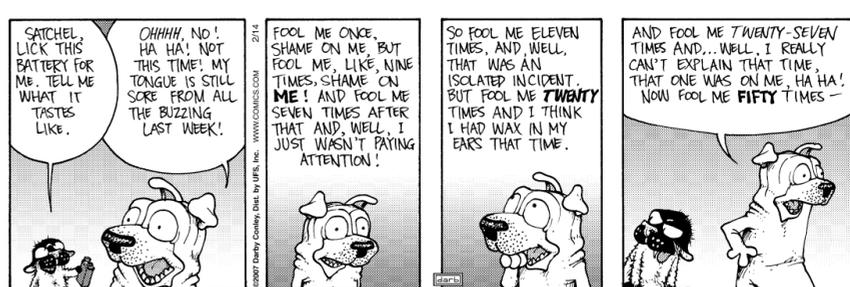
THE FAMILY CIRCUS



HERMAN



GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007

What will make the year ahead one of your more happier and fortunate ones will be your friends playing such helpful roles in your affairs. In each situation where a pal steps in to assist you in some way, the results will be favorable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
 Calmness, persistence and a second effort are your more reliable allies. If you're going after something momentous, keep a smile on your face and don't take "no" for an answer.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
 Keeping a calm head in competitive situations will give you the edge over the other guy. You have the ability to remain neutral and detached without allowing emotion to control your talent.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 A valuable ally has been won to your cause through your pleasant treatment of him or her. This person will willingly take a more active role in helping you achieve an ambitious objective.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 Social gatherings or group activities could prove to be a pleasant and positive experience for you. Good things could result at this time by mingling with the right crowd.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 You are likely to be exceptionally fortunate, especially when engaged in marketing involvements that have a potential for generating earnings for everybody.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 What makes you such an effective

negotiator is the fact that you'll listen so attentively to what others have to say when analyzing a matter of importance. They'll appreciate your great care.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 All you have to do to get willing hands to pitch in and help you with things is to first set a happy, pleasant example that would encourage them to follow your lead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Because your personality is so charming and magnetic, drawing others to you will automatically happen. Where there is a social gathering, the buzz of activity will hum around you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
 Being in a happy-go-lucky mood allows you to juggle several projects simultaneously and do an exceptionally good job on each of them. It proves optimism produces optimistic results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
 The pleasant events of yesterday set a happy tone for whatever plans you have. As a result, your positive demeanor continues to produce further happy activities and events.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
 This is another day when you should be able to find ways to gratify your numerous materialistic desires. The key is to want something strongly enough to give you the initiative to go after it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 Your leadership qualities will be quite pronounced. Friends will quickly respond to your pleasant nature and realize you're the one qualified to handle people and give them directives.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Unexpected kindness helps out Grandma

DEAR ABBY: I took my grandsons to see a movie. They were looking forward to our outing all week. As we stood in line to buy tickets, I realized I had only a \$20 bill in my wallet.

We had planned to lunch on hot dogs and drinks in the theater, but I knew I wouldn't have enough cash. I told my grandchildren we had a problem, I was short of money, but I figured I could write a check.

The 7-year-old said, "No, MeeMaw! The sign says cash only." I replied, "That's OK because it doesn't cost much for kids." He piped up again, "MeeMaw, the sign says \$4 for children."

As the line to the cashier grew shorter, we decided that we'd buy only one hot dog and one drink, and we'd share.

Unbeknownst to me, a young lady standing in front of us overheard our conversation. When she reached the cashier, she purchased her tickets, then turned to me and handed me three tickets to see our movie. I was shocked and delighted and so were the boys. I tried to thank her, but she was gone in a flash.

Abby, I will never forget that dear girl's kindness and neither will the boys.

— GRATEFUL MEEMAW IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

DEAR MEEMAW: Acts of kindness are like pebbles tossed into a reflecting pool. The ripples radiate outward long after the deed is done.

DEAR ABBY: Please help me. My lover and I have been disagreeing lately and are considering couples counseling. However, he keeps insisting that we see the marriage counselor he and his wife are currently seeing.

I want to make this relationship work, but I think it's inappropriate to receive counseling from the same one that they are currently seeing. What do you think?

— NEEDS THERAPY IN TEXAS

DEAR NEEDS THERAPY: I think you should have some sessions with the therapist who is counseling your lover and his wife. I'm willing to bet the farm that the same issues that have caused him to cheat on her are the ones at the root of your problems with him.

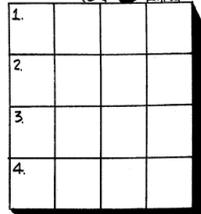
Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips. Write to Dear Abby at P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

KidSpot by Dick Rogers

Double cross

A word is hidden in this puzzle. Use the clues to fill in the boxes. You'll find the hidden word when you read the four letters in the diagonal boxes.

1. A wiggly fish bait.
2. 3 + 1 = ____.
3. Pronged eating utensil.
4. Feathered songster.



ANSWERS: 1. WORD, 2. FOUR, 3. FORK, 4. BIRD

ACROSS

- 1 Army doc
- 6 Beam
- 11 Friends
- 13 Kawasaki competitor
- 14 Dome
- 15 Unwrapped
- 16 King, to mon-sieur
- 17 Rather of CBS
- 18 — liver oil
- 21 Gather slowly
- 23 Sugarcane product
- 26 Whiz
- 27 Wassail alternative
- 28 Diner's options
- 29 Freezing
- 31 Makes a decision
- 32 Burn soother
- 33 Weather map lines
- 36 Harmful thing
- 37 Mr. Mineo
- 38 Seek damages
- 39 Exist
- 40 Pharaoh, now
- 42 Actor
- Danson
- 43 Capture
- 44 Pricey car
- 46 Kick back
- 49 Geronomo's tribe
- 53 Nook
- 54 Horse-drawn carriage
- 55 Say yes
- 56 Night noise

Answer to Previous Puzzle



DOWN

- 1 Rock's Fleetwood —
- 2 Ostrich cousin
- 3 Quick swim
- 4 Frankenstein's gofer
- 5 Light perfume
- 6 Geisha's land
- 7 Sign
- 8 John, in Glasgow
- 9 H. Rider Haggard novel
- 10 Little kid
- 12 Naval enlistee
- 13 Jedi master
- 18 Greenish melon
- 19 Microscope lens
- 20 Fillet a fish
- 22 "I" trouble?
- 23 Meal
- 24 Disloyal
- 25 Toused
- 28 Crowd
- 30 Mark of Zorro
- 34 Rio rhythms
- 35 Zeus' mount
- 40 Bowdoin College locale
- 41 Not pretty
- 43 Fine china
- 45 Raise a red flag
- 46 VCR maker
- 47 Unit of energy
- 48 Lemon or clunker man
- 50 — Magnon
- 51 LBJ beagle
- 52 Hurricane center

NEA Crossword Puzzle

