

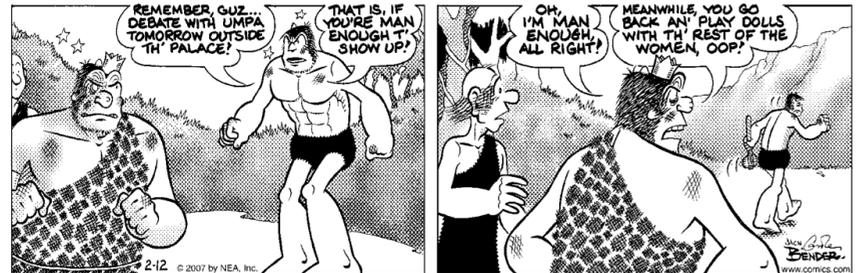
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PEANUTS



ALLEY OOP



SOUP TO NUTS



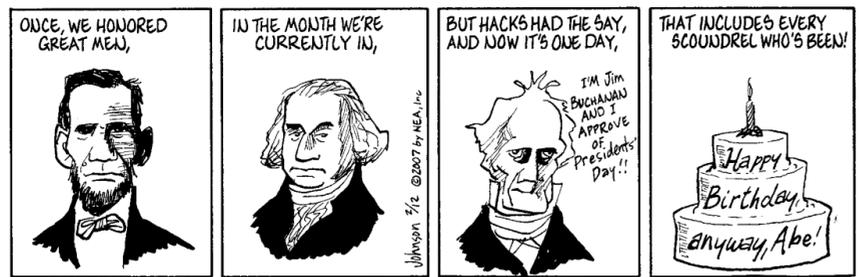
THE BORN LOSER



FRANK AND ERNEST



ARLO AND JANIS



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REALITY CHECK



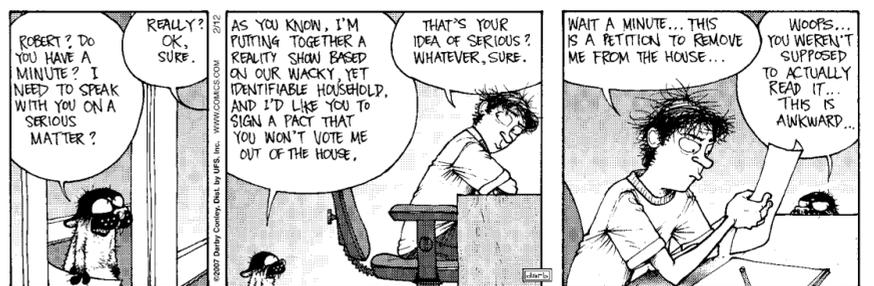
THE FAMILY CIRCUS



HERMAN



GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday: Monday, Feb. 12, 2007

Two large opportunities may present themselves that involve teaming with associates who have knowledge you lack. If everyone acts in harmony, happy results could be in the offing for all contributors.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Things look hopeful with all of your involvements, but concentrate on some newer interests that concern you so that you can get them off on a good footing while you can.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

You might be in for a pleasant surprise when someone who outranks you proposes an interesting joint venture. This could be your giant step into the big leagues.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Dealings you have with close friends or congenial associates should turn out rather well for all concerned. Your kindred spirits work to the advantage of whatever you're involved in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Getting involved in activities that are not profit-yielding will usurp valuable time you could be applying toward those that are. You'll be the luckiest dealing with moneymaking involvements.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Partnership arrangements will offer you some special benefits that operating independently won't. You're a joiner who understands there's both victory and strength in union.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Financial conditions look better than

usual — not only from your primary source of income but from a secondary one as well. If you have a sideline, give it some of your valuable time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

All work and no play is a surefire prescription for sapping the zing out of life. So set your tools aside at a reasonable hour and seek out a pleasurable pursuit that will replenish your spirit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Lady Luck will be around when you need her, but she isn't likely to provide any free rides. Your largest rewards will come from undertakings and pursuits you first set into motion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

There are indications you're likely to be far more fortunate with things of a larger issue than you will be with smaller ones. Devote your energies to that which is meaningful in scope.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Be persistent in your efforts, but use the soft sell in situations where you are going after something of substance. You won't want to rock the boat if and when things are going well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Isn't that others aren't prepared to grant you favors, it's more like they want assurances first that there will be recognition for their assistance. Many are fearful about feeling used.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Although you will have the upper hand in competitive developments, there's a strong chance you won't realize it. Take care not to endow your opponents with advantages they lack.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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4 Bikini half
7 Caviar
10 Maude
11 Big quarrels
13 Movie rat
14 Devotee
15 Incendiarism
16 Galleon cargo
17 Furtiveness
19 Mountaineer's tool (2 wds.)
21 Hearth residue
22 premium Grinding machine
26 Background
30 Luau strings
31 Pricing word
32 RV haven
33 Estuary
34 Startled cries
35 Invite to come
36 Pep up
39 Check endorser
40 Cambridge univ.
41 Turkey, maybe
42 Envelope parts
45 Strands
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50 As — (generally)
52 Hotfoot it
53 2000 pounds
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57 Subway opposites
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7 Reed instrument
8 Name meaning "truth"
9 Strong as —
11 Bogus
12 Grumpy moods
18 Long sighs
20 Domestic animal
22 Televises
23 Fisherman's fly
24 Like
25 Greenish-blue color
26 Rough-cut
27 Passable
28 Walk-on, maybe
29 Harvard rival
31 Bard
35 Hunter's wear
37 Mischief-maker
38 Travel papers
39 Minute openings
41 Discussions
42 Temper tantrums
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45 Ponder
46 Toledo locale
47 Historic ship
48 On its way
51 Regret

Answer to Previous Puzzle
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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KidSpot by Dick Rogers
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'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Celebrate Valentine's Day with family, friends you love

DEAR ABBY: Valentine's Day is nearly here, and it can be a sad day for people who are alone, especially for widows and widowers living by themselves. This holiday can be more painful for them than birthdays, anniversaries and other holidays because they are constantly bombarded with images of love by retailers. I would like to offer a suggestion that can turn an otherwise difficult day into a day for them to look forward to. Last year, my fiance and I spent Valentine's Day with his widowed grandmother. Her husband has been gone 10 years, and she has not remarried. He was her soul mate, the center of her life. We wanted to do something to make it a day she could look forward to. I cannot tell you how happy she was when we told her we would be spending the evening with her. She had the table set for dinner by noon that day. When we arrived, she was glowing. We stayed for hours and listened as she told stories about her life with her husband. We both learned so much that we didn't know about her life and family. We wouldn't trade that night for anything. As a couple in love, we get to spend every day celebrating our love for each other. We don't need a day set aside to remind each other of that. Valentine's Day is about love. It doesn't have to be romantic love. We have decided to spend every Valentine's Day from now on with her, so we can make it "her" special day. Everyone knows someone who has lost the one that he or she loves. I see no reason not to take a little time to make this a special day for them. Such a small gift can make a world of difference. — BETH IN BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. DEAR BETH: Thank you for a beautiful letter. From reading it, I know you and your fiance have a wonderful future ahead of you. You have made an important point. Regardless of the holiday hype, the most precious gift a person can give to another isn't one that's tangible. It's the gift of time.