

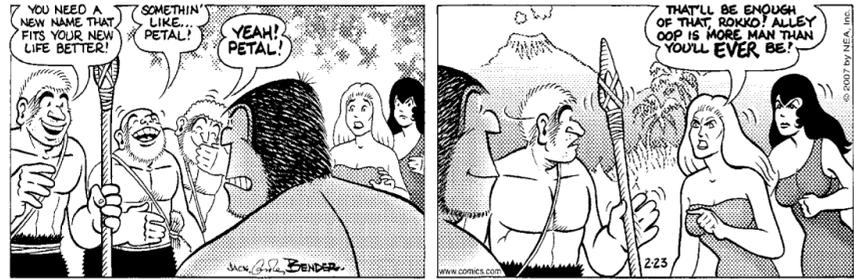
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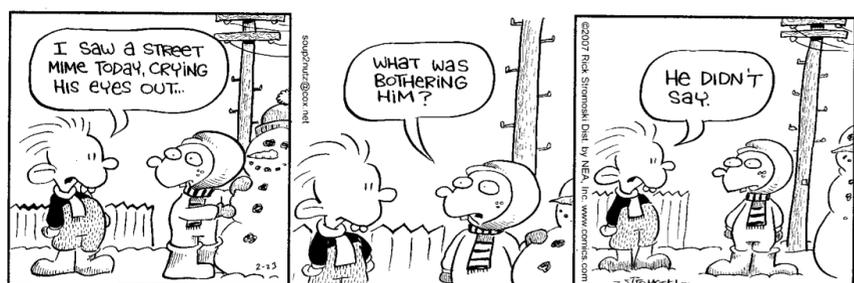
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**ALLEY OOP**



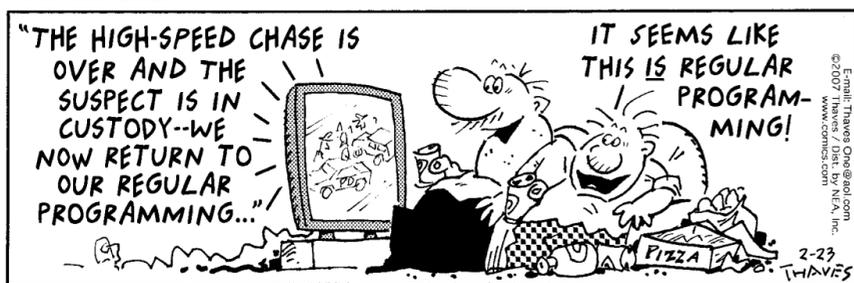
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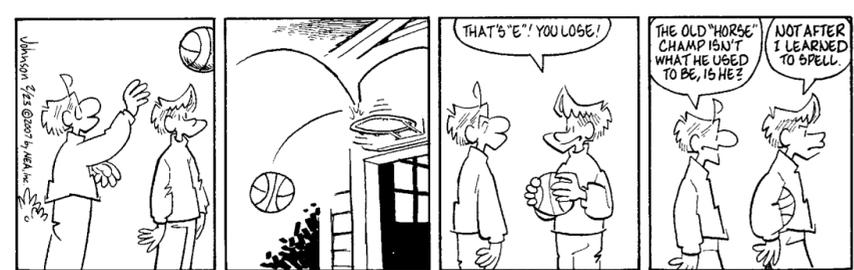
**THE BORN LOSER**



**FRANK AND ERNEST**



**ARLO AND JANIS**



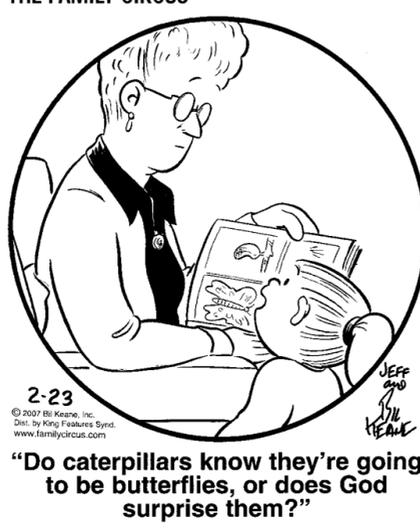
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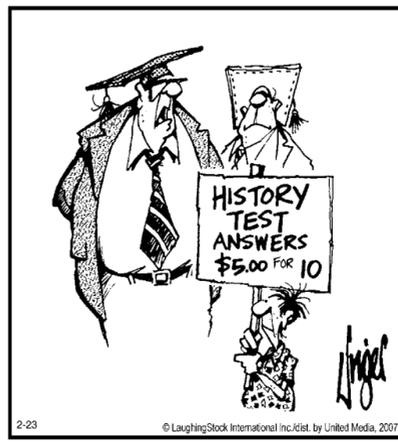
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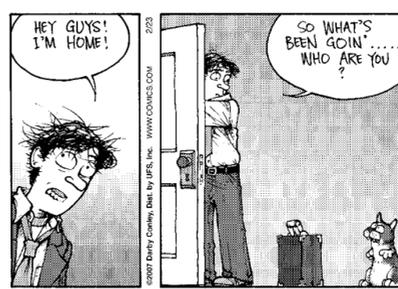
**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



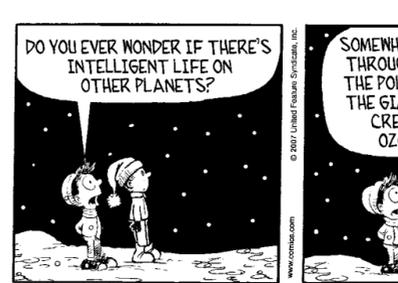
**HERMAN**



**GET FUZZY**



**GRAND AVENUE**



**ASTROGRAPH**

**Your birthday**  
**Friday, Feb. 23, 2007**  
 You could have a fortuitous opportunity that turns a profit from something you presently think of as a mere hobby or simply a pleasurable interest. Its potential could be surprisingly large.  
**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**  
 Although you will be quite imaginative and creative, people with whom you're involved might not be equally so. Don't let their lack of talent get in the way of your good ideas.  
**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
 Take extra precaution you don't indulge in anything that is risky or foolish when handling your resources. Allocate what you have in ways that will give you good returns.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
 Be sure to check with your mate first before making any social commitments with friends. Should he or she have plans in the mill and you have to cancel, it could prove to be an embarrassment.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)**  
 What may occur to be logical in some ways might not be so in other areas. Carefully study all contingencies before jumping in with both feet.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
 Share your business experiences and words of wisdom with a friend who seeks your advice and counsel, but give all the disclaimers as well so you don't imply any false expectations.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 Do not allow a few negative indicators take all the wind out of your sails. Be

prepared for rough seas, yet know things can change for the better if you keep sailing away from the storm.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 Should an associate tell you something derogatory about a person you know rather well, don't take it as gospel. Judge his or her character from experience and not from this individual's remarks.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**  
 Profitable developments are highly likely in situations or projects you consider to be labors of love. When it comes to work you view indifferently, however, the yields are apt to be sparse.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**  
 Be considerate and helpful to all those who have proved to be loyal and sincere, and avoid being solicitous to someone who is full of hot air just because the person is one of high rank.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**  
 It is important that family matters take precedence over your outside interests or you could hurt someone who means a lot to you. Make tending to loved ones your primary concern.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
 Members of the opposite gender are likely to find you far more appealing than usual, but this doesn't mean you still couldn't be used in some way by deceptive flattery.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)**  
 You'll be far more effective in all your dealings, both business and personal, if you play it a bit laid-back and not try to come on like a hotshot. People love you just the way you are.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

**Dinner guests slow attempts to serve meal**

**DEAR ABBY:** Late last summer, we invited another couple — good friends — over for an informal dinner. When they walked in, they handed me a basket of fresh-picked vegetables from their garden. I had a complete meal prepared. I love fresh vegetables and don't mind adding them to a meal. However, because the dinner was already on the table, I had to put everything on hold and find a way to keep everything warm while I prepared what they had brought. I take pride in preparing a good meal and worried that it might not taste the same after having sat for 15 or 20 minutes. I feel they should have let me know in advance so I could have had water boiling when they arrived.

At the time, my husband told me not to say anything because it's the thought that counts, but it's still bothering me. How do you think I should handle this in the future? That wasn't the first time they have come to dinner with a "surprise" contribution, and it won't be the last. — **READY TO SERVE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**DEAR READY TO SERVE:** Just because someone brings a gift of food or wine when he or she comes to dinner, the host is under no obligation to serve it. What you should have done was put their veggies in the fridge to enjoy at another meal and not stressed yourself out.

**DEAR ABBY:** We have two beautiful little boys. The older boy is 3, the younger one an infant. People always comment on how much they look alike — as if they could be twins three years apart.

The problem is, my husband and I (close family, too) do not think they look anything alike, so we don't know how to respond. If we disagree, people go so far as to argue with us. But to agree seems silly when they really do not look alike. What is the polite way to disagree without an argument? — **PROUD MOTHER OF TWO DIFFERENT BOYS**

**DEAR PROUD MOTHER:** Say something noncommittal — such as, "Yes, there is a strong family resemblance." (But only if they look like they could be related.) To disagree, regardless of how politely you do it, will only generate more conversation on a subject you would prefer to avoid.

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.

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**ACROSS**  
 1 Sushi-bar soup  
 5 Fly catcher  
 8 Tribute in verse  
 11 Football shapes  
 13 Pub order  
 14 Spoil  
 15 Bike or trike  
 16 Supplying with gear  
 18 Dreaded czar  
 20 Greek vowels  
 21 Wool fabric  
 23 Cable channel  
 24 Last letter  
 25 Run quickly  
 27 Zest for life  
 31 Guitar, slangily  
 32 Sultan's cousin  
 33 Chenille item  
 34 Winemaking valley  
 36 Penny —  
 38 Cave dweller  
 39 "Only Time" chanteuse

**DOWN**  
 2 Beaded shoe  
 3 Climbing vine  
 4 USAF unit  
 7 Get underway  
 8 Skip past  
 9 Carvey of "Wayne's World"  
 10 Work units  
 12 Exacting  
 17 Dead duck  
 19 Insistent  
 21 Rancher, maybe  
 22 Tearful  
 23 Positive  
 24 Writer — Grey  
 26 Movie  
 28 Brain parts  
 29 Faze  
 30 Butterfly catchers  
 35 Oohed and —  
 37 Slip-ups  
 43 City on the Mohawk  
 45 Aleut language  
 46 Injury result  
 47 Sported  
 48 Cleveland's waters  
 49 Hannibal's route  
 51 Cyberspace letters  
 53 "— Rosenkavalier"  
 54 Day before Home, in the phone book

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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