

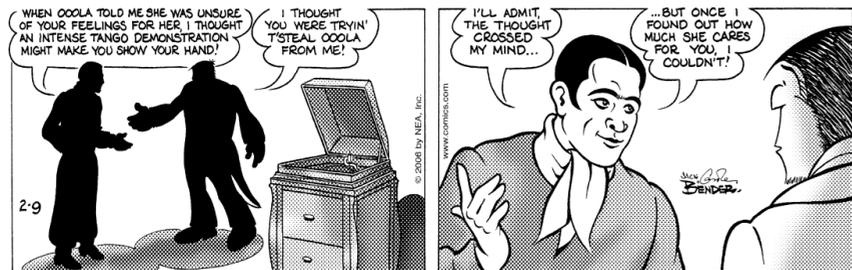
GARFIELD



PEANUTS



ALLEY OOP



SOUP TO NUTS



THE BORN LOSER



FRANK AND ERNEST



ARLO AND JANIS



DILBERT



COMMITTED



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



HERMAN



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by Dick Rogers

THE PUZZLER

Three letters have been removed from the following means of transportation. Pick a three-letter word on the right that will complete the vehicle's name.

1. B _____ AIR
2. Skateb _____ d AGO
3. W _____ n COO
4. Auto _____ ile MOB
5. B _____ cle ICY
6. S _____ ter OAT
7. Ice sk _____ s OAR
8. _____ plane ATE
9. Sp _____ ship ACE



GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:

Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006

Your skills for developing inner peace and security will be considerably enhanced in the year ahead. As a result, many powerful and rewarding changes could start to take place, which will make your life far richer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

You could find that joint ventures that attract you today could have more sizzle than substance. However, enterprises where you perform on your own should still prove profitable.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Anxieties about whether you'll be accepted by a new social group you hope to impress today will prove to be unfounded. Relax and enjoy yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Don't be dismayed today if early indicators suggest that things are not going your way. Your luck may not come into play until a bit later, so just wait it out a bit and all will come out well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Don't be your own worst enemy today by giving in to negative thinking. If you act like a winner, others will respond to you in kind and you'll get what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You could be extremely fortunate today, even in high stakes situations, but only if you prime yourself mentally so that you'll then be able to put forth your best efforts when it's necessary.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

When you'll be the luckiest today will

be in situations where you are not involved with people with whom you have close emotional ties. If you let feelings take over, it'll cloud your judgment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Instead of worrying about whether others will reciprocate, follow your nobler instincts today and give unselfishly of your time and resources. You'll be rewarded in many other ways.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Sticking to your game plan has its merits, but today you may find that exercising a little bit of flexibility when it is called for will work out better than holding a rigid line.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

In order to advance your ambitions today, it may require far bolder methods on your part than you might usually employ. Don't be afraid to take a chance where you see the odds warrant it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You're apt to be a bit restless and adventurous today, so associate yourself with active people who are going places. They can help satisfy your yen for getting around and doing fun things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Something important in your life is about to make a radical shift, but don't be dismayed and get yourself in a dither. You'll quickly discover the changes being made will prove advantageous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

There is a possibility that once again you will encounter someone today who has been lucky for you. You'll find nothing has changed; the magic is still intact.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Generous grandma expects thank you to come with love

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow who lives independently. I do my own cooking, shopping and laundry. I have good friends, play cards, go to movies and, in general, enjoy life.

I recently gave my only granddaughter, "Wendy," a sizable sum of money. After 30 days and no acknowledgment, I mailed her a blank thank-you card. Here's the response I got:

"Grandmother: Thank you for the money. It couldn't have come at a better time, and my family is very grateful. I have always appreciated everything you have done for me, but I didn't realize that family had to thank one another for every gesture of kindness. I always believed that love was thanks enough.

"I love you very much and want to be a part of your life and have you be a part of my life and my family's lives, but it's up to you. It's your decision, because we have a lot of love to give and share together with no thanks required or necessary. Love, Wendy."

This is a girl with a good education and a job she has held for 12 years. The only time I see Wendy is at family gatherings. I used to take her shopping and to lunch. I stopped that when she never reciprocated or invited me to her home.

From infancy through college I have given Wendy toys, clothing, furniture, money, but it's no more. My grandsons never ask for anything and are loving and respectful. I feel foolish and used.

— GRANDMOTHER IN IDAHO

DEAR GRANDMOTHER: For someone with a good education, your granddaughter seems ignorant of basic good manners. Her parents should have taught her by example from earliest childhood to say thank you when a kindness was extended, and the importance of a prompt thank-you note.

If Wendy loves you, she has a strange and self-serving way of showing it. She owes you an apology, and if it is not forthcoming, you have every right to direct your attention, as well as your estate, to the grandsons who have been both loving and respectful.

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.

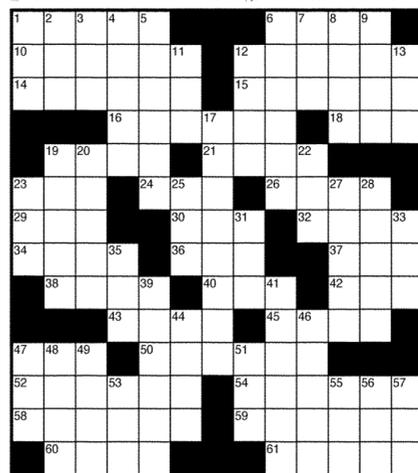
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ball clubs
 - 6 Press
 - 10 Adventurous
 - 12 Nocturnal wildcat
 - 14 Gentleman caller
 - 15 Plane's milieu
 - 16 Headgear
 - 18 Week da.
 - 19 Auto-body problem
 - 21 Proof word
 - 23 Plant sci.
 - 24 Visualize
 - 26 Distort data
 - 29 However
 - 30 Mach 2 flier
 - 32 Royal honorific
 - 34 Average grades
 - 36 Corroded, as acid
 - 37 Pigment
 - 38 Baja Ms.
 - 40 Packing slip, briefly
 - 42 Wapiti
- DOWN**
- 1 QB's scores
 - 2 — de cologne
 - 3 "Exodus" hero
 - 4 Hands, slangily
 - 5 Muzzles
 - 6 Cake toppers
 - 7 Crayola choice
 - 8 Norwegian monarch
 - 9 Roulette color
 - 11 Watchdog's warning
 - 12 Rubaiyat author
 - 13 Prefix for pod

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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- 23 PBS supplier
- 25 Tikkanen of hockey
- 27 Pillow filler
- 28 With dry humor
- 31 Dice throw
- 33 Cartoon shriek
- 35 Ave. crossers
- 39 Geronimo's tribe
- 41 Faucets
- 44 Sculpture and dance
- 46 Ponder, as evidence
- 47 Bro or sis
- 48 In a frenzy
- 49 Rotated
- 51 Puppy sound
- 53 Epoch
- 55 Muslim honorific
- 56 Gas-pump abbr.
- 57 Fabric meas.