

GARFIELD



HERMAN



"Your boss says he's sorry but he can't come."

KidSpot™ by Dick Rogers

THE PUZZLER

Here are two brain strainers for you to puzzle over.

1. Daren found two coins in his pocket that total 26 cents. One of the coins is not a quarter. How is this possible?

2. How much would you pay for fifteen flowers if they were marked \$12 for a dozen?



ANS: 1. ONE OF DAREN'S COINS IS A PENNY, IT'S THE OTHER THAT'S A QUARTER. 2. \$15. A DOZEN IS TWELVE, SO EACH FLOWER COSTS ONE DOLLAR.

PEANUTS



ALLEY OOP



SOUP TO NUTS



THE BORN LOSER



FRANK AND ERNEST



ARLO AND JANIS



DILBERT



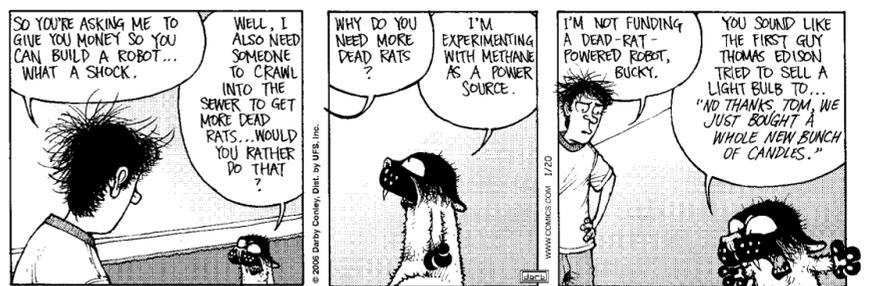
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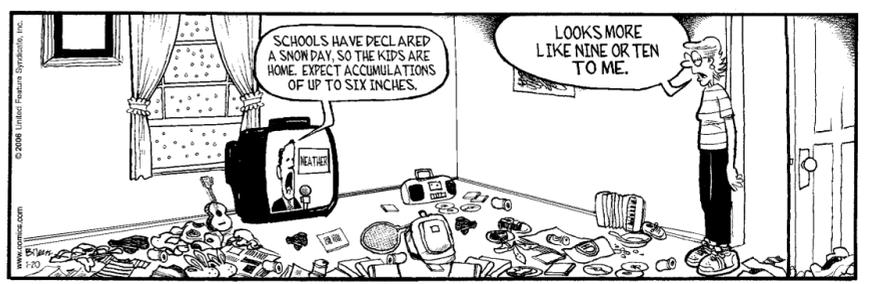
THE FAMILY CIRCUS



GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:

Friday, Jan. 20, 2006

Much of your time in the year ahead will be dedicated to doing what you can in order to make advancements in your field of endeavor...

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

If you truly believe that a position you've recently taken is the right one, stand firm on your decision...

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

You will be adequately and honestly compensated for the services you are presently rendering...

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Measures can be taken today to solidify a relationship that has been suffering lately but which is important to you...

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Tasks that you've been postponing because you know how tough they can be will be much easier to accomplish today...

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

A social activity, such as going out to dinner with friends, will be far more pleasant if you limit the amount of people involved...

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

When you go shopping for family or household needs today, be bargain-conscious and you'll get excellent mileage out of every dollar you spend...

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This is an excellent day to spend time in putting your serious affairs in order...

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Look for ways today to strengthen your financial base, because your greatest successes are likely to come from situations or projects that can contribute to your material well-being...

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Today you have two powerful factors going for you when you choose to use them: a harmonious blend of hopefulness and strong pragmatic thinking...

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

For best results in fulfilling your ambitions today, do what needs doing without calling too much attention to yourself...

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

To the casual observer, something for which you are presently striving may appear to be only a pipedream...

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Involve yourself with people who are ambitious and materially motivated and you'll end up far better off than you would acting singularly...



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Man discovers wife's affair has begun once more

DEAR ABBY: I went into our home office and noticed that my wife had left her e-mail on. I spotted an odd name, so I opened one of the messages.

It was from a man with whom my wife was having an affair. This person is someone with whom my wife had an affair before we got together...

One of the messages discussed a planned meeting that did not take place, only because he got stuck at work. She e-mailed him and told him he could stop by the house any night after 10 and have sex for an hour or two...

She insists that nothing happened, which I have trouble believing. We have been seeing a therapist who believes my wife and says that since nothing happened it wasn't an affair.

I disagree. Am I wrong? — FURIOUS IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR FURIOUS: You now have two problems. You have a therapist who is siding with your wife, and an advice columnist who sees it your way. No, I do not think you are wrong...

DEAR ABBY: I have one sister. Our mother is deceased. When our father passes away, he will leave a sizable estate to my sister and me.

Because my sister lives 300 miles away, I will likely be the one taking care of Dad's affairs after his death. This will involve a great deal of time.

Would it be fair to keep track of the time my husband and I devote to this, charge an hourly fee, and deduct it from my sister's share of our father's estate?

— DREADING WHAT'S AHEAD

DEAR DREADING: It seems fair to me. However, if your father has his faculties, this is something that should be discussed while he's still living so it can be noted in his will...

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

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Answer to Previous Puzzle



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