GARFIELD











ALLEY OOP





SOUP TO NUTS







THE BORN LOSER







FRANK AND ERNEST





ARLO AND JANIS









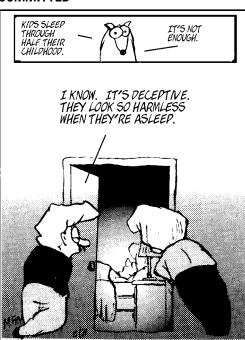
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I'll read you a bedtime story if you promise not to fall asleep."

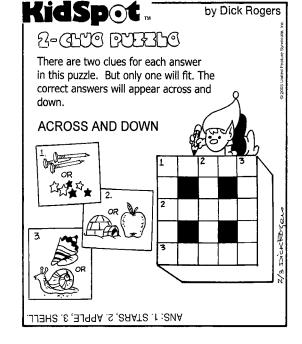
HERMAN

COMICS



"Are you sure that's on your diet?"

GET FUZZY





THAT'S BAD GRAMMAR, BUCK. LEMME TELL YA SOMETHING, WEBSTER, GRAMMAR AM FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN'T THINK FOR MYSELF. UNDERSTANDED ME?

GRAND AVENUE





ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:

Friday, Feb. 3, 2006

There's a good chance in the year ahead you could make some important adjustments where your work is concerned, making advancement in your chosen field a strong possibility. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

A group of people who haven't lived up to your expectations recently may do an about-face today. Where you were denied cooperation, you should now begin to find the support you need.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions in general look quite favorable for you today. The areas that show considerable advancements could concern your reputation and status.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Creative involvements should prove to be pleasurable for you today if you select activities that stimulate your mental faculties and allow you to work with your mind and hands collectively. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

chandise that you've discovered to be a bit difficult to acquire. You're a good detective and you might find an item that could be outstanding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

There are some improved conditions in the offing for you today where your social life is concerned. Don't be surprised if you start seeing lots of signals of increased popularity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It will be the little things that could mean a lot today where your work is concerned. Take advantage of small opportunities; you'll later discover how important it was to do so.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Spin-offs stemming from your social

affiliations could provide you with some valuable information today. Be extra attentive to what's being said whenever you're with a group. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You might benefit in an unusual way today through the kindness of a family member or from one of your relative's contacts. What transpires could occur with minimum fanfare but with big results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you've been a bit restless lately, today's a good day to get out and start moving around a bit. A short trip to a fresh venue where you can see new faces and sights may prove to be uplifting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Don't despair if things haven't been going too well for you financially or professionally in the past couple of weeks. I ne wheel is always revolving and will be coming up to your turn again soon. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

You are now entering a brief cycle where you could be luckier than usual in enterprises that you originate, manage or recondition in some manner. Think big. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

If you start shoring up the foundation today regarding a matter that has been delayed for some time, you should be able to start to reap some of the desire results you expect.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

YOGIS

'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips News of old affair tarnishes man's

view of woman

DEAR ABBY: I have been married 15 years to a woman I have always placed on a pedestal. I recently learned that when she was single, she had an affair with a married man. I can't get it out of my head. I'm afraid it will drive

me to drink.

Yes, she has been a good wife and mother to our two girls but I no longer have the respect for her that I once had. We recently got into an argument that escalated into name-calling, and I called her a "slut" because that's what I feel she is. She dated at least seven or eight other men before we married, and knowing she had sex with a married man, I'm sure I can safely assume that she had sex with the others.

Our sex life is deteriorating. I feel I'm not making love to a "clean" woman, that she is used and dirty laundry. I told her she had cheated me the same as if I paid for a new car and then found out the dealer delivered a used one.

She claimed to be a good Catholic, and I told her she even ignored her religious teachings, as they teach you to be a virgin for your husband. I won't leave her because of the children, but I'm afraid I'll have a hard time staying even though I believe I love her.

Instead of having her on a pedestal. I now have her in the gutter. Please advise me before I go out of my mind.

- HURT AND SAD, TRENTON, N.J.

DEAR HURT AND SAD: Hurt and sad? Imagine how she feels. Assuming you are also Catholic, were you a virgin when you married your wife? Surely, the same rule applies to Catholic men as it does to Catholic women. If, after 15 years of solid marriage and two children, this is what your wife gets from the man who promised God he would love, honor and cherish her until death, I think she deserves better.

Pedestals are cold, drafty places on which to live, and it is unfair and unrealistic to label your wife as either a Madonna or a whore because of a youthful indiscretion.

Please, don't be a martyr and stay because of the children. Unless you can find it in your heart to forgive (as your religion preaches), give the poor woman a break and go.

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.

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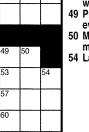
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