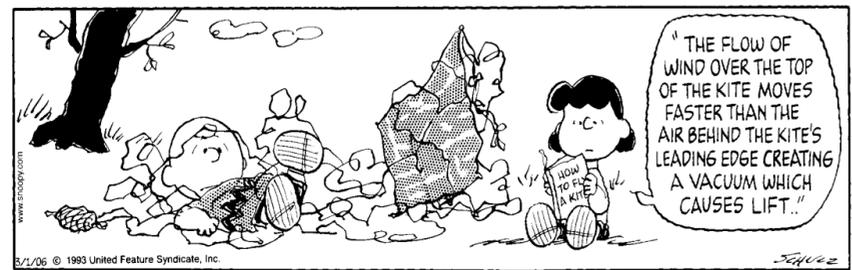


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PEANUTS



ALLEY OOP



SOUP TO NUTS



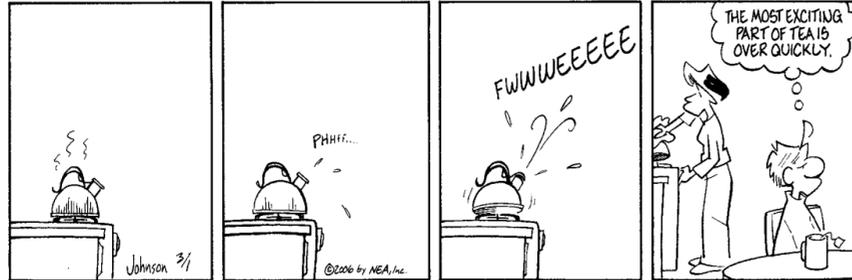
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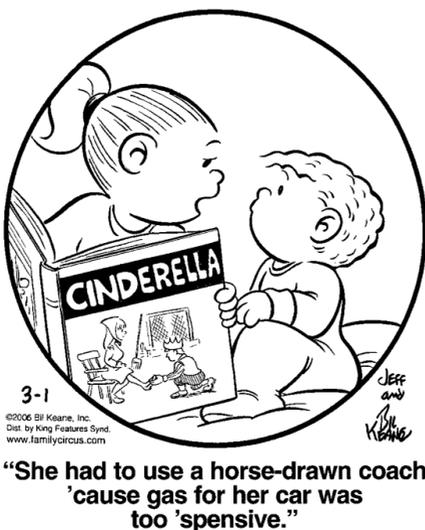
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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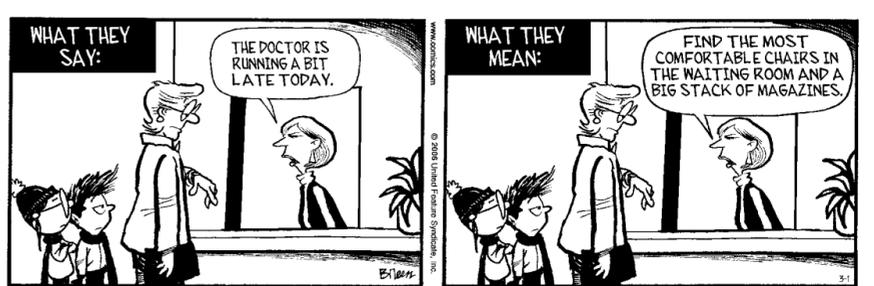


"You're not getting an encyclopedia! You can walk to school like I had to."

GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday: Wednesday, March 1, 2006. If you keep your business interests separate from people with whom you pal around socially, you'll have better chances in the year ahead of getting what you want. It'll actually give you the best of both worlds. PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your primary concerns today are apt to be focused on your financial affairs and interests. Armed with this incentive, no one or no one issue will have to push you into pursuing your objectives. ARIES (March 21-April 19) A relationship with a person you recently met socially could develop into something truly warm and rather good. If you run into this person today, know it's an association worth cultivating. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Remuneration for services rendered can be increased considerably today if you put forth your best effort and give more than is asked of you. Look for ways to better the work you provide. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If a serious problem should arise today concerning a friend or associate, you shouldn't have any trouble resolving it if you offer suggestions or solutions that are to everyone's advantage. CANCER (June 21-July 22) A development you've worked hard to bring about could occur today that will benefit you materially. There's a probability it will be linked to something you already have going. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't lie in wait for others involved to

get in touch with you if there is something of mutual importance that needs attention. Initiate a call to them or hop in the car and go see them directly. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something that is running smoothly will continue to do so if you don't make more of things and throw a monkey wrench in it. Don't introduce changes merely for change sake. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This is an excellent day to revitalize a good relationship with an old friend whom you haven't seen for some time. She or he will be thrilled to hear from you, and you both will feel better for it. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In competitive career situations today know in advance that you are apt to have more in reserve and resourcefulness to draw upon than your competitors will. Don't let anyone bluff you. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Something may occur today that could severely test your beliefs and standards, but you'll hang in there, because, instinctively, you'll know you're more than a match for whatever transpires. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The seed of something you have sown awhile back and have continually tended is about to bear its precious fruit. It is very possible that you might even see some of its sprouts today. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be an attentive listener today regardless of what you may think of the person with whom you're conversing. Unsolicited advice can provide you with an answer for which you've been searching.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Computer bully needs kick in the hard drive

DEAR ABBY: I'm confused about my husband's behavior. He is smart and works as a computer programmer. Whenever I have a problem with my computer and ask him to help me with it, he gets mad and rants and raves about how he told me how to fix the problem months ago, or insists that I really should know how to fix it or figure it out myself. After years of feeling like a twit any time I asked for his help on computer-related problems, I started taking my computer to be professionally repaired or upgraded any time there was a problem. Then he started complaining to me for having it worked on when he could do the work himself. I don't know what to do. If I ask for help, he gets mad and belittles me for not knowing how to fix it myself, but I get the same treatment if I have it done by someone else. Is there a way out of this no-win situation? — DARNED IF I DO, DARNED IF I DON'T, FLA.

DEAR DARNED: By now it should be clear to you that your problem has nothing to do with computers. Your computer-whiz of a husband takes out his frustrations by verbally abusing you. The way out of this no-win situation is to get to the bottom of what's really bugging him. My advice is to drag him to a marriage counselor or drop him before you're beaten down altogether.

DEAR ABBY: When someone gives a wedding or Christmas gift of wine or uncooked meat, are you supposed to have the giver over for dinner when you serve it? Please note that they were not intended to be served or cooked at the time the gift was given. My husband and I are unsure about what to do, but we lean in opposite directions on what is proper. — "CASSIE" IN PITTSFIELD, MASS.

DEAR "CASSIE": When a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient to do with as he or she chooses. No rule of etiquette obligates you to share it with the giver.

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.

KidSpot puzzle: FIND THE WORDS. THE NAMES OF THE PICTURE CLUES ARE HIDDEN IN THE SQUARE. CIRCLE EACH WORD, GOING ACROSS, DOWN OR DIAGONALLY. 5 B F R O G W C A R A T A A C T U F L K H A T I R E A N T V U S W A N E S

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS: 1 Comes unraveled, 6 Worried, maybe, 14 Submarine, 15 Do damage to, 16 Travel stopovers, 17 AAA suggestion, 18 Mini-guitar, 19 Dismiss, 21 Hearth residue, 23 Novel, 26 Charge, 27 Letter after zeta, 28 Faint glows, 30 Auditory organ, 31 Toon Olive, 32 Jet forth, 33 Hindu, probably, 35 Snake River loc., 37 Opposite of post-, 39 Film spools, 38 Baron — Richthofen, 40 Speaker pro —, 41 Mach 1, 42 Interstate sign, 43 9-digit no., 44 Water, in Paris, 46 Rub the wrong way, 48 Drill through, 51 Script lines, 55 Arbors, 56 Not late (2 wds.), 57 Soft leathers, 58 Painter's undercoat, DOWN: 1 Part of TGIF, 2 Dream acronym, 3 Mont Blanc or Jungfrau, 4 Hunger (for), 5 Nasty mood, 6 Yup (hyph.), 7 Secluded corner, 8 All gone (2 wds.), 9 Birthday count, 10 — vous plait, 11 Of course!, 13 Compact, 19 Desists, 20 Craggy abodes, 22 Enzyme secretion, 24 Spews ash, 25 Rabbit burrow, 26 Alarm, 27 Practically forever, 28 Hot — oven, 29 Quell, 34 Modified, 36 Square dance call (hyph.), 42 Speculate, 43 Rink gear, 45 Ranch measure, 47 Boxers' milieu, 48 "Nova" network item in a poker pot, 50 Wool supplier, 52 Fleur-de —, 53 Mantra chants, 54 Earth, in combos

Puzzle grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-58 indicating starting positions for words.