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PEANUTS



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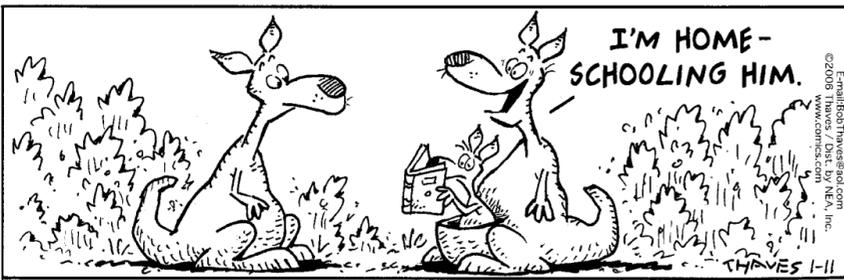
SOUP TO NUTS



THE BORN LOSER



FRANK AND ERNEST



ARLO AND JANIS



DILBERT



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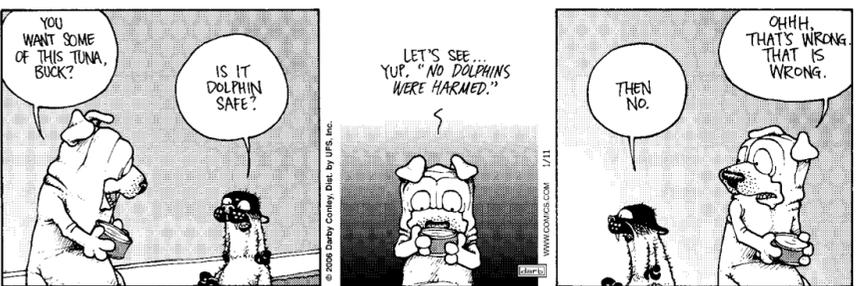
THE FAMILY CIRCUS



HERMAN



GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006

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'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Perplexed boss at a loss over friendly forger

DEAR ABBY: I have owned a business for 13 years. Recently one of my employees forged a customer's check in the amount of \$1,000.

I have tried to talk to him and ask why, and I have threatened to go to the police. We have more than just a working relationship. We did a lot of things together outside of work but never had a sexual relationship.

This man worked for me for more than two years and, other than this crime, was a perfect employee. He insists that he didn't forge the check that he had cashed at the customer's bank and tries to justify it by saying he felt he deserved the extra money. I always paid him on time and gave him many extra perks. Please help me.

— LOST BIG-TIME IN ILLINOIS

DEAR LOST BIG-TIME: Wake up! Your "perfect employee" is a thief, a forger and a sociopath. He may be a charmer but that's what has enabled him to reach the point he has.

For your own emotional well-being and for the sake of your business, please tell the police what you have learned. If you don't, the next person to be burned will be you. Bank on it.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Thornton," and I are to be married in two months. This is a second marriage for both of us. We dated for several years and went to counseling so that this marriage would last and our love would stay strong. We both have children from our first marriages who are excited about the wedding.

Thornton and I are in disagreement, however, about whether or not to invite our ex-spouses, although we remain friendly with them. What is appropriate?

— ABOUT TO BE WED IN HOUSTON

DEAR ABOUT TO BE WED: Generally speaking, if the relationship between the ex-spouses is cordial — and emotionally disconnected enough — I see nothing wrong with inviting them to the wedding.

However, because there is disagreement on the subject, it would be the better to set sail on the sea of matrimony without the exes standing on the dock.

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 Cables
 - 6 Of longer standing
 - 11 French impressionist
 - 12 Willingly
 - 13 Furry swimmers
 - 14 Pluck
 - 15 Deliver a speech
 - 16 Vitality
 - 17 Pith helmet
 - 18 Briefcase item
 - 19 Just scraped by
 - 23 Singer Vikki —
 - 25 Habitual
 - 26 Drowse off
 - 29 A little crazy
 - 32 Had some food
 - 33 Fury
 - 34 Step on the gas
 - 35 Doze off
 - 36 Form droplets
 - 38 Hurry
 - 40 One and only
 - 41 Veggie-tray must
 - 42 Hilo guitars
 - 46 Woodland deity
 - 48 Take the wheel
 - 49 Wishes for
 - 52 Shirt feature
 - 53 Kind of knight
 - 54 Order of business
 - 55 Country music's — Tucker
 - 56 Hardly wordy
- DOWN**
- 1 Kind of rocket
 - 2 Saloon sign (2 wds.)
 - 3 Lyrical
 - 4 Patrick's domain
 - 5 Almost-grads
 - 6 Cheers
 - 7 More recent
 - 8 Insect killer
 - 9 Pipe fitting
 - 10 Blended whiskey
 - 11 Cheer on
 - 12 Feds (hyph.)
 - 16 Took aim (2 wds.)
 - 18 Shore up
 - 20 Zen question
 - 21 Kett of R&B
 - 22 Mysterious
 - 24 Pacino and Unser
 - 26 Robin beaks
 - 27 Popular cookie
 - 28 Begin a hand
 - 30 Half-moon tide
 - 31 Fabric meas.
 - 37 Help pay
 - 39 Pitcher
 - 41 Check for prints
 - 43 Drying ovens
 - 44 Skirt the issue
 - 45 Inoculants
 - 47 Paquin of "The Piano"
 - 48 Venetian magistrate
 - 49 Up to this time
 - 50 Big Band —
 - 51 Son of Prince Valiant
 - 52 Tabby or calico

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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