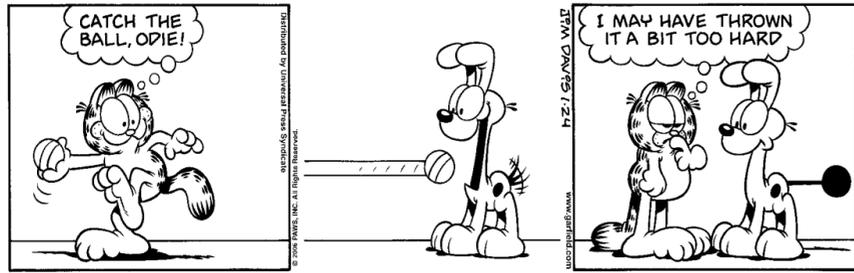


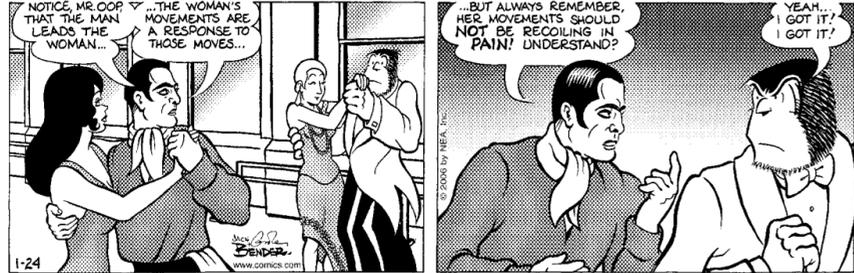
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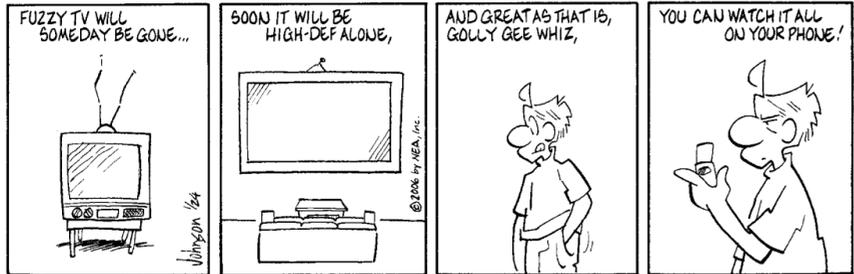
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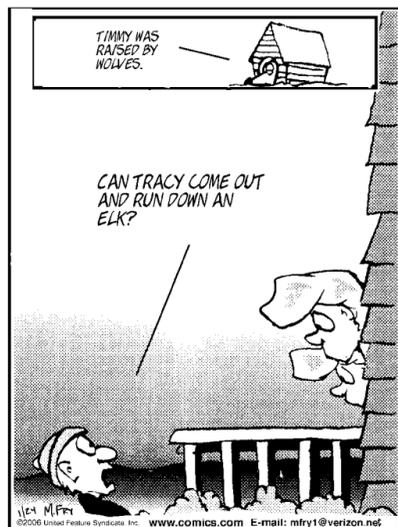
**ARLO AND JANIS**



**DILBERT**



**COMMITTED**



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



**HERMAN**



**GET FUZZY**



**GRAND AVENUE**



**ASTROGRAPH**

**Your birthday:**

**Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2006**

Platonic friendships or associations with members of the opposite gender could prove to be helpful in furthering your ambitions in the year ahead.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)**

Be attentive to your hunches and insights today regarding your dealings and relationships with others. Your radar could put you on the road to realizing your goals.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**

You could be far more fortunate than usual today in your dealings with influential people who can give your secret desires a boost. Don't use a middleman; establish some contacts yourself.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

It will contribute considerably to your popularity today if you announce something nice another has done and encourage this person to take some bows.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

You are far more influential with your peers than you may realize, and today this will be very much in evidence. You'll say and do all the right things to encourage others to follow your lead.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

Chances are an important change may transpire today that will be of great benefit to you involving your work or career. You'll feel the effects even if it's done without your knowledge.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

Something you innately know is that the secret to establishing favorable one-

on-one relationships today is to show a willingness to cooperate. Others will respond to the example you set.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

Conditions look particularly promising for you today regarding a joint venture. Both you and your counterpart will have no trouble responding positively when situations call for it.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

What you can't do on your own today can be done with the right type of cohorts at your side, and there will be plenty of offers to do what needs doing from competent assistants.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**

Sincere service you render today will not be readily forgotten by those you help. Although you won't seek rewards, you'll still receive them.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**

Gadding about town today with your best friend could be full of happy experiences whether you're simply going shopping or engaging in a fun activity. Find time for a get-together.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**

You could be extremely fortunate today in situations where you are strongly motivated to do something personal for those who mean a lot to you. Ride the tides of success by doing these gestures.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

There is no doubt that you'll have the wherewithal today to acquire whatever you set your mind to get, regardless of the obstacles involved. Your secret is to think "win" and consequently you will.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

**Living life through TV soaps disguises chronic depression**

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm writing in response to "Bored Husband, Akron, Ohio," whose wife is addicted to soap operas.

Several years ago, I, too, was addicted to them. I'd cry when my favorite soap stars got married, I'd cry when someone died on one of my favorite shows and be extremely elated when something good happened to one of them. In short, I lived my life vicariously through the soaps.

I finally went to my doctor for a checkup, and guess what? I was diagnosed with chronic depression. I was put on medication, a new diet and told to find something to do to fill my day-time hours that did not include watching soaps.

When life is not exciting or challenging, people tend to look for something to spark their lives. "Bored" should take his wife to the doctor to be screened for depression and possibly counseling.

After that, they should find something they can do together, like bowling, golf or volunteering. Most important of all, he should keep trying to find a solution to the problem and not give up. I wish him luck.

— ROSE IN OREGON

**DEAR ROSE:** Thank you for your generosity in sharing your personal experience.

Predictably, the mail I received commenting on "Bored Husband's" letter was all over the map, including some from staunch soap opera fans declaring that after 50 years of marriage, the wife had a right to spend her remaining years doing exactly as she wished. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** The man complaining about his wife's addiction to the soaps hit a nerve. Obviously the soaps have been her company for years. Where was he? Where were the kids? She has filled her time with soaps, which apparently have never let her down.

After 50 years, maybe she just doesn't like her husband anymore and uses the soaps for an excuse. I'm on her side.

— SOAP OPERA LOVER IN HOUSTON

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** FIND THE WORDS. THE NAMES OF THE PICTURE CLUES ARE HIDDEN IN THE SQUARE. CIRCLE EACH WORD, GOING ACROSS, DOWN OR DIAGONALLY.

WORD LIST: HEART, RING, BELL, SEAL, WHALE, BOOK, BAT, TMO, OWL.

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Express relief
- 5 Umbrella part
- 8 Vaccine amts.
- 11 "Fish Magic" artist
- 12 Galleon cargo
- 13 Region
- 15 Scream
- 16 Cove
- 17 Hull's bottom
- 18 Sooner than
- 20 Tarzan's chimp
- 22 Preferred strategy (2 wds.)
- 25 Mae West accessory
- 26 "Tiki"
- 27 Time period
- 28 Rush past
- 31 Rice wine
- 33 Bolt holder
- 34 Annoys
- 38 Mr. Sharif
- 39 "A pox upon thee!"
- 40 DEA operative
- 41 Noises
- 44 Aunt, in Madrid
- 45 Playing marble
- 48 Form 1040 sender
- 49 Hotel patron
- 51 Matriculate
- 53 — a deal!
- 54 Physics particle
- 55 Solar wind component
- 57 Resound
- 61 Paperless exam
- 62 Paris turn-down
- 63 Foray
- 64 Ben & Jerry rival
- 65 Some MDs
- 66 Went fast

**DOWN**

- 1 Starry vista
- 2 Percent ending
- 3 Solidify
- 4 Actress Hunt
- 5 Loose gown
- 6 Retiree's kitty
- 7 Refused to buy
- 8 Torte, e.g.
- 9 Stream
- 10 Deal with (2 wds.)
- 14 Director — Pakula
- 19 Bleacher shout
- 21 Henry V
- 22 Tijuana coin
- 23 Sand, silt and clay
- 24 "Diana" singer
- 25 Hockey team
- 29 Opening up
- 30 Half of zwei
- 32 Pause fillers
- 35 Have lots of status
- 36 Singer — Kristofferson
- 37 Skedaddle
- 42 Petroleum
- 43 Top NCO
- 45 Short note
- 46 Become accustomed
- 47 Not subtle
- 50 Employers
- 52 Exclusively
- 53 Rustic lodgings
- 56 Alley from Moo Lid
- 58 Lid
- 59 Go quickly
- 60 — man out

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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