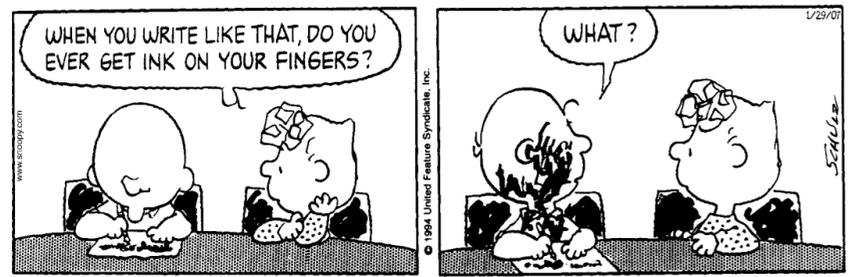


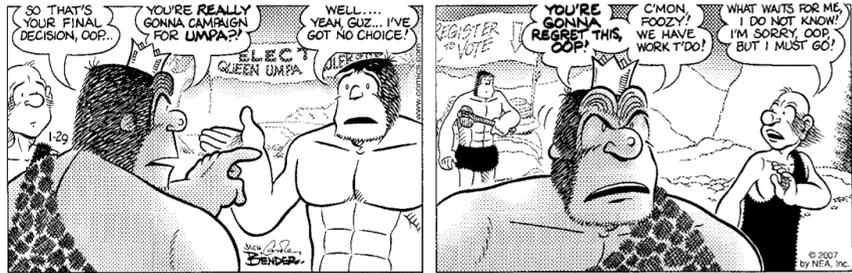
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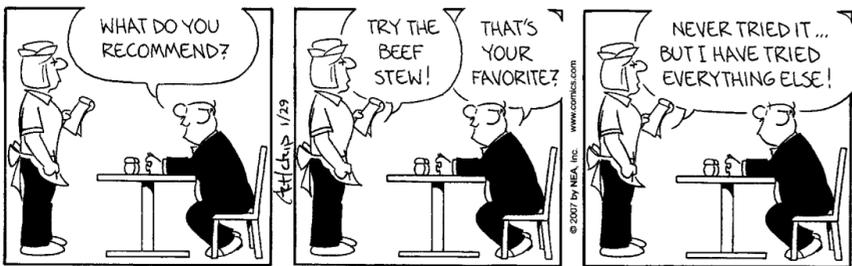
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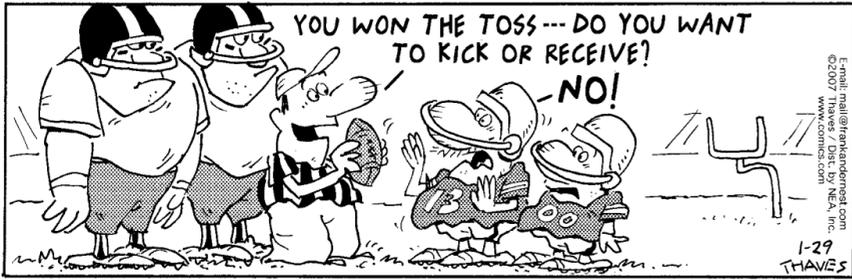
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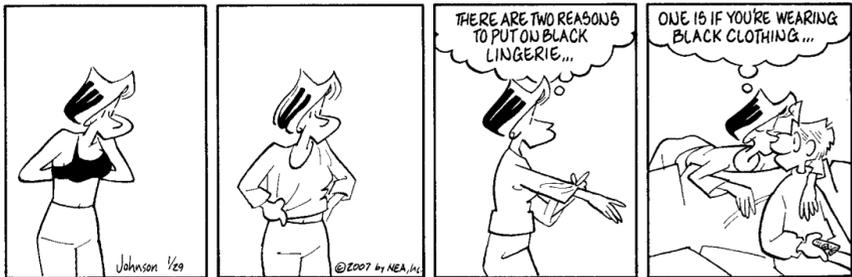
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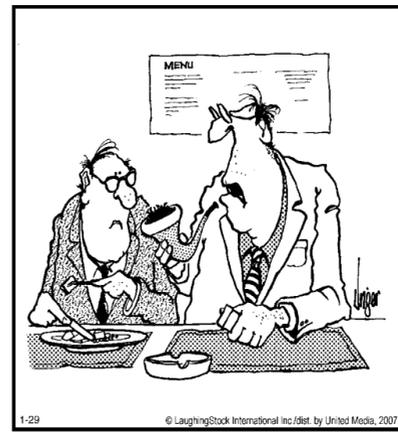
**REALITY CHECK**



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



**HERMAN**



**GET FUZZY**



**GRAND AVENUE**



**ASTROGRAPH**

**Your birthday:**  
Monday, Jan. 29, 2007

In the past, you have been fortunate in developing friends who are extremely loyal to you and have proven to be trusted allies. Circumstances could develop that will prove just how important this is to you.

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

Someone you would prefer not to be around and whom you've been trying to avoid might intrude upon your social arrangements. If you're on your toes, it's likely you can fend him or her off.

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

Harboring strong self-doubts will definitely have a deleterious effect on you. If you don't think you're capable of achieving something, you'll find ways to prove yourself right.

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

Don't make the mistake of going to someone for advice who will only offer you what you want to hear. Seek out someone who truly has your best interests at heart.

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

If you're asked to help another sort out his or her financial affairs, don't do so by lending him or her money. Work with this person's funds so he or she can learn how to be self-sufficient in the future.

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

When it comes to a joint involvement of importance, try to give others the benefit of the doubt. If you are judgmental, it will prove disruptive and partners will work only for their own benefit.

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

Don't attempt to take on more than you can comfortably accomplish, regardless of all you want to do. This could be a reasonably productive day for you. Don't overburden yourself.

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

Be sure to treat all your companions in your social involvements equally, or the results could be more than hurt feelings. Playing favorites will lose the support you need.

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

Be optimistic regarding your hopes and objectives, but don't set your sights so high that you couldn't possibly achieve your goals. Even if you accomplish some, you'll feel like a loser.

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

Guard against a tendency to turn what starts off to be a friendly discussion into one of serious debate. Should someone make a statement with which you disagree, who cares?

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

Be mindful of your financial circumstances and try to avoid taking on any new, long-term obligation which you can do without. You'll only make things tougher on yourself.

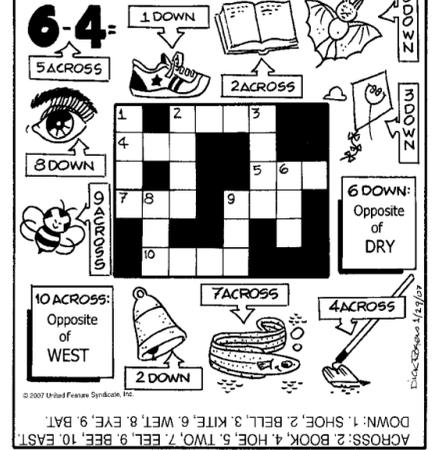
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**

Serious personal relationships must be handled thoughtfully and skillfully, or you could say or do something to offend an ally who is important to you.

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

You'll be more prone to doing things for others if you feel it is your choice and you're doing so voluntarily. The moment someone places demands on you, you'll start a mutiny.

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'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

**Pretty woman more than two men can handle**

**DEAR ABBY:** My best friend, "Ted," and I recently met an attractive girl I'll call "Bridget." Ted was married and suggested I date Bridget. Within a few days, before I got up the nerve to ask her on a date, Ted broke up with his wife, moved in with me and started seeing Bridget.

This was awkward, but in addition, Bridget started making sexual advances toward me. Unfortunately, I didn't have the wisdom to keep away from her. Although we didn't have sex, I was closer to her than I should have been to my best friend's girl.

Ted knows about it, and now ensures that Bridget and I are never alone together. He constantly worries about the situation, and it is interfering with his job.

I believe he wants to break up with her, but he's afraid I will date her. I agreed with his suggestion that we both stop talking to her, but they are still dating. She continues to flirt with me every time he leaves the room, and I am defenseless against a pretty woman.

Bridget says she likes me, but she loves Ted. She clearly has some attachment issues. I would love to talk to her about them and help her.

I think Ted and I both have strong feelings for her. What should we do? Neither of us can resist when she cries or wants something.

— STUCK IN THE MIDDLE

**DEAR STUCK:** You are not helpless. Find your backbone, start using your head, and thank your lucky stars that Bridget "loves" Ted. If you were in his shoes, you would be the one constantly worried about whom she was coming on to the minute your back was turned.

Bridget appears to use sex as a way of getting attention and validation. It's a problem that's beyond your expertise to fix, and also mine. She may need professional counseling or a self-help group for sexually compulsive people once she finally admits she has a problem.

The best way I know to avoid temptation is to avoid tempting situations. In your case, that means spending as little time in Bridget's presence as possible.

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 Dollop
  - 5 Gotcha!
  - 8 Butte cousin
  - 12 Reputation
  - 13 Give in the middle
  - 14 Imitated
  - 15 Europe-Asia range
  - 16 Gym shoes
  - 18 Debated
  - 20 Taco filling
  - 21 Devotee's suffix
  - 22 Aloha token
  - 23 Come afterward
  - 26 Lowest point
  - 29 Place of control
  - 30 Yips
  - 31 Molasses-based drink
  - 33 —wester
  - 34 Rotisserie part
  - 35 Long distance hauler
  - 36 Most up-to-date
  - 38 Chicken house
- DOWN**
- 39 Popular cruise stop
  - 40 Desire
  - 41 Famous canal
  - 43 Maraud
  - 46 Hit the hay (2 wds.)
  - 48 Clock sound
  - 50 Heavy-metal band
  - 51 Gross!
  - 52 Huge hairstyle
  - 53 Slangy refusal (hyph.)
  - 54 Auto fuel
  - 55 Astonish
  - 1 Safari animal
  - 2 "Tomb Raider" heroine
  - 3 Rubaiyat author
  - 4 France's neighbor
  - 5 Selling point
  - 6 Glove filler
  - 7 Get ripe
  - 8 Succeeded (2 wds.)
  - 9 "En garde" weapon
  - 10 Medieval laborer
  - 11 Magazine fillers
  - 17 Helps a crook
  - 19 Capitalize on
  - 22 Yuppie abode
  - 23 Codgers' queries
  - 24 Flashy sign
  - 25 Veer
  - 26 off-course Plankton
  - 27 Two-piece cookie
  - 28 Autumn flowers
  - 30 Lhasa —
  - 32 Cal Tech rival
  - 34 Confiscate
  - 35 Piano pieces
  - 37 Monkey —
  - 38 Gun the engine
  - 40 Tugs hard
  - 41 Of that kind
  - 42 Karachi language
  - 43 Costa —
  - 44 Freebie
  - 45 Tan shade
  - 46 Upsilon
  - 47 Burrow
  - 49 "— Tiki"

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