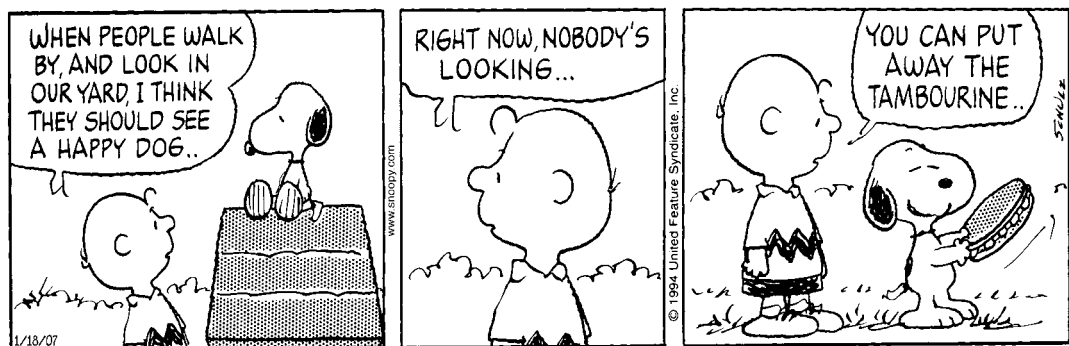


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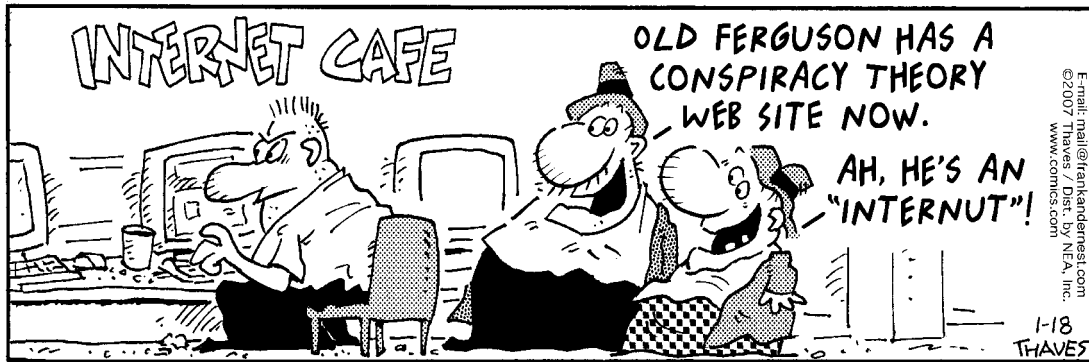
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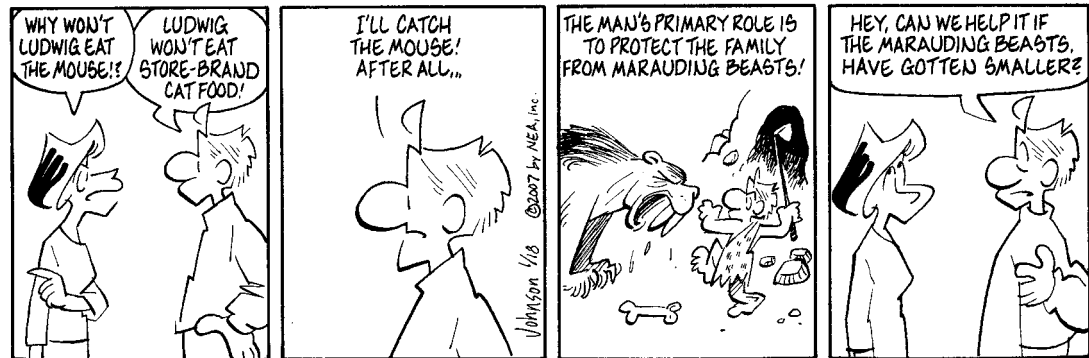
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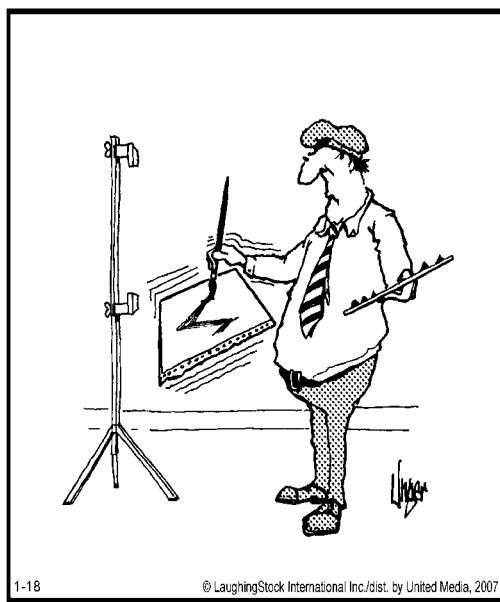
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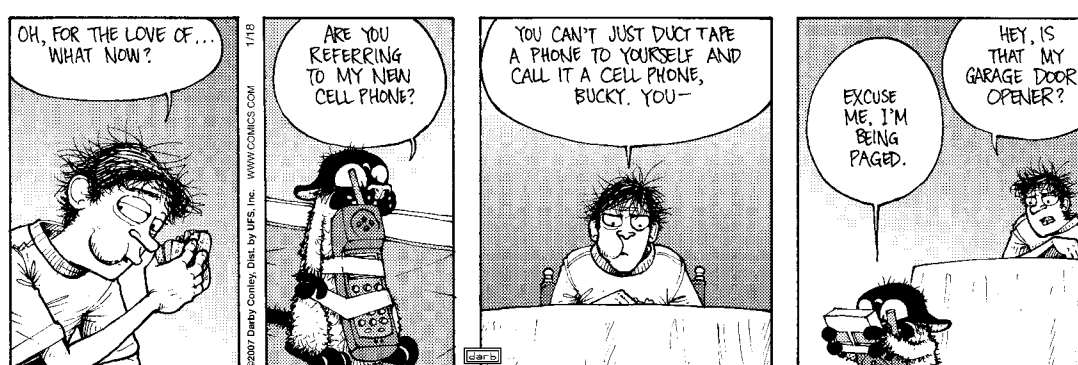
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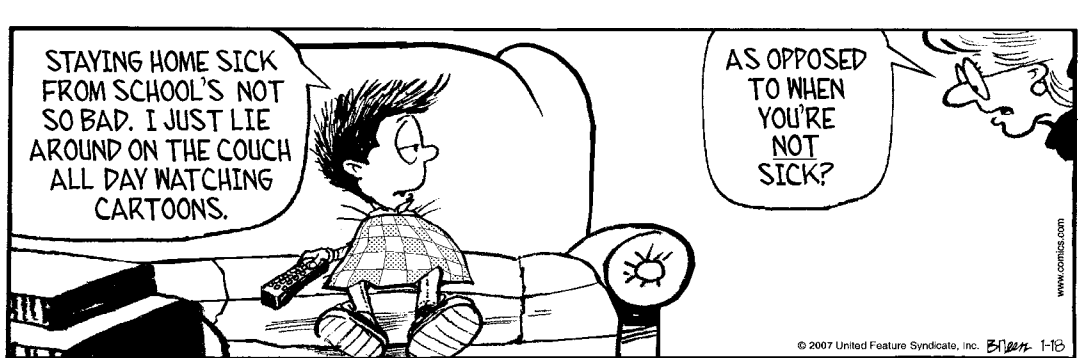
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GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:

Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007

Although some circumstances that have a bearing on you personally may be difficult to define at times, don't get fearful. The influences will still be working in your favor. Nice things are likely to happen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

A situation that affects you personally and has been poorly handled by others in the past will revert to your control. You'll profit from their mistakes and make matters successful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

New conditions will grant you many possibilities to fulfill a secret ambition. You'll learn never to lose faith again or switch horses, because victory may be nearer than you think.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

You will be entering a new cycle, which will have many hopeful ramifications you have to yet explore. Be sure to take ample time to investigate each and every one.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

This is a good day to elevate your sights a bit and upgrade the quality of your objectives and goals. You might even surprise yourself as to what you're capable of achieving once you try.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Any new knowledge you acquire at this time will eventually be put to some excellent uses. Don't be overly concerned about what you learn and what you would do with it later.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Pay particular attention to an investment proposal that is brought to you at this time, especially if the suggestion comes from someone who has established a very successful track record.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Even if you've heard that making a partnership arrangement with a pal could cause you to lose a good friend, go ahead and enter into one with a buddy. All will go well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

There could be a new and successful development where your career is concerned. It might lead to a raise, bonus or promotion. Be alert so you'll recognize the opportunity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Heed urges or inclinations that instruct you to get to know someone better. The relationship is destined to develop into something you'll like.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

The beginning of a new influence in your life could turn out to be meaningful to you in a very personal manner. It might put you onto a new track that will carry you far.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Access to information that has previously been denied you over the past few weeks will finally be made available. It'll advance your desires.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Today marks the start of a cycle that could markedly improve your financial circumstances, especially if you handle the new developments effectively. Three pleasant advantages could come from it.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Drinking, business don't necessarily go hand-in-hand

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Desperately Needing Advice in Manhattan," whose business associate advised her it is necessary to drink to make business deals, I think you missed the mark in your reply.

Much as we say it ain't so, it's still a man's world, and if she wants to close deals, she needs to play the game. Her colleague is right. Most business deals are closed in the bar or on the golf course, so learn the game to stay in it. Instead of fruit juice, she should head to the bar and get carbonated water. It looks like a vodka tonic, and it will appear she's having a drink along with everyone else.

As more women enter the work force, these rules will change. But it takes time, and we must make changes from within.

— GAME ON! LIVERMORE, CALIF.

DEAR GAME ON!: Your suggestion is what "Desperately Needing Advice" is already trying to do. But her colleague is telling her she must drink alcohol to fit in and pointing out her teetotaling during business dinners.

I would never advise anyone, male or female, to drink alcohol if the person was uncomfortable after doing so. Nor should it be necessary to be stealthy about staying sober. Too many slips of the tongue can occur if a person has inadvertently had one sip too many of that which is fermented.

I'm reminded of the time I was having dinner with my brother, whom I proceeded to address by my first husband's name 12 years after our divorce. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I loved your reply to the businesswoman who asked if she had to drink to make business deals. You advised that her so-called friend was probably trying to feel better about his own drinking by pushing her to do it.

I am in my mid-40s, confident and attractive. Like her, I rarely drink. I'd like her to know, firsthand, that in all my years in business, both as an employee and now that I am self-employed and very successful, my not drinking has never been a problem nor has it adversely affected my relationship with my clients.

— COLD SOBER AND HAPPY IN HAWAII

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3. Sir Lancelot was a brave _____. Drop a letter for the darkness of _____.
4. Heated enough, water will _____. Gasoline is made from _____.
5. One mouse plus one mouse equals two _____. Drop a letter for a cool cube of _____.
6. Two plus one equals _____. Drop one letter for a leafy _____.

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