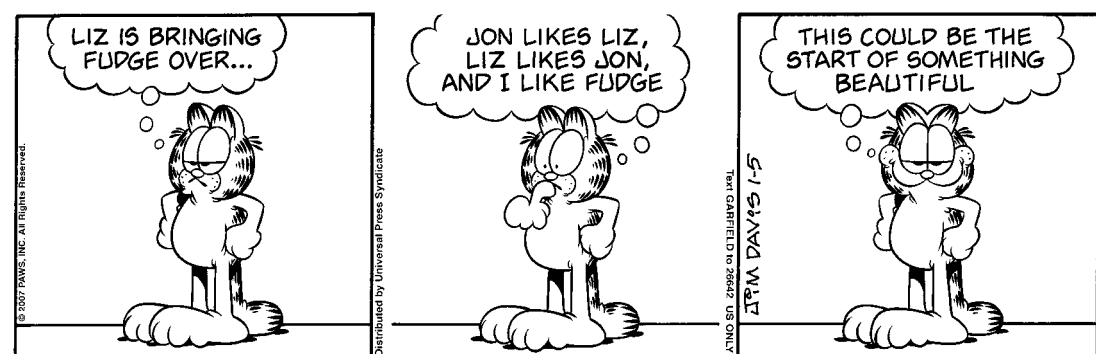


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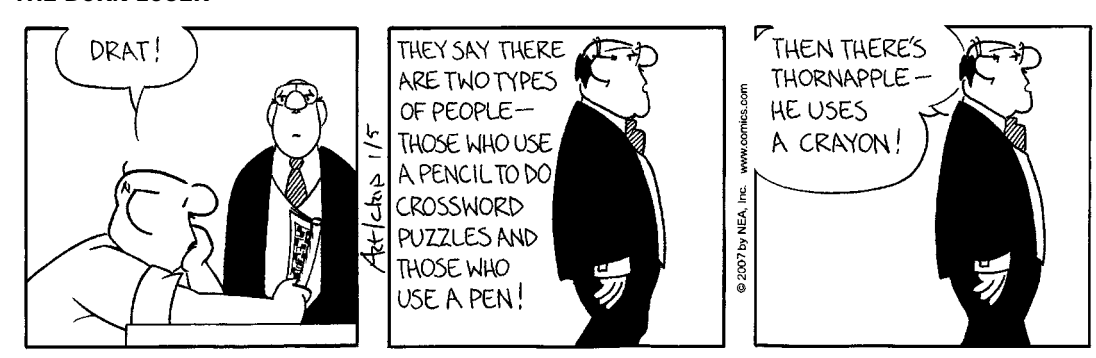
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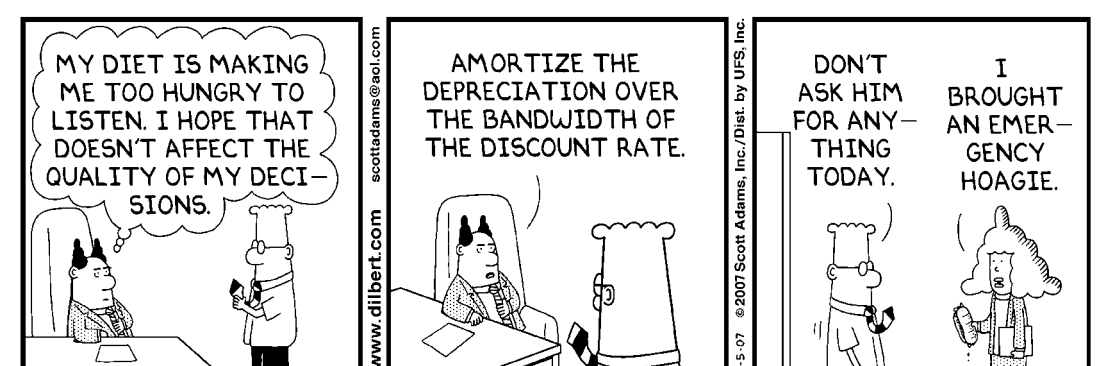
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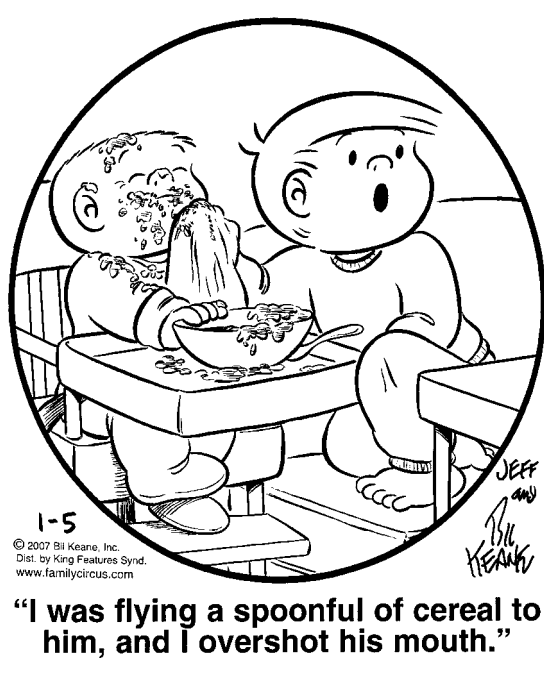
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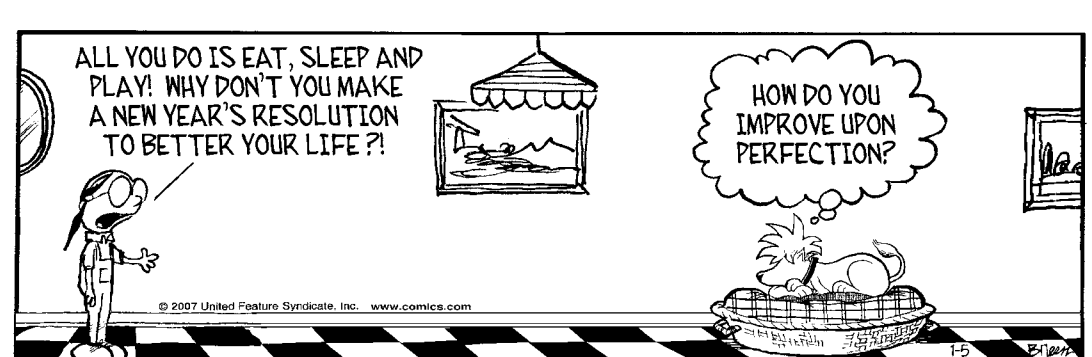
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GET FUZZY



GRAND AVENUE



ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday:

Friday, Jan. 5, 2007

It will work to your advantage to get out and circulate with as many new people as you can. Contacts you establish during this period could prove to be exceptionally fortunate for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Although you usually position yourself in ways where you can call the shots, you'll actually be more fortunate in arrangements where others have more control.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

When approached in a friendly, warm manner, others usually are cooperative and helpful as they can be.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Now is one of those times when more generous rewards will come from work well done. Even small tasks that normally go unnoticed will be compensated at higher levels.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Engage in a bit of good old-fashioned, friendly competition with some of your pals in either a favorite sport or social game, such as playing tennis or bridge. Peripheral benefits will result.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Interaction with those you share emotional bonds with could prove beneficial for everybody. Collectively, you'll bolster each other.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Listen attentively to what others have to say, because some kind of a gem of

an idea could come from an innocent comment another makes. It's apt to turn out to be a big winner for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You could be rather fortunate in ways that are financially or materially significant. When you get moving on this trail, Lady Luck will jump on board and direct your wagon to gold.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Being attentive and receptive to others in social situations will ensure your own expectations for having a good time are met, as well as be a fulfilling experience.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

It may be the end results that'll be of greater consequence than what you will have to go through to get there. Even if you don't start out strong, you'll end up being a dynamic finisher.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Your wonderful upbeat, positive attitude will set the mood for others and have a profound effect on a venture you share with them. Your enthusiasm awakens their rousing support.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Don't be afraid to elevate your sights, especially in areas that could affect your work, career and finances. Dame Fortune has something good in mind for you at a higher level.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Maintain your usual optimistic and philosophical outlook. In situations or interactions where you see yourself as lucky you will draw fortunate results to you.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

Man's affair with wife's sister leads to marriage trouble

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago I had an affair with a woman I met at a local benefit. I'll call her "Desiree." As luck would have it, a few years later, Desiree would become my sister-in-law.

My wife has always been jealous of her more attractive sister. She reminds me of that fact every time we visit. Now Desiree is having money problems, and she's threatening to tell my wife about our history if I don't accommodate her needs.

My marriage is already on thin ice because I ran over my wife's dog and forgot our anniversary in the same week.

What should I do?

— BLACKMAILED IN BURBANCK

DEAR BLACKMAILED: Be smart. Nip this in the bud by telling your wife everything. It isn't your fault that you met her sister first. You should thank your lucky stars that you wound up marrying the right one.

DEAR ABBY: My sister sent out an invitation for a baby shower to be held for her son's wife. The invitation gave the address where the shower was to be held, and at the bottom of the invitation was a handwritten note that read: "To be held at 'Greg's' new home."

I interpreted the note as a suggestion that guests bring a housewarming gift as well as a baby gift. Otherwise, the invitation would have just given the address. Is this a new gimmick now to try to get as many gifts as people can? I acknowledged the invitation by sending my regrets.

It just hit me the wrong way. I now keep my distance from the family and do not attend any family functions. I rarely visit or have contact with any of them. I would appreciate your opinion.

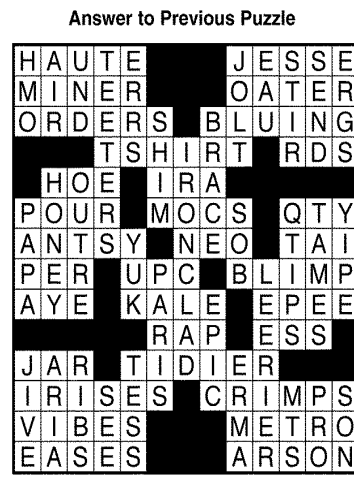
— SISTER "LIZZY" IN ARIZONA

DEAR "LIZZY": I don't know your sister, but if the note at the bottom of the invitation was a bid for an extra gift, it was certainly a veiled one. Because you asked for my opinion, I'll give it to you straight: I think you overreacted.

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.

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