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"Why does PJ always get to pick out his cereal first?"

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



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You have hives.
Amazing!
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ZITS | JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



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MOM, I NEED ONE OF THOSE NON-SLIP MATS IN MY SHOWER.
I ALMOST BROKE MY NECK TRYING TO DO A SIMPLE HANDSTAND IN THERE!

FRANK AND ERNEST | BOB THAVES



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ERNE DRINKS SODA ALL DAY LONG. HE'S WORKING ON HIS FIZZICAL FITNESS!

PEANUTS | CHARLES M. SCHULZ



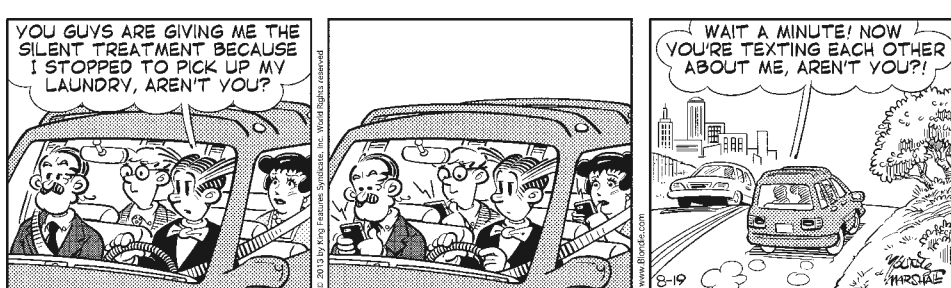
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HI, ROY... WHO YOU WRITIN' TO?
I'M WRITING TO A LITTLE KID NAMED LUIS THAT I MET AT CAMP SEVEN WEEKS AGO.
IS HE CUTE? IF HE IS, TELL HIM YOUR VERY GOOD FRIEND "PEPPERMINT PATTI" SAYS, "HELLO"
TELL HIM WHAT A REAL SWINGER I AM...
PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR ME, ROY, AND THE NEXT TIME WE INDIAN WRESTLE I'LL TRY NOT TO CLOBBER YOU!

DICK TRACY | JOE STATON AND MIKE CURTIS



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SPARKLE PLENTY HAS JUST REGAINED HER MEMORY!
OH! MAMMY PAPPY, JEWEL! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU!
HEY, MISS GERTIE, REMEMBER US?
A baby born today has a Sun in Leo and a Moon in Aquarius all day.

BLONDIE | YOUNG & DRAKE



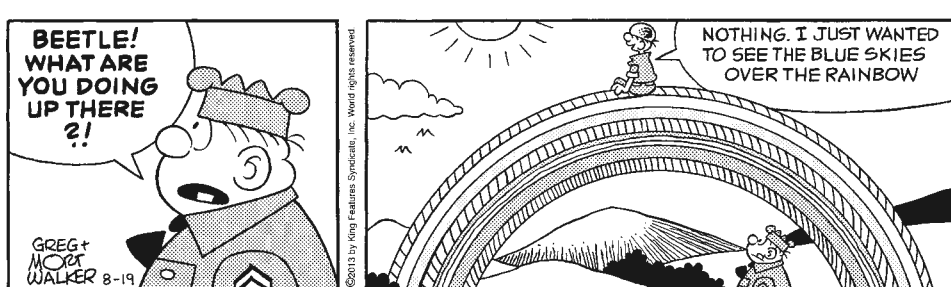
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YOU GUYS ARE GIVING ME THE SILENT TREATMENT BECAUSE I STOPPED TO PICK UP MY LAUNDRY. AREN'T YOU?
WAIT A MINUTE! NOW YOU'RE TEXTING EACH OTHER ABOUT ME, AREN'T YOU?
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GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS



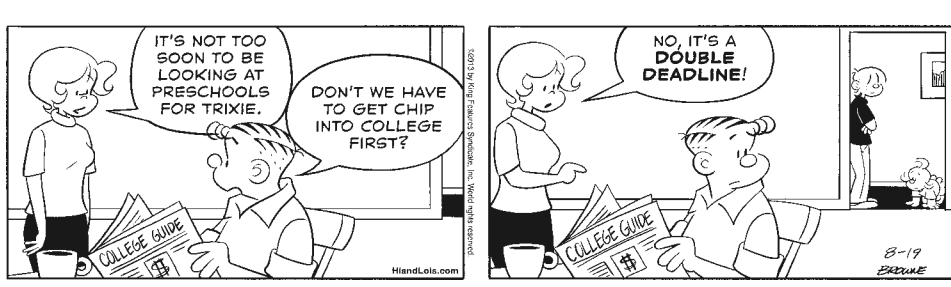
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IT'S SO HOT OUTSIDE, YOU SWEAT JUST STANDING STILL!
FINALLY, AN EXERCISE PROGRAM FOR YOU
EXCEPT FOR THAT SWEATING PART

BEETLE BAILEY | MORT WALKER



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BEETLE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP THERE?!
NOTHING. I JUST WANTED TO SEE THE BLUE SKIES OVER THE RAINBOW

HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



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IT'S NOT TOO SOON TO BE LOOKING AT PRESCHOOLS FOR TRIXIE.
DON'T WE HAVE TO GET CHIP INTO COLLEGE FIRST?
NO, IT'S A DOUBLE DEADLINE!

THE BORN LOSER | ART SANSON



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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY WITH THE COMPANY, CHIEF!
YOU'VE ACHIEVED GREAT SUCCESS DURING THAT TIME! DO YOU HAVE ANY REGRETS?
YOU!

MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS



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I CAN'T BELIEVE THE VET IS MAKING ME WEAR THIS IDIOTIC COLLAR TODAY.
BE HONEST, ATTILA, DO I LOOK DUMB?
40UP I'M THE ONE WHO LOOKS LIKE HE'S TALKING LIKE A STUPID CUISINART.

Husband's Retirement Is Not What It's Cracked Up To Be

DEAR ABBY: My husband lost his job more than a year ago because his plant closed. He was almost retirement age, so he took an early retirement. The problem is he isn't adjusting well to the change.

He has his hobbies, but he seems to have lost interest in them. He is angry a lot of the time and lost at other times. I understand it's a huge adjustment for him, but I'm concerned that it has been going on too long. I have tried to get him interested in things, but he doesn't take my suggestions well anymore. He thinks I want him out of my hair, but it's not true. I want him to be happy.

I know he's depressed but he denies it. When other people ask how he likes retirement, he says he loves it. I think he feels silly for not enjoying it. He doesn't want to spend money for counseling, even though he knows he can get the fee adjusted according to our income.

I'm at a loss about what to do to help him. He reads your column regularly, and I think he would take seriously any advice you could offer. — CONCERNED WIFE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR CONCERNED WIFE: Retirement is not for everyone, and not everybody "loves it." That's why it's so important that before a person retires, he or she have a plan in place for staying mentally and physically active.

Your husband may have valuable skills he could pass on by mentoring others. He could volunteer in the community, delivering meals to shut-ins, coaching youngsters' sports, help out at the police department or a hospital. All he needs to do is go to his computer and type in "volunteer opportunities in Michigan" to find plenty of opportunities. He can donate as little or as much time as he wants. But first, he will have to admit that he ISN'T loving retirement and needs an outlet. Please make sure he sees this column.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 12, and for the last five months my family hasn't been getting along. We act like we love each other, but I'm not so sure. My mom and dad have been fighting. I saw something Mom left on our computer she had been looking at, and the title was "How to Let Go of Emotions During the Divorce Process." I don't know if my parents are getting a divorce or not, but it's slowly tearing my family apart, and I don't know what to do. What can I do to prevent it? — CONFUSED PRE-TEEN

DEAR CONFUSED: Tell your mother you saw the article she left on the computer, and ask her if she and your dad are separating. If the answer is yes, tell her you hope they're getting counseling.

It is important you understand that while they both love YOU, they have reached a point where their relationship may no longer be working. Much as you might like to, there is nothing you can "do" to head this off because their problem has only to do with them and not you.

DEAR ABBY: I was just wondering why when men drink and get drunk, they always talk about themselves. — HEATHER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR HEATHER: They may do it because the alcohol allows them to loosen up and open up. Or, because they think the subject is fascinating, and you are a willing listener.

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DEAR ABBY

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun in Leo and a Moon in Aquarius all day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, AUG. 19, 2013:

This year you possess an enormous amount of information of which others are not aware. People often seek you out for your suggestions. You also will have a lot of fun this year. If you are single, trust in your desirability. You will have many potential suitors. If you are attached, recreate some of your favorite dates from the past. Some of you even might consider going on a long-discussed special trip with your loved one. AQUARIUS is a loyal friend to you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

Your words have punch, and others will sense the power that's behind them. You could be conflicted about something a loved one shares, but ultimately you will trust yourself to have the appropriate response. Take your time before verbalizing your thoughts. Tonight: A lengthy chat.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

Pace yourself, and know your limits. Pressure could build within both your personal and professional circles. Proceed by prioritizing, and you will be able to tolerate the tension as a result. You also will be able to accomplish what you want. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Touch base with others, and make a point to maintain some form of communication. Know that you don't have all the answers; you might need to detach in order to remain centered. Several people around you could test the limits of your patience. Tonight: A favorite activity.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Deal directly with those who hold the purse strings. There seems to be a definite difference of opinion regarding a potential risk. Someone you respect will give you some significant feedback. Ultimately, you will need to make your own decision. Tonight: Listen well.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

You might feel pushed to the max and somewhat challenged with a domestic or personal issue. There is no question -- it is more difficult to deal with two issues than one. Try to resolve one

completely before working on the other. Tonight: Defer to others as much as you can.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

You have a tendency to overdo things or to think you can accomplish more than you actually can. A conversation will turn out to be a downer, which could make you feel less than great. A partner or loved one could be unpredictable right now. Tonight: Play it easy.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Let your imagination take the lead. Your expenses could seem way off. Try to find the problem, and you might be able to gain control of your checkbook. Managing the issue could be an entirely different issue. A dear friend does what you least expect. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Tension builds around the homefront. You might not be able to resolve a personal matter the way you might like, but you will find an acceptable Band-Aid solution. Have faith in yourself, and let the situation simmer until all parties are ready to make peace. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Listen carefully to someone, as this person subtly might be saying something that could cause a major confrontation if taken out of context. Make a point to help the conversation move along. A new friend could pop into your life unexpectedly. Tonight: Only where there is music.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Observe what is happening with an issue that could affect your finances. You could feel very uncomfortable around a friend who clearly lacks the sensitivity to understand what you are doing. Don't let this person influence you. Tonight: Balance your checkbook and pay bills.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

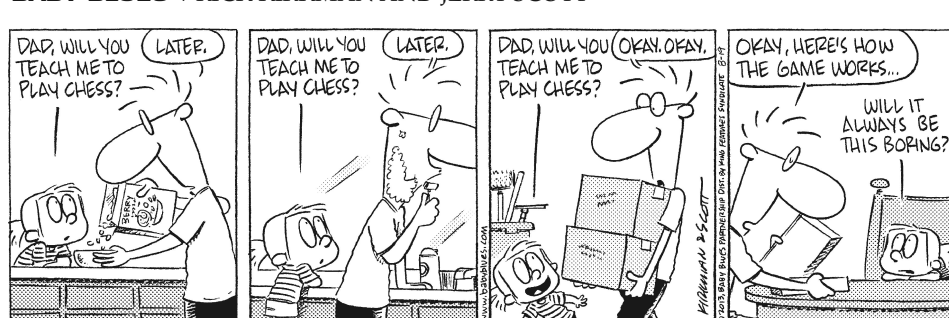
You will feel good, no matter how many tasks are on your schedule. A boss or older relative could be in a sour mood. You'll hear news that could surprise you and force you to think through your plans in light of what you know now. Tonight: Go for what you want.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Much is going on behind the scenes, and you might not be able to discuss it or ask questions about what you are seeing. Take an overview of your situation. Once you do, you'll realize how inconsequential this hush-hush matter is. Tonight: Get some R and R -- you're going to need it!

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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON

