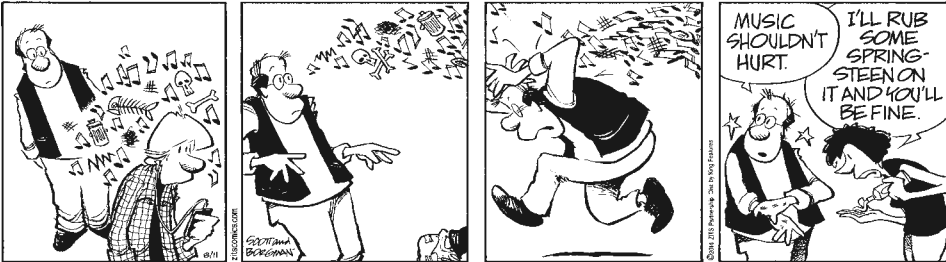


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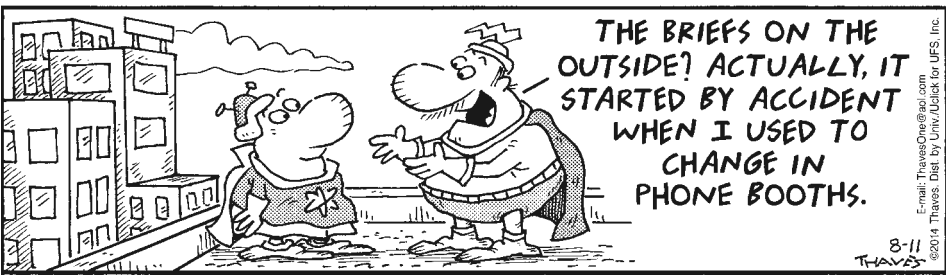
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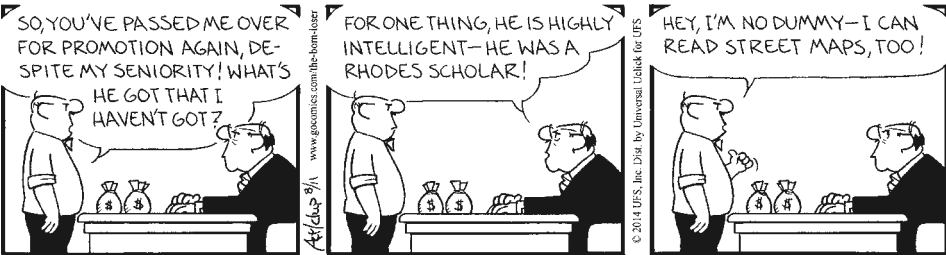
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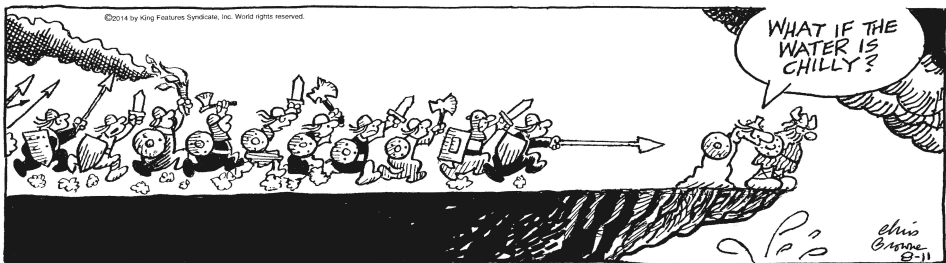
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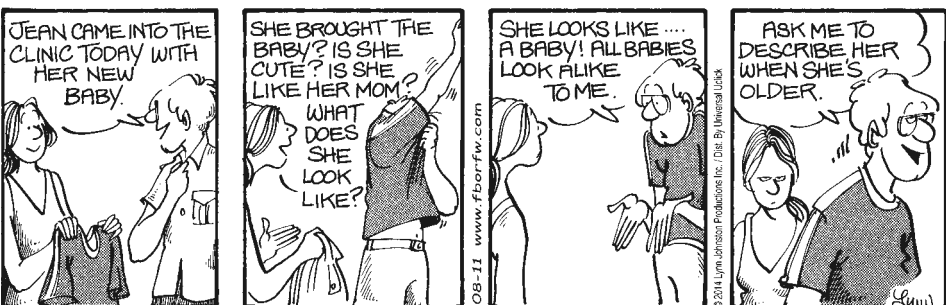
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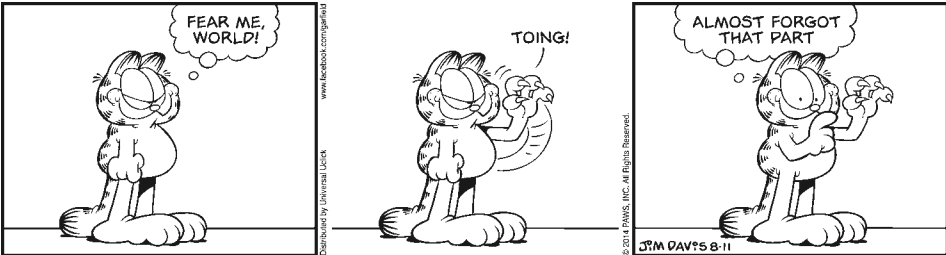
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Attentive Parents Can Prevent Kids Being Left Alone In Cars

DEAR ABBY: It disturbs me greatly that we keep reading about parents leaving their children in cars, whether it be absentmindedness, stress or downright intentional. It needs to stop.

I'm hoping car manufacturers can come up with an idea — maybe a sensor that once the doors are closed and locked, should there be motion or a sound in the vehicle, the windows would automatically open, giving a passer-by a chance to see inside and maybe save a precious life. — FRUSTRATED BY "PREMATURE" ANGELS

DEAR FRUSTRATED: You are not the only one who is disturbed by these recent tragedies. They are on the minds of a lot of people lately. Today's mail brought a suggestion from another reader who is hoping to put an end to the loss of these fragile young lives. A mother in Westland, Michigan, offered this:

DEAR ABBY: I have a suggestion for parents. TALK to your children when they are in the car with you. I always carried on a conversation, sang or counted to my kids, even newborns, and continued through the years they were rear-facing and forward-facing. It helped them to learn their ABCs, count, and even know where streets were. It was also a running reminder that someone very special was with me. I never listened to the radio, unless it was nursery rhymes on DVD or toddler songs. It not only helped me teach my children, but it also made driving fun and safe for the tiny passengers in my car. — D.W.K.

READERS: A nonprofit group called KidsAndCars suggests that parents "place something they will need (when exiting the vehicle), such as a cellphone, handbag or briefcase, near the child in the back seat. Or keep a large stuffed animal in the child's car seat when it's not occupied. When the child is in the car seat, place the stuffed animal in the front passenger seat as a reminder that the child is in the back.

"And tell the child's day care center or

baby sitter that they will always be called if your child isn't coming in as scheduled. If the child is absent without an explanation, the day care center or baby sitter is expected to contact a parent or another designated caregiver."

I would not recommend an automatic device because it could fail.

DEAR ABBY: I am friends with a couple who have been married for three years. I have worked with the wife since before their wedding. The wife is overtly sexual toward me and has cheated on her husband with many men during the last year.

I'll be changing jobs soon and think the husband should know what his wife has been doing. Should I send him an anonymous letter? Tell him in person? Or let him find out for himself in the future? — TROUBLED FRIEND IN DETROIT

DEAR TROUBLED: Because the woman is "overtly" sexual with you, it's likely the husband already has an inkling. Whether you decide to tell him his wife is cheating with multiple men depends on whether YOU would want to be told. But this I can tell you emphatically: This information should not be conveyed in an unsigned letter from a "friend."

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Leo and a Moon in Aquarius if born before 8:55 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, AUG. 11, 2014:

This year you enter the first year of a new life cycle. The first year is considered to be very fortunate. If you are single, you will discover that love is waiting for you just around the corner. Until you find it, you will be busy dating, as your appeal is high. If you are attached, you will be very affectionate with your sweetie. It is quite possible that you will decide to commit to each other on a deeper level, depending on your stage of life. PISCES is even more romantic and imaginative than you are.

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)

★★★ An exchange of feelings could determine the day's mood. You could opt to be more laid-back than others might have expected. Expect some reactions! Use your intuition when internalizing an issue brought up by an important person. Tonight: Soothe away any irritation.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You could find that you are in a difficult position with someone whom you feel you need to answer to. At the moment, you'll see different concerns coming together in a way that you feel is very pleasing. Stay focused on your long-term goals. Tonight: Hang with a pal or two.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★★ You have a way of making light of situations that others would consider to be very serious. You might not understand that some people find that type of behavior offensive. Be a little kinder in the way you communicate. Tonight: Out and about.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★★ You could be deeply offended by a conversation you have with someone you encounter today. Try to accept this person as he or she is, and then move on. Allow more creativity to emerge. Tonight: Be more upbeat by looking at the big picture.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ It would be best not to hold back anymore. You will need some time to process your feelings, especially in a situation that could be

quite unexpected. A roommate or family member might challenge you in order to start a conversation. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★★ You will be particularly efficient today. Don't be surprised if social interactions prove to be the highlight of your day, rather than your work. Use your instincts when it comes to dealing with a touchy yet upbeat person. Tonight: Make this a "people" day.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★★ You might want to see beyond the obvious, but you could have an issue getting past an immediate problem. Hang in there, and you will find the right solution to clear up the issue. Be careful with spending, as you easily could go overboard. Tonight: Pace yourself.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★★ You could be weighing the pros and cons of several situations. You might not know what would be the best way to handle a personal matter. Your ingenuity will provide you with several very interesting options. Let someone know when enough is enough. Tonight: Very playful.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★★ Weigh the pros and cons of spending more time at home. Keep in mind that your imagination is likely to take off in that setting. Try not to suppress your anger so much, as it could cause you a problem later on down the road. Tonight: Consider a home office.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★★ You might want to reach out to someone who keeps popping into your mind. Circumstances could have pushed the two of you apart. Once you reconnect, you will recognize how much you have missed this person. Tonight: Surround yourself with music.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

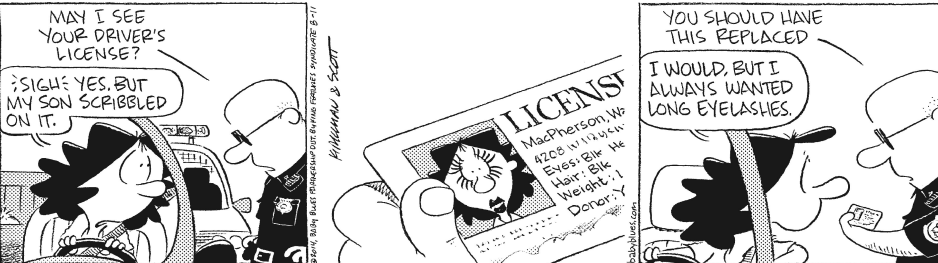
★★★ Know the costs of continuing as you have been. You could be overspending and not looking at the damages. Ask yourself what is motivating this indulgence. Someone you care about could be very difficult today. Don't internalize what he or she says. Tonight: Your treat.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★★ Your imagination knows no bounds. The issue for you will be using that gift well. You might see a new path in a conversation with an expert or someone you consider to be wise. Jump on the opportunity after a lengthy discussion. Tonight: Let your creativity out.

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