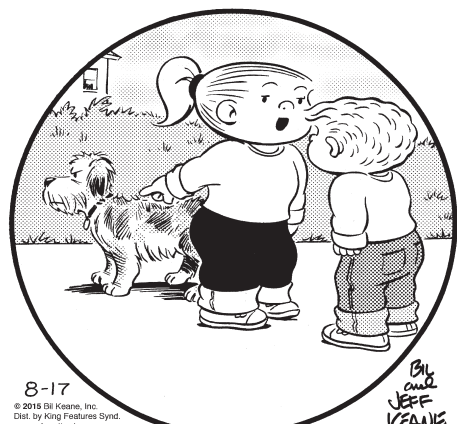
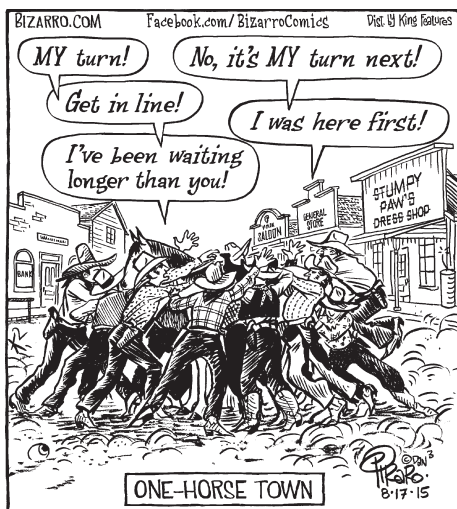


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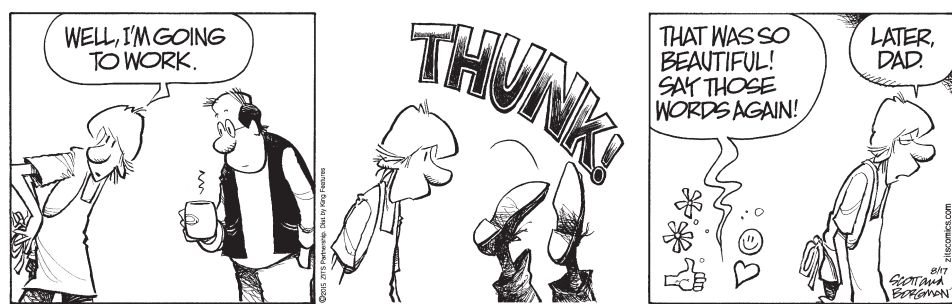
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"Sam's just growlin' right now, but once his mouth gets too full of it, he'll bark."

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



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"MY turn! No, it's MY turn next!"
"Get in line!" "I was here first!"
"I've been waiting longer than you!"
ONE-HORSE TOWN
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ZITS | JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



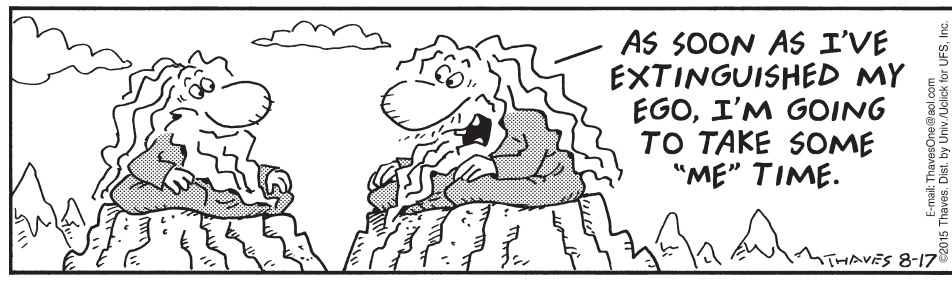
WELL, I'M GOING TO WORK.
THUNK!
THAT WAS SO BEAUTIFUL! SAY THOSE WORDS AGAIN!
LATER, DAD.
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PICKLES | BRIAN CRANE



GRAMPA, DID YOU PLAY DODGEBALL WHEN YOU WERE A KID?
OH, SURE. ONLY WE DIDN'T CALL IT DODGEBALL.
AND WE DIDN'T USE A BALL.
IN FACT, IT WAS MOSTLY JUST MY BROTHER LEON THROWING HIS DIRTY SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR AT ME.
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FRANK AND ERNEST | BOB THAVES



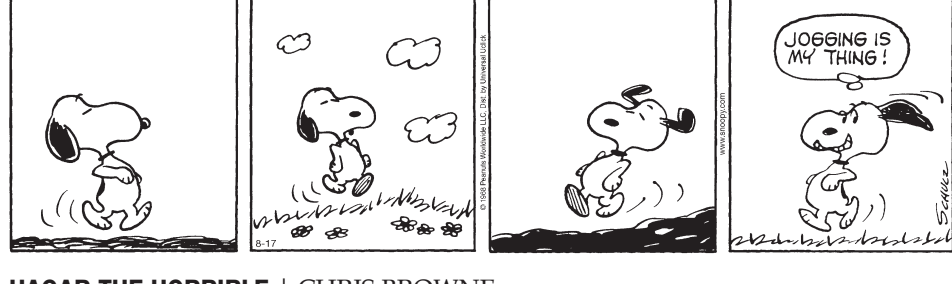
AS SOON AS I'VE EXTINGUISHED MY EGO, I'M GOING TO TAKE SOME "ME" TIME.
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BORN LOSER | ART SAMSON



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR EGGS THIS MORNING, BRUTUS?
IT'S ALWAYS EITHER SUNNY-SIDE UP OR SCRAMBLED. I'M SICK OF IT! COULDN'T YOU SURPRISE ME FOR A CHANGE?
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PEANUTS | CHARLES M. SCHULZ



JOGGING IS MY THING!
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE | CHRIS BROWNE



KEEP AN EYE ON SVEN. I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM. LET ME KNOW IF YOU NOTICE ANYTHING UNUSUAL...
HE ASKED FOR SECONDS TONIGHT!
OH! WORSE THAN I THOUGHT!
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BETLE BAILEY | MORT WALKER



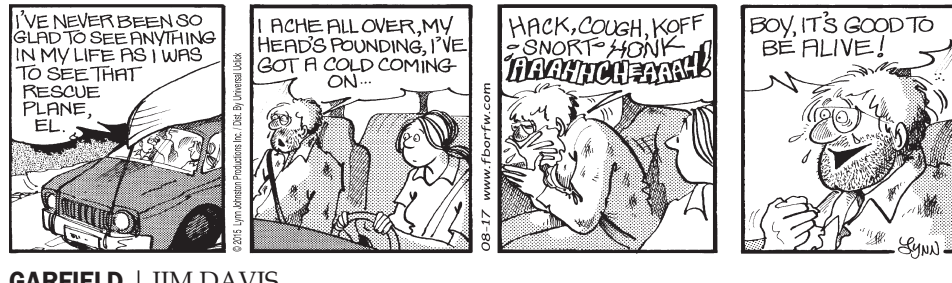
THE BEEF STEW HAS THE MOST VOTES.
I'D LOVE TO BE A JUDGE ON THIS COOKING SHOW!
YOU'D ONLY LAST FOR ONE SHOW.
WHY?
YOU WOULDN'T LEAVE ANY FOOD FOR THE OTHER JUDGES TO JUDGE.
GREG+MORT WALKER
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HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



SO, WHEN ARE WE GOING?
GOING WHERE?
ON THAT HOT-AIR BALLOON RIDE YOU GOT ME FOR MY BIRTHDAY?
I NEVER SAID I WAS GOING WITH YOU!
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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON



I'VE NEVER BEEN SO GLAD TO SEE ANYTHING IN MY LIFE AS I WAS TO SEE THAT RESCUE PLANE, EL.
ACHE ALL OVER, MY HEAD'S POUNDING, I'VE GOT A COLD COMING ON...
HACK, COUGH, KOFF, SNORT-HONK!
BOY, IT'S GOOD TO BE ALIVE!
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GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS



I'M GETTING A HEADACHE.
MY HEADACHE IS GETTING WORSE!
NOW IT'S GETTING BETTER!
COINCIDENCE.
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Woman Held In High Esteem Fears Exposing Imperfections

DEAR ABBY: I met an amazing man and have been dating him for about three months. It was almost love at first sight. I say "almost" because I was hesitant to get involved since I am his boss.

My problem is, for six years I was in an emotionally and physically abusive relationship. My ex threw me through a wall, leaving me with broken ribs and lacerations on my face. I was constantly called "fat" – especially when I was pregnant.

Now that I'm with this new guy, I feel awkward. He tells me how pretty I am, and I don't know how to respond. It makes me uncomfortable when he says it, and I have no idea why. I have fallen so hard for him, but feel like I hurt his feelings when I don't respond. It's not that I think I'm ugly or anything; I just feel like I am not as pretty as he constantly says I am.

How can I overcome this so it doesn't become a problem in the future? I'm scared to death that one day he will wake up and realize that I'm not as perfect as he thinks I am. – NOT PERFECT IN ALABAMA

DEAR NOT PERFECT: I don't know whether your self-esteem problem is long-standing and deep-seated, or if it stems from the abusive relationship you had with your ex. But a way to conquer it would be to discuss your feelings with a licensed mental health professional.

On a related subject, it is common knowledge that workplace romances – while not uncommon – can turn into disasters if they don't work out. They sometimes fail because of the imbalance of power in the relationship if one person has economic control of the other. While you're talking to your therapist, this is something that should also be discussed.

DEAR ABBY: Social media – specifically Facebook – has had an impact on families, their values and relationships. It is important

to understand that, contrary to popular belief, parents and grandparents DO NOT LIVE FOREVER. Being "too busy" for face-to-face visits, writing a postcard or a letter, or even a simple telephone call, is not how we were brought up.

To my children and grandchildren, whom I dearly love: I'm sure you'll take the time to order flowers for my funeral. You may even take the day off to attend, and when you do, you will most likely shed some tears. So why can't you find the time, while I'm still HERE, to visit or call? I'd love to see you, and I'm never too busy to make the time. – HURT IN PELLA, IOWA



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR HURT: I'm printing your letter because I'm sure this is a problem shared by many aging parents and grandparents. However, this is a question you should direct to your children and grandchildren, not me. If you do, you may learn there may

be multiple reasons why they don't pay more attention to you – among them, the pressures of work, school, child care, or the fact that they are disorganized and don't budget their time well.

There is also the question of whether you are an enjoyable person to be around. Do you show an interest in what they are doing, or make them feel guilty for not doing more to entertain you? That's a surefire way to keep them away.

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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 Virgo if born before 4:23 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, AUG. 17, 2015:

This year you go from being friendly and easy-going to being precise and detail-oriented. You will learn to mix all these different facets together. This could be a significant year for your emotional and financial well-being. Go for what you want, and you most likely will get it. If you are single, your gregarious and kind personality draws many people toward you. You will know when you meet the right person. If you are attached, the two of you become closer, especially as you will make a new commitment to your bond. As a team, you enhance your potential. LIBRA can be very superficial but agreeable.

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)

Start approaching a situation involving your finances and another party. You have a special type of allure that encourages others to listen. Your vision will be well received. A close associate most likely will go along with an unusual idea. Tonight: Out with a friend.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You come from a secure point of view. You will see a significant difference in perspective once you are willing to brainstorm with a partner. Somehow you will land at a midpoint that makes you both happy. Defer to others openly. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Your ability to tackle a problem and get ahead emerges. You will find that a different approach will work if you are able to come from a grounded point of view. Your creativity emerges and adds to the energy of today's interactions. Tonight: Ever playful.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

You might not be able to see a situation in the same way someone else sees it. A strong barrier could result. You are likely to see a personal matter blow up unless you are willing to listen and sympathize. Consider the alternative. Tonight: Stay close to home.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Keep the brakes on spending, and be

wise about investments. With some guidance, you could be hitting a financial peak. You will discover the power of your words -- just see how people respond to you. Others naturally gravitate toward you. Tonight: Make it your treat.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

You beam and others respond in kind. Be as forthright as possible. Discussions seem to be animated and full of information. Listen well. Use caution with overindulgence. You will be a lot more upbeat than you have been. Tonight: Make a purchase that you have been considering.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Keep your own counsel rather than get yourself in trouble by saying exactly what you are thinking. Your opinion could be transformed by the end of the day anyway. Regroup and handle a personal matter in the late afternoon. Tonight: Beam in whatever you want.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

A meeting could have an excellent outcome for you. You will see a positive response, as long as you give others an entry point. Be more direct in a conversation. Touch base with a loved one at a distance whom you care about. Tonight: Play it cool.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

If you feel negative, do your best to let go of this feeling. Try to have a discussion with a loved one. Take action if need be, rather than settle into a funk. By midday, you might decide to join some of your friends. Your mood is likely to change as a result. Tonight: Don't sulk.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Connect, talk and research. You have most of the day to come to a conclusion. A friend could be very difficult and touchy. Be smart. Don't try to push this person just to get positive feedback. Leave him or her alone. Trust your judgment. Tonight: Assume the lead.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

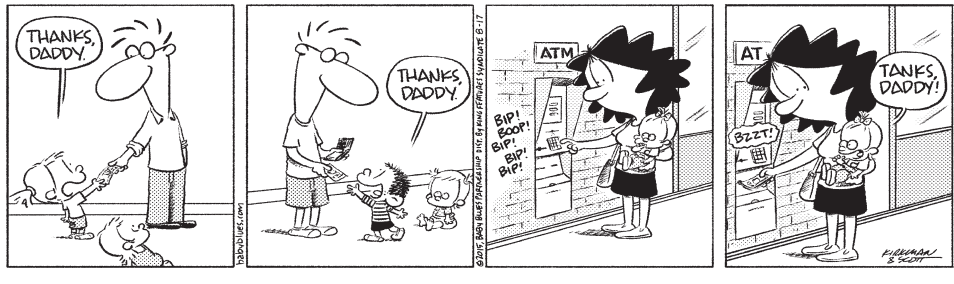
Reach out to someone at a distance, or be ready to dig in and do a lot of research. This person serves as a mentor for you. Remain optimistic and forthright when dealing with an unusual new topic. Make plans to take a vacation soon. Tonight: Relax at home.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

You'll want to listen to what is being shared. At first, it could seem as if everyone has a lot to say; however, you might determine that there is little of value being verbalized. Reach out to your trusted sources before making a move. Tonight: Make time for a favorite person.

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