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"What do the angels say to God when He sneezes?"

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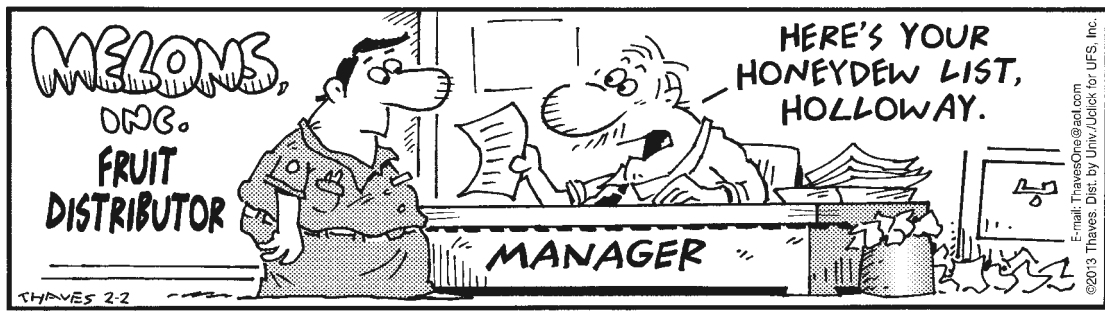


Well, hold it until we find a parked car.

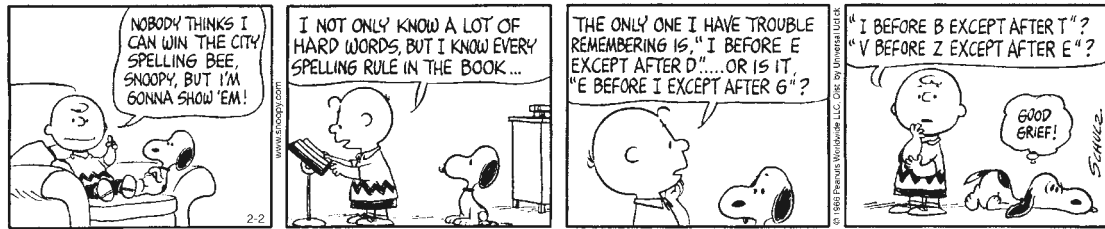
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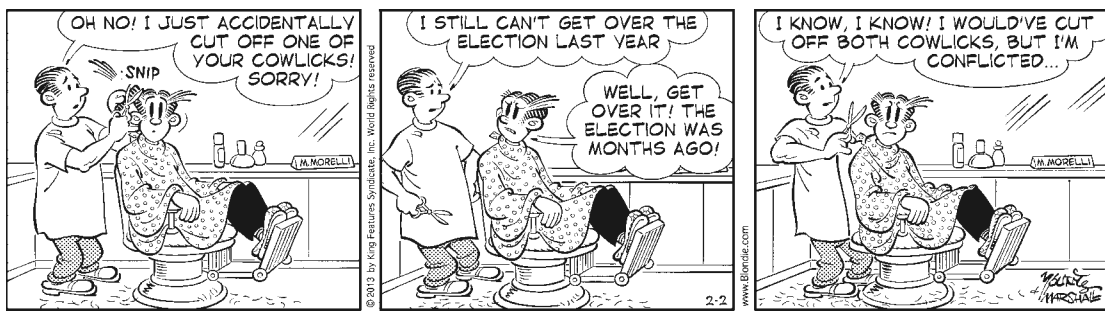
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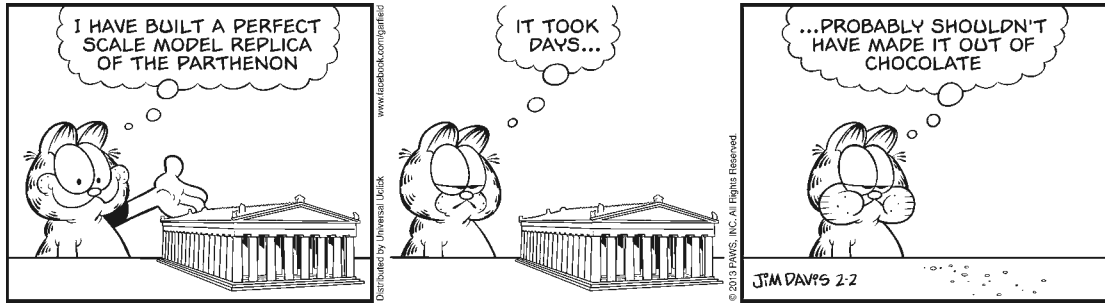
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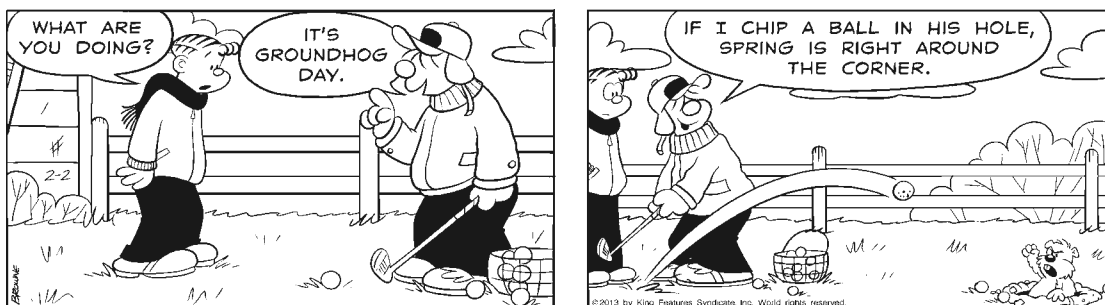
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Co-Ed Fears Parents' Response To Boyfriend She Met Online

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 20-year-old college student with a great job, life ambitions and parents who love me. They raised me to think for myself and follow my dreams.

I didn't date much in high school, but a few months ago I met a wonderful young man who is in the Army. Two things about this relationship are different: First, we met on the Internet, communicated online for several weeks, then took the next step to meet in person. The second is, "Jack" is 10 years older than I am and has a son from a previous marriage.

Jack is stationed not far from me. When I met him, I realized he was everything a woman could want. I did a background check and everything he told me is true. He supports me fully in pursuing my degree and my future career. But I'm afraid to introduce him to my parents because they're old-fashioned. They are leery about people meeting on the Internet. They also want me to meet a guy closer to my age.

The more Jack and I are together, the more I realize how much I love him. I want to introduce the man I love to my family. How do I proceed with this? I am scared that my parents won't accept Jack. How can I get them to accept my choice? — DETERMINED IN THE SOUTHWEST

DEAR DETERMINED: Your relationship with Jack appears to be progressing at warp speed. If you want your parents to accept him, you must give them an opportunity to get to know him — and the same applies to you because this romance is fresh. As you communicate with your parents, start mentioning Jack. Tell them he is a member of the military and how you met. Meeting someone on the Internet these days is very common and nothing to be ashamed of.

The longer you continue keeping his existence a secret, the more concerned and disappointed your parents will be when you spring him on them. They will want to meet him and you should introduce him. After that, the selling job will be his. Keep your cool. You are your parents' little girl and always will be. But the decision of who you'll wind up with is your own to make, not theirs.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

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DEAR ABBY: Most people recognize chest pain as a symptom of heart attack, as well as pain or numbness in the arm or shortness of breath. But did you know that a feeling of "doom" or back pain could also be signs of a heart attack?

An article in our local paper reported that most people do not recognize other warning signs of a heart attack. They include: a sense of doom, back pain, sweating, nausea or vomiting, dizziness or lightheadedness, weakness, fatigue or malaise, and jaw or neck pain. My mother, age 87, who had never had back trouble and hadn't strained her back muscles in any way, suddenly developed back pain that the usual over-the-counter pain pills couldn't stop. Two days later, the pain moved to her chest, and that's when we took her to the emergency room. We would have gotten her there two days sooner if anyone had told us that heart attack pain could begin in the back. Please, Abby, let your readers know these other symptoms. — THANKFUL READER IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR THANKFUL: Forewarned is forearmed. I'm printing your helpful letter for all to see. Thank you for wanting to alert others to the sometimes subtle warning signs of a heart attack. Your warning may have saved some lives today.

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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 Aquarius and a Moon in Libra if born before 4:02 a.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, FEB. 2, 2013:

This year you alternate between being efficient and displaying a non-present, dreamlike attitude. Others won't know for sure which side of your personality they will encounter. If you could combine these two opposing characteristics, you could become a strong leader. You also might create more of what you desire. If you are single, you could find meeting someone with your same versatility to be challenging, though it is a possibility. If you are attached, your sweetie will love your changeability. SCORPIO can be very pushy. 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)

Act early on what you feel you want done quickly. A loved one might pull on your sleeve; he or she could request your company. Spending time with this person is refreshing, and it allows for moments of random thoughts and flights of fancy. Tonight: You've got the rhythm.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You have the ability to go with the flow while still holding on to your principles. People getting to know you could be surprised at how rigid you can become if pushed. Try not to be excessive in any context, and you will like the end results better. Tonight: Join friends.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Pace yourself, as you have a lot to do. Whatever you are up to, others are depending on you getting the job done. You could be surprised at the possibilities that surround a venture. An older friend or relative wants you to join him or her. Do make time. Tonight: Easy works.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

You could be on top of a situation, but feel overwhelmed by a loved one's neediness. This person's emotional vocal notes can outdo any ones you can hit. You understand, and you'll allow this individual to work through his or her feelings. Tonight: Others cannot help but turn to you.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Being the master or mistress of your castle fits

your mood well. You get to rule and add to the moment, yet relax at the same time. Perhaps you can fit in some daydreaming and a nap as well. Your love of music and/or movies dominates. Tonight: Share with a loved one.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Speak your mind, and share more of your secrets. Your sense of humor emerges, which helps you keep the mood light. Visit with friends, and share good news with others. A loved one is not intentionally vague. Tonight: You do not have to go far to have a good time.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

The time has come to go out and be physical. Use your imagination as you work through some built-up tension. How you handle a personal matter could change radically as a result. There is a lot to do in your immediate environment. Tonight: How about some dancing?

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

You move quickly and efficiently, and you make a difference where it counts. Your imagination seems to have opened up wide. Listen to suggestions, but still remember to put in your two cents. Others will appreciate your insights. Tonight: Love the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Take a backseat, try to avoid being a backseat driver. Others seem to overindulge in the good life and in their emotional demonstrations. You might enjoy imagining what is going through these individuals' minds. Tonight: Use your creativity to come up with an effective solution.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Go for what you want, and do not hesitate to ask others to support you in this venture. Your words come off a lot harsher than you might think. A little softening could go a long way. Listen to news that is forthcoming. Tonight: You create a party wherever you are.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

Pressure builds to a new level. You might not see a way out, and you could feel overwhelmed. You go to extremes by nature. You might decide to go off and do some shopping or indulge in some other favorite escape from the moment. Tonight: Treat yourself.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Understand what is going with an important person in your life. Walk in others' shoes and see life through their eyes — just for today. Your imagination knows no limits as you reach out to others. Remain sensitive to a loved one at a distance. Tonight: Let your mind roam.

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