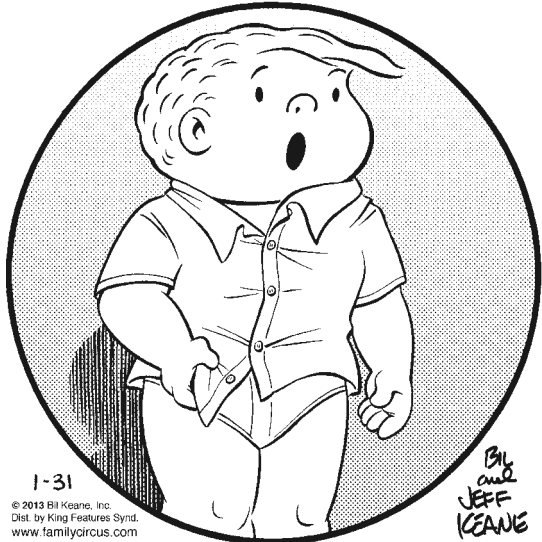
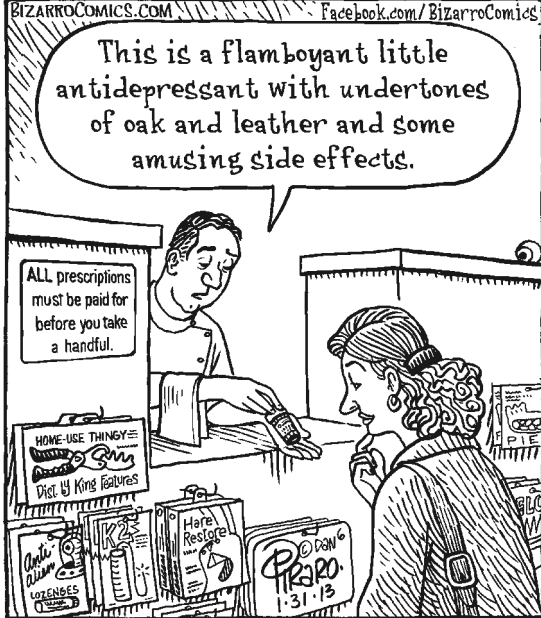


FAMILY CIRCUS | BIL KEANE



"Mommy, why does this shirt have an extra button?"

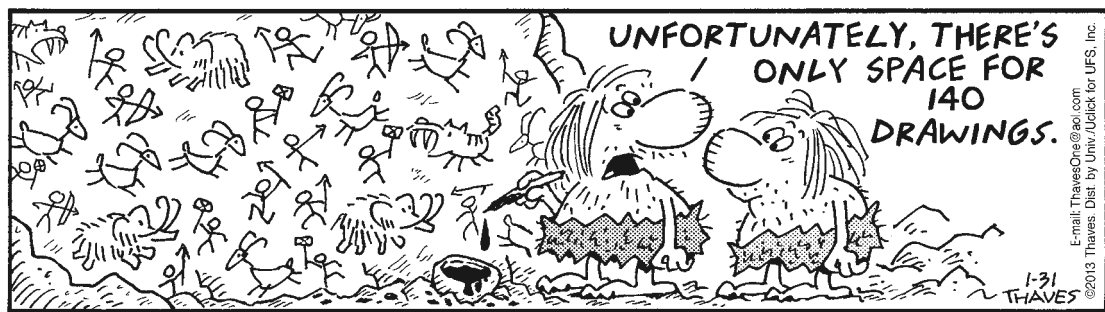
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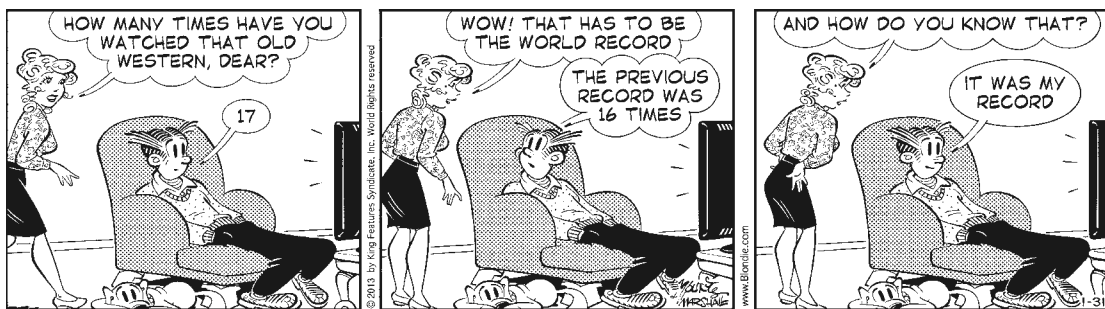
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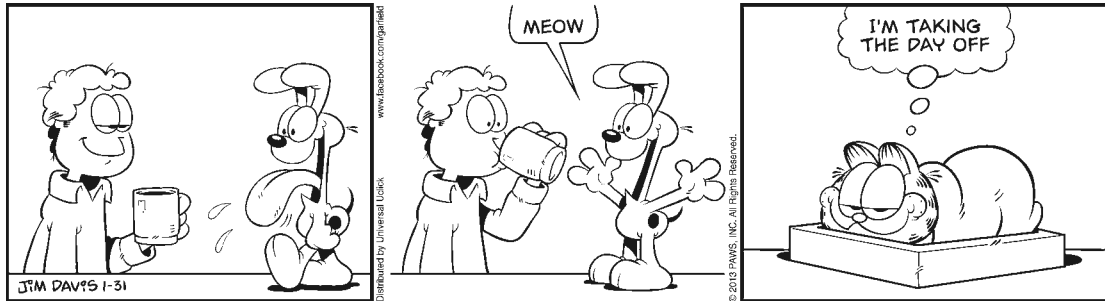
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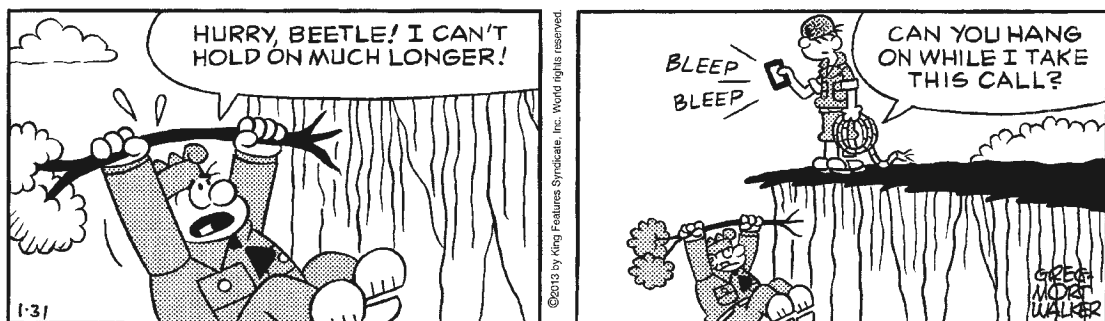
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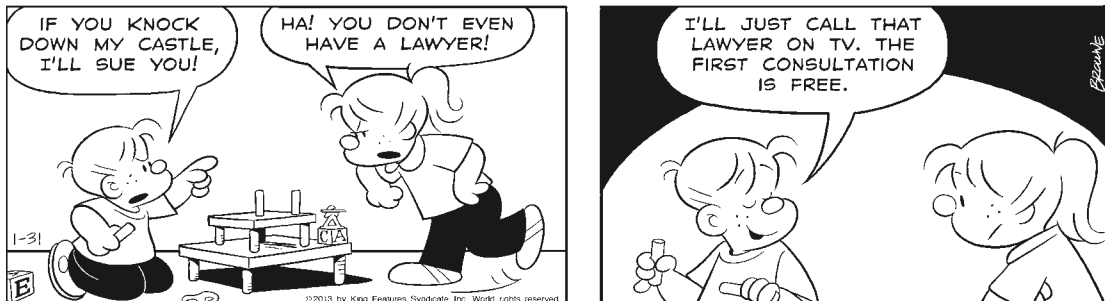
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Teacher Is Shocked To Learn About Student's New Career

DEAR ABBY: I am an adjunct teacher in a small college in the Midwest. For the most part, my students are great, but one breaks my heart. I admire him because he has overcome some incredible obstacles. Last year, he lost a good job and had to drop out for a time. He's back now, and when I asked about his new job, he said he runs a strip club.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

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dividuals you're worried about may not need your assistance.

DEAR ABBY: I want to ask your opinion about something. I work at a donut shop inside a college campus. I have a tip jar, and many customers are generous and share their change with me.

My problem is other people who feel entitled to the money in my tip jar. There have been instances when some of them realized they were a few cents short, so they stuck their hands in my tip jar and fished out the coins they wanted. It is not out of ignorance! The jar is clearly labeled "Tips — Thank you." If I tell them they can't take the money, they get angry. One lady screamed at me, saying I was "selfish," and the money in the jar shouldn't be just for me!

What do you think, Abby? Am I too upset over a few cents? Or am I right to feel robbed and stand up for myself when people do this? — DOING MY JOB ON CAMPUS

DEAR DOING MY JOB: I don't blame you for feeling robbed. Your tips ARE meant just for you, and you have earned every penny your customers left in recognition of your good service.

What these people are doing is petty theft. Some establishments avoid this problem by leaving a small container of pennies on the counter. Please suggest it to your boss.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, JAN. 31, 2013:

This year you will want to detach, especially when you are triggered. You also will make more of an effort to look at the big picture. Once you master this skill, you'll feel as though you're more in control of your life. Travel, education and/or a foreigner might play a role in the next 12 months. If you are single, you could become involved with someone very different and creative. This person could be instrumental in your opening up to new ideas and different lifestyles. If you are attached, develop a new hobby together, or plan that long-desired trip. LIBRA knows how to draw you in.

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)

The unexpected occurs, and you seem to be the source of the energy. A surprise or change of plans is likely. You will be unusually fortunate through communication. Be careful when spending, as you tend to justify the most extravagant choice. Tonight: Hang out.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

Allow greater creativity and more fun into your life. You could be upset by an event or an unexpected situation. For some of you, relief might come in the form of a walk; for others, it could be snacking that soothes you. Tonight: Do something just for you.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Add more lightness to the moment, especially in difficult or uncomfortable situations. Initially, others might react strangely. Know that humor brings a new perspective. Use care with money and a partner. This person could become controlling. Tonight: Live in the moment.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Stay direct when dealing with a loved one. A situation might cause a conflict between two important areas of your life. If you follow your sixth sense, an innate resourcefulness will emerge. You'll be able to handle what you thought was not possible. Tonight: Happy at home.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Make it to an important meeting, even if it means canceling or rescheduling other plans. The right words work wonders. Share more of your thoughts, espe-

cially with a group that has goals similar to yours. Don't be surprised if you have to revamp plans. Tonight: Out late.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Make an extra effort to let someone know your boundaries and what you will and will not do. Creating greater clarity between the two of you will allow more ease. Accept a compliment in the vein in which it was given. Tonight: Meet up with friends for dinner or a movie.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

What was hard, now is easy. Even if you are dealing with someone who has a combustible personality, do not let his or her reaction throw you. You seem to be able to keep the big picture in mind as you have been changing and evolving. Tonight: Your wish is someone's command!

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

You will want to take some time to sort through what is going on with you, whether it is behind the scenes or with a key person. You have not slowed down enough to assess where your reactions are coming from. Take some time to do some soul-searching. Tonight: Not to be found.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Zero in on what you want. The unexpected occurs when dealing with a child or loved one. Someone in your immediate circle has good news that could make you smile. This person also might have a special invitation just for you. Tonight: Join friends.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

You have what it takes, though often you are your own biggest challenge. How you handle a personal matter could change dramatically and cause unexpected developments. You want control, but so does everyone else. Honor your limits. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

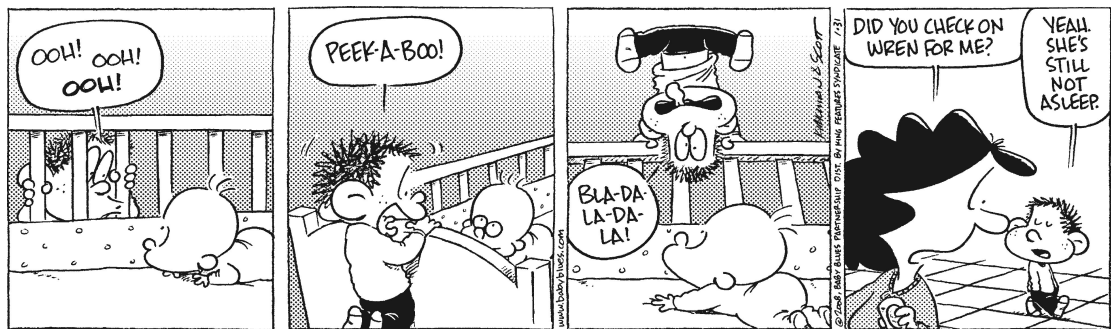
Life presents many options, and you see them clearly. The question remains: Which path is the best one for you? As you evaluate the possibilities, share them with a friend or an associate who will challenge you if he or she thinks you are off base. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

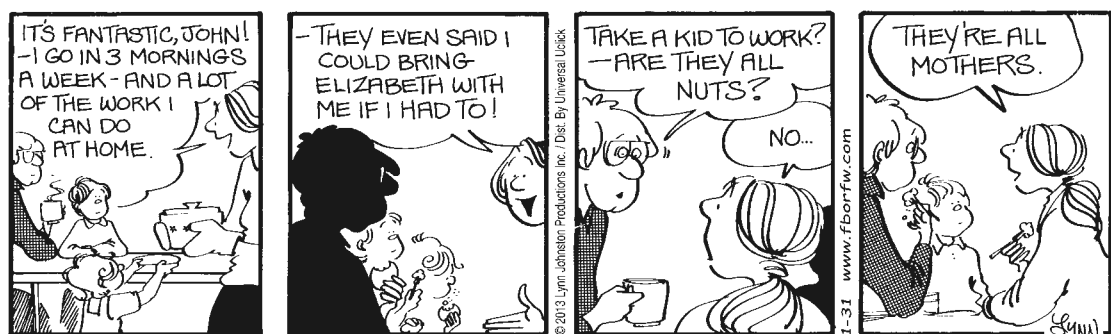
Your efforts have paid off in the past. Once more, your ability to work long and hard hours emerges, which makes you endearing to a special group. A meeting could inform you that there are changes in the works. Use your antennae to zero in on them. Tonight: In the game of life.

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