

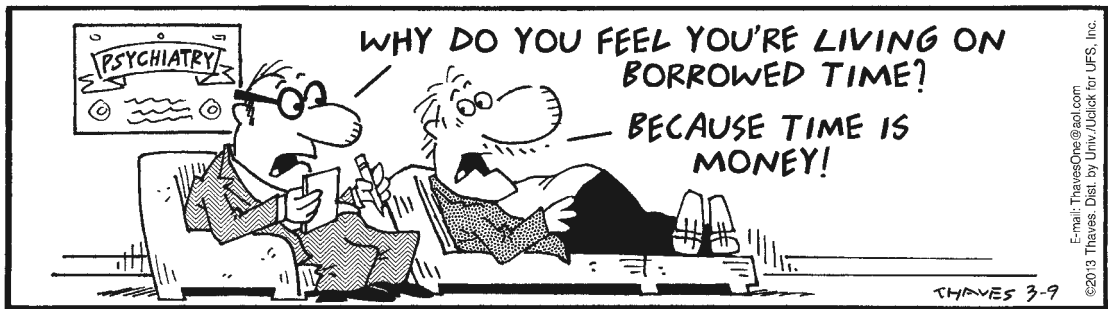
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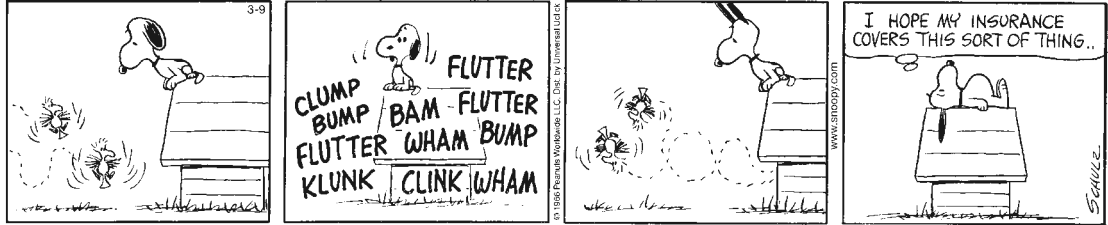
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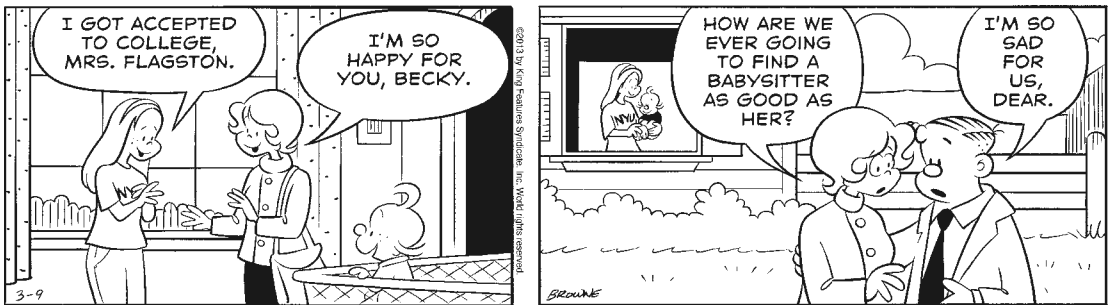
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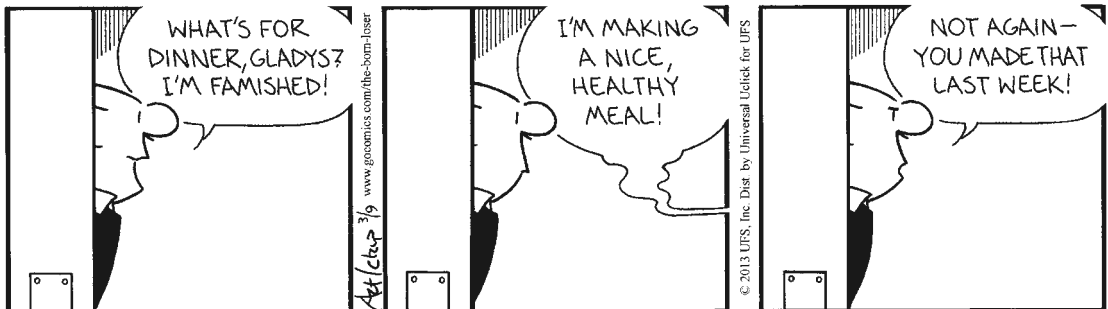
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Girl Fails To Measure Up To Her Own Terribly High Standards

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem. Basically, I don't like me. I am self-conscious about my weight, my face, my personality. I'm not pretty. I have heard so many times I should "just be myself" that I am sick of it! I don't want to be myself because I don't like myself.

All of my friends are either beautiful, witty, kind or whatever. And I am not, I guess. Please tell me what to do about it. — COMING UP SHORT IN OREGON

DEAR COMING UP SHORT: I do have a few suggestions, and the first is to stop being your own worst enemy. The more you dwell on what you think you lack, the more you will amplify those things. Find one thing you like about yourself and build from there.

Because you're self-conscious about your weight, do something about it by adopting a healthy eating and exercise plan. While you may not be a cover girl, you can be well-groomed. More important than being "witty" is to be a good listener. Remember that, and people will think you are a great conversationalist.

The more you brood about yourself, the lonelier you will become. The more you think about helping others, the less time you will have to think about yourself.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are in our mid-40s and have four beautiful daughters. A boy who dated one of them has become a family friend over the past few years.

"Brett" is a nice young man and has always been helpful with our family. The problem is, Brett texts and calls my wife on a daily basis. The conversation is benign, but I can tell he has a crush on her.

I have asked my wife to stop communicating with him so often, but she insists it's "just a friendship" and nothing is going on. My point is that there IS something going on — from his side — even though

she may not realize it.

We have gone round and round about this to the point of exhaustion. Should I let this go or continue to insist that their relationship be redefined? — UN-EASY IN FLORIDA

DEAR UNEASY: Looking from the outside in, I suspect that your wife is enjoying all the attention she's receiving from this young man. She's in her mid-40s and it has to be flattering. This is not to imply that the communications will lead to anything more. So step back, find your sense of humor and try to be less heavy-handed until this blows over. Because it will.



DEAR ABBY

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him now that he's gone. Is there anything I can do to get some form of the truth out there? — ANGRY IN TENNESSEE

DEAR ANGRY: Yes, there is. Just keep talking and the word will get around.

DEAR READERS: To those of you living where daylight saving time is observed, I'm offering this gentle reminder: Turn your clocks forward one hour at bedtime tonight. Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. tomorrow, and you know what that means — spring is on the way!

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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 Pisces and a Moon in Aquarius if born before 10:19 p.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2013:

This year ideas keep popping up from all directions. At times, you will need to vanish or close down from excess communication. You might wonder how you are able to implement so many great suggestions. If you are single, you could meet someone very special to your life history. You might find that you often don't agree with this person, but you do find each other exciting. If you are attached, you know that there is another solution just around the corner. Learn to work as a team, and understand that both of you can be right with different solutions. Take time to recharge your batteries in this busy year. AQUARIUS understands you well.

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 day revolves around getting together with friends. Whatever you aspire to be could become a reality today or in the near future. A misunderstanding or taking someone's comments personally would be a mistake. Tonight: You are the center of attention.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Whether you are the host of an event or simply a guest who is responsible for someone, others will count on you to do what is needed. You will move from experiencing high tension to being relaxed. Return calls and answer others' requests. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Your energy and intellect work together. You might enjoy getting out of town or going to a flea market or two. You will have a better time if you socialize at the same time. Honor a need for change and more spontaneity. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's or loved one's news.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You naturally draw others in as you create mischief. Reveal more of yourself to a new friend or partner. Understand what is happening with this seemingly demanding person. He or she only wants more time with you. Let it happen. Tonight: Paint the town red.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★★ Others notice the twinkle in your eye, and

they know you are up for a fun time. Whether an event is preplanned makes no difference, as you will add a touch of excitement. If you are single, stop and take another look at a new person. Tonight: The good times could go on and on.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ A project on hold finally gets worked on, and you will feel better about yourself as a result. Decide to carry it out to completion and see what happens. Confusion surrounds a domestic matter. Know that no one means ill. Tonight: With your favorite person.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★★ Approach a situation in a different manner. You are especially creative when you're exploring a new idea that is out of your comfort zone. You won't feel better until you do something. Confirm meeting times as well as places. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ You might need more quiet time at home. Whether you want to do your taxes or simply complete a project, make it OK to do just that. Know what is happening between you and someone else. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with this person. Tonight: At home.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★★ Don't put off an overdue conversation with a neighbor or sibling any longer. Listen to news more openly. You could be slightly overwhelmed by all the people around you, calling you and looking for you. Stay spontaneous, and don't worry so much. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ Be aware of the cost of proceeding in a certain direction. You could be overwhelmed by what is happening. You don't need to respond to someone's attempt to push you. Put yourself first, and you will be a lot happier. You, too, have boundaries. Tonight: Whatever you want.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

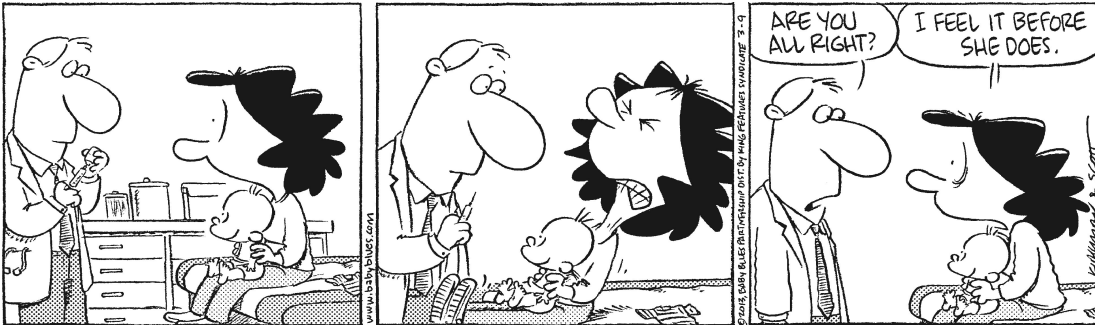
★★★★ You can't be stopped from enjoying yourself, as you always have a host of friends nearby. A misunderstanding with a loved one could be straightened out quickly. What has happened is only a misunderstanding, and nothing more. Tonight: Sort out who, what and where.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

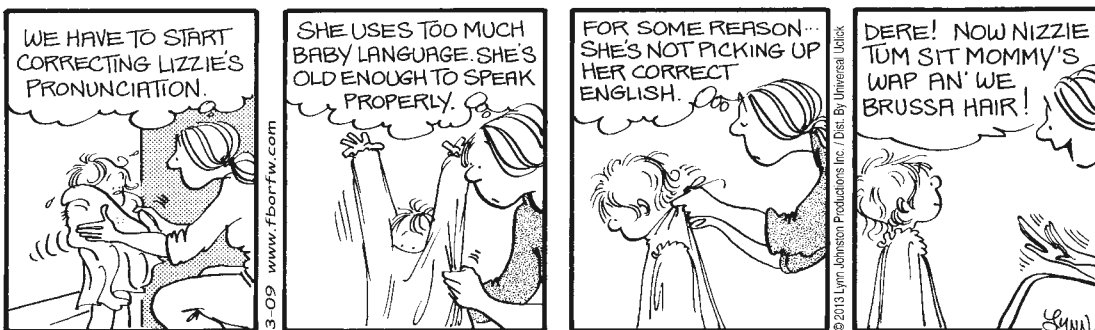
★★★ You might want to placate an important individual in your life. Take stock of your situation. As a result, you might want to rethink a decision. Nothing replaces authenticity. Claim responsibility for just your side of the problem. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

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