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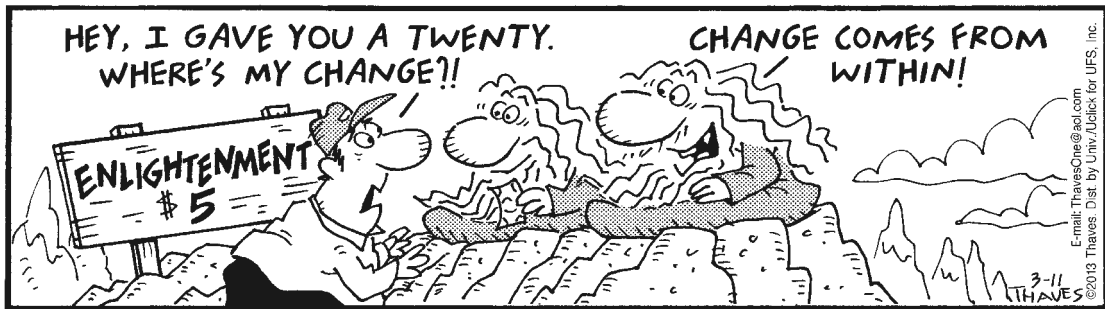


“I hope you remembered to give Daddy a note sayin’ why he was absent from work.”

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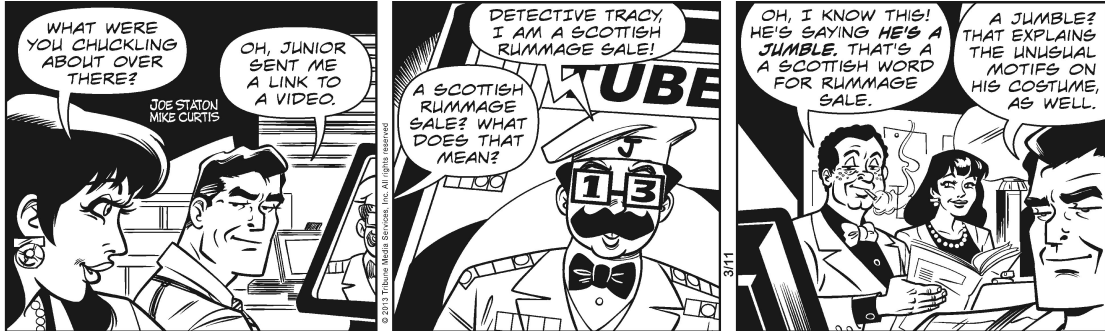
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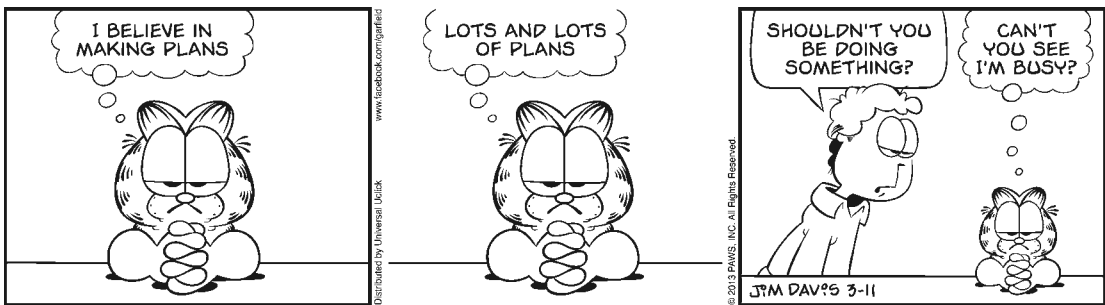
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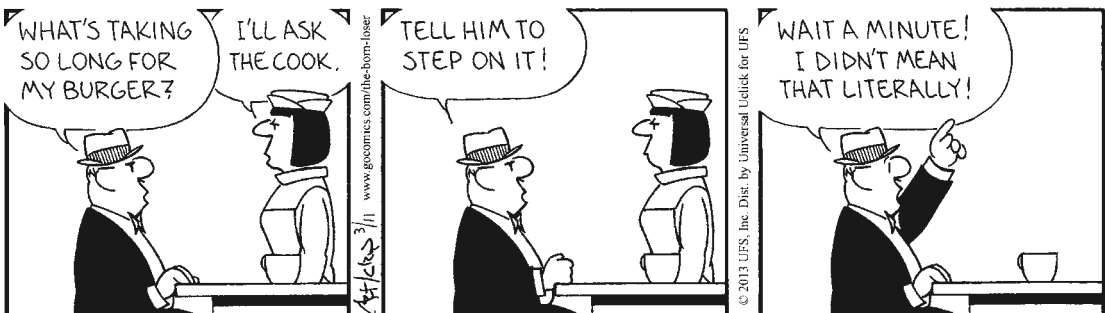
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# Older Friends Sharing Time Are Sharing Kisses As Well

DEAR ABBY: I am a semi-retired widow in my 60s. A few months ago I started spending time with a man I work with. We would see each other once or twice a month, strictly as friends. Our “dates” ended with a platonic hug.

About a month ago, a hug turned into an embrace. A week later, the embrace became a passionate kiss. Since then, whenever we get together — now once or twice a week — we spend a good portion of our time together “making out.” We love the way each other kisses.

The problem is, we’re still just friends. There is no desire on the part of either of us to take the relationship up a notch. What do we do? We should not be kissing a friend the way we do, but we can’t seem to stop.

We’re not hurting anyone. We have tried meeting only in public places, but there is still the goodnight kiss. I never thought I’d need this kind of advice at my age. Must we stop spending time together? — FLABBERGASTED IN WISCONSIN

DEAR FLABBERGASTED: Not in my opinion. I assume you’re both eligible. This is the way relationships develop, and you would be foolish not to see where it leads. As of now, a kiss is still a kiss. Let me hear from you in a month.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing on behalf of hairstylists. We are busy people. Our time is money. We rarely even stop for lunch. Clients who come in talking on their cellphones are a real problem for us because they slow us down.

I have had clients jump up from my chair to answer their cellphone in the middle of a haircut — hair flying everywhere. I have had to do a haircut AROUND a cellphone, with the client switching the phone from ear to ear! These are not even impor-

tant calls — just casual conversations.

The lack of courtesy is ridiculous, and it seems to be getting worse. I would like people who do this to think twice before subjecting their stylist to it.

They should put their phones on silent, get their hair cut or colored, and talk on their own time! — FED UP IN NEBRASKA

DEAR FED UP: You are not helpless. This is happening because you have allowed it. If you can’t find the gump-tion to tell your customers you don’t want them using their cellphones while they’re in your chair, then post a sign on your mirror that reads “Cell-phones Not Allowed.”

DEAR ABBY: I am a new bride. I love my husband very much, but I’ve encountered a problem I don’t know how to handle. My husband and I were together for six years before we got married and were engaged for three. We eloped to Las Vegas (it wasn’t planned) and had a “proper” celebration with friends and family later.

My husband makes comments that suggest I dragged him and tricked him into marrying me. I know he’s only kidding, but it’s very hurtful. I don’t know

how to let him know his comments really hurt my feelings. It makes me feel like he’s ashamed of our marriage. — NEWLYWED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR NEWLYWED: The squeaky wheel gets the grease. The next time your husband does it, speak up. Explain that his attempts at humor are hurtful, not to mention insulting. Ask him if he regrets marrying you. (If the answer is yes, it’s important that you know it NOW.) Clear communication is the key to a strong marriage, and so is respect for one’s partner, which he appears to be lacking.

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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 and Moon in Pisces.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013:

This year your creativity flourishes and evolves. Others look to you for resolutions to their problems. Your dynamic mental perspective translates into high energy. Choose where you would like to focus your emotional and intellectual assets. You have a lot going for you, and many people admire your style. If you are single, you can afford to be discriminating when it comes to romantic suitors. If you are attached, your passion comes through in many ways, especially toward your sweetie. PISCES always wants to help or be helped.

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)

Take some time to reflect on an important decision. You might have mixed feelings when someone comes to you and shares a personal matter. Think carefully before you react. You are about to greet a new beginning in your life; embrace it positively. Tonight: Get some zzz's.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

A meeting could indirectly trigger a decision that points to a new path. You might find that others seem unusually supportive. Don't be surprised if you receive a touching compliment or two. Conversations will go in the direction you choose. Tonight: Meet up with pals.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

A long-desired fresh start finally becomes possible. You might care a lot about a superior or a parent and want to share your feelings with this person. Opportunities will arise — most likely involving your work — because of your positive energy. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Listen to your sixth sense when dealing with a friend or loved one. Talk to someone you respect to get feedback about a decision. The more information you have, the surer you will be about the course you want to take. Tonight: Let your imagination lead the way.

### LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Deal with others directly on matters involving money and/or relationships. New beginnings become

possible when brainstorming with others. You even might reverse a stance and approach a matter quite differently as a result. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

### VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Others come forward and have a lot to share. Don't think that someone's decision is a given, if it involves you. Lighten up about a change. A new beginning will become possible if you do. Indulge a loved one — he or she will appreciate the attention. Tonight: Go with the moment.

### LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Recognize that a loved one might have a lot going on right now. Do your best to chip in and help, yet honor your limits. Be clear about what you expect from someone. If you want to proceed with some offbeat diet, check in with your doctor first. Tonight: Time to relax.

### SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Your solutions, though perhaps dynamic and workable, might evoke trepidation in someone. You have the ability to help this person work through his or her fear of risk-taking. He or she will be grateful for your efforts. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Stay close to home if possible. You might want to instrument a change in your household, or maybe you just need some more downtime. Someone genuinely admires your work ethic. You can't replace this person's appreciation for your efforts. Tonight: Happy at home.

### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Verbalize your wishes in such a way that others will "get" your message. You might decide to take a workshop to improve your communication style — not because you have a problem, but because you care about others. Tonight: Chat over a meal and clear up a problem.

### AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

Follow a suggestion involving your budget. Buy a token of affection or a card for a loved one. You don't need a reason. Be open to approaching a financial situation in a new way, especially if what you are doing now is not working. Tonight: Hold off on making a purchase.

### PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

You express unusual grace and caring. Use this gift well to clear up an awkward situation. Resolutions and commitments made today are likely to succeed. Start a diet, or choose a different area that you would like to transform. Tonight: Respond to a friend's request for help.

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