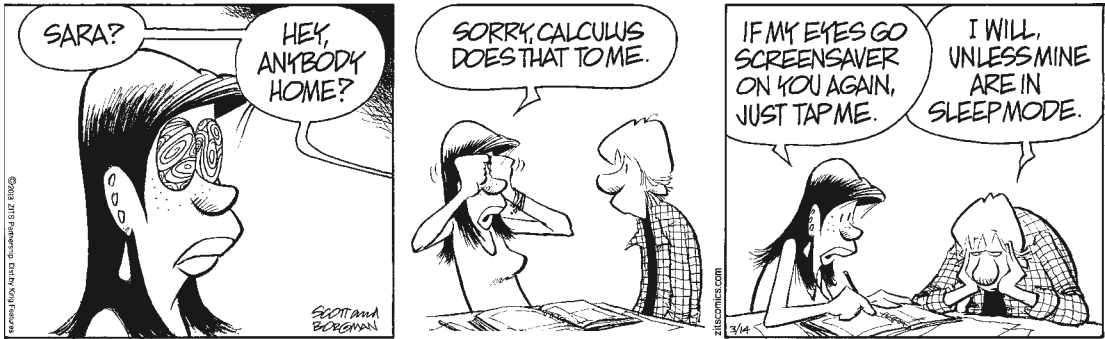


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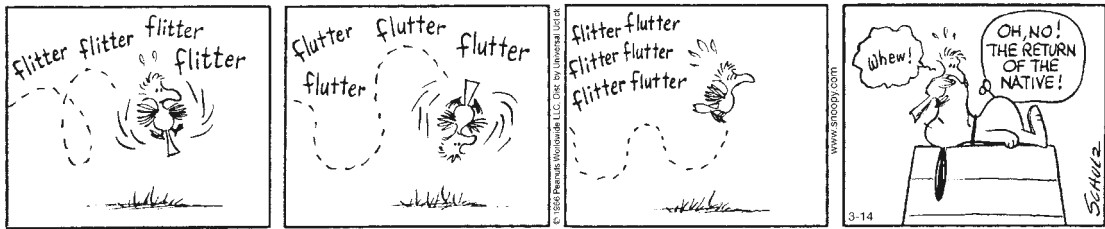
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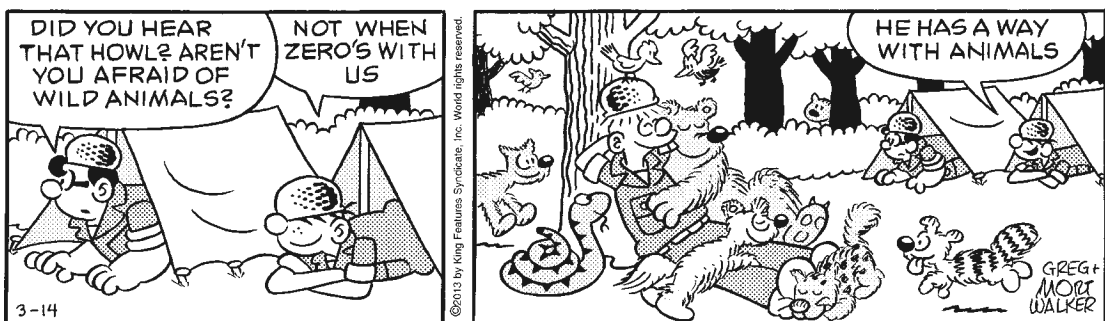
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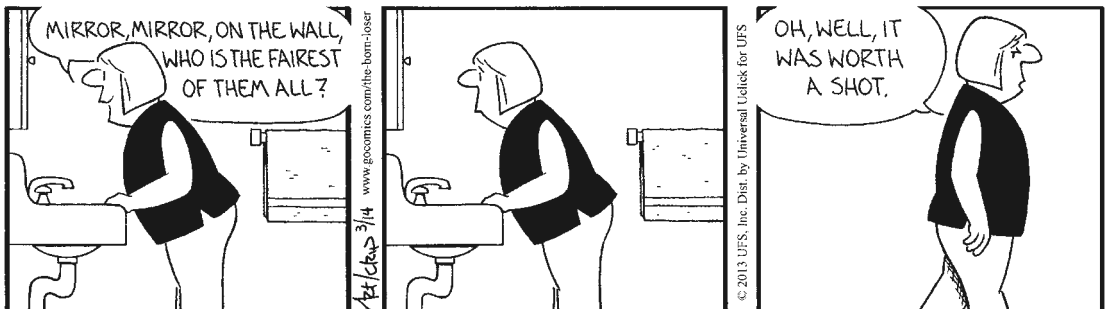
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Son Trades On Lies And Good Looks To Get What He Wants

DEAR ABBY: I need help and don't know where to turn. I am divorced and have a 37-year-old son, "Teddy," who has never married and has no children. He lives on his own except when he's in trouble or has nowhere else to go. Then he moves back in with me.

The problem is my son is a liar and has been ever since he was a teenager. He even lies when telling the truth would be better. I punished him every way I knew how when he was growing up. Nothing worked.

Teddy has been in trouble with the law in the past and is now in trouble again. Of course, he says he's innocent. I got him out on bond and offered to get him help. I also told him there would be no more money from me, and I no longer want to hear his lies.

Another problem: Teddy is extremely good-looking and women swoon over him. He ends up using them and then dumping them, and then they call me.

I don't know why he is the way he is. Is there treatment for people who can't tell the truth? Please tell me what to do. I love my son and it breaks my heart to see him do these bad things.

— BROKENHEARTED MOTHER IN TEXAS
DEAR BROKENHEARTED: As much as you love Teddy, it's time to accept that you can't fix what's wrong with him; only he can do that. It won't happen until he finally has to accept the consequences of his bad behavior.

Taking him in and bailing him out is not the answer. It also helps no one when you have long conversations with the women who call you, so protect yourself by cutting them short. Considering the kind of man your son is, thank your lucky stars that he has no children — yet.

DEAR ABBY: My father recently moved to an apartment with no storage and I was left with 10 large boxes of memorabilia. Going through these boxes brought many tears of remembrance and new insights into the lives of my parents and grandparents.

My problem now is what to do with these things; I can scan photos and letters, but what about Great-Grandma's wedding dress (stained and moth-eaten), Mother's christening gown (too frail to use again) and the dear soft curl of hair from my uncle who died in childhood?

I don't have much storage room, and I'm not certain my children would even care about these things. Yet it doesn't seem right to throw them in the garbage. I wonder what other people do with treasured items that have no value beyond sentiment. — SOFT HEART/PRACTICAL HEAD IN TACOMA

DEAR SOFT HEART: Do not automatically assume that your children would have no interest in the contents of those 10 boxes. ASK them. However, if they say no, then contact the state historical society or a local theater troupe and inquire if they would have any interest. You may be pleasantly surprised to find some of the items would be welcomed.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are having a disagreement about laundry. When you buy new clothes that are still in the plastic wrapping, should they be washed before they are worn? — JIM IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR JIM: It's a personal choice. Some garment manufacturers recommend that certain items be laundered before wearing. However, if they don't, I don't!

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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 Aries (if born before 12:08 p.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013:

This year you become familiar with the unexpected, so much so that you might become bored when nothing new happens. Your luck with money depends on how well you respond to your inner voice. Sometimes you are an emotional spender. Be careful. If you are single, remember that you don't need to impress a new suitor; you want this person to see you as you are. If you are attached, the two of you might make a major investment that you both find exciting. ARIES can challenge your thinking about money and investments.

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)

★★★★ Allow your intuition to lead you. You might not be sure of your choice or your ability to complete what you want. Your inner voice will guide you. Sometimes you are harder on yourself than anyone else is. Listen to news openly. Tonight: If you are tired, make it an early night.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Meetings and interpersonal communication are instrumental to your success. You might be more concerned about an issue than you realize. Try to process your feelings instead of suppressing them. Open up to new ways of treating yourself. Tonight: Be with loved ones.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Go for what is heartfelt; otherwise, there could be a problem. If you are in tune with your inner self, change will happen naturally. Accept the limelight, and know where you want to be. Your willingness to do a self-assessment will define the next few days. Tonight: Out late.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ A new idea could point to many different avenues. You might want to try out one or two of them, but avoid getting too off track. Someone you respect emotionally and professionally will ask the right questions, which encourages a positive outcome. Tonight: In the moment.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Allow yourself to express your energy and in-

terest in a new way. You know what is possible, but do you know what you want? Powerful feedback points to the correct direction. You might not be ready to explore that path just yet. Tonight: Brainstorm with a friend.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might want to change direction, but the unexpected will force your hand. Someone you have considered a tried-and-true friend no longer expresses the same reliability. Brainstorm with others. Tonight: Catch up with a friend.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ Just when you assumed you were on cruise control, you'll find out otherwise. A trusted loved one unexpectedly reverses direction. You could feel unsupported or angry as a result. Use the feeling to motivate you to change the situation. Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Honor a change within yourself. You'll see a situation far differently from how you have in the past. Your sense of humor helps you deal with uproar. Stay centered, and you'll make the right choices. No one can push you, as others soon will learn. Tonight: Easy works.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ The unexpected occurs, and it challenges your creativity. You might discover that you are in your element. It could be difficult to switch gears or do something differently. Count on your persuasive abilities and others' flexibility. Tonight: Live it up!

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ You might want to make a change, now that an unexpected development has occurred. Give up the need to be reactive; instead, gather information from many different sources. Return calls and ask yourself valid questions. Tonight: At home.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You like excitement. You will witness some fast changes, perhaps not in your life but in the lives of those around you. Don't be surprised by what you hear. Everything is subject to change, even your opinion. Go with the moment. Tonight: Visit with a loved one.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

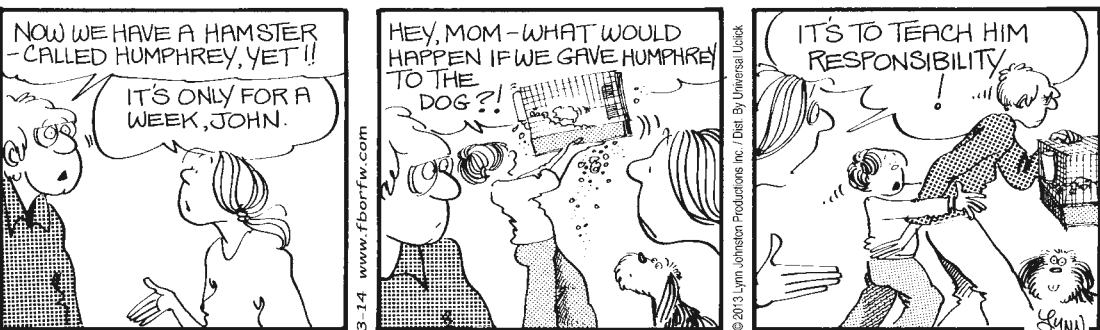
★★★★ Finances come to the forefront, as you pull the wild card with money. If you feel lucky, buy a lottery ticket. Open up to new possibilities that surround your day-to-day life. A discussion with a friend might present new options. Tonight: Don't lose sight of your financial goals.

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