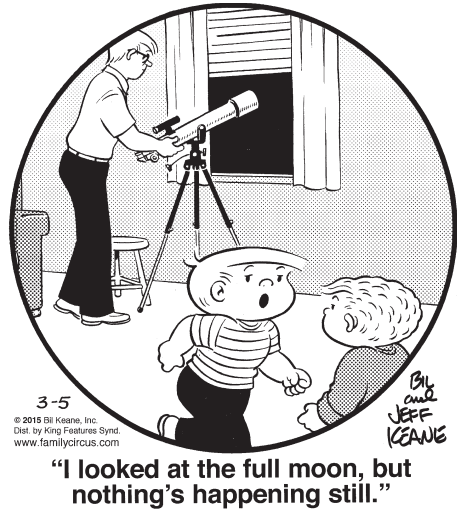


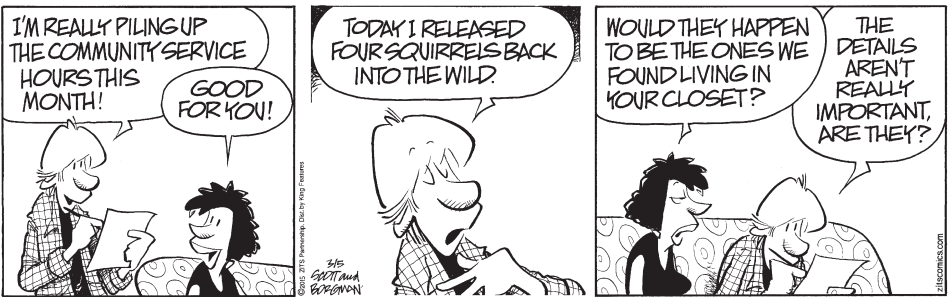
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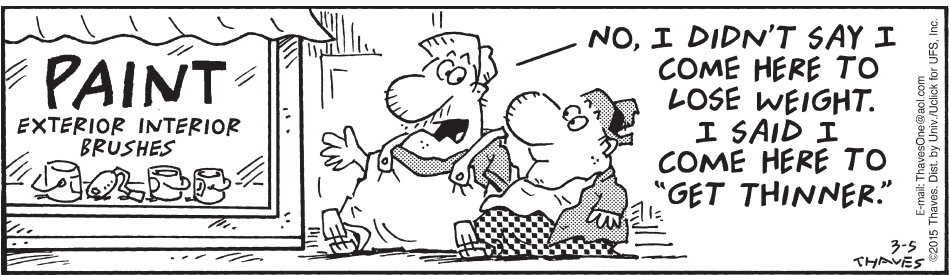
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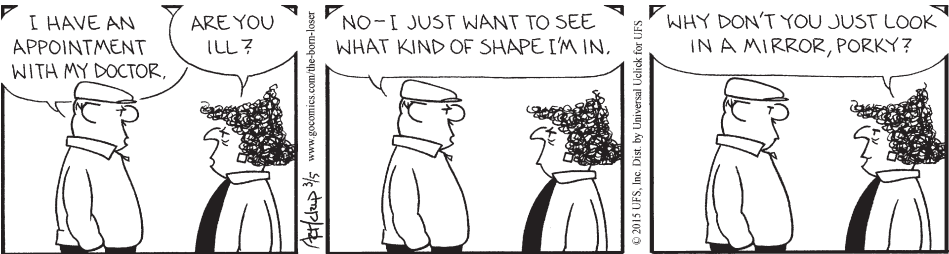
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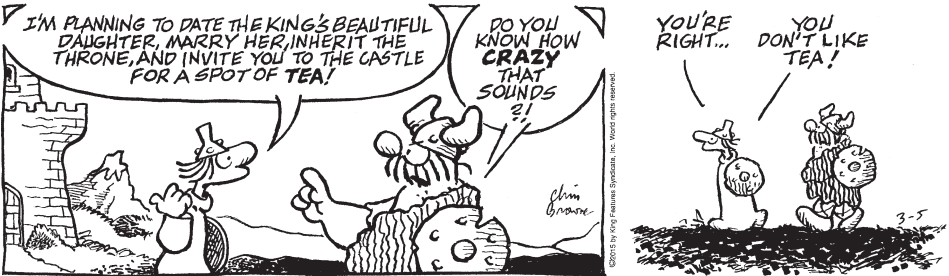
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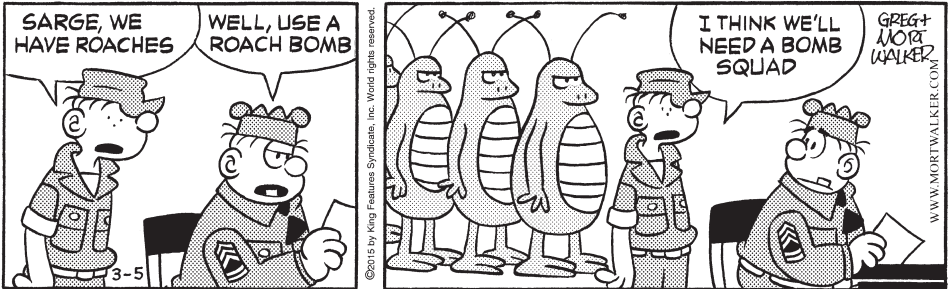
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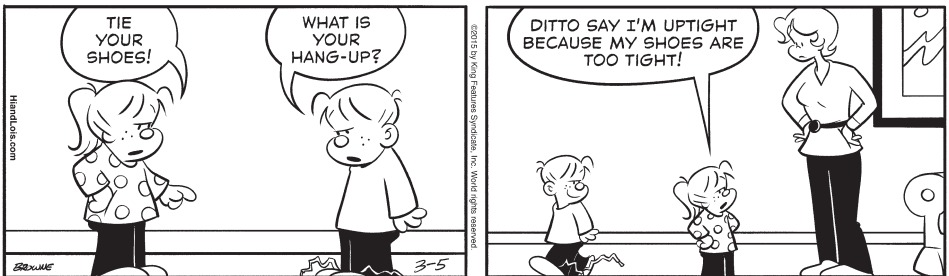
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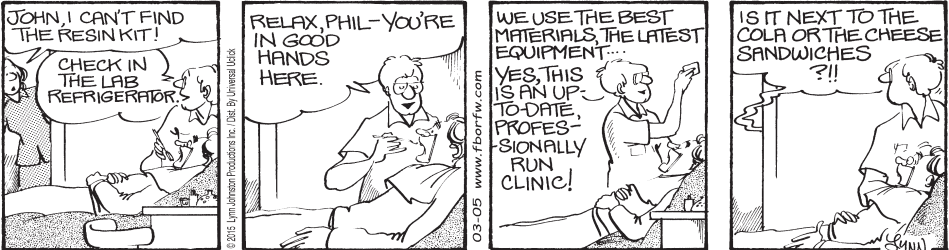
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Cereal And Hot Coffee Are All Early-Rising Houseguest Needs

DEAR ABBY: A family member, "Bill," likes to come visit in the afternoons and, because he's not comfortable driving in the dark, he always plans to stay overnight. When he does, he wakes up very early, often before 6 a.m.

Bill tries to be as quiet as possible, but we know when he is up. Our dog hears someone moving around and thinks it's time to go out and eat. My husband or I will get up to take care of our dog, but at that point, it seems rude to go back to bed. My husband likes to go back to sleep, but I feel I should get up and entertain our guest. Is it bad manners to go back to sleep even though it is still very early? — TO SLEEP, OR NOT TO SLEEP

DEAR T.S. or N.T.S.: If you need your sleep, go back to bed. The right amount of sleep is important, and not getting it can ruin one's entire day. If you're concerned about Bill not having a good breakfast, before going to bed, put the coffemaker on "automatic" and show him where the cereal is kept. That's not being a bad hostess, and I'm sure Bill will be just fine.

DEAR ABBY: My letter is in response to "A Mom in Connecticut" (Dec. 27), who feels she is being "fitted in" because her daughter calls her only while driving in her car.

My daughter calls me almost every morning on her way to work. She calls me her "commute buddy." It gives us 10 to 15 minutes to catch up, vent about "stuff" on both ends of the phone, or just chat. I can tell when she arrives at work or very nearly, and we always end with "Love you."

I love our conversations and the fact that although she has an extremely busy schedule she finds the time to chat with me. She uses her hands-free phone, so I don't worry too

much about her being distracted. — SHEILA IN PRESCOTT, ARIZ.

DEAR SHEILA: You may not be worried about your daughter using a hands-free phone, but others have a different view. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Drivers on cellphones — even hands-free — are four times more likely to crash and hurt themselves or someone else within five minutes of making a call. Texters are 23 times more likely to crash. More than 3,000 people are killed this way each year and 300,000 to 500,000 are injured. The daughter should not be using a phone at all while driving.

How do I know the statistics? My son was killed by a driver on a cell-phone. — GARY IN KENOSHA, WIS. DEAR GARY: Please accept my condolences for the tragic loss of your son. You are generous to have written. Too often people take the privilege of driving for granted, forgetting that if they don't concentrate fully on driving, they place themselves and those around them in danger. I see this happen often, and I'm afraid that unless the consequences are draconian, it will continue.

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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 Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2015:

This year you are open to many fast changes. Others sometimes express frustration at your tendency to go back and forth with some issues. Use your sixth sense to determine what stance you should take. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone important to your life sometime after mid-August. Make sure this person accepts you as you are. If you are attached, you often might be on the other side of an issue from your significant other. Accept and embrace your different views. Remain spontaneous, and the romance will continue to blossom. VIRGO can be quite picky. 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)

★★★ You'll have a lot of ground to cover with new, unexpected items popping up. You might need to pay extra attention to a boss or loved one who dominates your daily life. Tonight: Stay in the neighborhood.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You know how to deal with a loved one who seems intent on stirring up some controversy. However, understand that this type of behavior could resurface. Friends surround you with advice. Tonight: Express your caring in your own terms.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Stay close to home. There could be an unusual amount of activity bubbling up around you. Juggling the different forces in your life might be dependent on a partner's goodwill, sense of humor and suggestions. Tonight: Invite a friend over for munchies.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You could be in a situation where you need to look at your alternatives. Pressure builds around communication as you attempt to deal with a changeable situation. Double-check meeting times and places. Misunderstandings are likely. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Tension surrounds your finances. It would be wise not to make any decisions in this highly

pressured moment. You could feel as if a day-to-day matter has been blown out of proportion. Be one of the few who decides to remain nonreactive. Tonight: Think "weekend."

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You are a key figure in today's Full Moon. You might want to handle a creative endeavor or a new relationship with care. Be aware of how little you know about the situation. Stay open-minded, and avoid making snap judgments. Tonight: Let others act out.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★ You might look around and wonder what is going on. Lie low, and try to steer clear of controlling people. Your sense of humor emerges when you walk into a similar situation with someone you consider to be profoundly logical. Tonight: Get as much sleep as need be.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Keep your eye on the big picture, even if you don't agree with what is going on. You would be well-advised to keep your opinions to yourself for now. When things calm down, then you might be in the position to have this discussion. Tonight: Where all your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Listen to a higher-up, as you aren't likely to be able to avoid him or her. You might want to rethink your decisions involving this person. You have a lot going on around you that you'll need to gain a different perspective on. Tonight: Try to juggle different people's needs.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ You'll be taken aback by news that heads your way. You might need to make a call or clarify information. There could be some facts that are missing. Be sensitive and listen well. Adjust your plans accordingly. Tonight: Meet a friend at a preferred hangout.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

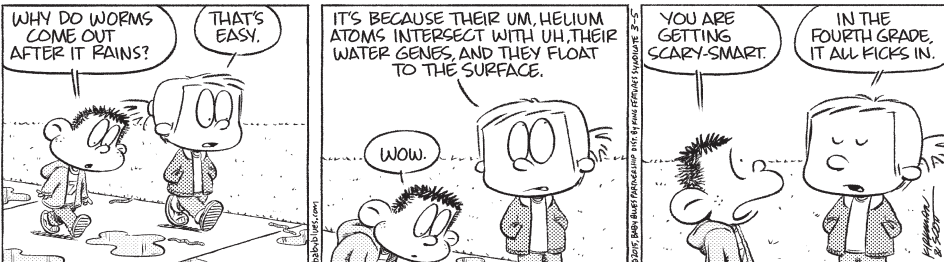
★★★★ Be aware of how much you can give to someone else. This person might be subtle about asking for what he or she wants. Be bold and clarify. You'll need to keep communication open. You don't need to agree to anything right now, even if you feel pressured. Tonight: Your treat.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Before people and situations demand your attention, ask yourself how you feel. If you feel tired or pressured, that could explain your recent lack of patience. Try not to get too wound up in today's Full Moon tales. Tonight: Start the weekend now.

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