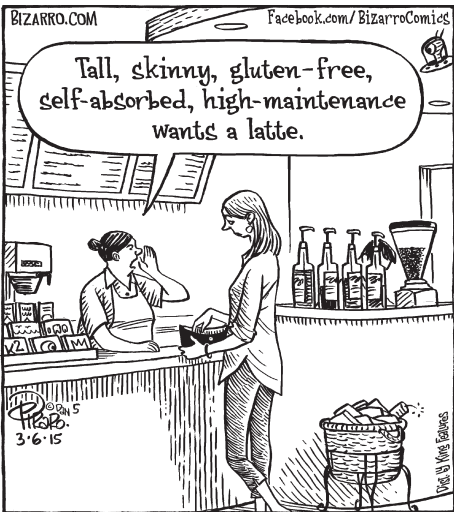


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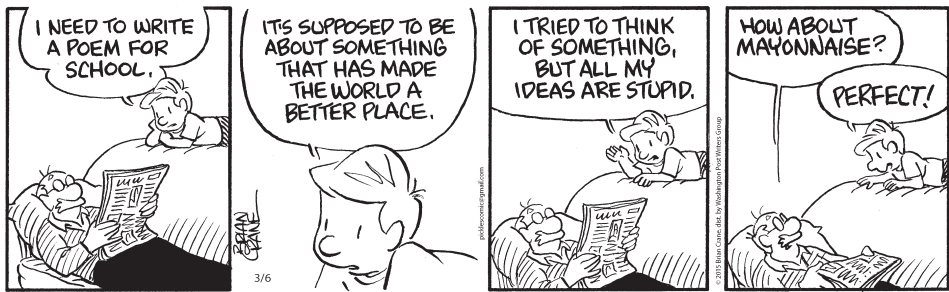
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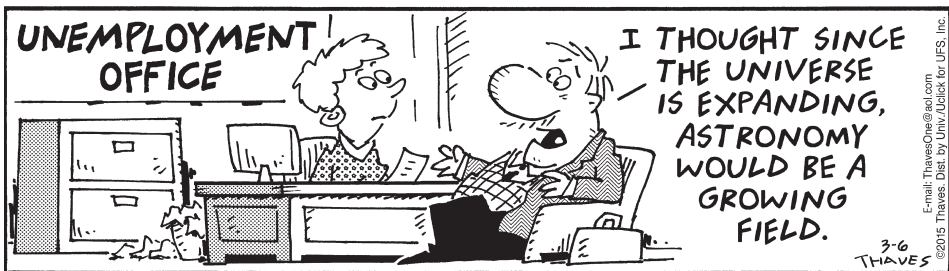
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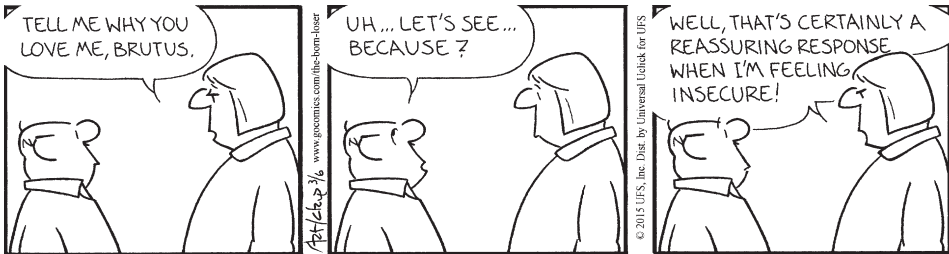
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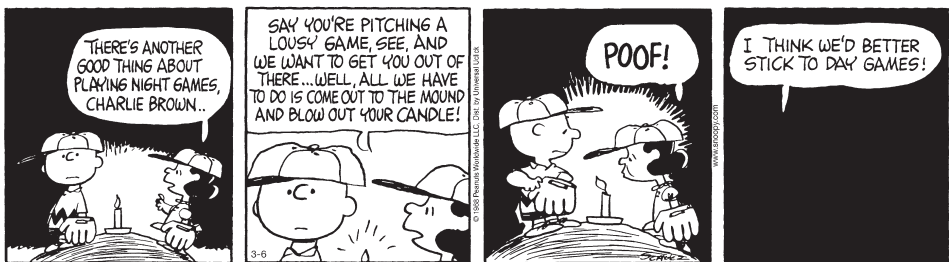
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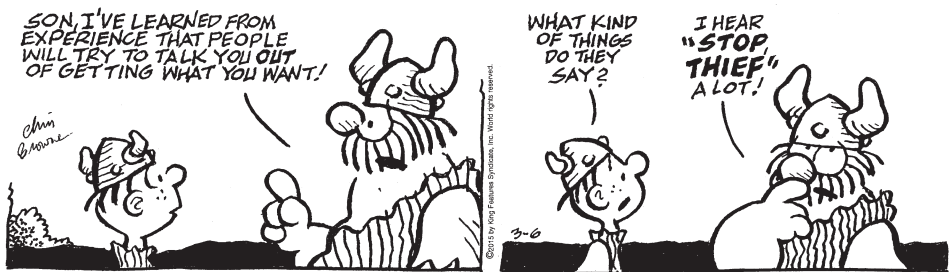
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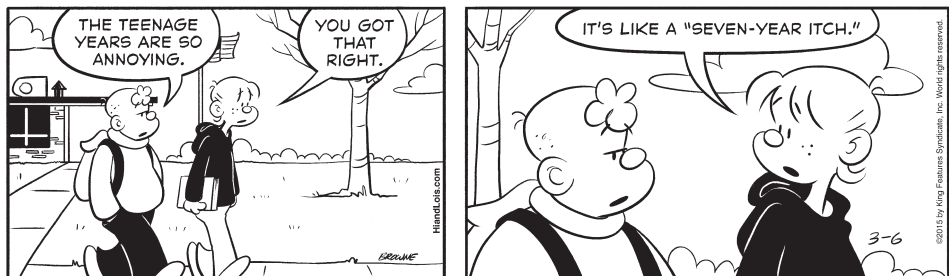
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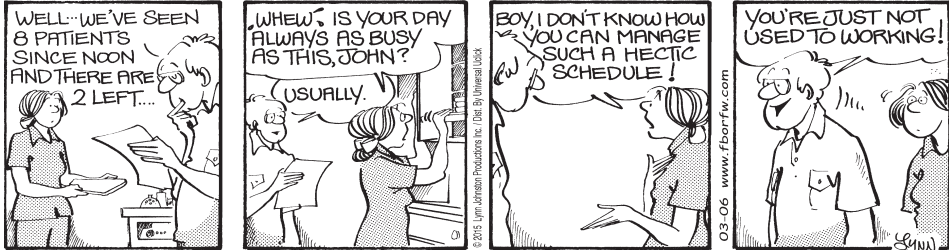
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American Family's Face Of The Future Is Multicultural

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are both Caucasian. Recently, we adopted a beautiful mixed-race baby girl. She's Vietnamese, African-American and Hispanic. She is not even 4 months old, and already we have experienced some negative comments from strangers.

Where we live is progressive and open-minded, and I'm not so much concerned about our neighborhood or schools. But I'm no dummy. I know we're going to encounter people who have "questions" or unwarranted "opinions" (to put it nicely).

I'm not trying to educate those who choose to remain ignorant, nor reason with the unreasonable, or even explain our family and our choices. I just want a quick, witty response that tells people their not-so-nice comments are unwelcome and, to put it frankly, back off. Any suggestion? — OPEN-MINDED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR OPEN-MINDED: According to the 2010 census, 9 million Americans (2.9 percent of the population) are multiracial. It also showed that the number of people who reported multiple races grew by a larger percentage than those reporting a single race.

Frankly, I don't think you should say anything "witty" to a bigot. Just smile and say, "It's the wave of the future. Get used to it."

DEAR ABBY: For the past year I have been with a man I love dearly. We live together and share our lives as independent young adults.

The problem is his mother. She was cold and distant to him when he was a child, and her emotional abuse has continued into his adulthood. Holidays are a nightmare, visits a chore, and his phone calls with her often leave him in tears.

I wanted him to come with me to spend the holidays with my family, but she guilted him into spending them with her. I hate seeing him go through this, and I don't know what I can do about it. I think she is a toxic influence and

he needs to cut her out of his life altogether. Advice? — PROTECTING MY GUY

DEAR PROTECTING: What you think about his mother isn't as important as what your boyfriend does. From your description, their relationship is unhealthy. My advice is to encourage your boyfriend to discuss this with a licensed mental health professional.

If he does, it may give him the incentive he needs to distance himself from her.

P.S. When the next family holidays come around, by all means invite him to spend them with your family. That way he will have a chance to see how a normal family functions.

DEAR ABBY: When my in-laws come for dinner, they ask what they can bring. I always say "absolutely nothing," but they bring dessert or a bottle of wine, and then take the uneaten dessert or uncorked bottles of wine home with them. What's the rule of etiquette when someone brings items to a party? — WONDERING IN FLORIDA

DEAR WONDERING: When guests bring something to their hostess — a bottle of wine or dessert — it is considered a gift. For guests to commandeer the leftovers without them having been offered is poor manners.

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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 if born before 6:52 p.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015:

This year you have difficulty deciding whether to respond to others emotionally or intellectually. You have the good fortune of seeing both sides of an argument, and you often come up with a solution. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone after summer. Let this person know that you will need your space at times. If you are attached, the two of you might find your relationship to be intense and emotional. Express your caring frequently, as your sweetie will be the one riding this roller coaster with you. LIBRA can be a flatterer.

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 have not a doubt in your mind what you need to do in order to open the door to the weekend. You might have already made plans for the next few days. Make sure you have enough time to do what you want and enjoy those around you. Tonight: Meet a friend for dinner.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Allow your creativity to flourish. You could be delighted by what happens as a result. Even if you have made a decision, it might not hold. Enjoy the moment and relax. You have worked hard to get to this point. Tonight: Make it an early night.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ You could be in a position where you'll need to hold off on making an important decision that is likely to affect your personal life. You might be uncomfortable doing this, but know that there is a reason to wait. Schedule a late lunch. Tonight: Get together with a special friend.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You might want to deal with a problem head-on. Perhaps you feel as if you have had a meeting of the minds in a discussion. You can hope you are right, but do not be surprised if you have to have this talk again. Tonight: Invite a family member to greet the weekend.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You might not want to react to a situation that could affect your finances. In fact, post-

pone all decisions for a day. You could feel like you are in a whirlwind of questions and demands. Do not feel pressured to do anything just yet. Tonight: You have a lot of news to share.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You'll want to let go of a problem, though you might act as if you already have. You could be surprised at a later date, when you realize the issue is still around. Make the most of your day. Someone will make you feel quite appealing. Tonight: Indulge yourself.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ Carve out some special time to complete a project or clean your desk. Keep your plans low-key, because any matter that is complicated probably will need to be reassessed later. If you can squeeze in a power nap, all the better. Tonight: Out on the town with favorite people.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You could be in a position where you would like to complete a project or at least get to the next phase. A meeting is likely to provide you with solutions. Any decision you make might not hold, as new solutions could arise. Tonight: Don't make it too late.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You might want to evaluate what is going on with an older friend or loved one. This person seems to have copped an attitude, and you might not be able to root out what caused it just yet. Allow a greater sense of give-and-take. Tonight: Paint the town red.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Reach out to a friend at a distance. You might decide that you want to meet halfway and get together for a fun few days. Return calls and emails, and make sure you have cleared your desk before heading into the weekend. Tonight: Try a new place for TGIF.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You might want to share a good idea with an important person in your life. You could go back and forth about how to approach the topic. Lighten up, and take the time to have a conversation with someone you never have enough time for. Tonight: Near great music.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

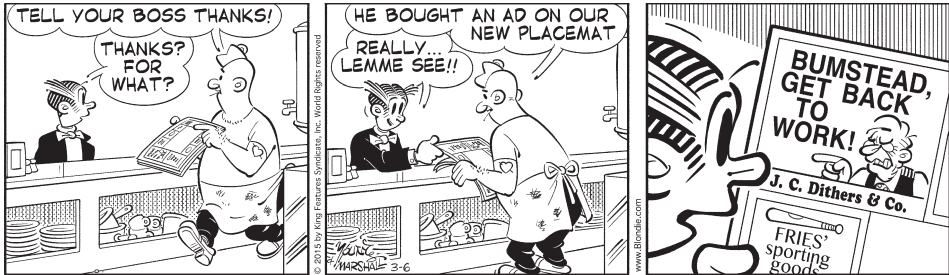
★★★★ You might want to let someone else run with the ball. You could feel as if you can't get a strong response from others when you take the lead. Let it go for now, and start making weekend plans with a favorite person. You'll greet the weekend with a smile. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

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