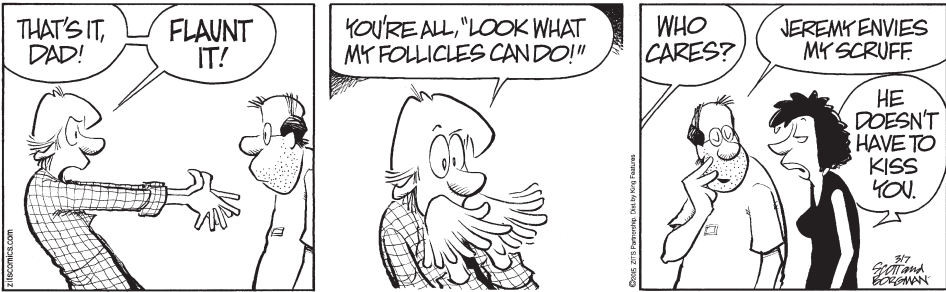


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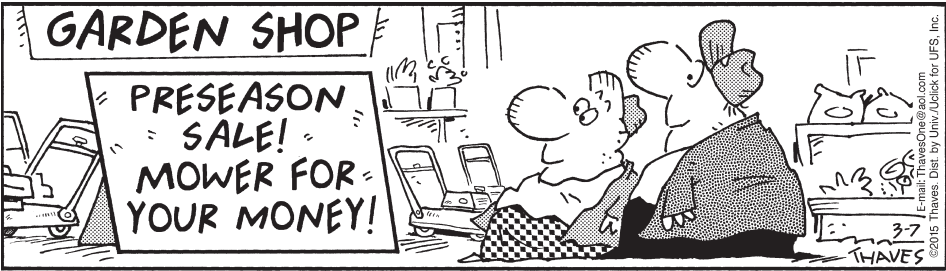
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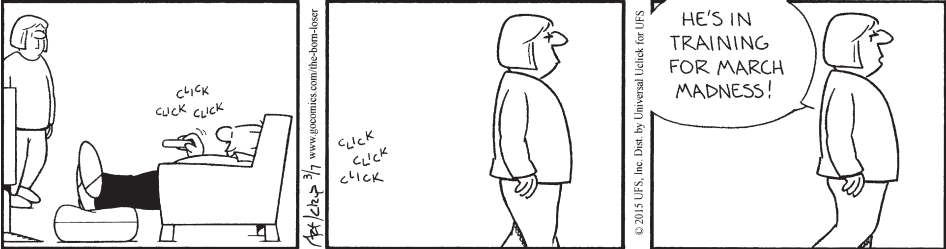
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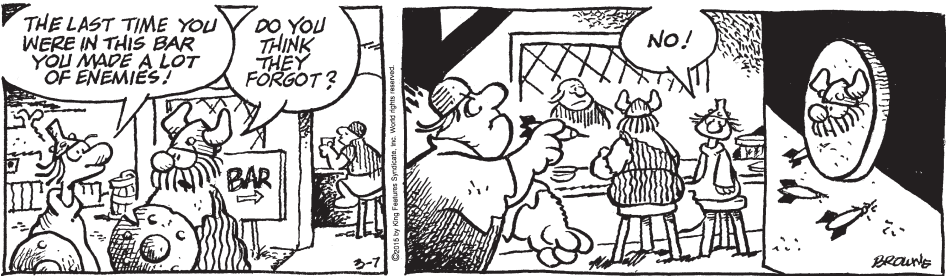
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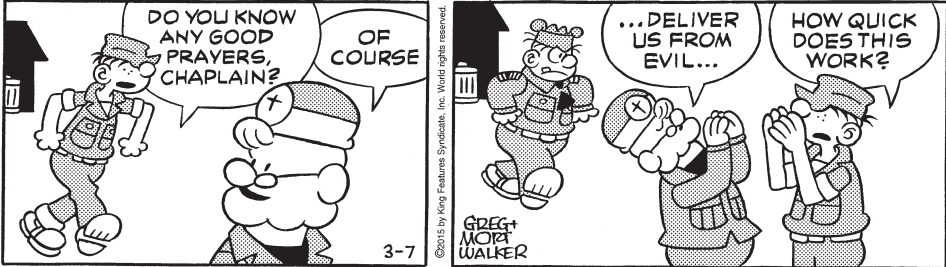
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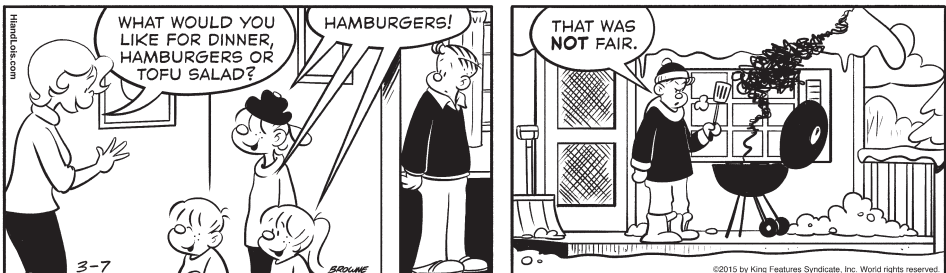
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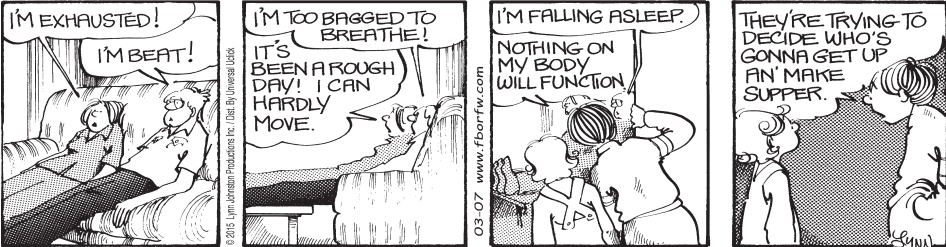
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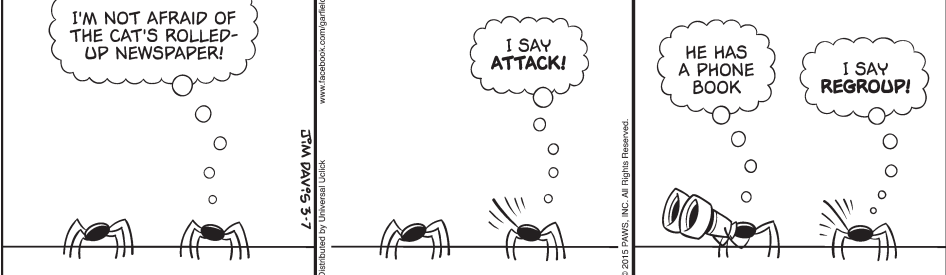
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School Year Drags On For Girl Separated From Boy She Likes

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 12-year-old girl and I like a boy named "Chris." We go to different schools now, and I don't know how to get in touch with him to tell him how I feel. At times for the past two years we have been flirting on and off. We will be reunited again next year. I can't hold on much longer, and he's at a school with his ex. What should I do? — LOVER GIRL IN ALABAMA

DEAR LOVER GIRL: You have held on this long, so remember the school year is already more than half over. In the fall, you and Chris will be attending the same school again without your having to do anything.

For now, be patient. Stay active and involved with school, and time will pass more quickly. Focus on activities you enjoy and your friendships.

Do not waste your time worrying about the other girl. She and Chris are exes for a reason. If you and Chris are "meant to be," the chances of that happening will be better when you're classmates.

DEAR ABBY: A friend from high school has invited me to her wedding in September. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend the bachelorette party I was also invited to.

Even though I sent my regrets to the organizer of the party, she has tried to solicit gifts from me twice. This seems extremely tacky, and it has made me feel I was invited only for the gifts I could bring.

Abby, I don't want this to reflect poorly on my friend. Should I tell someone in the wedding party so they can fix this faux pas, or am I wrong about wedding etiquette? — PERPLEXED IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR PERPLEXED: You're not wrong. That the party organizer is trying to extort gifts from you is extremely rude. The person to inform is the mother of the bride. She should be able to put a stop to it before anyone else is embarrassed.

DEAR ABBY: What if someone wants to move away from one parent but not the other?

I'm 25 and interviewing for jobs. It would be nice to become independent, but for the right reasons. I am tired of my father's selfish, ignorant attitude, but I would miss seeing my mother. As she gets older, she seems to accommodate my dad's all-for-himself attitude even more.

If I take a job that's out of state, I don't want to feel like I'm "running away." How should I approach leaving the one family member I care about? — MOVING FORWARD IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MOVING: Continue interviewing for jobs for which you are qualified, regardless of where they are located. If more than one company wants to hire you, select the one that offers the best wages and benefits and seems to be the best fit for you.

If the company is located in your city, you may not have to leave your mother and you may be able to limit the time you must spend with your father. Should you get an enticing offer that bases you in another location, to accept it would not be running away; it would be making an intelligent career choice. Your mom might be able to visit you sans Dad periodically if the expense isn't prohibitive, and you would be establishing your independence for the right reason.

DEAR READERS: If you live in a state in which daylight saving time is observed, don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour before going to bed tonight. Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. tomorrow. Hallelujah! It's my favorite "holiday."

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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 Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2015:

This year you'll want to pace yourself. You easily could overspend, as you will be somewhat impulsive with money. Use caution with communication in general. Your upbeat attitude will draw in many opportunities. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone of significance after August. Relax and be more easygoing while dating. If you are attached, the two of you are likely to make a major purchase that you have talked a lot about. You will notice that you enjoy your day-to-day life together far more than in the past. LIBRA feels connected to you, and vice versa.

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 feel as if someone finally seems to grasp where you are coming from. You could argue about the details of a plan, but once you get going, you both will have a wonderful time. A loved one might encourage you to tap into your creativity. Tonight: Go with the flow.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You might want to understand more of what is going on with a child or loved one. You won't have to make much of an effort to find out -- all you'll need to do is listen and observe. This person tends to be an open book. Tonight: Go for a spontaneous get-together.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You don't need to make the first move, though you are likely to. Others will be extremely responsive to your inquiries or requests. Make a point of inviting several good friends to get together at a favorite spot. Tonight: Plan on rolling in the fun.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You might be in a situation where you feel you need to make an extra effort to make others feel comfortable. You could become testy when dealing with a child. Take a walk so you can calm down. Tonight: Be a little less responsible, and let others do what they want.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You seem to have the right way of handling someone who can be a little difficult. You

naturally say the right thing. Also, you will find out how important humor is to this person. Avoid a squabble with a friend or associate at all costs. Tonight: Chat the night away.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Be aware of the ramifications of a recent decision. Make it OK to back off, even if someone gives you flak for it. A partner could be a bit feisty. Consider avoiding a conflict right now. Take a step back, and the other party will calm down. Tonight: Dinner for two.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You naturally beam and draw in others. You might decide to say little right now, as much as you would like to have someone open up. A partner or dear friend could be very touchy and difficult. Stay with your friends who make you happy. Tonight: Be responsive.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You might want to have a long-overdue chat with a friend. Be careful with what you say. You'll want to clear the air without hurting this person's feelings. Use your instincts with someone very important to your life. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Find a friend whom you can share your thoughts with. It might take just a brief conversation to clear your mind and be relaxed. Whether you're off at the movies or indulging in a favorite hobby, you will be happiest with one or two friends. Tonight: The more, the merrier.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ Stay on top of a meeting or a friendly get-together. Though you might end up taking someone's place in bringing others together, the outcome will be positive. A partner can't seem to compliment you enough. Tonight: Let a loved one treat you to whatever you choose.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

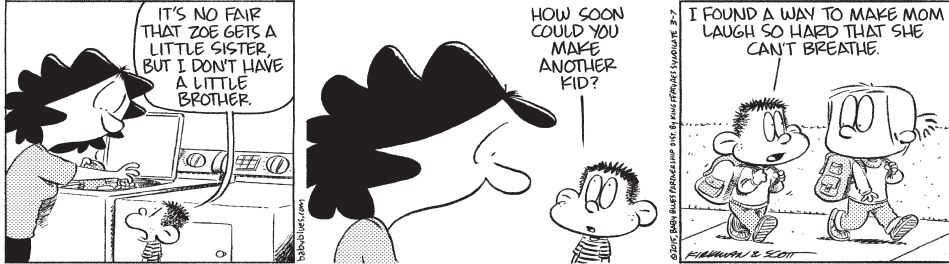
★★★★ Reach out to someone you care about but rarely spend time with. Be spontaneous, make a call, change your plans and take off to be with this special person. Someone might resent your change of plans, so keep your distance for now. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

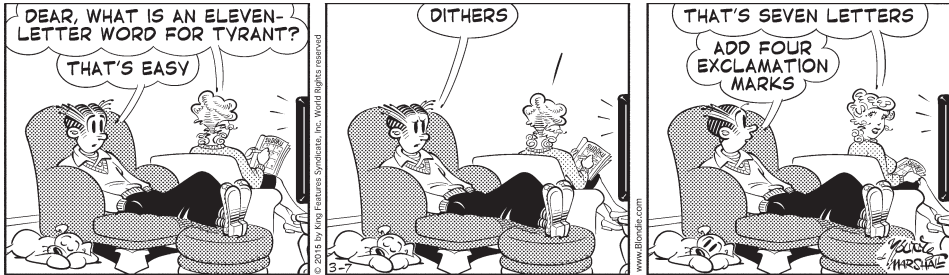
★★★ Be willing to make an extra effort toward a friend whom you like a lot but rarely make time for. A misunderstanding could affect your plans to meet up with someone. Confirm the place and time. Tonight: Know when you are running out of steam.

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