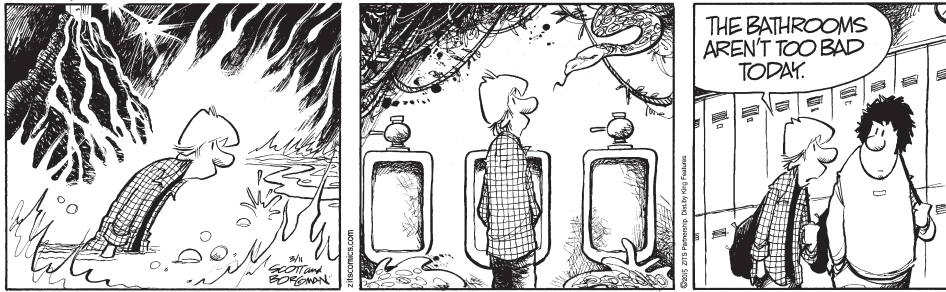


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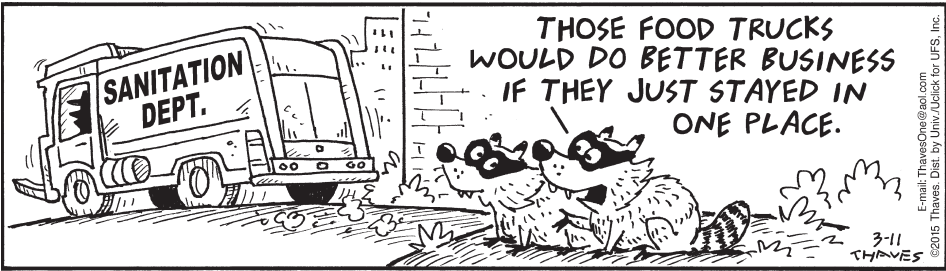
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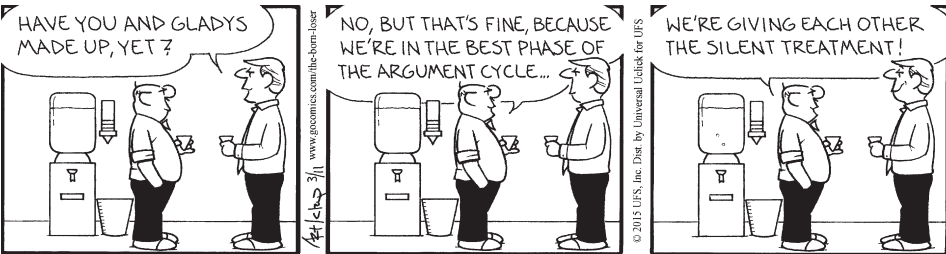
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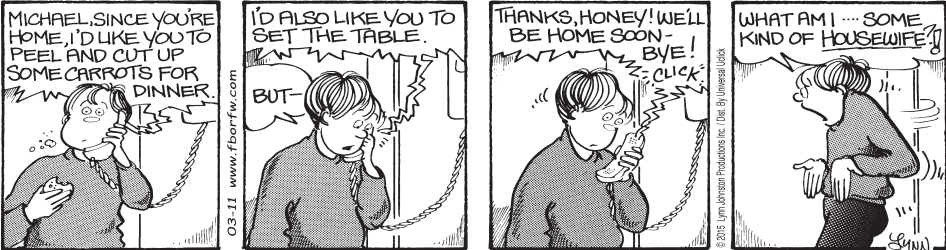
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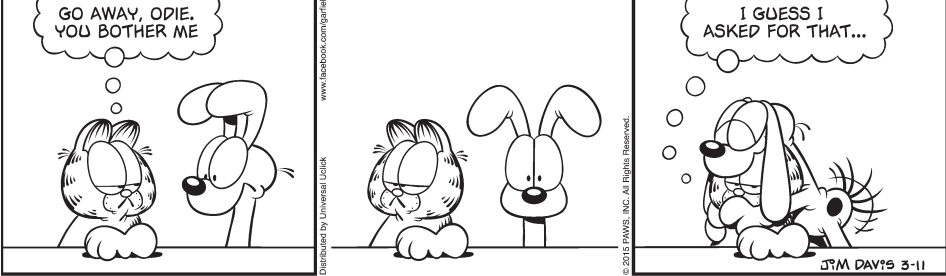
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Mother-In-Law's Prayer Is Just One Of Many 'Keepers'

DEAR ABBY: I recently lost my address book in which I kept a copy of your "Keepers" booklet that I had sent away for a few years ago. I love the memorable poems and essays in it.

I'd like to replace the booklet if it is available. I read through it so many times and now feel lost without it. I have read your advice for many years. Any help or information would be greatly appreciated. — PENNY IN EUREKA, MO.

DEAR PENNY: I'm glad you enjoyed my "Keepers" booklet, and yes, it is available. It is light reading and contains poems and essays collected by my mother that have appeared in this column. So many readers requested reprints on humorous and inspirational items that hold special meaning for them that Mom decided to compile them into a booklet. To order a replacement for yours, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds), to: Dear Abby Keepers Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Allow me to share one of the gems that always makes me smile:

A MOTHER-IN-LAW'S PRAYER

"O, Lord, help me to be glad when my son (or daughter) picks a mate. If he brings home a girl with two heads, let me love both of them equally. And when my son says, 'Mom, I want to get married,' forbid that I should blurt out, 'How far along is she?'"



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

"And please, Lord, help me to get through the wedding preparations without a squabble with the 'other side.' And drive from my mind the belief that had my child waited awhile, he or she could have done better.

"Dear Lord, remind me daily that when I become a grandmother, my children don't want advice on how to raise their children any more than I did when I was raising mine.

"If you will help me to do these things, perhaps my children will find me a joy to be around, and maybe I won't have to write a 'Dear Abby' letter complaining about my children neglecting me. Amen."

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to know why they still call ex-presidents "president"?

For example, President Clinton or President Bush. They clearly are not president any longer. — JUST WONDERING IN EUGENE, ORE.

DEAR JUST WONDERING: True. However, this is a courtesy, a gesture of respect extended to individuals for their public service. Included in this category are retired former presidents, senators, governors, mayors and high-ranking military officers.

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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 Scorpio if born before 7:30 p.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015:

This year you experience unexpected events that might affect your finances. You will find that you get frustrated easily. For your sake, work on letting go of this feeling. A friend could be instrumental in this process. If you are single, come fall, someone quite appealing could steal your heart. You certainly will know when you meet this person. If you are attached, you might want to make a commitment to a mutual cause. You will enjoy the people you meet together. SAGITTARIUS means well, but he or she often creates tension when you are around.

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 could be blindsided by a sudden change. Be willing to adjust. Stay receptive to someone who tries very hard to express his or her caring and support. Be a little cynical if you encounter a situation that's too good to be true. Tonight: Spend time with your favorite person.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Continue deferring to others. You'll have other matters on your mind that you would prefer and need to consider. Give yourself the time and permission to explore different options. An offer that arises could irritate you on some level. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ You will put in long hours to complete what you feel is necessary. You often defer to others, but right now, it is important to be more in touch with your needs. A conversation with a partner could be touchy. Be careful. Tonight: Out and about.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You might want to take off for part of the day to do something just for you. You could be entering a very busy period where you need to be 100 percent engaged. Get errands done and complete anything that could interfere with your workflow. Tonight: Early in, early out.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Stay centered when dealing with a touchy friend or family member. You could hear some surprising news. Stay close to a loved one

who means a lot to you. Tension seems to build in an emotional conversation. Tonight: Roll with the punches.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might be in a position where you have to help others relax. A partner could be unpredictable. You can back away, but not for long. Walk in this person's shoes and figure out what is motivating him or her. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Work with your finances, and try to trim down your budget where you can. Others seem to be off-kilter at this time. You could be distracted by and somewhat concerned with their actions or words. Relax, and choose to go with the flow. Tonight: At your favorite haunt.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Be responsive to someone who seems a little upset. This person's mood could have an effect on your day. A conversation, if not handled properly, might trigger more anger. Do not blame or criticize the other party. Attempt to walk in this person's shoes. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You will feel the need to play it low-key. You might want some downtime to relax or perhaps you need to handle your taxes. A loved one will delight you with his or her spontaneity. Use care with spending, especially if you are eyeing a big commitment. Tonight: Be impulsive.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Take the time to assess your direction and your choices. How you see an evolving situation could change. You know what you want, so zero in on that desire. A family member is likely to demonstrate his or her instability. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

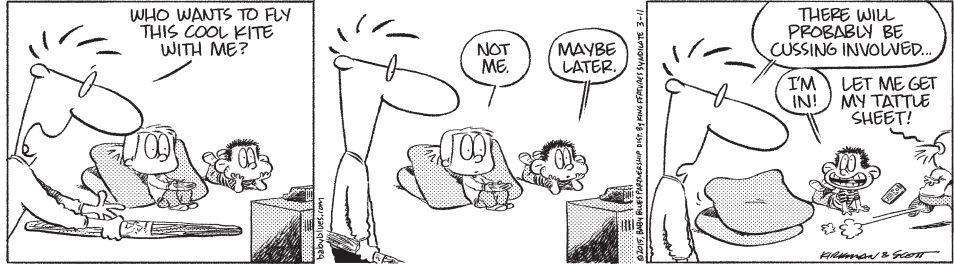
★★★ Tension builds during the day as you attempt to sign off on a project. You might need to take the lead in order to complete it. What you hear from someone quite eccentric could surprise you. Try not to be too reactive. Tonight: Be happy, and join your friends.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

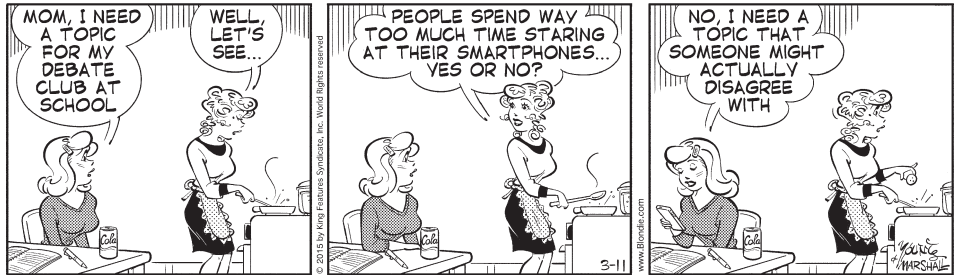
★★★★ Try seeing a situation from a different perspective. First you must detach, then you can decide which way will work best. Avoid taking any risks, even if you believe things will work out perfectly. Proceed with caution. Tonight: Count on being up late.

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