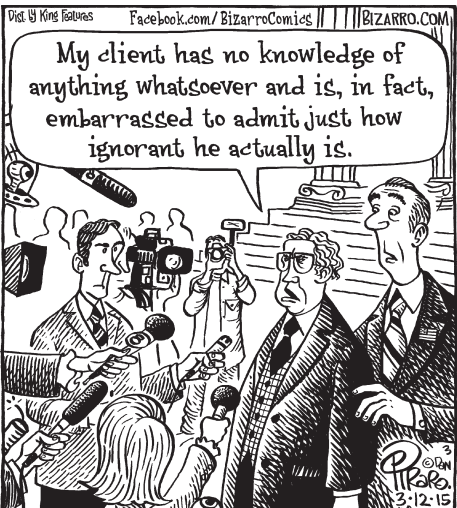


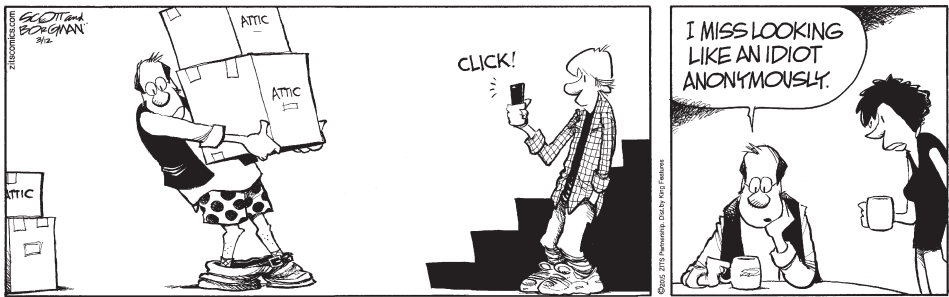
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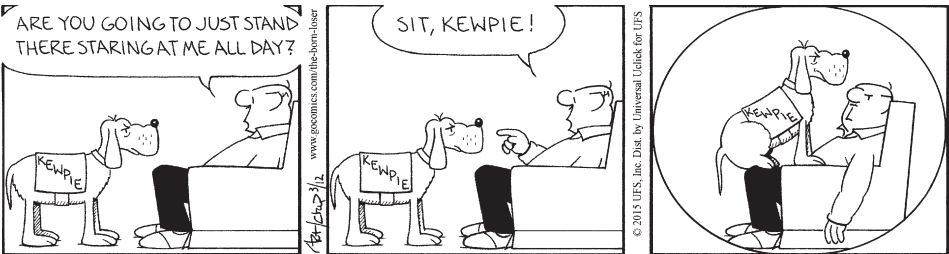
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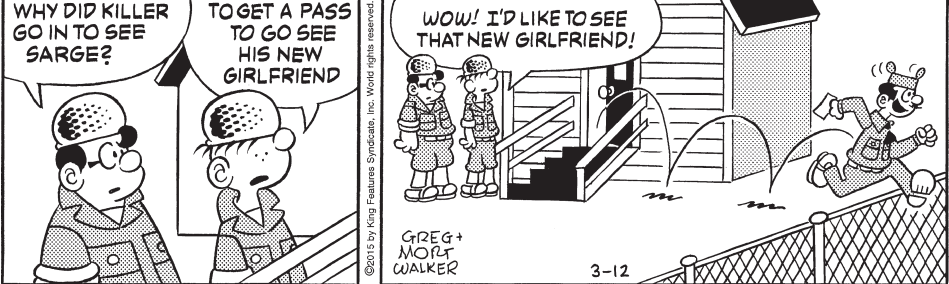
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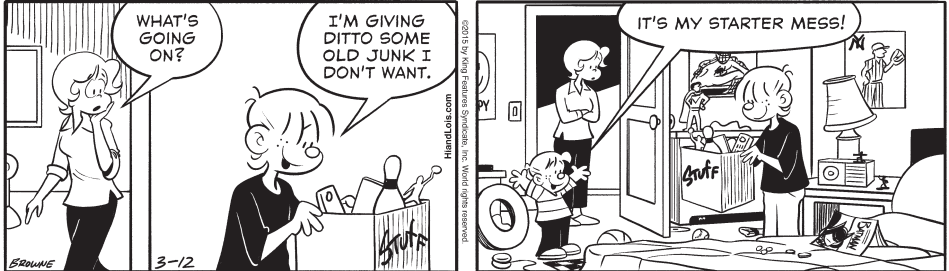
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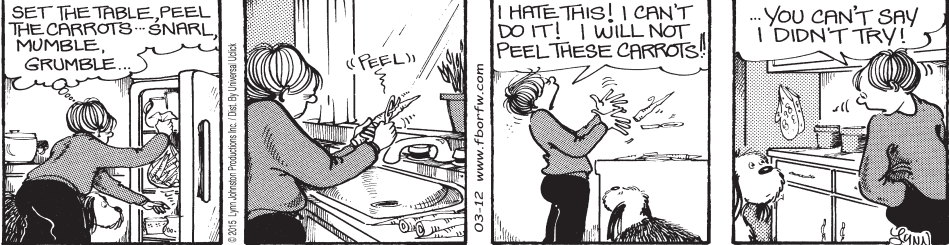
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Dad's Choice Of Movies Is Inappropriate For Young Kids

DEAR ABBY: Recently, my father has begun to watch films with graphic sexual scenes when he gets home from work. When I ask him to please watch them on his own time, when my three younger siblings aren't in the house, he tells me that because he pays the bills he has the right to do what he wants.

Abby, not only do these graphic movies make me uncomfortable, I'm worried my siblings will begin asking questions. – UNCOMFORTABLE IN OREGON

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: If there are adult relatives who can convince your dad that what he's doing is unwise – an aunt, uncle, grandparent – talk to them about what's going on right away. If there aren't, then a trusted teacher or counselor at school should be informed because what your father is doing is extremely inappropriate. Exposing children to graphic images can give them unrealistic expectations about what sex is really all about.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend and I have talked about becoming engaged. The subject of the wedding dress came up. She broke off a past engagement last year, and she has asked me whether it would be OK for her to use the dress she chose for the wedding that didn't happen. She says only her mother and the seamstress have seen it. She doesn't want to be out \$1,000 and says she does not associate the gown with her ex-fiance.

I feel we should try to sell the dress, although it was tailored for her, and pick a new one. What do you think is appropriate? I don't like the idea of looking back at the wedding photos and thinking the dress was meant for another man. – FUTURE HUSBAND IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR HUSBAND: Actually, the dress was meant for your fiancée and not another man. There are specialists who can redesign an existing wedding dress. However, because you have negative associations with this gown, offer to sweeten the pot by chipping in if she can't get \$1,000 for the one she has. I think the most "appropriate" thing on your wedding day should

be that you are both comfortable, happy and, above all, in sync.

DEAR ABBY: I don't sympathize or empathize with others. When people are sad or upset over deaths, failed relationships, etc., my reaction is annoyance at the person because I feel I'm being forced to offer an emotion I don't genuinely feel. I have experienced all of these things in my own life, but I have never shed tears about them or let them cripple me. I view these things as part of life and move on.

As I get older, it is getting harder and harder for me to fake these emotions. My wife was in tears for a couple of days because someone she knew died. I tried to pretend to empathize with her, but I found myself getting annoyed by what I thought was her overreaction. Someone she knew died; it happens to all of us.

Let's move on. Is something wrong with me? – MOVING ON IN TENNESSEE

DEAR MOVING ON: Some people live the veneer of life; others live the hardwood. It appears you are among the former and insulated against painful emotions. However, I'm cautioning you to be patient and show respect for the feelings of others who have more emotional depth, or you may be spending a lot of time alone in the future.

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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 Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015:

This year you begin a period where you see expansion in your daily life. There will be a new factor, such as a hobby that you are passionate about, or perhaps a rewarding job situation. You will start taking better care of yourself and paying more attention to your health. If you are single, after August you easily could meet someone who will liven up your love life. You will experience a profound closeness with this person. If you are attached, the two of you will develop a new mutual hobby, which could add a lot of energy to your bond. You often are seen out on the town together. SAGITTARIUS admires you.

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 will be acting quickly on a long-term desire that perhaps you had not even been aware of until now. Your imagination soars to new levels, especially if you are willing to be spontaneous. Feelings could surprise you as they come up. Tonight: Worry less.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ A friend could add an element of confusion to your plans. You might decide to invite someone who has been a bit off to a spontaneous dinner. You are likely to gain some insight into this person's personal life as a result. Tonight: Reveal more of your thoughts.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Let others have their way. You might need to change the way in which you explain how you want something done. By speaking more clearly, you will help people learn faster. Reach out and make a call to a special friend whom you care a lot about. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ You might be looking at the long-term ramifications of continuing on the path you currently are on. Reach out to someone who often gives you good advice. A boss or someone you must answer to could be demanding. Tonight: Your imagination provides a fun solution.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Tap into your positive energy when

dealing with others. Someone who is very different from you will provide some interesting news. Surprises are likely to surround certain events. A close associate might not be getting the gist of a conversation. Tonight: Movie night.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★ Tension seems to build as you deal with a personal matter. Recognize that you are creating this stress through your own judgments. Just do what you feel is necessary. Read between the lines with a key associate who might not be clear. Tonight: Take a walk by the water.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Make the first effort to reach out to someone at a distance. Communication will flourish, as long as you verify what you hear and confirm meeting times and places. Unexpected developments with a child could demand your attention. Tonight: Allow your creativity to speak.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ You'll be ready to make a major purchase, but what you desire might not be in line with your budget. You could be a little too direct or demanding when dealing with others. Try a different approach, and you will like the results. Tonight: Treat a friend to munchies.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You tend to express a lot of enthusiasm, no matter what you are doing. You add extra "oomph" to others' days as well. Don't be surprised if others seek you out; they respect your opinion and appreciate your strong drive and powerful energy. Tonight: All eyes turn to you.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ You have been stepping back more than usual. Others need to understand the workload that you carry every day. In the process, you might discover that someone who performs as well as you can be helpful in taking the reins. Tonight: Get as much R and R as possible.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

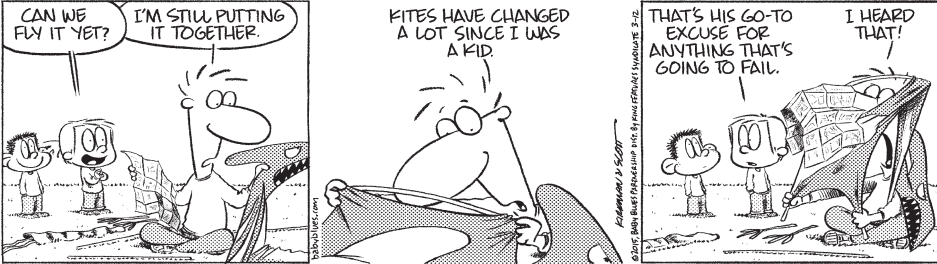
★★★★ You are a sign that honors friendship. You will have plenty of opportunities to interact with friends, whether you plan on meeting up or just end up running into each other. Try not to rush yourself, as you easily could make a mistake. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

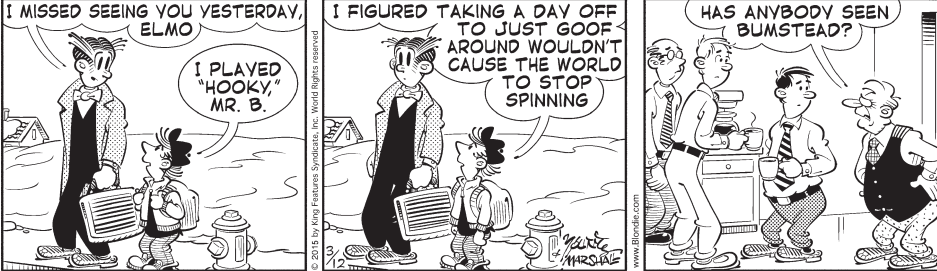
★★★ Others seem to have a lot of expectations. You'll sense these implicit demands and respond accordingly. Know that you won't be able to please everyone. Don't push beyond your limits. Your imagination might be out of control today. Tonight: Use your imagination.

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