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"As soon as he's done singing, he'll want us to clap for him."

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



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"So much for showing her how comfortable it is."

ZITS | JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



SPOTLESS!
GASP!
MY KITCHEN IS POSSESSED BY AN EVIL SPIRIT.
EVENTUALLY HE'LL GO OFF TO HAUNT A COLLEGE SOMEWHERE.

PICKLES | BRIAN CRANE



I DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE, GRAMPA.
WELL, I'M NOT PLANNING ON IT ANY TIME SOON.
GOOD.
BUT YOU KNOW, THERE ARE FAR WORSE THINGS THAN DYING.
I NEED YOU TO TAKE ME AND MY SISTER TO THE FABRIC STORE.
CASE IN POINT.

FRANK AND ERNEST | BOB THAVES



DIogenes HAS LOWERED HIS TARGET FROM FINDING AN HONEST MAN... NOW HE JUST LOOKS FOR A REALITY SHOW THAT DOESN'T FEEL SCRIPTED.

BORN LOSER | ART SAMSON



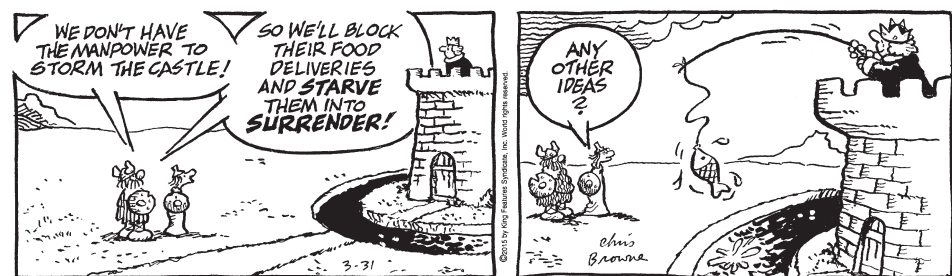
VEEBLEFESTER HAS A DECADENT STREAK.
HOW'S THAT?
YESTERDAY, I WAS BEHIND HIM IN THE CHECKOUT LINE AT THE GROCERY STORE...
WHEN THE CLERK ASKED IF HE WANTED HIS GROCERIES PACKED IN PAPER OR PLASTIC, HE SAID BOTH!

PEANUTS | CHARLES M. SCHULZ



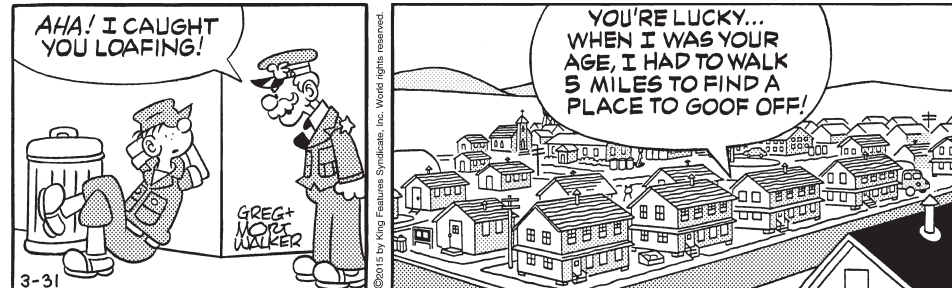
YOU'RE CRAZY! NOBODY CAN MAKE A SHOT LIKE THAT!
YOU THINK YOU CAN GO THROUGH THAT WICKET, AROUND THAT BUSH AND CLEAR ACROSS THE YARD AND HIT MY BALL? NOBODY CAN MAKE A SHOT LIKE THAT!
PLOK!

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE | CHRIS BROWNE



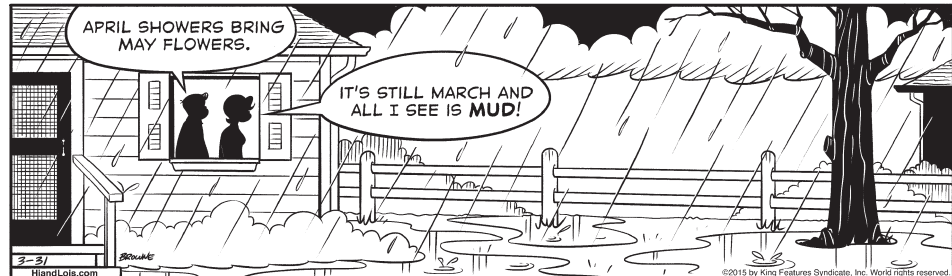
WE DON'T HAVE THE MANPOWER TO STORM THE CASTLE!
SO WE'LL BLOCK THEIR FOOD DELIVERIES AND STARVE THEM INTO SURRENDER!
ANY OTHER IDEAS?

BETLE BAILEY | MORT WALKER



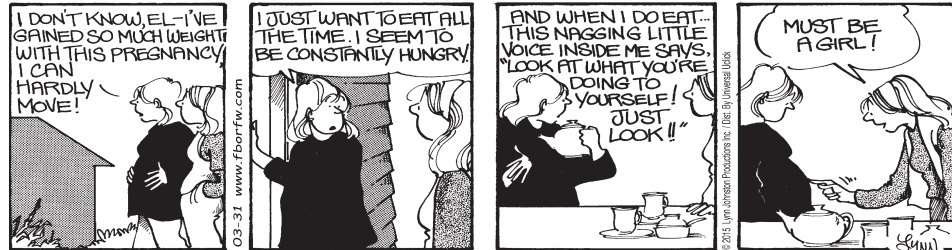
AHA! I CAUGHT YOU LOAFING!
GREG!
YOU'RE LUCKY... WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, I HAD TO WALK 5 MILES TO FIND A PLACE TO GOOF OFF!

HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS.
IT'S STILL MARCH AND ALL I SEE IS MUD!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON



I DON'T KNOW, EL - I'VE GAINED SO MUCH WEIGHT WITH THIS PREGNANCY I CAN HARDLY MOVE!
I JUST WANT TO EAT ALL THE TIME. I SEEM TO BE CONSTANTLY HUNGRY!
AND WHEN I DO EAT... THIS MESSING LITTLE VOICE INSIDE ME SAYS, 'LOOK AT WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO YOURSELF! JUST LOOK!!'
MUST BE A GIRL!

GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS



CHECK OUT THE NEW PHONE, GARFIELD.
IT TEXTS... IT E-MAILS...
PRESS THIS AND TWO LITTLE ARMS COME OUT AND JUGGLE
NOW I'M IMPRESSED

Wife's Donation Of Eggs Is Fertile Ground For Discussion

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were chatting recently and the subject of sperm donation came up. He surprised me by saying he's vehemently against it, and then compared it to selling your body as in prostitution. He also mentioned he thinks it's disgusting because any kids we would potentially have might end up dating their half-siblings. We let the issue drop, but Abby, I have a secret.

In my early 20s, I participated in an egg donation program to support couples who were unable to get pregnant on their own. At the time, I didn't think much about it. I didn't want kids — and I doubt if I ever will — so I figured it was my contribution to the gene pool without having to raise little humans myself.

I never told my husband about it because it happened before we met. I do know that some of my eggs were successfully transplanted.

Should I tell my husband about my donations or keep quiet? We don't have kids, but are talking about trying in the near future. Would it be wrong for them to go out into the world not knowing about their half-siblings? — FERTILE MYRTLE

DEAR MYRTLE: The time to have spoken up was when your husband aired his feelings on the subject of sperm donation and infertility issues. You did a wonderful thing and with good reason. Your husband should be made aware of that, with no apologies.

If you do decide to start a family, considering that there are half-siblings out there, it would be wise to advise your children to have genetic testing done with their prospective spouses. (Because there are diseases caused by recessive genes, it's a good idea anyway.)

However, unless you are sure that you want to bring a child into this world, you shouldn't become a parent.

DEAR ABBY: I am 29 and on the fence about what to do. My 32-year-old boyfriend of a year and a half, "Aiden," proposed while we were in Europe last month. Aiden is a

sweet guy who would do anything for me. I waffled and said I had to think about it. He bought a lovely engagement ring that he still has in his possession. We do not live together.

Aiden says he's certain he wants to spend his life with me. My problem is, I don't want to marry him. I am a professional, and Aiden is a tradesman with no money. Even though he kisses the ground I walk on, I don't think I'd be happy in the long term with him and would always wonder if I could have done better.

On the other hand, I am almost 30 and want children. It seems that nice guys who want to commit are in short supply. Should I settle for Aiden? Breaking up with him, as I did a few months ago for a couple of weeks, would crush him. But he has little social life and no hobbies



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

— just me. — CONTEMPLATING IN ALBERTA, CANADA

DEAR CONTEMPLATING: Nice guys who want to commit may be in short supply, but please do THIS nice guy a favor and end the relationship before you hurt him any more than you already have. Tradesmen can be good providers, husbands and fathers, and Aiden has much to offer a woman who can appreciate him fully. Clearly, that's not you, so let him go.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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likely to do a sudden reversal. You might be dealing with someone you barely recognize, as he or she could be unusually upset. Getting communication flowing could be nearly impossible at the moment. Tonight: Vanish.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★ You might be out of sorts in the morning, but by mid-afternoon, you'll feel more like your old self. A discussion with a partner or close associate will flow more easily. A one-on-one talk will bring results that please you. Tonight: Be your friendly self.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ A last-minute detail could slow you down. A talk on an individual level is likely to ease some of the tension. You might note how unpredictable an associate has been and continues to be. You can count on some surprises from this person! Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ You can continue to take the lead, if you so desire. An afternoon meeting will bring results that make you feel as though the effort was worth it. A loved one might let you know that it is time to spend some quality time together. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You might be letting go as much as you can. You are likely to encounter an obstacle in the afternoon with someone you must answer to. You could find this person to be fussy and difficult at the present moment. Do what you must. Tonight: In the limelight.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You will be tired of pushing so hard to achieve the results you want. A partner has been very supportive, yet you might decide to go on your own with a particular idea. You could be wondering what is going on in someone else's mind. Tonight: Look beyond the obvious.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You deal well with others. You'll be able to open up to the intricacies of someone else's thought process. Your listening skills seem to be improving as well, as you're able to read between the lines. Avoid untested assumptions. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Work on a project in the morning, and you'll be noticed in the afternoon. You might find that you are surrounded by people you never dreamt you would be in the same room with. Toss yourself in the middle of a conversation. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

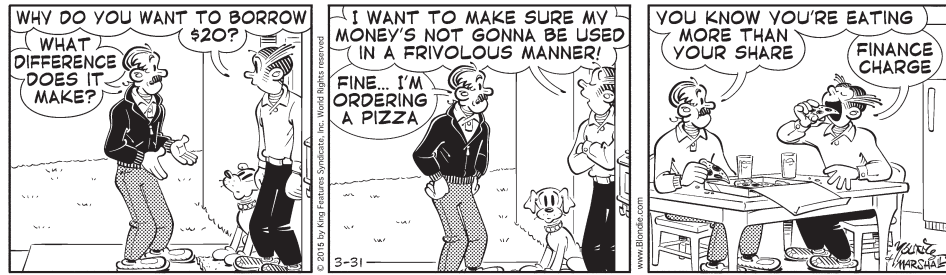
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BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



PLEASE? PLEASE?
PLEASE? PLEASE?
PLEASE? PLEASE?
PLEASE?
NO! AND THAT'S FINAL!
PLEASE? PLEASE?
PLEASE? PLEASE?
PLEASE? PLEASE?
PLEASE?
WHAT PART OF THAT'S FINAL DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
THE PART WHERE WE DON'T GET OUR WAY.

BLONDIE | YOUNG & DRAKE



WHY DO YOU WANT TO BORROW \$20?
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?
I WANT TO MAKE SURE MY MONEY'S NOT GONNA BE USED IN A FRIVOLOUS MANNER!
FINE... I'M ORDERING A PIZZA.
YOU KNOW YOU'RE EATING MORE THAN YOUR SHARE
FINANCE CHARGE

MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS



DOG PARK
NEVER PASS GAS AROUND POINTERS