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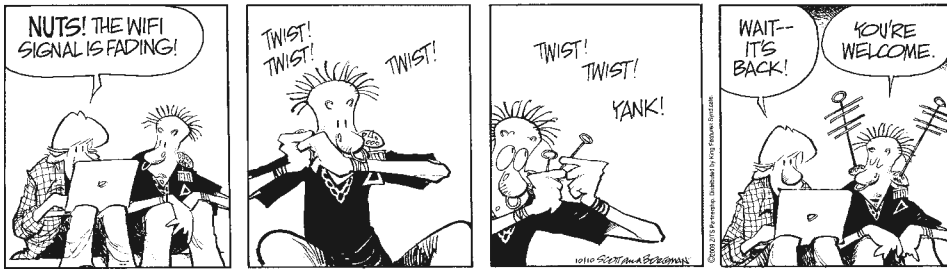


Another extremely punny cartoon drawn by Daddy's substitute, Billy (age 7).

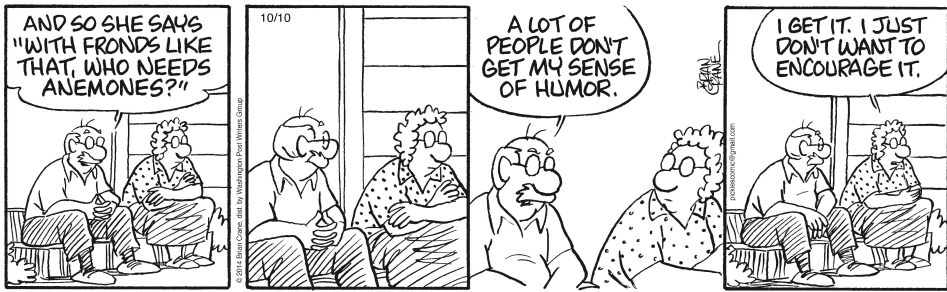
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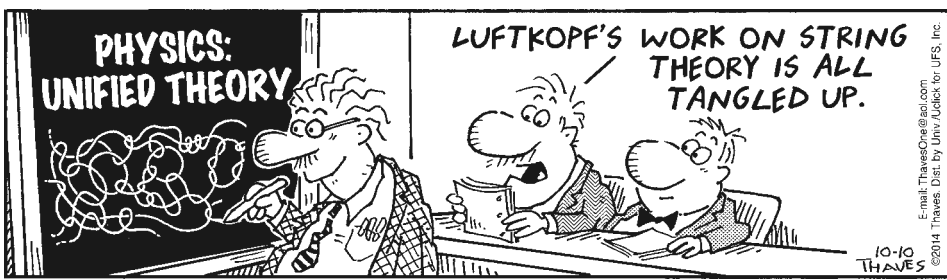
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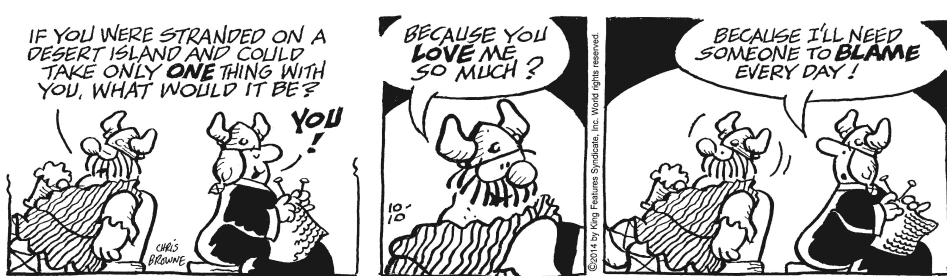
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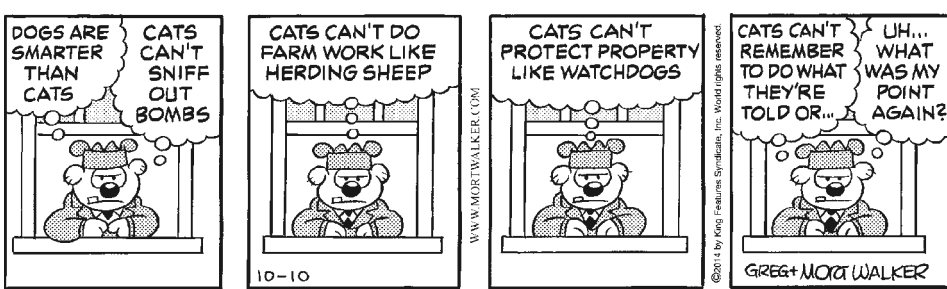
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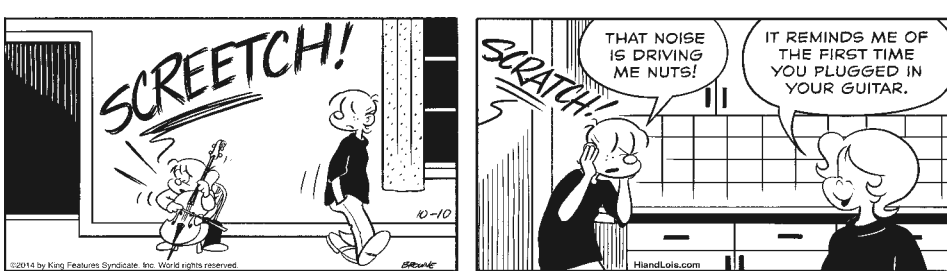
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More Than The Stars Shine Brightly In The State Of Texas

DEAR ABBY: I am an adult heterosexual male who has discovered that I like wearing nail polish. I feel it should not be a matter of gender, but of taste and fashion.

I wore a reasonably bold color in public for the first time a week before last. It was a light, metallic blue that changes to green in the sunlight. I got a few raised eyebrows and a few compliments in my conservative, small town. I was told, however, to leave the color red to the ladies.

I know some companies are already marketing nail color for men, and I hope nail decor for both genders will one day become mainstream. I want to help that process along. What do you think, Abby? — SHOWIN' MY TRUE COLORS IN TEXAS

DEAR SHOWIN': Although over the last few years I have seen males wear nail polish, it was usually a very dark color and the wearer was a rock star or a Goth. Frankly, I think that for an adult heterosexual male to wear light blue nail polish in public in the great state of Texas shows he is not only a trendsetter, but also has a lot of guts.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 38-year-old woman who divorced four years ago. I'm educated, attractive and have a successful career. My 18-year-old son lives with me and attends a junior college.

I am having a hard time finding romance because most of the men want to survive on my income, or are put off that I have a son at home.

I recently met a guy who seems to be head over heels in love with me. He has had little education and abused drugs and alcohol for a long time, but he has changed now. He has three children, but because he is unemployed, he's exempt from paying alimony, and he is fine with the idea. He'd like to have

them on weekends, but the mother won't allow it.

Should I go ahead and date him? He doesn't seem to mind that I have a child, but my intuition tells me he may be another fortune hunter. How can I find a suitable partner without appearing desperate? — LONELY LADY IN AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

DEAR LONELY LADY: Listen to your intuition and end this relationship now unless you want to support this man in perpetuity. The longer you're involved, the harder it will be to end it, so don't procrastinate.

It's time to widen your circle of acquaintances. Meet colleagues in your field through conferences and seminars. Develop new interests and you will meet more people. Volunteer with charities that interest you and you will meet worthwhile members of both sexes who may introduce you to an unattached friend or relative.

Above all, don't succumb to desperation. You have much to offer and a lot of life ahead of you. Follow my suggestions and your chances of finding what you're looking for will improve.

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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 Libra and a Moon in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, OCT. 10, 2014:

This year you open doors because of your willingness to socialize and understand different mindsets. Your friendships pave your way to success in many ways, some of them being less obvious. Zero in on what you want. If you are single, you might want to remain uncommitted, even though you will have many potential suitors. If you are attached, the two of you naturally interact well this year. Remember that your relationship is your first priority. TAURUS is quite caring.

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)

Someone might be quite gabby, but still won't spill the beans, at least not about what you wanted to hear. Your ingenuity will allow many possibilities to come forward. How will you decide which way to go? Feedback could be important. Tonight: Go with others' suggestions.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You might want to hear more about what is going on. A friend who disrupts your daily life could share an earful. It is with amusement that you listen to this person. A matter involving real estate or your home life will grab your attention. Tonight: Kick back, then decide.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

You are full of ideas, and you want to share them. Others could be overly optimistic, which might make you doubt their veracity. Work with someone directly in order to get a better grasp of what is going on. There are some topics you won't want to touch! Tonight: Hang out.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Emphasize what you want to happen. Be careful with your spending, and maintain some discipline; you will be happier with the results. A discussion regarding your family life could spark some innovative ideas. Tonight: Find your friends for a fun happening.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

A situation in your daily life appears to be transforming right in front of you. You cannot avoid a discussion under any circumstances. The

words you choose could define the outcome. You will get better results if you rely on diplomacy. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

You like your routine, and you dislike being thrown into new experiences. However, you might opt to do something very different right now. Realize that this is your choice -- it isn't being forced upon you. You might enjoy the change of pace. Tonight: Share a secret.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Reach out to someone you really care about. You could discover that you still can relate on an individual level with this person. Do not treat this bond lightly, as it has meaning to both of you. This friendship can make all the difference in your life. Tonight: Be a du.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Join a friend in making the most of the moment. You might be worried about a situation that you're not sure how to read. Express your thoughts, and you will get strong feedback. You could be amazed by how differently people view this situation. Tonight: Out and about.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Your organization and ability to prioritize will be reflected in how your day flows. An unexpected conversation will help illuminate an issue. Understand the power in numbers. A meeting is likely to open up many options. Tonight: Read between the lines.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Understand your limits with a child or loved one. You could be overwhelmed by all the attention someone demands. Relate to this person directly in order to gain a better sense of what is motivating him or her. Don't make assumptions. Tonight: Now for some good times.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

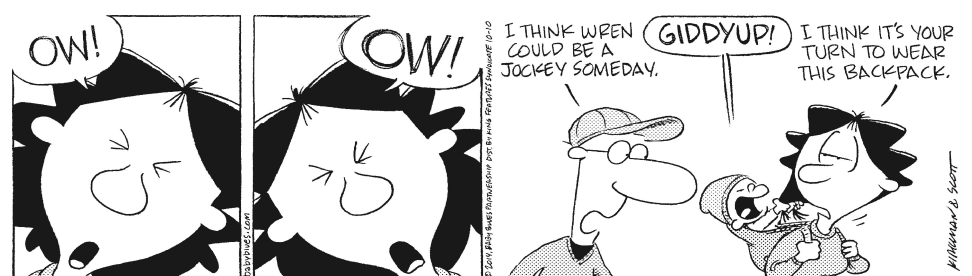
Resist getting too stuck or rigid. You might be surprised by how easily you could fall into a stubborn stance. Others seem upbeat, so why not join them rather than insisting on having your own way? Deal with a domestic matter at a later point. Tonight: At home.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

A meeting or get-together might need to be rescheduled. Do yourself a favor, and reach out to someone whom you seem to be avoiding. Make the most of each conversation that you have today, and make it a point to say more than just "hello" to a neighbor. Tonight: Hang out.

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