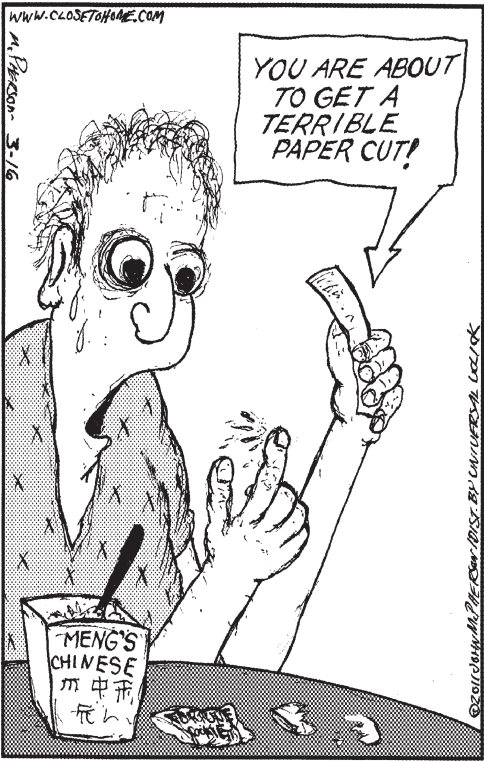


CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



‘Keepers’ booklet has poems and essays

Dear Abby: I have lost my copy of the “Letter From Your Pet,” the essay that is written from the pet’s viewpoint to his master, assuring him it is the right thing to do when it is time to put the pet down. Is it included in your “Keepers” booklet? — *Ruth in The Villages, Fla.*



JEANNE PHILLIPS
DEAR ABBY

Dear Ruth: “A Dog’s Prayer” by Beth Norman Harris is one of the most requested items that have ever appeared in my column. It addresses not only the pet’s end of life, but also how to respectfully treat the animal during its days on earth.

My “Keepers” booklet includes “A Dog’s Prayer,” as well as amusing and thought-provoking poems and essays on a variety of subjects. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 in U.S. funds, to: Dear Abby Keepers, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Many people have told me that

“Keepers” makes a welcome gift for newlyweds, new parents, animal lovers, or anyone who is recovering from an illness. Filled with humor and wisdom, it’s an inspiring, positive, quick and easy read.

Dear Abby: My boyfriend has worn panties since he was 12. We are both 20 and have been together for a year: I know it’s odd, but I’ve always thought it was cute and, admittedly, sexy. We will graduate from college next year and are thinking about our futures.

I’ve been doing some reading and am concerned that he may have some repressed tendencies. He says he does not, and gets quiet and stubborn and won’t discuss it. He always dresses as a female character for Halloween, wearing my undies. This year he went as Lady Gaga.

Are these good-enough reasons to be worried? And if so, what should I do? — *Tested in Tampa*

Dear Tested: Whether or not you should worry depends upon what you are worried about. I am more concerned that your boyfriend is unwilling to discuss this than what

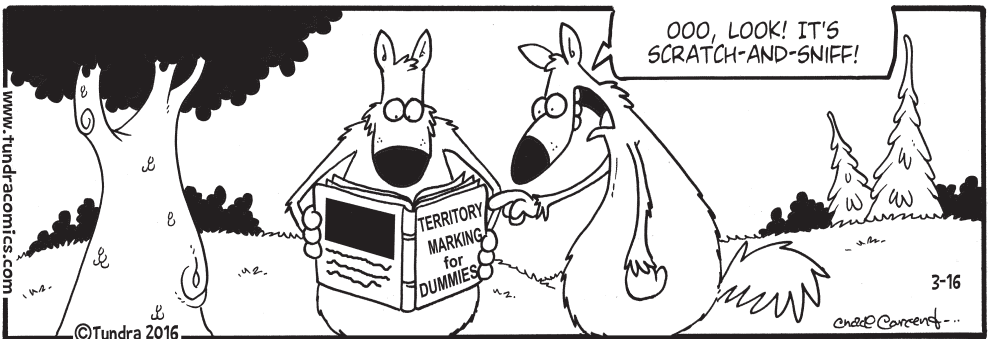
he’s wearing under his Levis. If you’re afraid he may not be 100 percent heterosexual, you should know that some straight men wear ladies’ panties because they like the way they feel. Also, some men who enjoy cross-dressing have successful marriages to women who aren’t threatened by it and who help them do it.

Dear Abby: I would like to suggest that some wives be a little less traditional and inhibited. Lighten up! Be just a little bit more adventurous, open-minded and forward — nothing excessive, mind you. Variety, after all, is the spice of life. What husband wouldn’t enjoy an exceptionally nice surprise every once in awhile? — *Wishful Thinking in Pennsylvania*

Dear Wishful Thinking: Inhibitions can be hard to overcome. However, if YOUR wife is among those you are suggesting loosen up (etc.), you should definitely mention it to her and include your “wish list.” But don’t be shocked if she gives you one, too.

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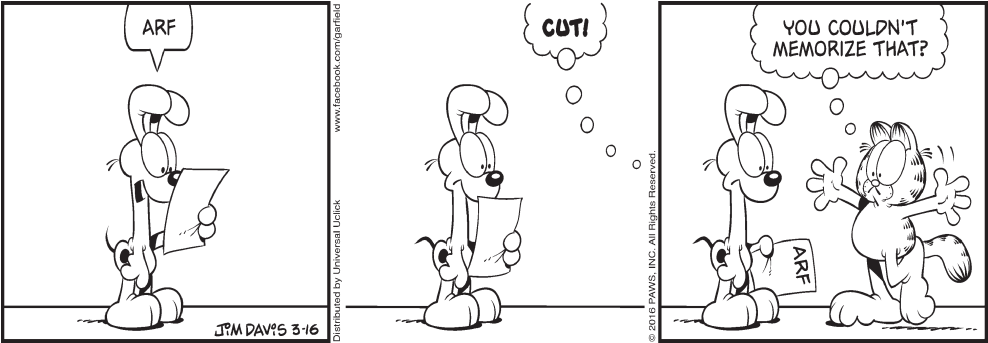
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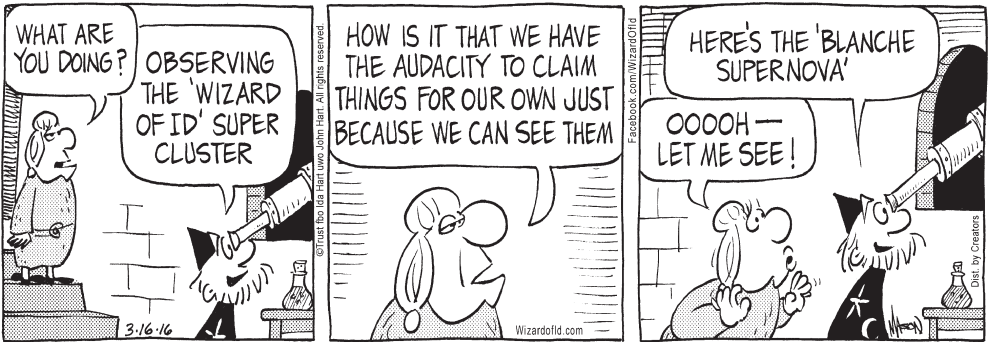
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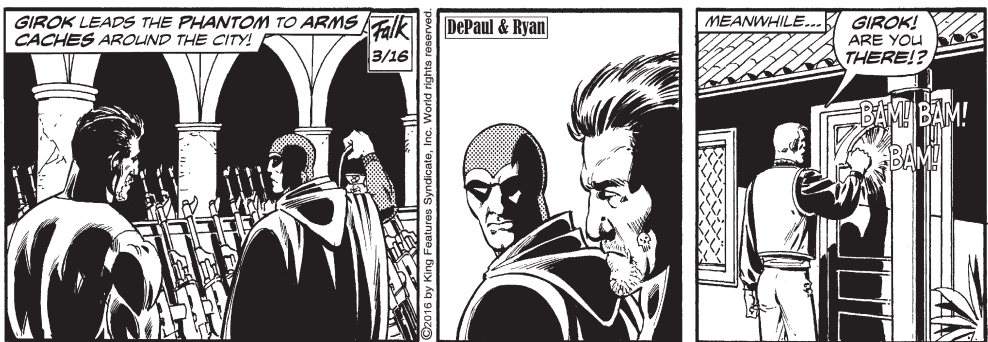
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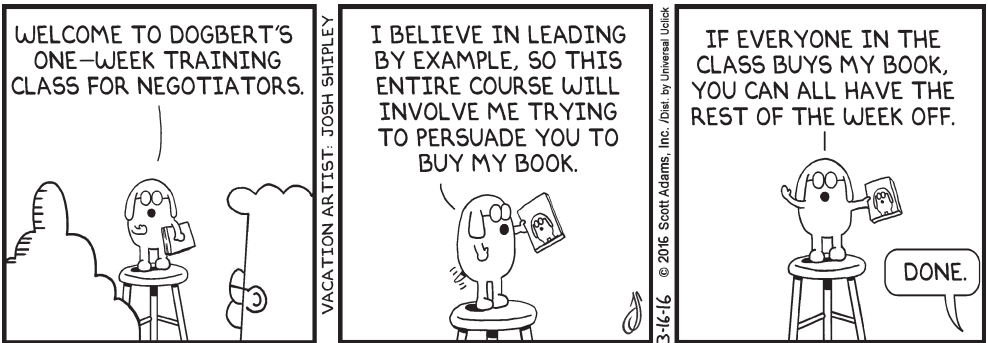
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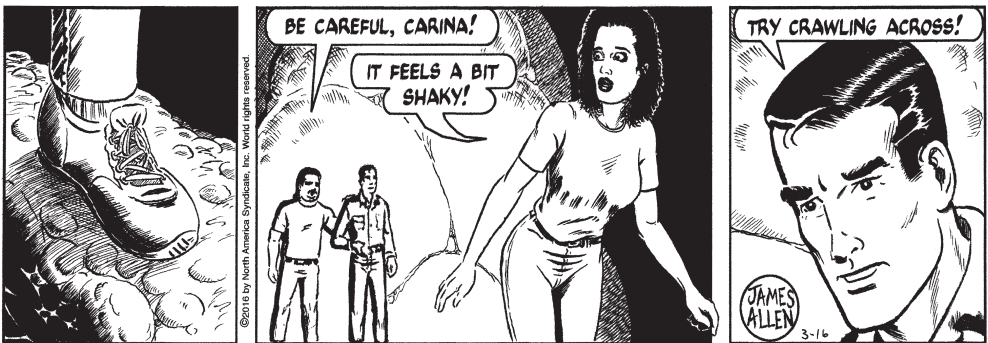
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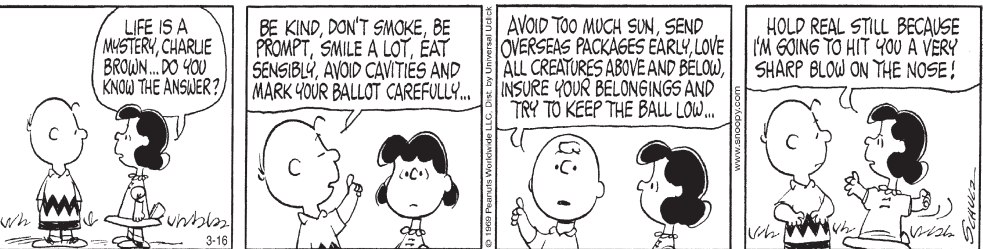
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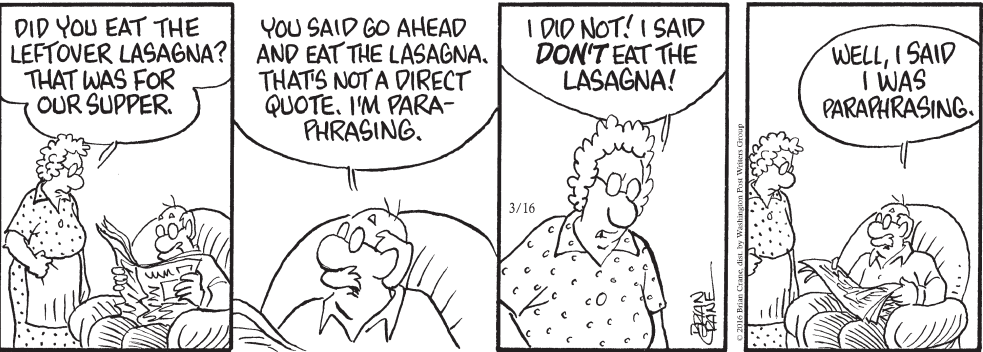
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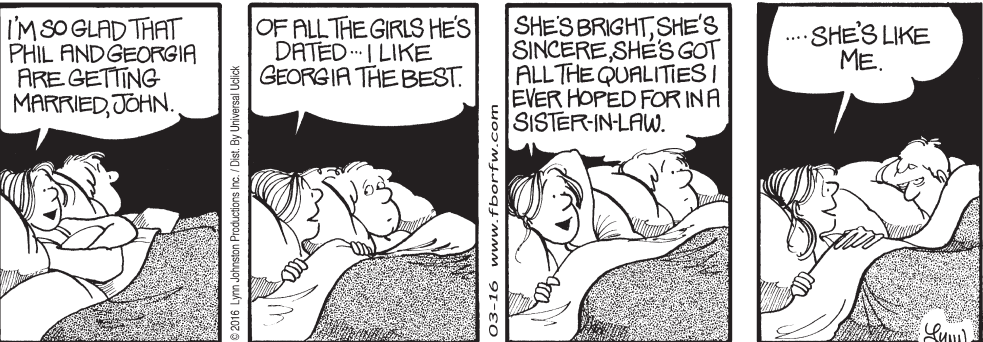
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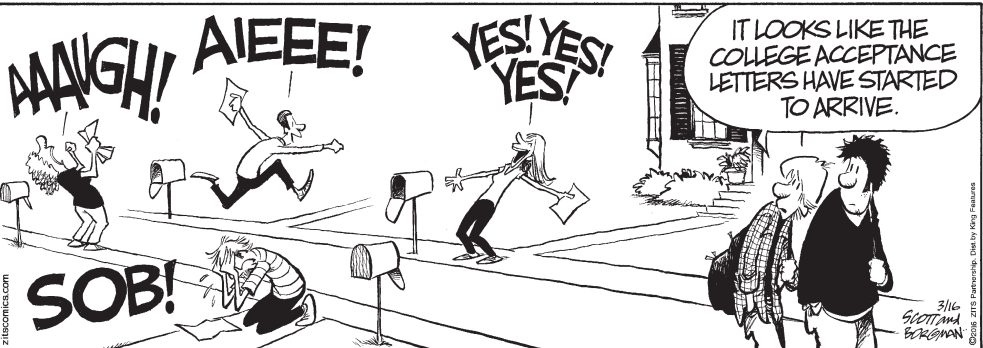
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Daily Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You’re too worried about making the right move. Don’t think so hard on this one. There will be genius that shows up inside of your action, but you have to take it first to find out. Trust yourself. Move.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Follow your intense desire to figure things out. You won’t be able to, not in one day anyway, but that’s not the point. Being involved in the puzzle will connect you with others. That is the point!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There’s someone who makes you feel funnier and more confident. It’s no surprise that you want to be around this person. Why wouldn’t you want to be around the person who brings out your maximum awesome?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Do you find it strange that your subconscious mind isn’t thinking about anything and yet it’s totally in control? You’ll see evidence of this, and it will inspire you to stop with the over-thinking. Believe that you’re enough. You are!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Someone is putting on a show just for you. If you don’t think this is true, try walking out of the room and see if that doesn’t stop the action. Hopefully you’ll find this all to be quite flattering.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People will want you to weigh in on their lives. It’s not like they

can’t make a decision without you; it’s just that they prefer to do it with you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The truth of the matter is that you’re doing a job that’s really not your responsibility. You said you would, though, and that is reason enough to follow through. You’ll be lucky when you do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You feel like your life is an open book, but there’s more mystery around you than you might have guessed. Keep it that way for a while! Someone is just getting to know you and you can have some fun with this!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you don’t like the way a situation is going, throw on the brakes immediately. You’re so creative now that you’ll be able to come up with several alternatives. Be bold.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You’ve an excellent eye for detail. Put in the time it takes to make things look and feel exactly how you want. Believe it or not, being fussy and specific will be very lucky for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your attention will be yanked back to something that seems, upon a cursory look, to be innocuous enough. Something about it isn’t quite adding up. Pay attention. If it doesn’t feel right, it’s not right.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Why haven’t you forgiven yourself yet? The real problem isn’t that you messed up; it’s that you’re not letting yourself move past it. Just let go. There’s no reason to be this hard on yourself.



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