

CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



"Yes, that's correct. His actual title is Rear Admiral Halloway. And please don't giggle when I introduce you."

Circumcision results in festering anger

Dear Abby: I am a young man who is currently in college. When I was an infant I was circumcised, and I feel violated that my parents decided to circumcise me without my consent.

When the doctor performed the surgery, he took too much off, which causes me pain.

When I was in grade school, I was sexually assaulted by an older classmate, but I feel much more violated from the circumcision because it took a part of me that I can never get back.

I am filled with hate and anger toward my parents, even though I know it is unfair to them because they believed they were making the right choice at the time.

My parents know how I feel and are sorry, but I still have these negative feelings toward them because I can't get the procedure undone.

Do you have any suggestions how I can overcome my dilemma and build a better

relationship with my parents? — *Cut Short in California*

Dear C.S.: Yes, I have several. All of them involve talking to doctors.

The place to start would be your student health center to determine exactly what is causing your pain and if there is help for it.

A doctor there may refer you to a urologist, who may be able to get the problem corrected.

In addition, I urge you to talk to a licensed mental health professional to help you work through your anger because it may be misdirected and a result of the sexual assault you experienced in grade school.

Dear Abby: My husband and I live in a small house on a small lot. We don't have children, but love kids.

Our problem is our next-door neighbors, whose two elementary school-age boys have limited supervision.

They're always in our yard digging and leaving their toys around. Honestly, their own yard is bigger.

They constantly come over asking for

candy, and the other day while my husband was working from home, he heard someone trying to open the door and pushing the keypad for entry. Needless to say, it was one of the boys.

I have tried asking them nicely to retrieve their toys, etc., but I'm getting really frustrated and afraid I'm going to lose my patience soon and blow.

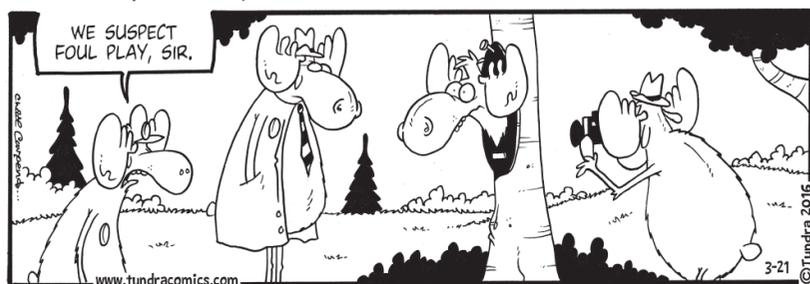
Please help us. — *Trying to Remain Nice Neighbors*

Dear Trying: You say you have spoken to the boys, but have you spoken to their parents? That one of the boys would try to gain entry to your house — I assume thinking there was no one there — is worrisome, and the parents should be put on notice about it. (In some neighborhoods the outcome could be dangerous.)

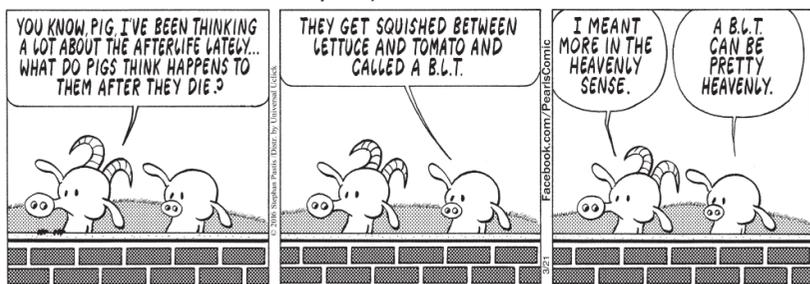
If you can't get them to take action, then consider fencing your yard.

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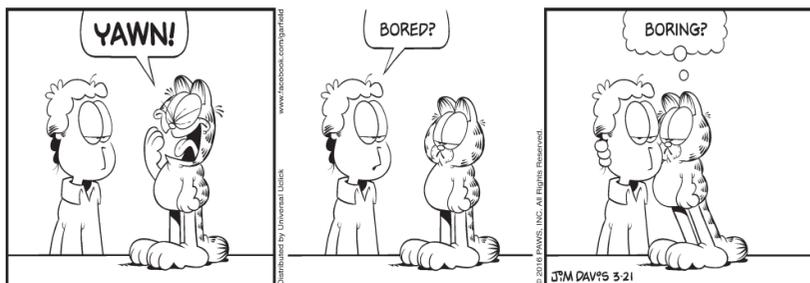
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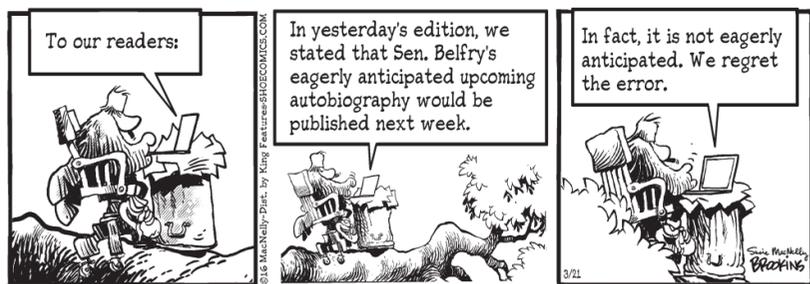
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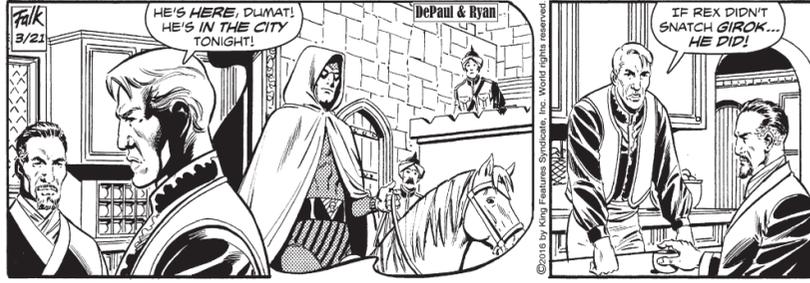
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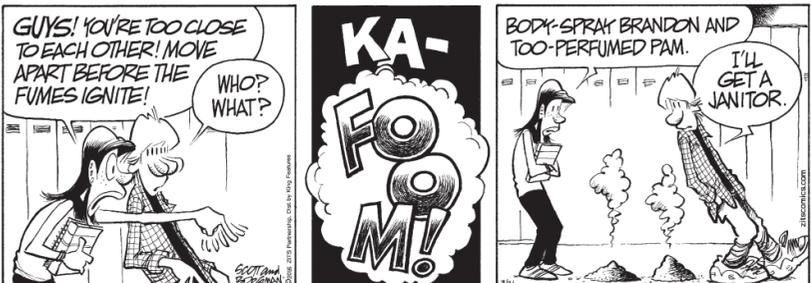
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Daily Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19). While it's true that repetition creates routines and makes things a part of you, repetition without focus is a waste of your energy. The thing that will really make this week better for you is a clear picture.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll apply your skill to an activity that will in turn absorb you more or less completely. Don't be surprised if this makes someone close to you pretty jealous. It will also make you very attractive in this person's eyes!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You don't have to give up the fantasy life going on in your head just because the real world is calling you. Let them call. What's in your head is your own business, and anyone who would have you feel otherwise is dangerous.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Listening is love. You give it and you deserve to receive it. You can tell when a person is listening to you as opposed to thinking about what they are going to interject the next time you take a break.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Are you afraid to let go? It's not as dangerous as you think, really. And how are you going to be able to play in a new destination if you are still tethered to the past? Cut ties.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Usually the idea of "consequences" is near and dear to your thought process, but lately something has changed in the

way you look at things. Why not you? Why not now? Because really, who's going to stop you?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The conscious mind is always trying to keep you safe. Its basic modus operandi is to fight for sameness. A niggling curiosity just won't let that happen. It will keep pushing until you leave your safety zone to discover.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Forget about who you think you should be. That's an unfair projection. Besides, who you are is better. Embrace and accept who you are and suddenly you can lead yourself much more effectively.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As long as you take action, you'll be golden. Get it right and you'll have an adventure. Get it wrong and you'll have an even more remarkable adventure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are those who will disapprove of your belief in magic or anything else that's contrary to their system because this diminishes their potential to control you by persuading you toward what they would prefer you believe.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not in it for the glory. You do what needs to be done and do it right. If a worthy candidate can step in and relieve you of duty, you'll go easily, knowing that the next purpose is likely to suit you even better.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Because you like someone so much, you're feeling inclined to share! This you will do without feeling that you are sacrificing in any way. In fact, after sharing with a friend it will feel as though you have more.



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DEAR ABBY



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