CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



"Although your resume is very impressive, Darlene, I see that a year from now you will start to embezzle money regularly...'

Daughter told lies must be set straight

younger sisters. Neither one can have chil-

dren. I have three. Recently, one of my sisters turned my

sweetest daughter against me by telling her I had "abandoned her" when I moved to Ohio with my oldest son and divorced their father. Not true! I left my daughter with my sister so she could experience raising a teenager since she couldn't have a child of her



JEANNE DEAR ABBY

After telling my daughter PHILLIPS I had abandoned her, my sister advised her to tell me she never wanted to talk to me

again. My heart is broken. My daughter is very sweet and gullible. She has taken her aunt's side and says she wants nothing to do with me. This is driving me crazy. Please tell me what to do. — *Heartbroken in the Midwest*

Dear Heartbroken: If your daughter is a minor, demand that she return to you immediately. Do it through a lawyer, if necessary,

Dear Abby: I have a problem with my two because what your sister is doing is a form attending the class. She wasn't there for the of parental alienation. If your daughter is an final exam, and I wondered if she had dropped adult, then ask your other two children to talk the course. I did not have her phone number to their sister and set her straight.

> Dear Abby: When a couple is on an airplane in a section with three seats (window, middle, aisle) and a male stranger has the window seat, should the woman sit in the middle seat beside the male stranger, or in the aisle seat exposed to all passengers walking by? — Traveler in Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Traveler: When someone makes an airline reservation, a particular seat is usually assigned. There are many variables regarding why a person would want an aisle seat. Among them would be access to the bathroom, a person's size or a desire for more personal space. If sitting in the middle seat in close proximity to a man you don't know would bother you, mention it to one of the cabin crew and request a change.

Dear Abby: I'm a retired man who took a Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or community college class. My lab partner was P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. a young woman who was having difficulties

or her email address, but she had mentioned she worked at a nearby bank, so I went to visit her there. We talked for a few minutes and she told me she had actually done quite well in the class.

When I told my wife and daughter about it, they were shocked. They said what I did was inappropriate because of the age difference. Abby, they almost accused me of stalking her.

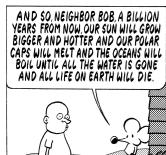
I don't understand why they considered this inappropriate. Is there a social rule that makes my behavior incorrect? I find it hard to believe someone would get into trouble for talking to a person in the bank at any age. I would have done the same thing had she been a man my own age. — Am I Missing Something?

Dear Am I: You appear to be a nice person. What you are "missing" is the fact that your wife is insecure, and your daughter backed her mother up. You did nothing wrong.

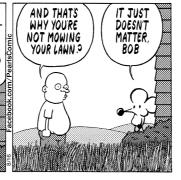
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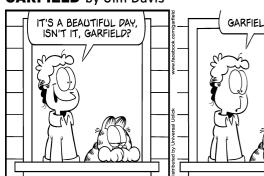
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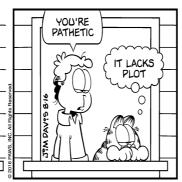




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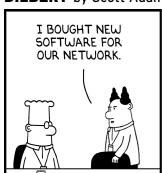


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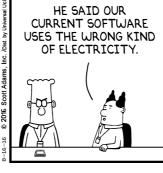




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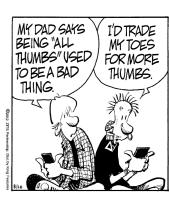




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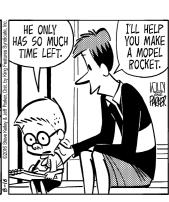




DUSTIN by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker







Daily Horoscope

kind of glory you're yearning for. The people around you may be incapable of delivering what you need. Should you choose to seek a new set of friends, you'll find them. Start by hanging out somewhere different.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). They'll voice an opinion, and you'll feel pressure to chime in. You're not obligated to. You're not even obligated to listen. Sometimes the kindest and most appropriate stance is: "I don't know.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You understand that your truth is not the only truth, and you respect the rights of others, including HOLIDAY their right to disagree with you. MATHIS This way of being in the world makes you bigger, not smaller.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're interested in so many different things today that your work will probably take on a meandering quality. Don't judge yourself or put yourself in a position to be judged by others. It will all make sense a little later.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Aggressive people want to win, but so do nonaggressive types. The difference is that aggressive people are only truly satisfied with the win if they're sure the loser has suffered some. Those types will only bring vou heartache.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). They like you, but that's not what's important here. Furthermore,

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's a specific the praise may not fit your mental script, and the accolades won't be what you expected, either. The point is, your contribution is making a difference.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are naturally

mesmerizing today, and part of it is your tenden-

cy toward indecision. They'll watch you swing back and forth, not knowing where you'll land. This has a hypnotic effect. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are those who simply haven't learned where the bound-

aries are yet, and they will keep taking for as long as they are allowed. Unless you claim your rights, they won't know you have them. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The com-

ments you make have a way of evoking strong feelings and awakening people's senses. Enjoy the extra attention that's swirling around you CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your heart is

as sensitive as the hearts of other, more demonstrative people in your midst; it's just that you don't show it. Your feelings will become more manageable when you acknowledge them. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There have

been times in the past when you distanced yourself from the decision-making process just to keep things simple for the group. Get back in the information loop now. They need you. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Go on and fol-

low the muse. Like the wildflowers growing just off to the side, she's beckoning you away from the path the others are following. Your work will be better for the detour.