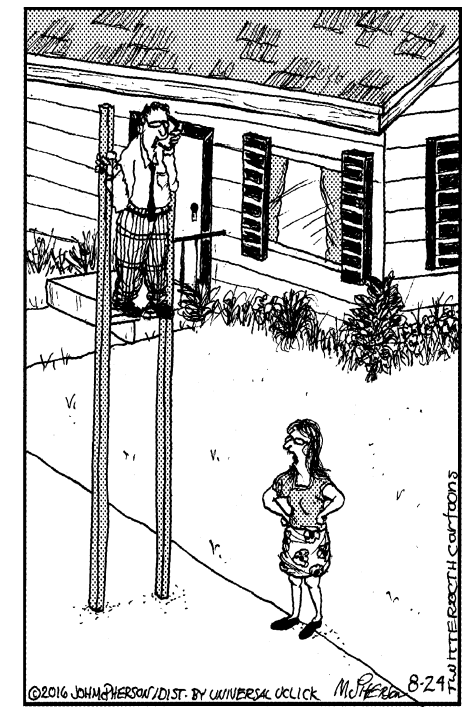


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Invitation reveals secret side of friend

**Dear Abby:** My best friend, “Kate,” approached me on a matter I’m uncomfortable with.

For the last 12 years we have laughed, cried, consulted on everything we struggle with and shared our joys.

Kate has a great marriage. I’m struggling with the decision to remain in mine.

Recently, Kate, her husband and I were on an outing when they mentioned a menage a trois. It was obvious to me that they have done this before. Kate has been my closest friend for years, but I realize now there’s a side to her I never knew.

My resistance to their suggestion seems to have had no effect on her, yet I’m wrestling with my feelings.

I’m trying to ignore this and maintain the friendship we had before, but it has been difficult. I wish I had never known, but now that I do, I need help sorting it out. — *Missing My Best Friend*



JEANNE PHILLIPS  
DEAR ABBY

**Dear Missing:** How do you feel about the concept of open marriage? Do you approve? Disapprove?

When Kate invited you into her marriage — which is what she and her husband did — the dynamic of your longtime friendship was changed.

If you still felt the same about her, you wouldn’t be writing to me.

If you can get past this, you can still be friends. But on some level your relationship will never be as it was before she crossed that boundary.

**Dear Abby:** I recently moved in with “Tim,” a man I have been dating for more than a year. We’re very much in love and plan to be married one day.

My problem is he keeps getting phone calls from old girlfriends. This morning someone called, but hung up when I picked up the phone.

Until now, I have trusted Tim completely. Now I’m afraid perhaps we acted too soon in moving in together.

Tim has always remained friends with all of his girlfriends after their relationships

ended. He says they are nothing more than friends now.

I think he should have finalized his previous romances before I moved in. I believe he should take the initiative in contacting these women and ask them to respect our relationship by not calling.

How can I handle this without giving him an ultimatum? — *Upset in Seattle*

**Dear Upset:** If, after one hang-up, you are questioning Tim’s commitment to you, you’re being unfair. It’s possible the hang-up was a wrong number or a telemarketing call, and nothing more.

Ask yourself what it is about a hang-up on the telephone that has made you feel so vulnerable. You knew after you had dated Tim for a while that he’s the type of person who maintains friendships after the romance fizzles. Relax!

And remember the person he invited to share the nest and build a future with was YOU.

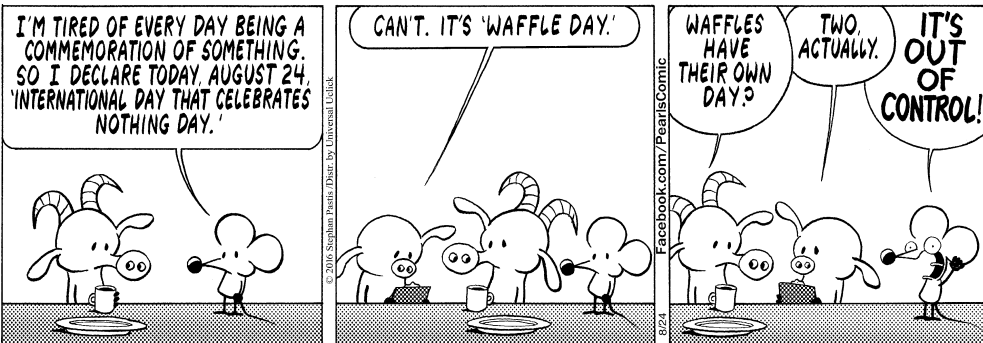
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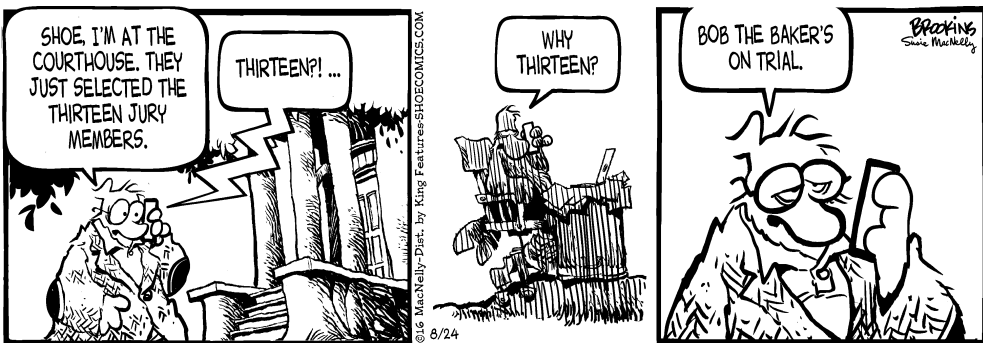
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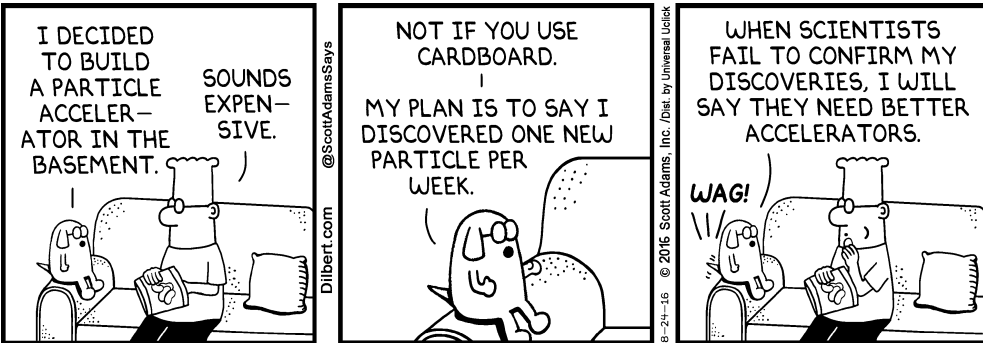
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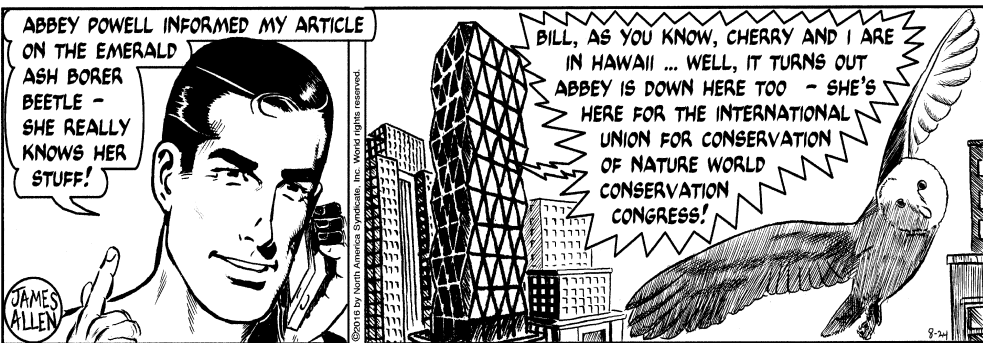
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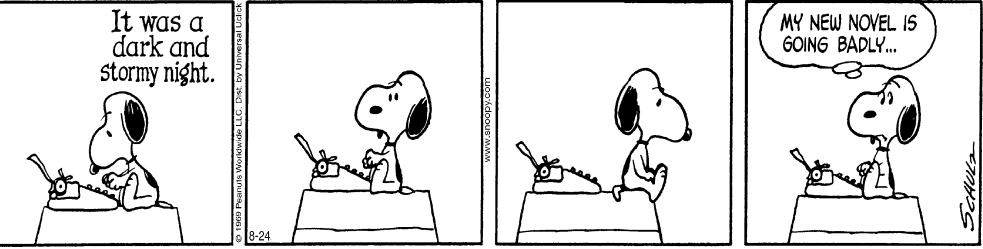
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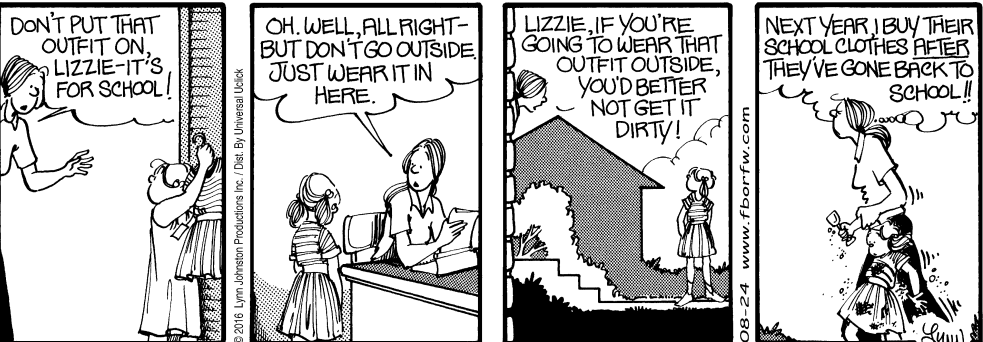
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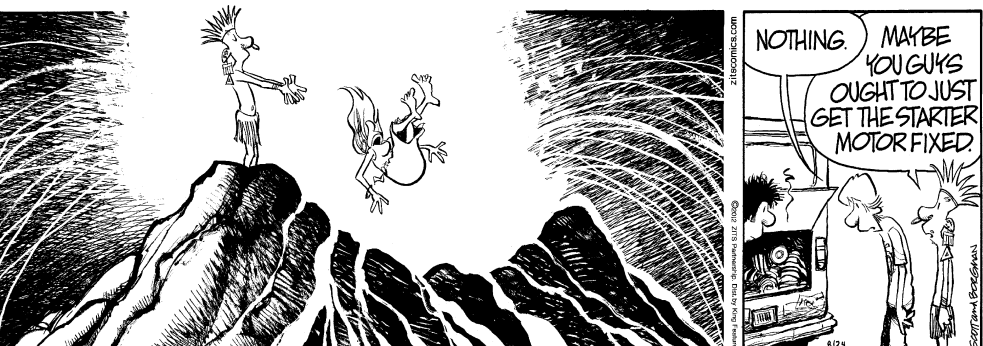
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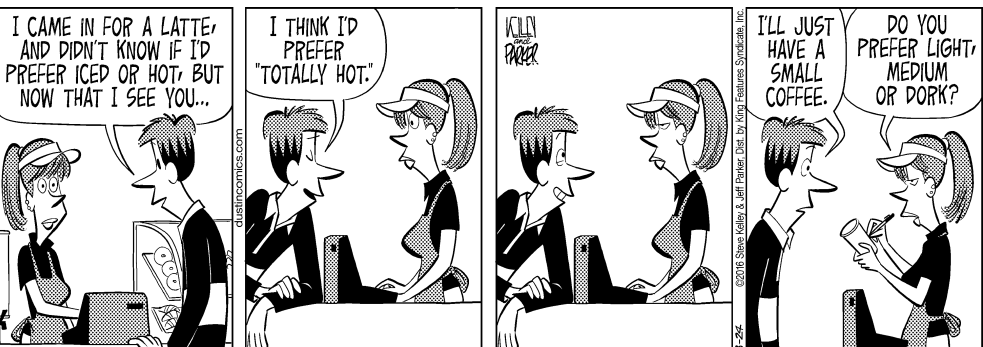
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Daily Horoscope

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** There are some things you’ve done that you wish you had experienced slightly less than once. Still, no regrets, right? As for today’s interesting scenario, dive right in, if only so you can later tell the story.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** The person who is flakey with you is the same way with others, so there’s no reason to take it personally. Also, there’s no reason for you to take it at all. Set a boundary and stick to it.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You take your world citizenship seriously and refuse to sit idly by when there is so much strife in the world. You’ll be thinking about the problems that face humanity and solving them in some small way in your own life.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You will be packing a bag, studying for an upcoming test or carefully getting ready in some other way to face the unknown. Where there is preparation there will be no regret.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** When you think about your favorite person it’s hard to believe that there was a time when this person was unknown to you. Be friendly. Make the first move. A stranger could become someone very special to you.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You know the secret. It’s not enough to soldier on; you must do so with joy in your heart, otherwise the opportu-



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nities in this day could go wasted. If you’re not joyful, something is wrong. Stop and fix it.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Expect that some mistakes will happen, so when they do it’s nothing to get upset about. Stay calm and mindful. You can handle anything and everything that comes up. In fact, you look forward to it.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Your strong inner drive to make people laugh is selfless, really. This isn’t about your needing attention; it’s about spreading joy. You quip because you care. Underneath your teasing is unabashed love.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The project steps will be the same as always — preparation, process and execution. The only difference is that you’ll go through them faster. In fact, it could all be finished by tonight.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** The more formal your expression of thanks, the better you’ll feel about what’s being exchanged in your world. Notes may be in order. It’s the classy way, but people forget it all the time. You’re different. This will impress.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You’ve no shortage of reasons to feel good about yourself, and yet you may struggle with this. It’s because feeling good doesn’t necessarily come from a reasonable place. The love of a Leo or Pisces will help you love yourself.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Assume that your wishes will be granted, and move forward with great enthusiasm. Some flexibility will be required as to the time frame of this. Keep an open mind.