

CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson

9-1 YOU'VE GOT TO CHANGE FOUR MORE DIAPERS TO KEEP THAT KID ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MALL FROM PROJECTILE VOMITING ALL OVER THE FOOD COURT!

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PlayStation unveils its hottest game in years.

Teen feels pressure to choose her path

Dear Abby: I'm a young woman of 16 years and I'm in the second year of high school. Next year will be my last, and then I will have the pressure of relatives and friends wondering what I will do with my life.

When I was little, I said I was going to be a stylist. I liked that idea, but after I did some research about it, I realized it is not for me.

I have also thought about journalism and specializing in fashion, but don't know if it's something I want for my life.

I would love to do medicine, perhaps pediatrics or oncology. They are very beautiful professions.

Should I pursue the career I always wanted as a child, or a career that I think is beautiful and will give me a good life? Help! — *Julia from Brazil*

Dear Julia: The dreams people have as children usually change as they mature. It appears that yours are no different. The careers you are contemplating now can make a huge dif-



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DEAR ABBY

ference in the lives of others, and reward you well if you work hard and are successful. If you would love the practice of medicine and have the aptitude for it, that's the way I think you should go.

Dear Abby: I am terrified of driving on the interstate. It is keeping me from going places I want to go and doing things I want to do. I don't know anyone else with this phobia. Is there any help for someone like me? — *Ready to Roll in Montana*

Dear Ready: Of course there is. Your first step should be to contact a driving school to find out if it offers courses for people with a fear of driving on the interstate.

However, if you can't bring yourself to dip your toe in the water that way, ask your physician to put you in touch with a psychotherapist who specializes in relieving people of their phobias.

Dear Abby: I don't know what's wrong with me. I work in a school, so I have the summers off, but I can't relax and enjoy myself. Every day I constantly think about having to

go back to work when summer is over, and I dread it. I also find myself dwelling on past mistakes I have made and regrets about things I did or didn't do. As a result, it prevents me from enjoying the present.

Do other people have this problem? Have you any advice to help me stop thinking about the past and the future and how I can enjoy the here and now? — *Can't Relax in New Jersey*

Dear Can't Relax: Nothing lasts forever, including summer vacation. However, may I point out that if you have a job you "dread" returning to, it may be time to consider finding a new one?

As to past regrets spoiling your present, a way to stop dwelling on those negative thoughts would be to say ALOUD to yourself: "That was then. This is NOW. I'm wiser now." Then make a conscious effort to reorient yourself to the present.

I'm not saying it won't take vigilance and practice, but hearing yourself speak the words may snap you back to where you belong.

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WHAT DO YOU HAVE THERE PIG?

MY 3D TRIBUTE SCULPTURE TO THE LATE ACTRESS ANNE MEARA. ALL OF THESE OBJECTS EMANATING FROM HER REPRESENT HER GIFTS TO THE WORLD, LIKE HUMOR, LAUGHTER, JOY.

HERE, TRY ON THESE 3D GLASSES. IT'LL LOOK LIKE THE OBJECTS ARE FLYING RIGHT AT YOU.

OUCH

BE CAREFUL. OBJECTS IN MEARA ARE CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR.

THERE WILL BE NO TRIBUTE SCULPTURES TO YOU.

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GARFIELD by Jim Davis

HMM

IS YOUR BROTH THIN AND TASTELESS ENOUGH?

YOU HAVE A CRUEL SENSE OF HUMOR, JON ARBUCKLE

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SO, COSMO, HAVE YOU DECIDED WHO YOU'RE VOTING FOR?

YEP, I'M VOTING FOR DONALD.

TRUMP?!

DUCK.

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WIZARD OF ID by Brant Parker

RODNEY, WE HEARD YOU WERE CAPTURED

IT WAS HORRIBLE, SIRE

WERE YOU TORTURED?

YES

WHAT DID THEY DO TO YOU?

THEY GAVE ME INSTANT COFFEE!

WAR IS HECK

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THE PHANTOM by Lee Falk

JAIL IS THIS WAY! LET'S GO, BOY!

BOOM! BOOM!

WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, MISTER!

NOT UNTIL I SAY MY NAME!

AT THIS DOOR!!

BOOM! BOOM!

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DILBERT by Scott Adams

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO READ YOUR LONG EMAIL. TELL ME WHAT IT SAID.

I WROTE A LONG EMAIL BECAUSE A SUMMARY WOULD BE DANGEROUSLY MISLEADING.

I'LL BE THE JUDGE OF THAT.

HOW?!!!

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MARK TRAIL by James Allen

AFTER SPEAKING WITH BILL ELLIS, MARK RETURNS TO THE RESORT WHERE CHERRY IS WAITING POOLSIDE

WELL ...

WHAT DID BILL ELLIS SAY, HONEY?

YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT THE BOAT ...

BILL SUGGESTED I GET A HELICOPTER!

A HELICOPTER?!

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PEANUTS by Charles Schulz

YES, MA'AM? MY NAME?

MY NAME IS GALLY BROWN, AND I HATE SCHOOL!

PLEASE, DON'T CRY...

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PICKLES by Brian Crane

HAVE YOU EVER WATCHED "GAME OF THRONES"?

"GAME OF THRONES"? WHAT IS THAT, A TV SHOW?

YEAH.

EARL! HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU, WHEN YOU USE THE LAST OF A ROLL OF TP, IT'S YOUR JOB TO REPLACE IT!!

THAT'S THE ONLY GAME OF THRONES WE KNOW ABOUT AROUND HERE.

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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE by Lynn Johnston

AAAAAGH!!! HOMEWORK ALREADY! WE'RE BACK ONE DAY AN' THEY'RE GIVING US HOMEWORK!!

NO FAIR! I HATE THIS! I WON'T DO IT!!

MIKE, IT'S SEPTEMBER. HOMEWORK IS PART OF SCHOOL, AND SCHOOL HAS STARTED.

I KNOW.

BUT MY BRAINS ARE STILL ON HOLIDAY!!

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BABY BLUES by Jerry Scott & Rick Kirkman

MOM, THIS IS ALLIE, THE NEW GIRL IN MY CLASS.

WELL, HELLO, ALLIE.

WHAT A POLITE YOUNG LADY YOU ARE!

THAT'S WHAT EVERYBODY SAYS.

BUT DON'T WORRY... ZOE IS GOING TO HELP ME BREAK THAT HABIT.

TIME TO GO.

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ZITS by Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman

DAD, CAN I BORROW--

-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

MOISTURIZING. IT KEEPS MY SKIN SOFT.

JEREMY HAS TWO MOMMIES.

BUZZ OFF.

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DUSTIN by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker

YOU'RE HOME? WHY DIDN'T YOU ANSWER WHEN I CALLED?

MY PHONE'S CHARGING.

YOU COULD STILL PICK IT UP AND ANSWER.

GET REAL, MOM.

HOW COULD ANYONE HAVE A PHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE PHONE ATTACHED TO A CORD?

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Daily Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Don't be surprised if your personality naturally starts to curve to the job at hand. This flexibility of form is a strength, not a weakness. It is because you are so solid at your core that you're able to bend to your environment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Every change is a key to the door of another opportunity. It is not always clear which door the key goes to, though. You'll spend part of the day trying different "doors," seeking the right fit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Oddly, the difficulties attract you. Or maybe this isn't so strange. Maybe it's the mark of fine character to seek constant challenge. The rewards are, after all, richer where powerful efforts are the demand.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll ride a highly creative frame of mind all day, similar to the one you often experience just as you are drifting off to sleep. There is gold to be mined in this beautiful mix of conscious and subconscious awareness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The one you're wild for is always somewhere on your mind, no matter what you're doing. Therefore, being thoughtful comes easily to you. You're magnetized toward anything that might delight your love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As for your all-consuming, deep, affectionate attachment, sometimes you can't remember how it began. Other



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times you can't have a thought that's not remembering.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The fresh luck will come after what's old has been wrapped up. Consider bringing in some outside forces to finish the job faster. The results will be well worth the money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Get the word out about what you do. Post wide and far. You'll be surprised who can make use of your talent, and in ways you will really enjoy. That you make money too will be the cherry on top.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Troubled people sense your empathetic nature, and they will tell you their problems. Don't let this stress you out. Your mind will race to how you can help, but you needn't worry: Your listening ears are help enough.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have an excellent sense for placing people in the position they are best suited to. Now the trick is in knowing how to state things to make the job appealing to the person who should be doing it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's so much that needs to be wrapped up today that you'll wish you had your own staff to help you finish. Unless you do have your own staff, and then you'll wish said staff were slightly more efficient.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). To the untrained eye, your carefree ways belie your strong character. The reality is that it's precisely because of your inner strength and faith in yourself and life's process that you can afford to be easygoing.