

# Family wants to keep war medals Tomorrow's horoscope

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Dear Annie: My dad was a proud veteran of World War II. When he died 20 years ago, he willed his medals to my brother "Jim" and the Bible he carried during the war to my brother "Ray." Eventually, Ray gave the Bible to Jim. My mother also gave other army memorabilia to Jim, thinking it should all be together.

Jim recently informed me that when he dies, he's passing on all of Dad's things to "Margret," his second wife. Margret met my father only once. Jim has no children, but the rest of us do. Several of my nieces and nephews have a keen interest in their ancestry and would love to own these war mementos.

I suggested to Jim that he consider passing on Dad's things to the next generation, but was forcefully told they were going to Margret. I realize that these items belong to Jim now, and he can do what he wishes with them, but I'm extremely upset that such precious memorabilia will end up being lost to us forever. I can't speak to Jim further about this. Margret was also shocked by Jim's reaction, but he has forbidden her to talk to us about it.

None of us lives nearby, and we cannot see Jim in person. I haven't shared this information with other family members yet and would hate to involve my mother, because it would upset her. I guess all I can do is hope that Margret will do the right thing and give these items to Dad's

## Annie's Mailbox

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grandchildren when Jim dies. Do you have any other suggestions? — *The Oldest Sibling*

Dear Sibling: Has Jim had a falling out with the family? Does he expect his nieces and nephews to contact him more often? Does he feel obligated or pressured to leave all of his belongings, including Dad's things, to Margret?

We would first suggest that the nieces and nephews get to know their uncle a bit better. Jim may feel estranged from or neglected by his family. A warmer, closer relationship would benefit everyone. You also should stay friendly with Margret, because she may well be the final arbiter of your father's things. We agree that it would be a shame for them to end up with strangers.

Dear Annie: I am married to an amazing man who is caring and supportive. The problem? His breath.

Our sex life isn't as good as it could be because I can barely kiss him.

He complains that I'm not interested enough, but obviously, that's not the issue. He brushes his teeth, so it might be medical. I think he's terrified to look into it. How do I get him to see that this is something he needs to address? — *Holding My Breath*

Dear Holding: Bad breath can come from a lack of dental hygiene, but also from gum disease, infections or even gastrointestinal problems. Most of these are things that can be treated. Tell your husband you are concerned about his health because of his terrible halitosis. Suggest that he see his dentist to check for underlying problems, and if that doesn't remedy things, that he talk to his doctor. You must be honest and explain that you want to kiss him more, but he first needs to deal with this. Dentists are more sensitive to patients' phobias these days and will take gentle care of him.

Dear Annie: Can I add one final word to the letter from "Traveling Man," whose husband has developed a phobia about car travel and they don't vacation together anymore?

I don't understand her thinking. Just because you are married doesn't mean you are attached at the hip. She should just go by herself. I was married to a wonderful man who didn't want to travel, so I went without him. He was very happy to stay home and was so glad to see me when I got back. — *Happy Wanderer*

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You get a blast of cosmic sunshine and will continue to grow in vitality and power in the weeks to come. Already you may feel that you have the ability to see the potential in everything.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** When traffic lights aren't working, the intersection becomes an every-man-for-himself situation. This illustrates the importance of clear communication. Be the functioning traffic light.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Face-to-face meetings will be extremely effective and well worth the trouble taken to make them happen. What you do for them may soon fade from memory, but what you do with them will stick.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** It's like you have a velvet sack full of money, only it's not money. It's actually something much more valuable because it's a currency that translates in every country without conversion. It's love.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** A young Walt Disney once claimed to love Mickey Mouse more than any woman he'd known. Similarly, you're falling in love with one of your own creations, and it will bring you great joy.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You'll use your natural comedic powers for good, helping people laugh at the absurd, the hypocritical and even at the painful experiences that go along with just being human.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Making people feel comfortable is a talent of yours, and you can put it to good use today, especially considering that one nervous per-

son can ruin the vibe of the whole party.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** In a way, you're an avenger ready to balance the scales of justice, though you're not sure yet which methods and weapons are likely to work best for the situation.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Because you enjoy the ordinary, you are more likely to observe and experience extraordinary events. You're headed into a cycle in which life will delight you.

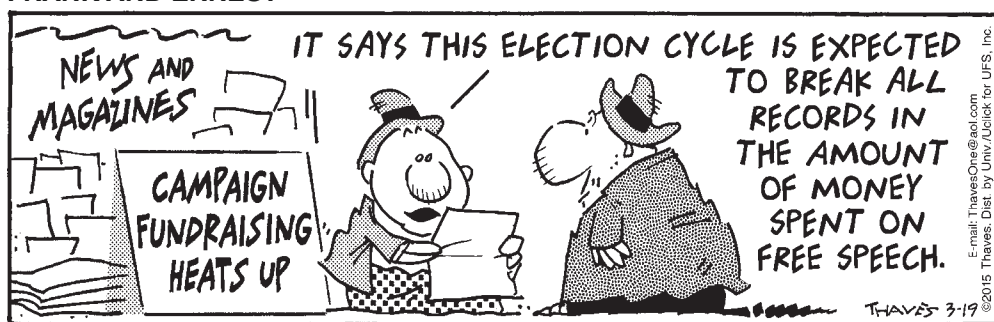
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** The journalist Wes Izzard said, "If a man wakes up famous, he hasn't been sleeping." The hard work you do to gain attention for your cause, talent or project will pay off later.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** All relationships thrive on measured pacing. Reveal too much too soon, and the mystery is spoiled. Build anticipation instead. Make getting to know you a kind of adventure.

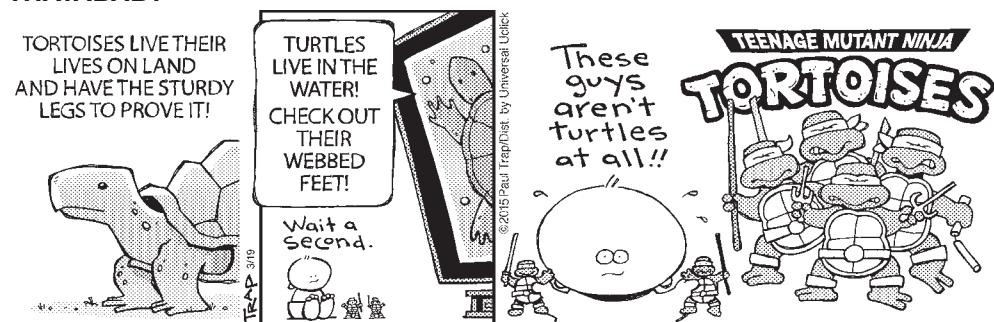
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** As the sun leaves your realm, simple efforts may seem to take too much energy. When you don't feel like it, do it anyway. Show up strong. Consistency will give more than it takes.

**FRIDAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 20).** Your equinox birthday is an omen for high energy, self-creation and self-declaration. You'll lead others by being relatable and vulnerable and by connecting on the deeper levels that inspire true loyalty. Loved ones celebrate and spoil you in April. A professional win in July may inspire a new business later in the year. Scorpio and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 1, 22, 39 and 16.

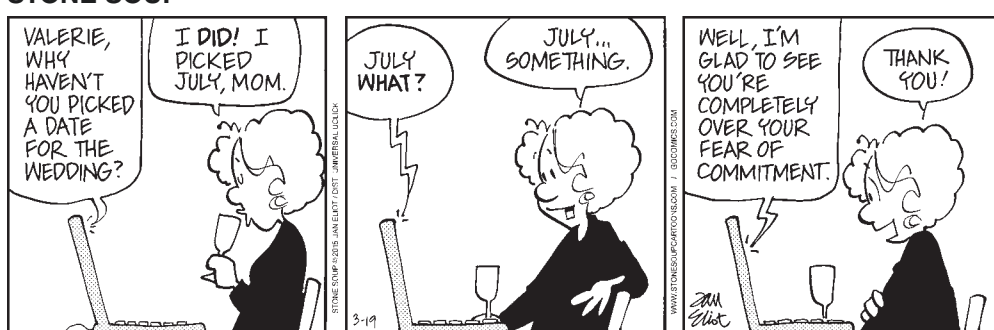
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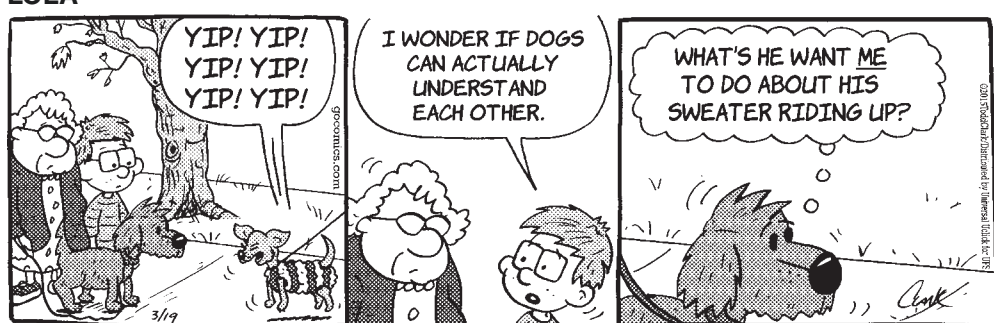
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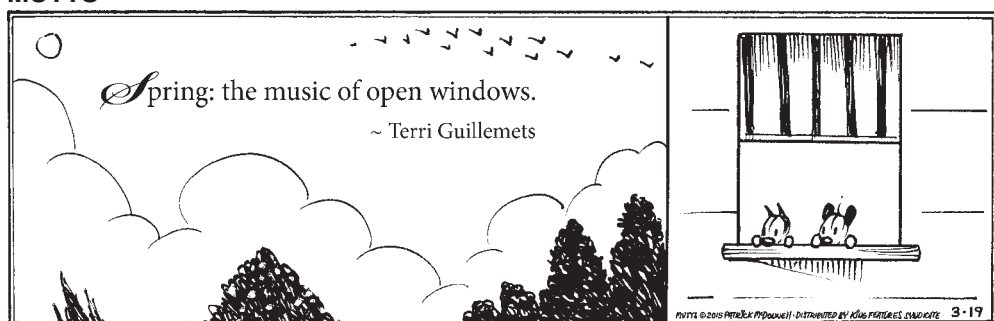
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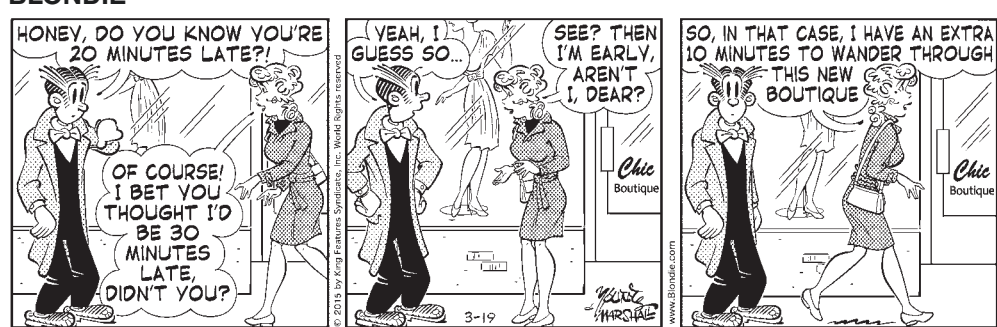
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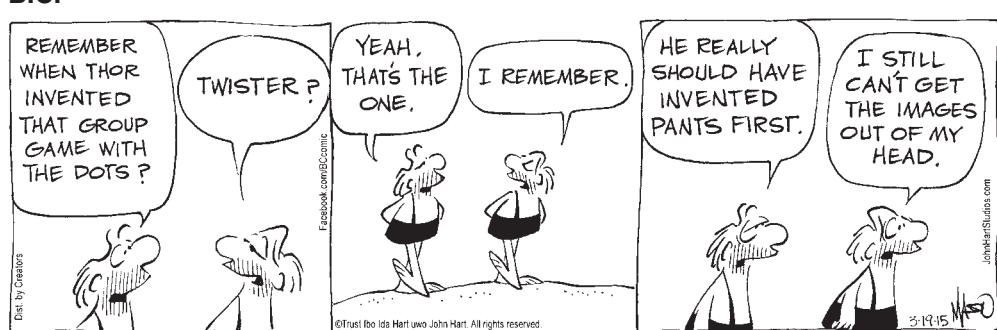
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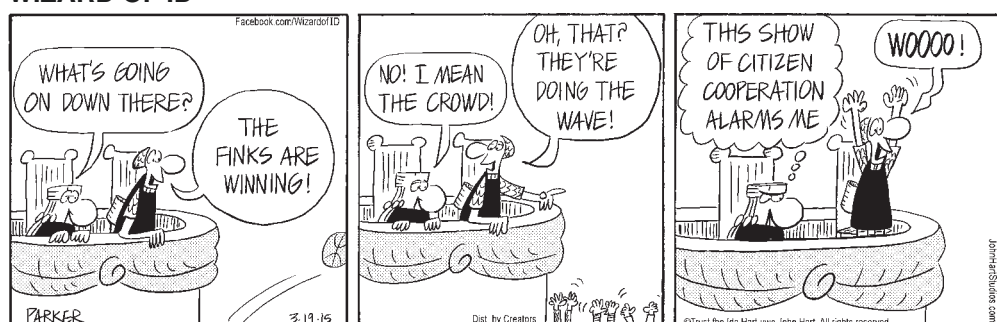
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