

Ask the neighbor to tone it down Tomorrow's horoscope

By Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate Inc.

Dear Annie: How do I tell my neighbors that it's annoying and frustrating to listen to their teen-aged daughters shrieking and screaming as they're having fun outside?

Often, I want to go out and play with my dog, but I can't because these girls are behaving like 5-year-olds, screaming their heads off. There are things I need to do outside, but the noise makes it impossible. And it's horrible to have to listen to it inside as well.

Annie's Mailbox

Creators
Syndicate Inc.

Kathy Mitchell
and
Marcy Sugar



This has been going on since the weather has warmed up. I can't even entertain outside because of the shrieking. Please help, Annie. — *A Frustrated Neighbor*

Dear Frustrated: You say your neighbors are sweet and good-hearted. Surely they would not want people to think their children are so annoying and disruptive. There is nothing rude or hurtful about saying to your neighbors, "We're happy the girls are having such a great time outside, but we would deeply appreciate it if they could tone it down a bit. I'm sure they don't realize how loud they are."

Unless they are breaking some local noise ordinances, there isn't much more you can do. But you can repeat to yourself that "this, too, shall pass." Soon enough,

those shrieking teenagers will be off to college (or adulthood) and this will no longer be a problem. Until then, you might want to invest in some noise-blocking headphones and a fan.

Dear Annie: Two of us work with a woman in our office who sleeps propped up at her desk. She snores lightly and wakes herself up numerous times.

We have spoken to her about this, to no avail. We don't want to tell the boss and get her into trouble. But as you can imagine, it is both irritating and distracting. How should we handle it? — *Very Frustrated*

Dear Frustrated: Your co-worker is not getting enough restful sleep at night. She may be burning the candle at both ends, or she may have a sleep disorder. Suggest to her that she see a doctor immediately because you are worried about her. And please don't feel guilty about reporting her to the boss. She is sleeping on the job, which affects your ability to work and your boss' bottom line. But more importantly, she may have a serious health issue that should be addressed, and that is how you should approach it -- with genuine concern.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some of the people in your group seem to derive great glee from tearing down the opposing or oppressing group. It would be toxic to dwell there. The sunshine of social life is kindness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your psychic feelers are out there and with remarkable accuracy. If it could be, you'll feel that it's possible. And if it can't be, you'll feel it's impossible. Trust the instinct.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your friends and fans make an excellent buffer to the harsher realities of life. However, they can also make you soft. The harsher realities are the dumbbells to your weightlifting goals.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's in our animal nature to test things. Testing is the nature of survival. You do it without realizing it today, giving little pushes to your physical and emotional environment in order to better understand the limitations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Bottom line: You don't have enough support. Your support team is either too few in members or is falling down on the job. Get more people on your side, even if you have to pay them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your need to work is as strong as it is basic, equal with the need for food, clothing, shelter and love. Dive in and get it done, but don't turn it all in yet. Save it to review and refine tomorrow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've been a frequent guest in the homes and parties of friends and acquaintances. Now it's time to thin about being the host. Start planning. This will secure your position in the social swirl.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The best opportunities are the ones that don't cost anyone too much. The giver only gives as much as he or she has to lose and the taker only takes as much as feels comfortable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's a lot easier to have a positive attitude when you're actually happy. You might not wake up that way, but right away you'll start the cycle by doing the things that make you smile.

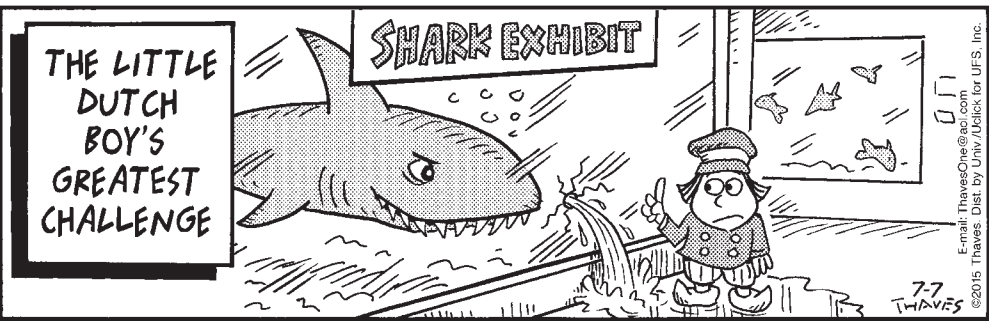
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even though appearances only represent the tip of the iceberg to you (i.e., the 20 percent of the iceberg one can actually see because the other 80 percent is below the water) you still benefit from dressing the part.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've taken the first steps toward change. The new behavior must be repeated dozens and hundreds of times. With a little more consistency you really can become the person you always wanted to be.

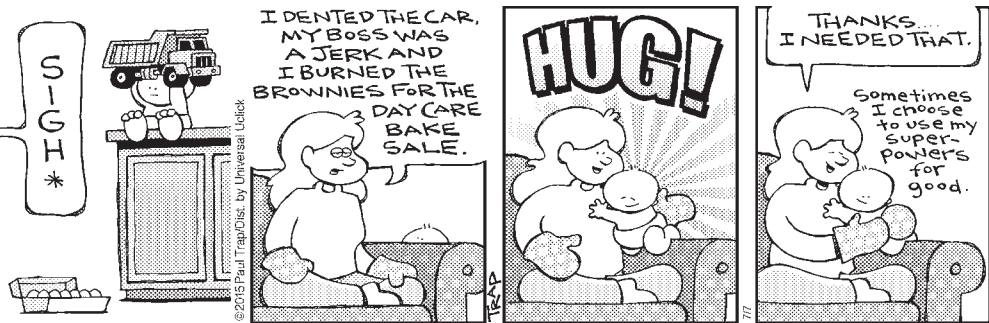
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The conservative business tactic is to get it in writing, although "writing" doesn't make a person stick to the agreement. Perhaps an eye-to-eye handshake is still the best close to a deal.

WEDNESDAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 8). You'll perform heroic feats on a daily basis. Just make sure some of these daring moves benefit you, too! August shows you suddenly wanting something different and you'll waste no time in moving in your new direction. An assertive approach to your personal life will produce lifestyle improvements. Sagittarius and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 11, 29, 14 and 45.

FRANK AND ERNEST



THATABABY



STONE SOUP



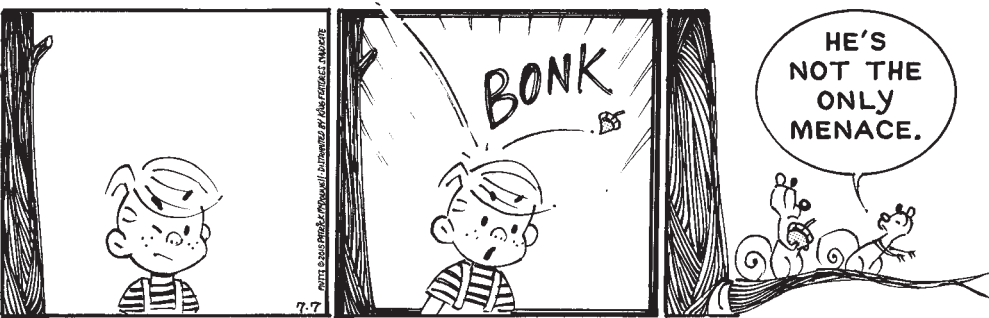
LOLA



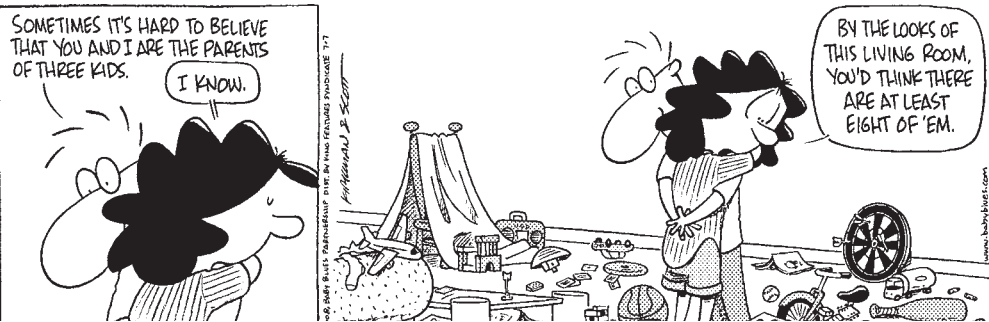
SIX CHIX



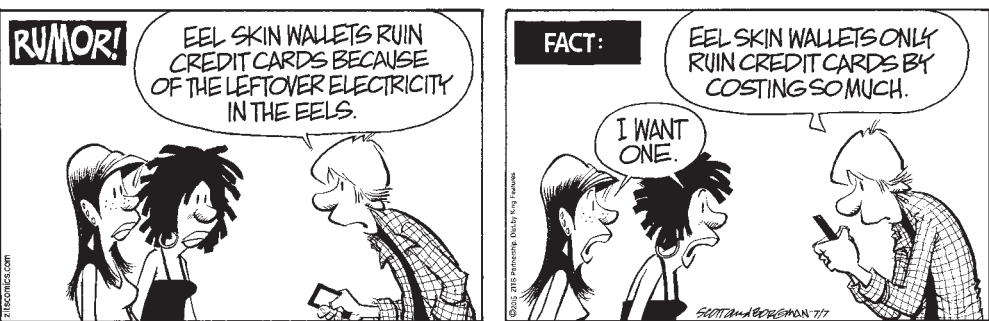
MUTTS



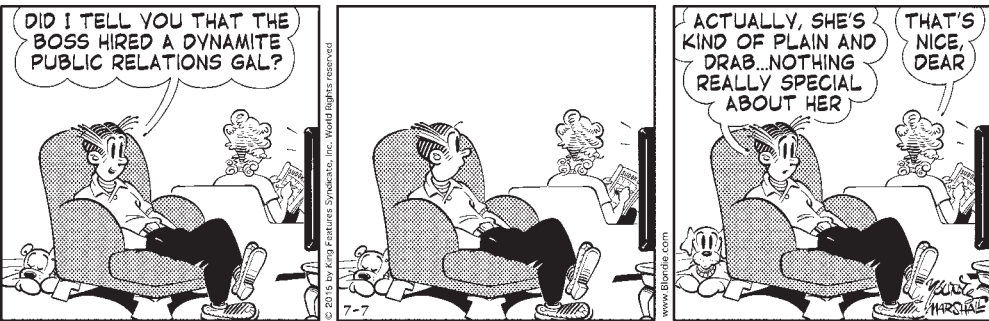
BABY BLUES



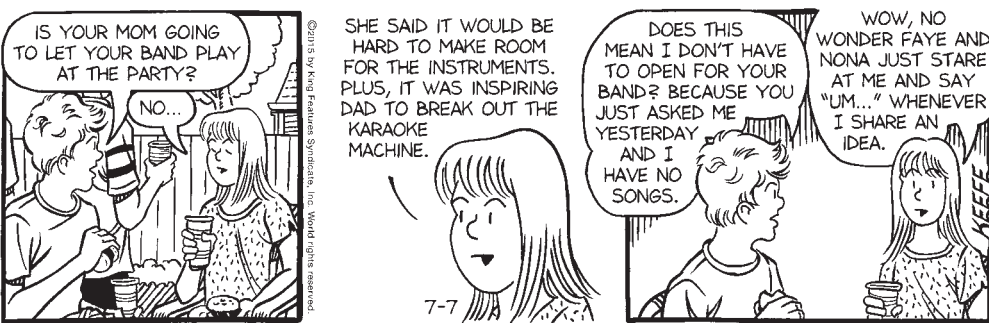
ZITS



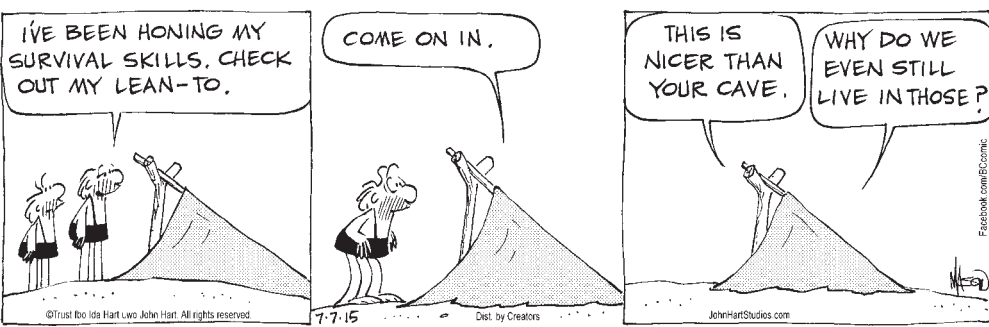
BLONDIE



SALLY FORTH



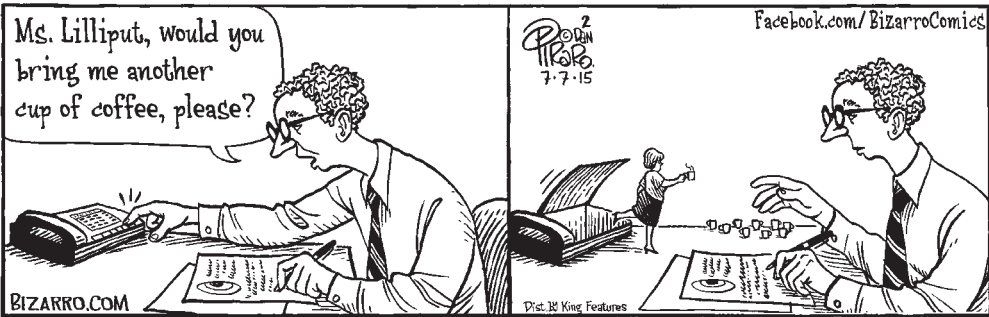
B.C.



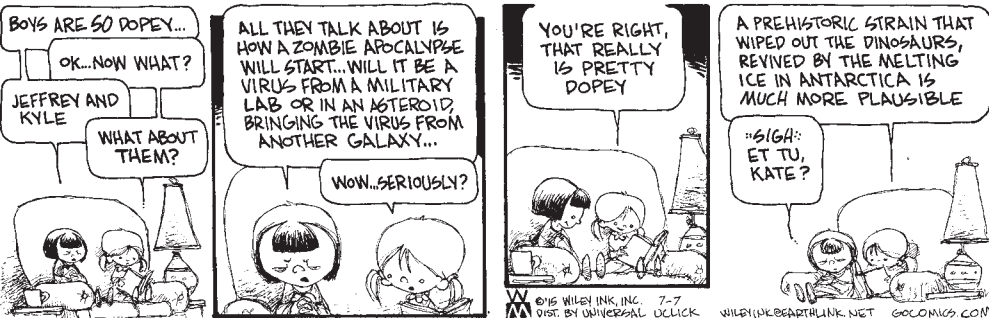
DILBERT



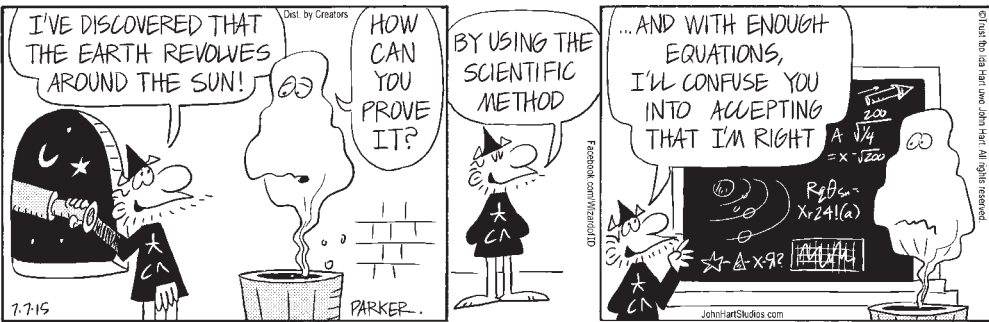
BIZARRO



NON SEQUITUR



WIZARD OF ID



ROSE IS ROSE

