

Naked neighbors make him nervous Tomorrow's horoscope

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Dear Annie: My wife and I are lucky to live near the friendliest, most helpful neighbors we could ask for. They are a middle-aged European couple who moved to the United States two years ago.

Here's the problem. They have a swimming pool in their backyard, and when they use it, they do not wear swimsuits. I assume they are just doing what is normal in their native country.

When I am outside, I simply try to look the other way and ignore them. However, when they see me or my wife, they almost always call out to say hello and start a conversation. My wife is not bothered by it, and will go over and talk with them. However, I'm not so comfortable. Generally, I wave and go back into the house until they are out of the pool.

My wife says I am overreacting, but I don't think I should be uncomfortable in my own yard. She does not want to put up a fence, as she thinks it would be unsightly and unwelcoming. Can you help? — *Neighbors of Lord and Lady Godiva*

Dear Neighbors: You cannot stop the folks next door from sunbathing nude unless there are restrictions in your town. You also

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should not be reluctant to use your own yard when the neighbors are out. The solution truly is a fence or perhaps shrubbery that would allow each of you to have more privacy. There is nothing unwelcoming or unsightly about nice bushes, plants or flowers. Unless, of course, your wife likes to look more than she is willing to admit.

Dear Annie: Why do some people insist on arriving late for family dinners? My husband and I are great-grandparents with the only home large enough to host the entire family. We wake up early enough to set up and cook, and I set the time that seems most convenient for our family members.

When there is a football game in the evening, I set the dinner for noon. When there is early morning rain, I set the time for late afternoon. When asked if we can set a

specific hour, I always agree. On Memorial Day, I told everyone to be here at 1 p.m. Ten people were here waiting, and the last two came in 45 minutes later. We didn't sit down to eat until after 2. This is awkward for everyone, but especially for young children who are hungry, seniors who haven't eaten since early morning, and one family member who is diabetic and needs to time her insulin.

Why is it no longer polite to be punctual? — *Late Arrivals*

Dear Late: It is still polite to be punctual, but some folks are simply inconsiderate. If there is only one couple that does this regularly, feel free to tell them that the festivities start an hour earlier than you tell everyone else. Otherwise, here's how it works for chronically late family members: Set the time, and when that time arrives, sit down and start eating. Those who show up late can be told to find leftovers in the kitchen or join you for dessert. They will either accommodate themselves or make a greater effort to show up on time at the next family event. Either way, the rest of you should not be held hostage waiting for them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It hurts you that you do not possess the magic wand to make your wish happen today, but don't worry. You will accomplish through perseverance what you couldn't make happen through power.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The spirit of play is awakening inside you. There are certain people who bring it out more than others. The right playmates help you keep your buoyant energy throughout the day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're in the mood to rock the boat. This makes things more interesting. The question: How hard should you rock it? The answer: Hard enough to move it, but not so hard that people will tumble out.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). As you lose yourself in the activity that draws up your passion, there will be no wondering about whether you're doing it right or worrying about how you'll be received when you're done.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't let financial issues throw you off balance. Your current paycheck is merely an income channel, not the source of abundance, which is the universe itself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Usually love is a priority, but today isn't the usual kind of day. Romance may seem an unwelcome distraction, even a hindrance to your quest to better yourself. Paradoxically, this makes you all the more attractive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In your current state of ultra-efficiency, there are a few things that will bother you: people who amble, dawdle or have a generally cava-

lier attitude about time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). That you feel so deeply is an asset in many situations; however, today's situation presents an exception. The more emotionally removed you are from a conflict the stronger your position will be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be drawn to those who have a mind as flexible as yours. Bonus: You're also open-minded enough to realize that close-minded people have something to teach you, too.

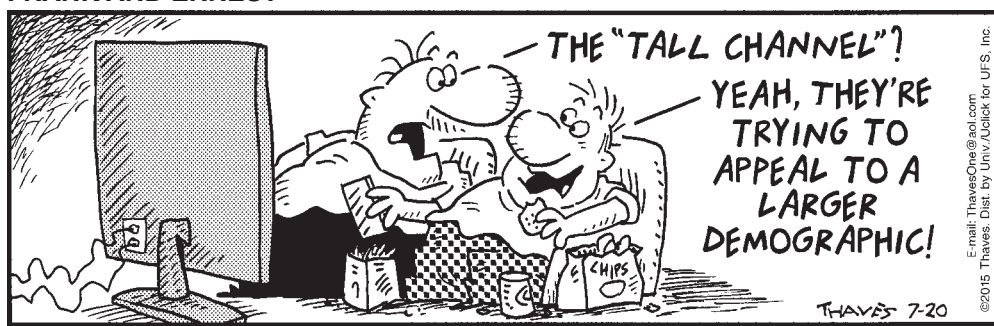
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're all on the same team, though it won't appear that way at first. Let the others know that when you win, they win. Your sense of humor will help to resolve any issues.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As a rule, you'd prefer that people not make a fuss over you. It's embarrassing! If they have to do it (and today they probably do), grin, bear it and say thanks.

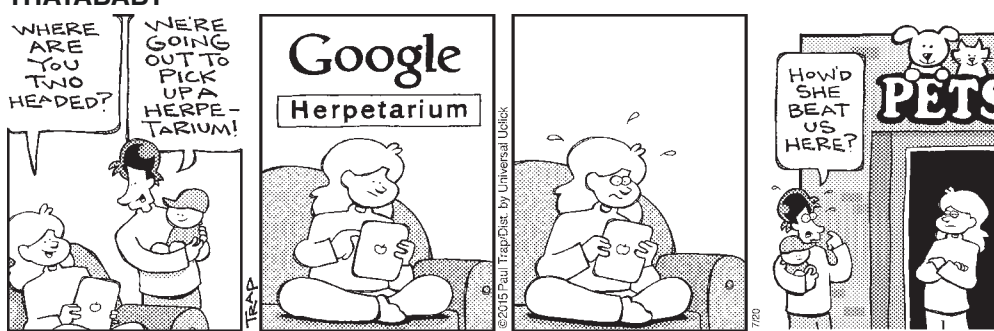
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Friends don't see you as you see yourself. They may have a point. Even though you tend to think of yourself in a certain light, stay open to other lighting schemes, too.

TUESDAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 21). Someone you're crazy about will set your mood sailing. Your personal life bubbles with excitement over the next 10 weeks. A talented partner can make all the difference in your work, drawing out your best and helping you get paid for it, too. Your path veers in November — this is what you wanted in disguise. Aquarius and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 17, 28, 1 and 42.

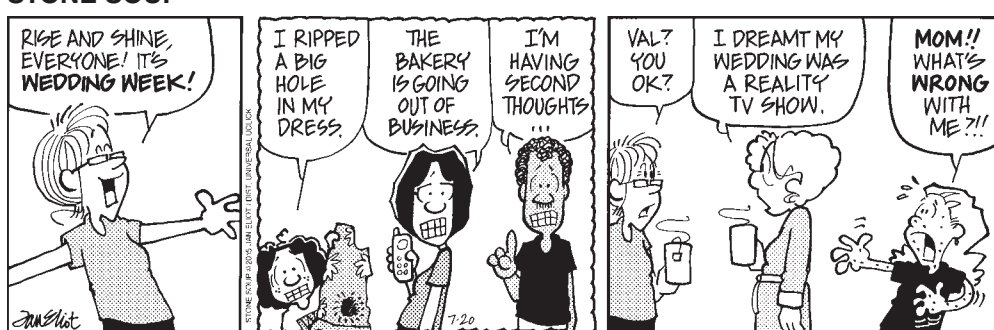
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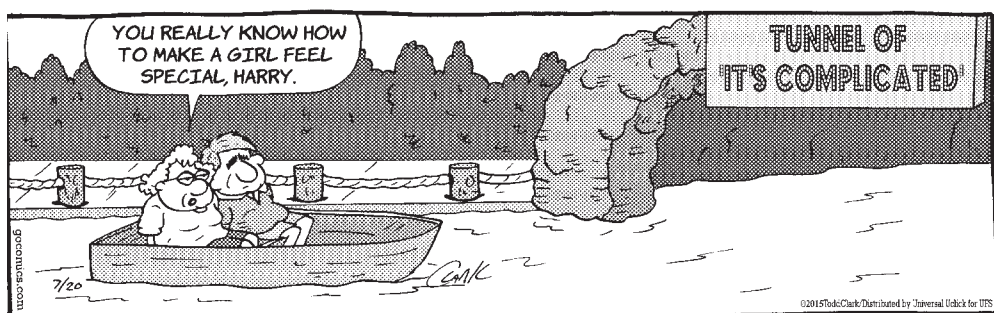
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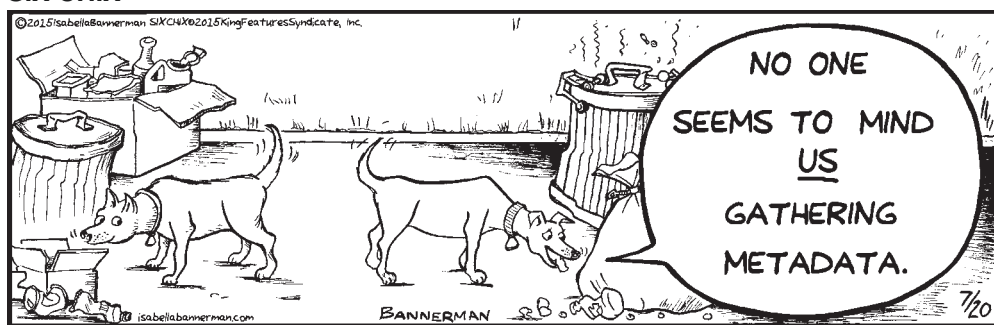
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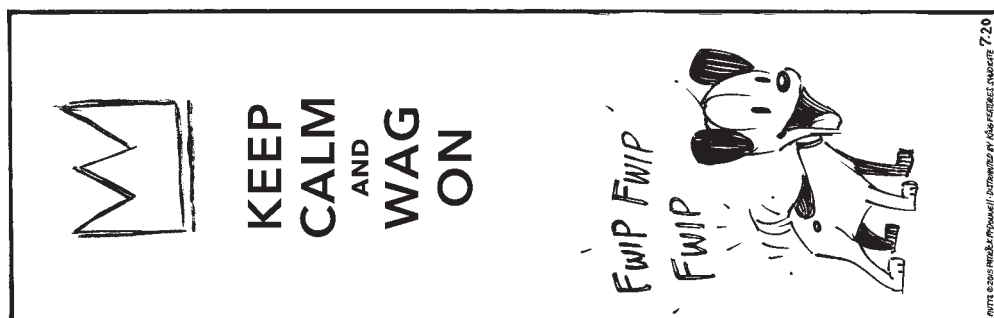
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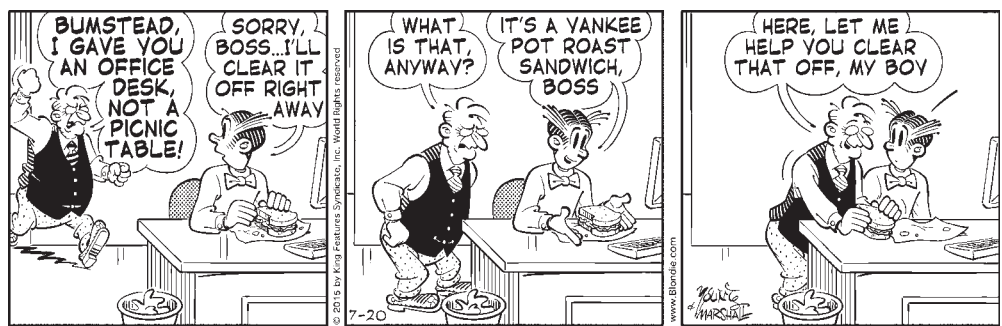
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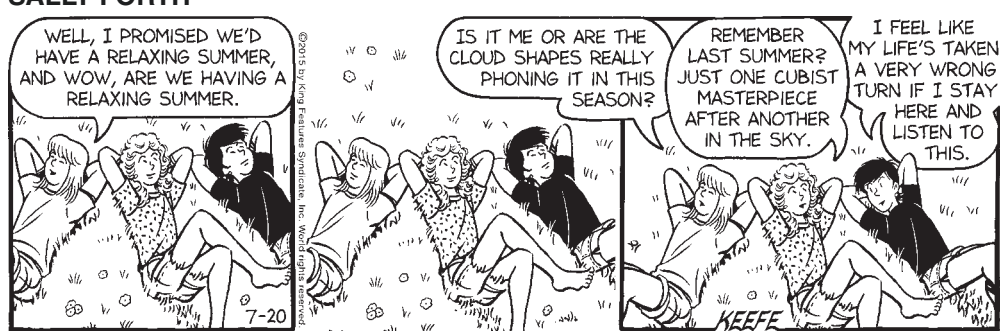
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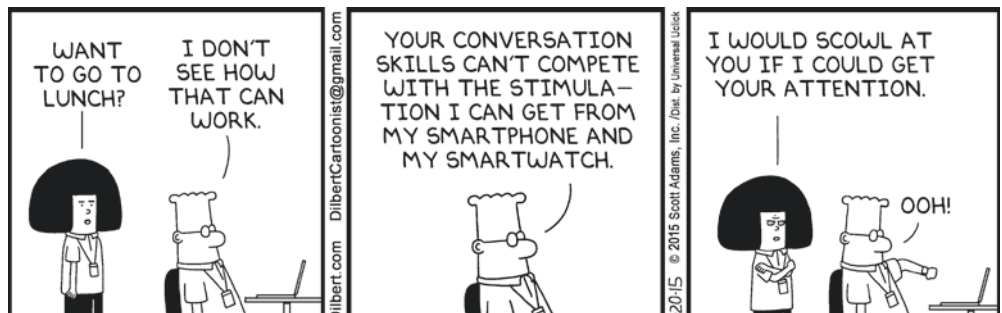
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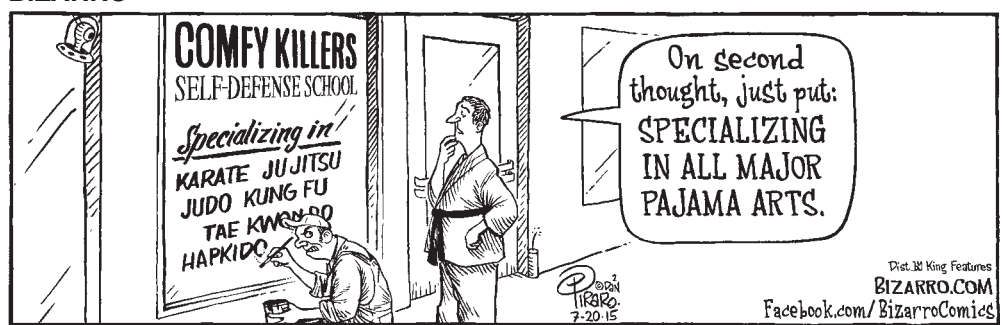
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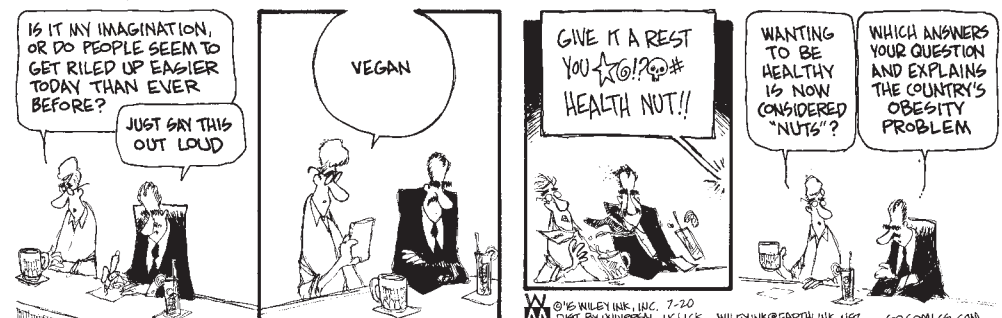
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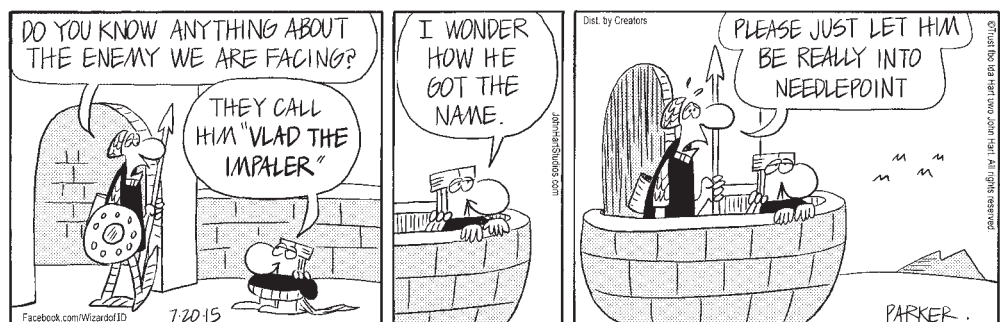
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