

Looky-loos ruin shower

Dear Annie: This evening, I went to the local YMCA to swim. When I was through, I showered, as I always do, since I go back to work afterward. Near the end of the shower, I removed my swimsuit and found a boy of about 8 looking through the curtain at me. I yelled at him and he stopped, but a few seconds later, a woman (I think it was his grandmother) looked in, too. I told her I'd like just a few more minutes, and I'll admit, my tone wasn't that friendly. I got out of the shower and locker room as fast as I could.

Annie, that boy was too old to be in the women's locker room. My question is, was I out of line for showering in the nude in a public locker room? This particular shower had four nozzles, so I assume other people would feel free to share the space, even if the curtain was closed. But both the boy and the older woman were not showering. They were just peeking in. That strikes me as rude.

This has never come up before, because I usually have the locker room to myself at that hour. Now I don't know if I should go back. — *Not an Exhibitionist*

Dear Not: These "group showers" are intended for multiple peo-



ple to use simultaneously in order to save time and money. However, no one should be peeking in just to see what's going on, and you are right that an 8-year-old boy is too old to be checking out the women's locker room. (We have no explanation for Grandma, other than perhaps responding to something her grandson said about the showers.)

You should register a complaint with the facility. There are likely rules regarding the age of opposite-sex children using the locker rooms, and you should ask that they be enforced. If they do not have any restrictions, you should find a place to swim that affords you the privacy you require.

Dear Annie: Your response to "Sad Nana" was spot on. She was upset that she couldn't send gifts home with her granddaughter

because her more-neglected step-sister would feel left out.

Having grown up in a crazy family with full siblings, stepsiblings and half siblings, things like this were a challenge. My dad liked to spoil the three of us who were his biological kids, but my stepdad was more practical. He and my mother both tried hard to keep our household "equal," so my full siblings and I left some of our stuff at my father's. It was good for us, as it taught us to always be considerate of how others felt. My grandparents made all the siblings feel welcome in their homes.

I am thankful for all of my parents and grandparents, and blessed to be brought up in a loving family. Most people marvel at my parents' ability to get along and even socialize not only with each other, but also with my father's second wife, his current wife (married 30 years) and my stepdad (married 40 years).

We are all grown now, some of us with kids of our own, and we are all still part of one big messed up, crazy family. — *Happy Child*

Dear Happy: How wonderful that your parents, stepparents and grandparents made sure that all of you felt loved. This is how to do it right.

Tomorrow's horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's good to have a witness, and you need one right about now. Invite onlookers. Ask for critique. Someone who studies your moves will be able to illuminate things about the way you operate that even you didn't know.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Conversational oddities, quirks in the clothing and hiccups that have to do with getting from here to there can be expected. But will you float through this day soaking up and spreading emotional sunshine? Yes!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When the task at hand is something you don't want to do, it's not your fault. You may have a constitutional difficulty in being roused to do it. And yet, that's not a pass. It only means you have to do the rousing yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There will be a lull in the action and this is the perfect moment to reach out and find some new friends to add to your crew. You won't go wrong when you seek the company of self-directed, purposeful and intelligent people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your values will act as the North Star to guide you to your brightest and best. It's easy to forget what those values are when you are not surrounded by people who share them. It's why you need to try harder to find your tribe.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You want to point out what's right, but stark honesty will scrape up an ego or two as it lands. Resolve to communicate with kindness and love. This resolution alone will contribute to a brilliant interpersonal result.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A cause you were involved in has since petered out but there's something that comes along today that has a

similar feel. You may take this one on purely for nostalgia's sake!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be keenly aware of what people do for ego gratification. It's good not to get too involved in these vanity endeavors, as they are susceptible to the whims of their creator instead of following any logical or orderly path.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Choose and choose fast. If you waste time agonizing over a decision, someone with less talent and heart will choose, run with the choice and rise to claim the ultimate victory. Don't let this happen.

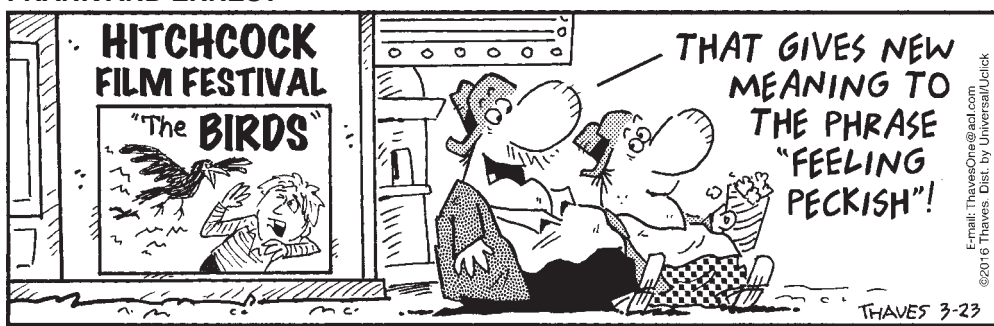
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll learn, have fun and share generously in the process, which feels absolutely effortless. Still, make sure you get credit for what you contribute. If you're too modest, you'll miss an opportunity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Something about what you're doing or who you are is getting more attention than you want. Well, that just comes with the territory of being attractive. Come up with clever and gracious ways of handling this.

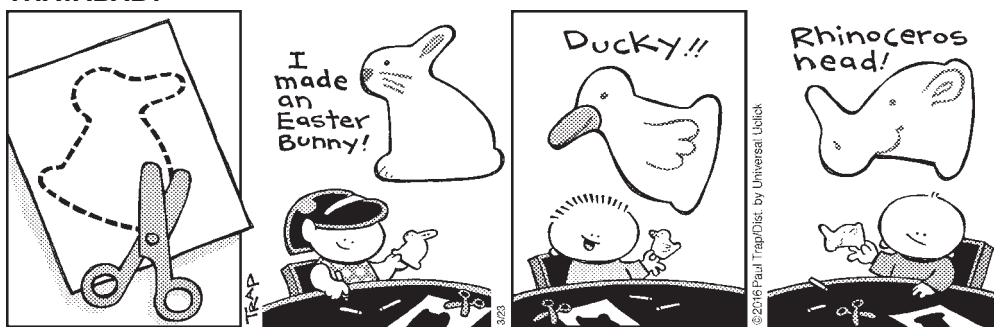
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A flare of new energy sends you right into the best vantage point for what there is to see today. This could have to do with an actual ticketed event — or a natural spectacle of life.

THURSDAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 24). Oh joy! An ambition fulfilled before June will transform your days. You'll strip away some of your self-imposed rules and be unstoppable through April. Supportive people around you understand that your devotion to family comes first and will help you live up to your role in that regard. You'll celebrate a powerful love in July. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 33, 25, 41 and 19.

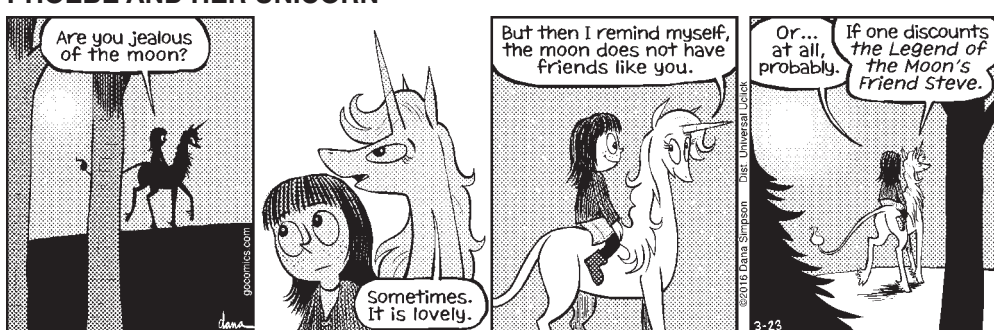
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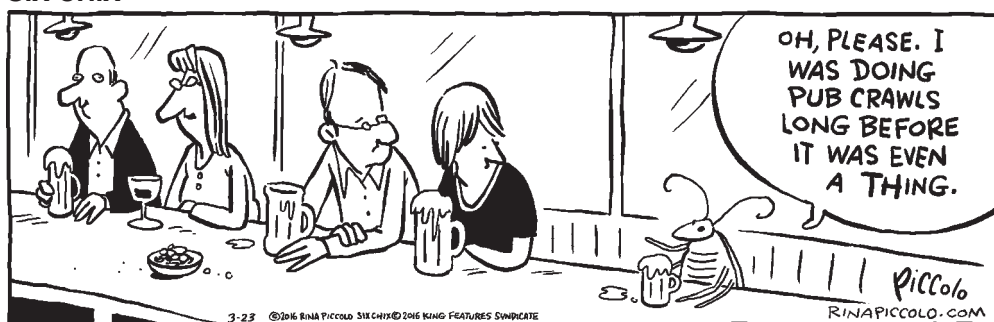
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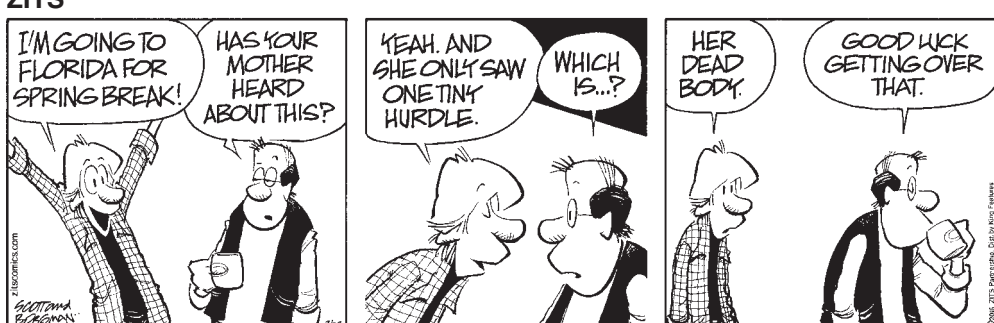
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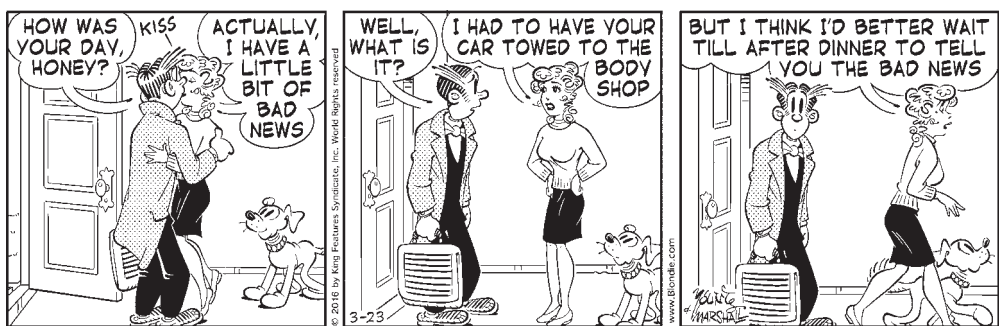
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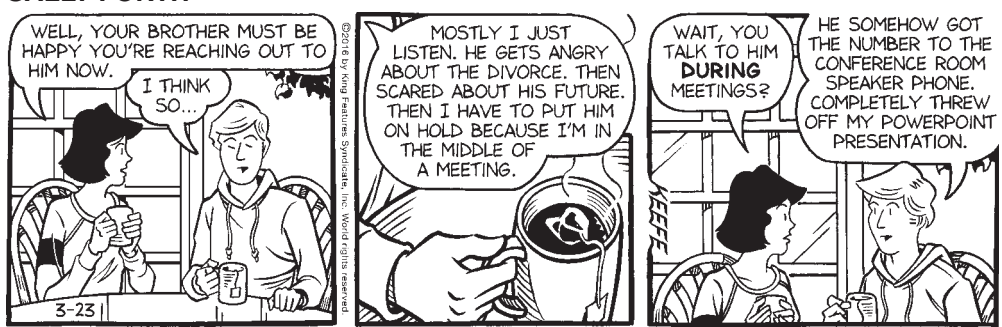
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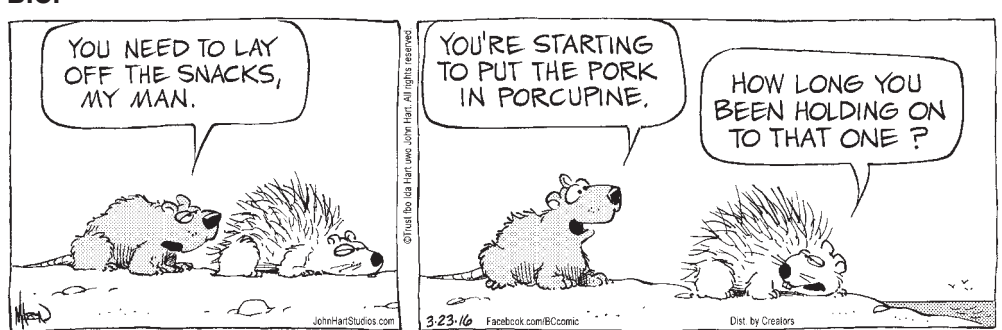
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