

Spring is in the air

Dear Readers: Spring is a beautiful season full of new beginnings. The hibernating animals come out of their slumber to play. Daylight hours are longer, so there is more time to enjoy the warm sunshine. That can be used as more time to hike and play outside. Beautiful baby animals are born, and there are flowers and more flowers everywhere. The temperatures are usually moderate, making it a great time to start an outdoor exercise routine or perhaps some peaceful gardening.

If you broke your New Year's resolutions or if there is something that you would like to change or let go of, spring can be a great time for a fresh start and growth.

The following is my favorite poem about spring. "Spring," by William Blake
Sound the flute!
Now it's mute.
Birds delight

Day and night;
Nightingale
In the dale,
Lark in sky,
Merrily,
Merrily, merrily, to wel-
come in the year.
Little boy,
Full of joy;
Little girl,
Sweet and
small;
Cock does
crow,
So do you;
Merry voice,
Infant noise,
Merrily, mer-
rily, to welcome in
the year.
Little lamb,
Here I am;
Come and lick
My white neck;
Let me pull
Your soft wool;
Let me kiss
Your soft face;
Merrily, merrily, we
welcome in the year.

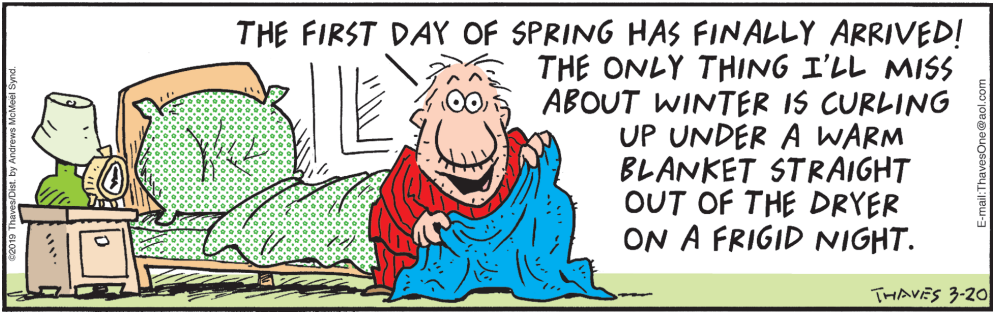


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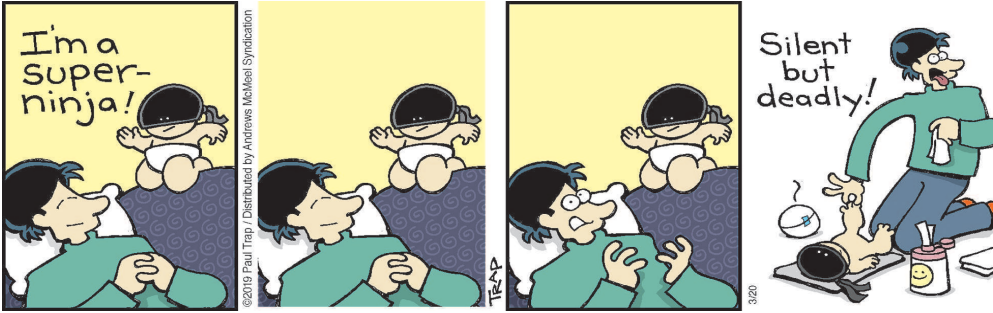
Dear Annie: I fear that my stepgrandson, "Tommy," is a narcissist. As a child, he was bull-headed, and he forced others to give in to his wants

and demands. He is now 19 and refuses to get a job. He was fired for laziness but lied and said that he had resigned.
His mother is the sole wage earner because her husband is an invalid and cannot work. Thus, it is mandatory that this boy find a job and pay for his own keep. He is physically strong and has a high IQ. My stepdaughter is afraid to demand that her son get a job, because he becomes violent. Would you please tell his mother the proper way to confront her son so that he can become a constructive member of society? — *Concerned in Florida*
Dear Concerned: The first priority is your stepdaughter's safety. If she is truly afraid of Tommy because he becomes violent, then she must seek help.
Pointing out all of Tommy's weaknesses is not the solution to this problem. Perhaps you could speak with him about the importance of getting a job.

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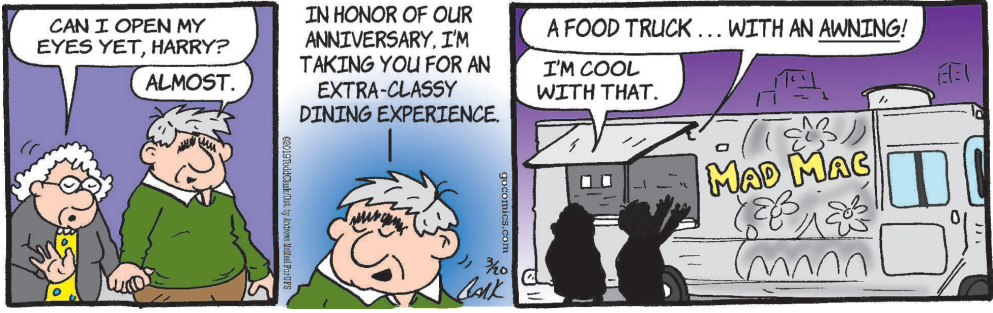
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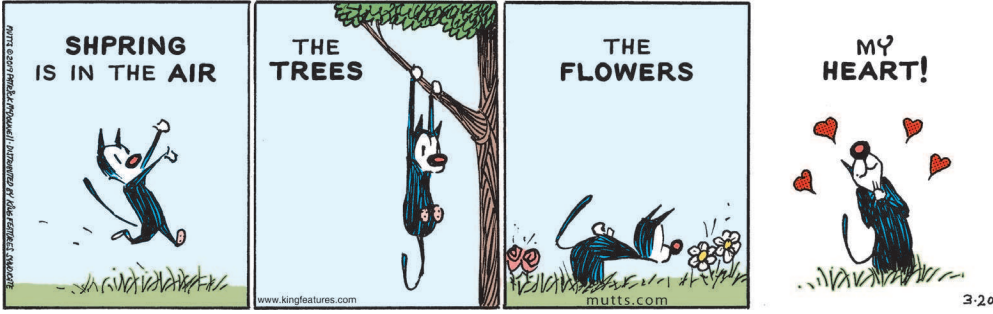
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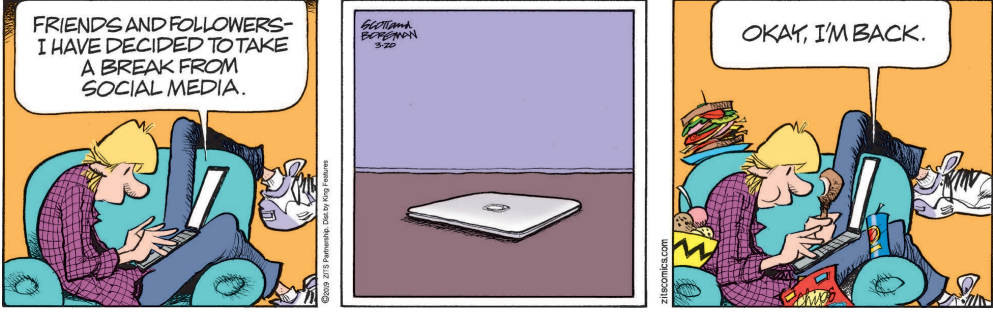
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TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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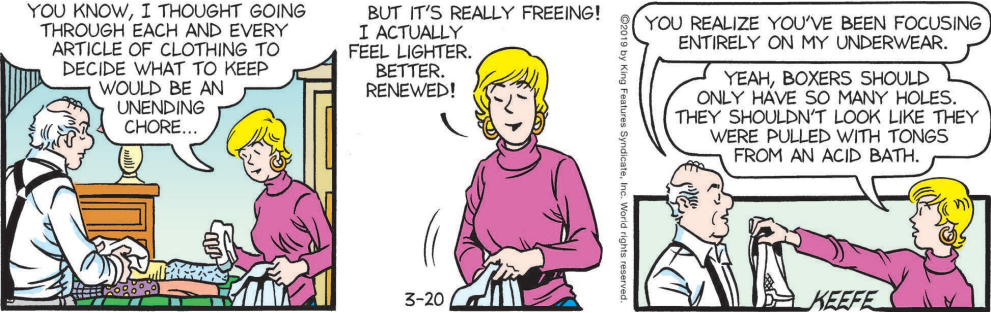
ARIES (March 21-April 19). So many people push feelings to the bottom of the drawer in hopes that they'll disappear, but of course, it doesn't work that way. Feelings have to be felt in order to be processed.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're not afraid to jump into the action today and take responsibility for getting a few things done. You're building emotional muscle tone and increasing your capability. The more you do, the easier it is for you to do more.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You could go on quietly putting up with someone's less-than-optimum behavior, but should you? With one small correction, you could make it stop. Consider the consequences carefully, as this could be worth the risk.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). When your self-control plummets (for reasons mysterious to you), you might consider going the opposite direction. Maybe you were being too strict. What about doing nothing? Surely, that has merits as well.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll branch out, explore, express yourself in a number of mediums, work with a variety of people. This you're allowed to do, as everyone is — though few will be as adventurous as you.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The way you express yourself is very specific to you. Certain common words just don't suit you; there are manners and exchanges that just don't feel natural to you. You're unique, and people are loving that about you today.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sometimes it does feel like you're not entirely responsible for your works, as though you're inhabited by a mysterious self and just

as surprised as anyone by what you come up with.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's much that needs to be accomplished, so the tone gets a little more serious than perhaps it needs to be, and someone like you has just the attitude needed to lighten things up.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). While it isn't possible to see the situation exactly as others do, attempts at this will bring a much-needed new angle. (You might be surprised by how rare it is that anyone even tries to find a different perspective!)
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're feeling not quite your age, or rather, you're identifying with people of different generations. and this brings a bit of welcome excitement and disarray to your day.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People will be speculating about what can and cannot be done, and today, they will be mostly wrong about this. So instead of fretting over possibilities and impossibilities, jump in and start building.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't have to know how a thing is made to use it well. In fact, you'll use a certain tool differently than its creator intended, and in this way, you're pushing the technology forward.
TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (March 21). You see the world a certain way, and it will fit nicely into your framework. Your positive influence will continue to touch people long after you've gone home. The ways you work on yourself will alternate between fun and seriousness, discipline and whimsy; effectively, you're taking the art of living to new levels. Aquarius and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 28, 30, 1 and 49.

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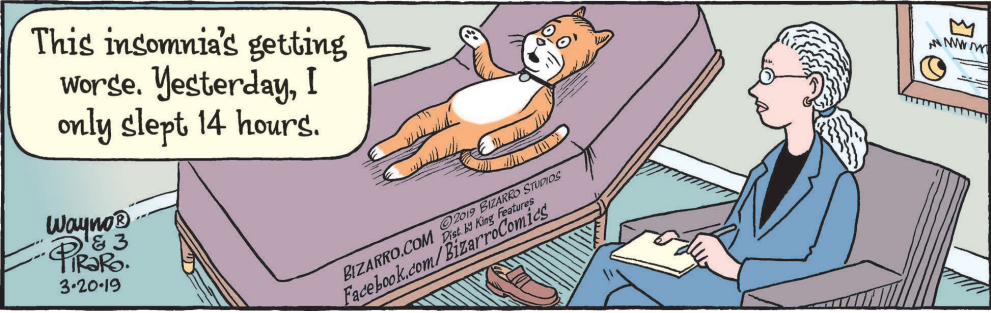
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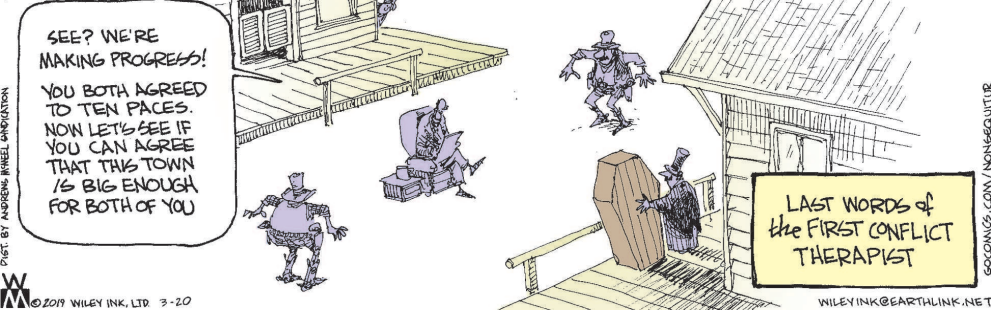
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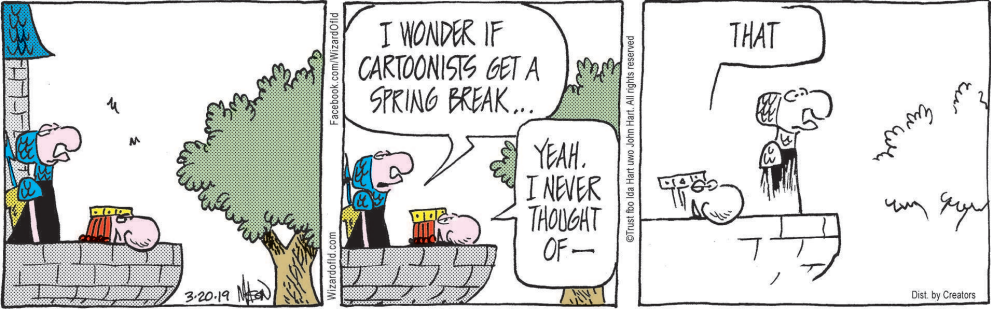
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