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Horoscopes by Holiday

By Holiday Mathis

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have riches to share today and you certainly will, though the most valuable thing you will share is your attention, which you will apply to letting others know the riches you see in them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People support what they have a hand in. Ask the person most likely to resist your idea how they would improve it. Their answer may reveal the obstacle you weren't aware of. You can turn a critic into a fan.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Give people enough show to spark their curiosity and leave the rest behind the curtain. Mystery creates room for imagination, and imagination can do more for your appeal than any performance you could supply.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Emotions come in hot, but you stay cool. Whether the feeling bumbles up from inside you or you're witnessing another person's temper, you're able to distance yourself by using your feet.

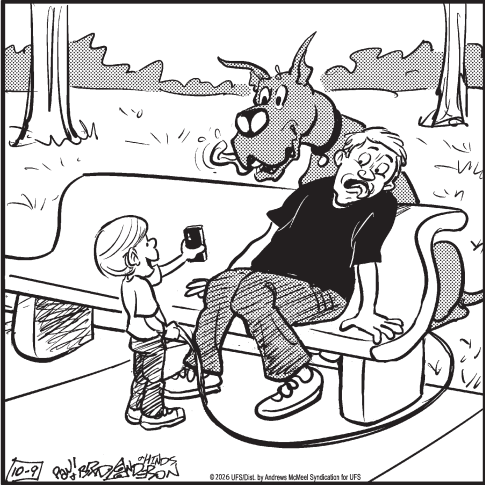
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You see what someone did, but it will still take your own process of trial and error to do this yourself. Your hands have their own way of learning. Their experience teaches you what no manual or instruction video ever could.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You know how a certain person keeps score: Every exchange must end with more on their side. Even if they are the only person around, avoid dealing with them. It takes effort to seek a different scene -- worth it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Enjoy this string of green traffic lights. Your way is completely unimpeded. People gladly step aside to let you pass, not out of obligation but because they instantly feel you're someone to be nice to.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You will see more of the world because of what

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you do today. The first move is an easy one: Let your curiosity take on the form of a dream. Daring to dream is the first step in this adventure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A mild interest in a subject is growing into an attraction. The people who devote themselves to it are part of the appeal. Their language, rituals and standards draw you closer. Soon you may count yourself among the serious ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are things that benefit you to keep track of -- receipts for taxes, plant care, what you owe a friend -- and things that hurt you to track -- past mistakes, daily weight fluctuations, what a friend owes you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Make your schedule by yourself and do it early, before the rest of the world starts demanding things from you. Let them get in line behind the things you already deem important. If they are to cut the line, make sure it's really for a good reason.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're kind. Still, not everyone should have access to you. Neither should you keep giving out extras. A fancy doormat is still a doormat. People will continue to use it for what they have always used it for.

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UNLIKELY ROAD

Both vulnerable, South deals

NORTH

♠ 8
♥ 10 4
♦ Q 10 9 7 6 5 4 3
♣ J 5

WEST

♠ J 6 5 3 2
♥ J 8 6
♦ Void
♣ 9 8 4 3 2

EAST

♠ 10 7 4
♥ K 7 5 3 2
♦ K J 8
♣ Q 10

SOUTH

♠ A K Q 9
♥ A Q 9
♦ A 2
♣ A K 7 6

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♣	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♣**	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♦	All pass		

*0-3 points, no king

**diamonds, slam interest

Opening lead: Eight of ♣

Europe, where new bidding ideas are constantly being explored. The North hand had already denied more than three high-card points or any card as high as a king. Within that context, the North hand does have serious slam potential. South bid four diamonds to see what else partner could offer. When North cuebid his spade control, South was happy to bid a slam. This freak deal saw many different auctions and only two pairs reached the slam. One went down.

Berrak Erkan, from Turkey, showed the proper technique. He captured the opening club lead with his ace, cashed the ace of spades, and ruffed a spade in dummy. He then led the nine of diamonds from dummy and played low from his hand when East played the eight. This guaranteed no more than one diamond loser on any lie of the suit. Had East discarded on the first diamond, Erkan would have taken his ace and led back toward the queen. Well done all around!

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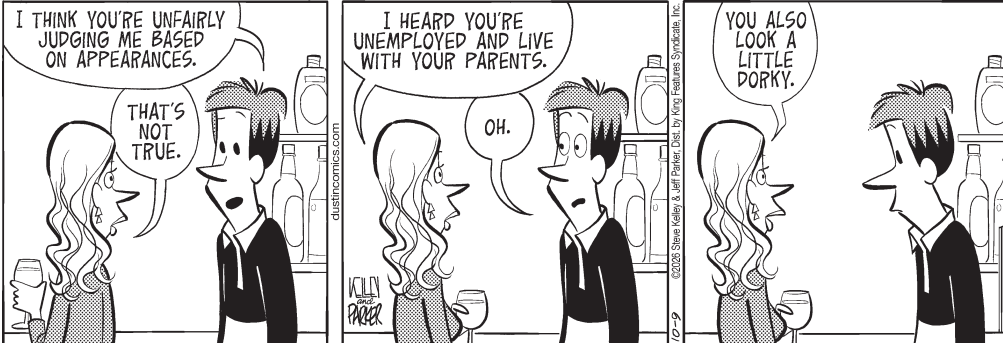
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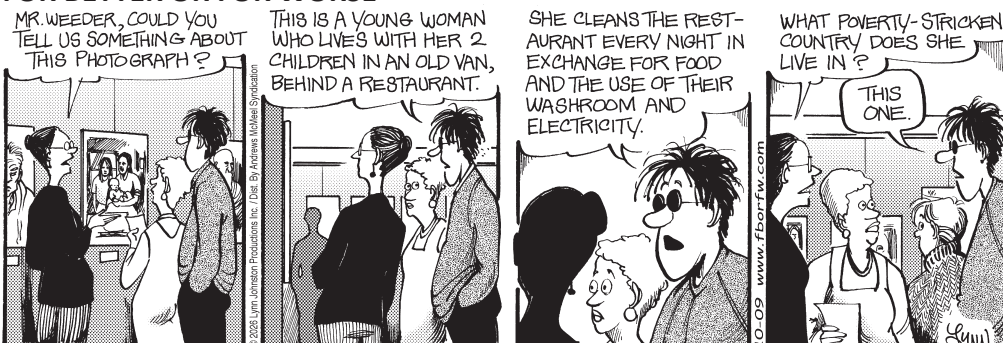
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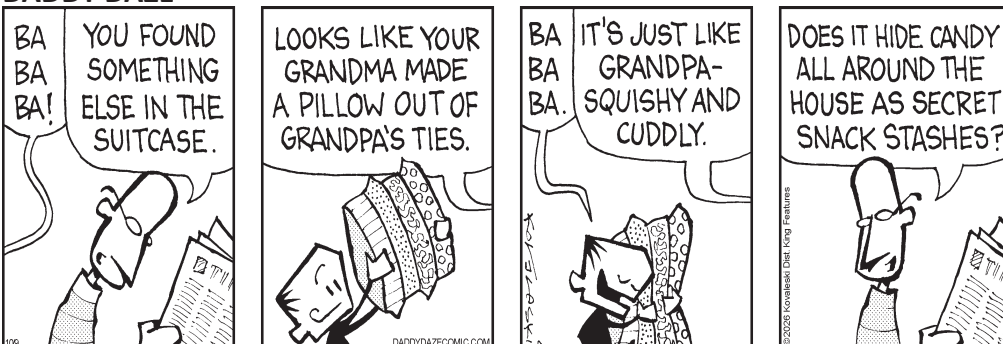
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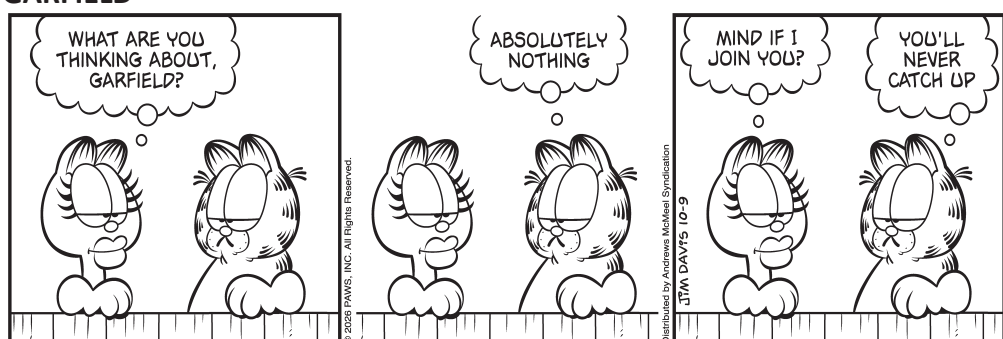
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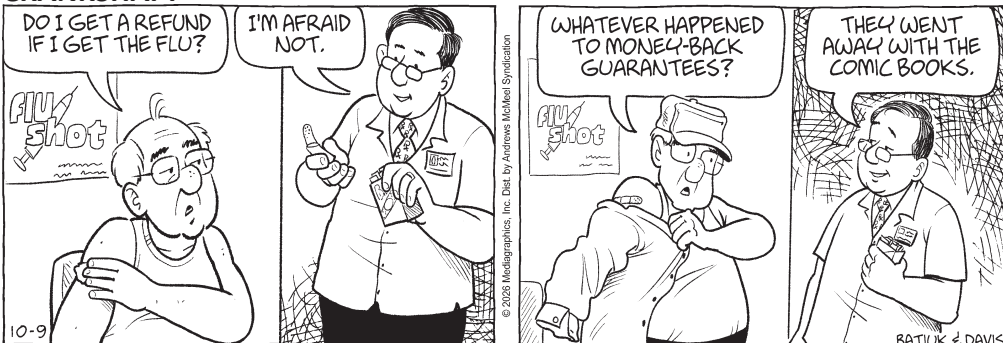
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