

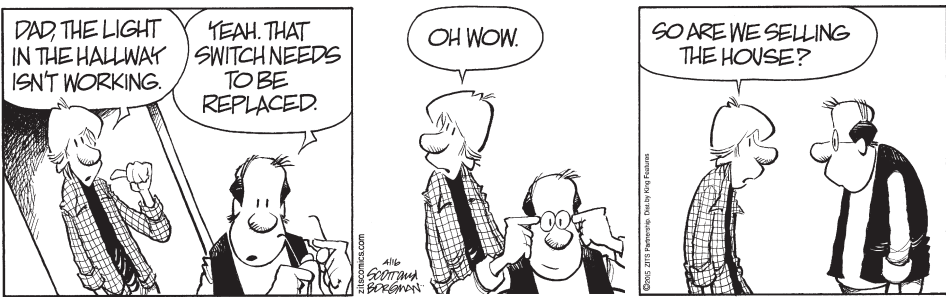
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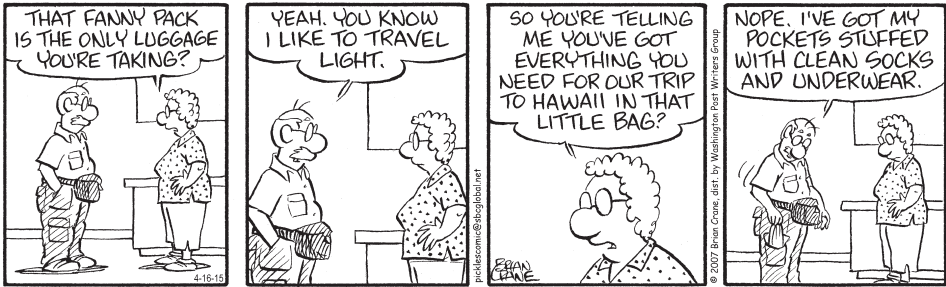
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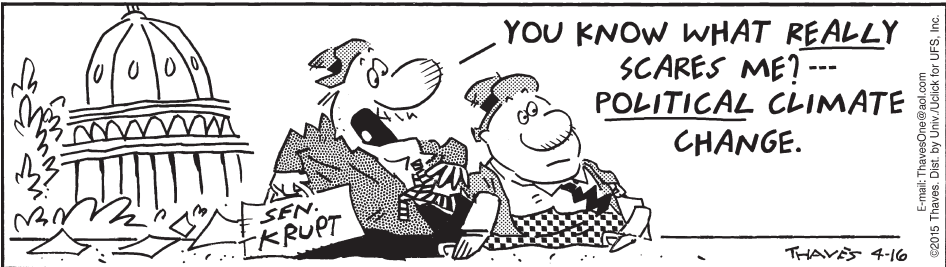
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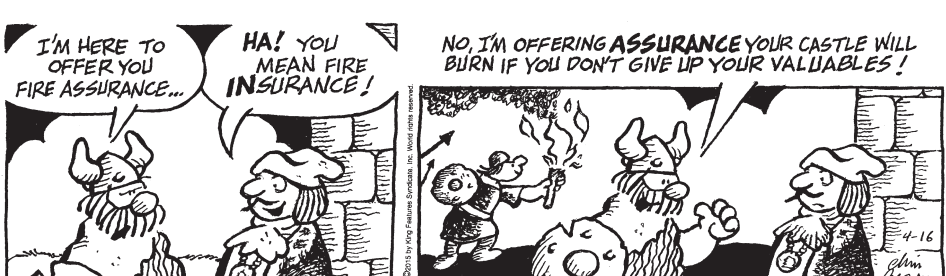
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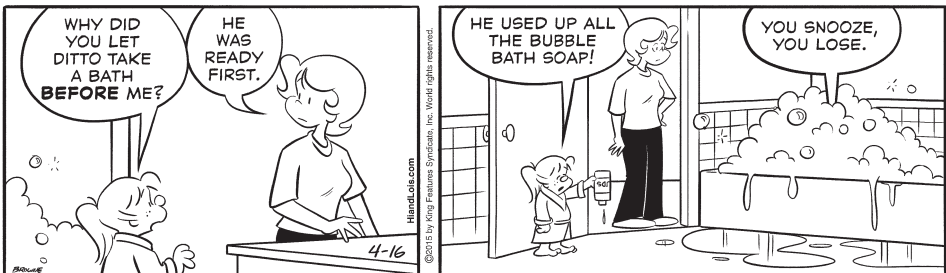
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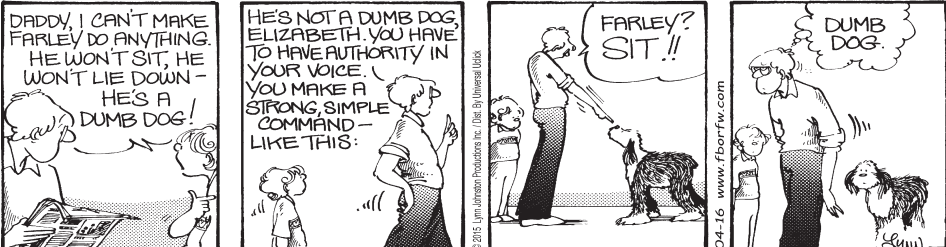
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Girl's Embarrassment Is Signal It's Time For A Shaving Lesson

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are having a disagreement about one of our daughters (we have three). Our 8-year-old is very hairy. It is noticeable, and she doesn't like wearing shorts, skirts or dresses because of it. Her classmates tease her about it.

I want to teach her how to shave her legs or show her how to use hair remover. Her father is angry that I want to "do this" to his little girl.

I was a hairy child as well, and I was teased about my hairy legs and my unibrow, which my parents wouldn't let me shave or pluck. I remember how painful it was, how upset it made me and how different I felt from my classmates because of it. I told myself as a child that when I grew up, I'd never let my daughter go through the same torment. I still feel that way.

Should we wait a few more years, or should I buy the products I need and teach her what she'll be doing for the rest of her life? -- HAIRY SITUATION IN ARIZONA

DEAR H.S.: Your husband may mean well, but he may not realize what being the object of ridicule can do to a little girl's self-esteem. You're that child's mother, and you know what to do -- so do it. Sometimes girls have to stick together, and this is one of them.

DEAR ABBY: After 26 years of marriage, I recently left my husband. We live only a few blocks away from each other, so we run into each other often at the store, the gas station, everywhere.

My problem is more about running into some of the women he cheated on me with. One of them always ends up at the same shopping center or restaurant I happen to be at. She thinks I don't know who she is.

At first I didn't want to say anything to

her, but now it has really gotten to me. What can I tell her the next time she meets up with me? I want to keep myself from yelling at her. Please help me. -- CAN'T FIND THE WORDS IN HOUSTON

DEAR CAN'T: You don't know whether the woman your ex cheated with is stable or some kind of wing nut. Sometimes it's safer not to be able to "find the words" rather than pick a fight. My advice is to avoid her as much as possible.

DEAR ABBY: I recently took a long international flight. The man sitting next to me coughed during the eight-hour flight without once covering his mouth.

What is a polite way to tell someone to cover his/her mouth when coughing? Two days into my trip, I developed a fever and a bad cough, so it seems he passed his illness on to me. -- FEVERISH FLIER

DEAR FLIER: Your seat partner showed an extreme lack of consideration not only for you, but also for other passengers seated in his immediate vicinity -- and it's very possible he infected others besides you. It is not impolite to ASK people who cough and sneeze to please cover their mouth so you won't catch what they have, and that's what you should have done right away, or ask to change your seat if an unoccupied one was available.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a Moon in Pisces if born before 2:00 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015:

This year you will have a great deal of energy to initiate activities, projects or any other priority that is important to you. As a result, you might change your role in the public or at work. If you are single, you are in a period when you could meet someone quite special to your life's history. If you are attached, you feel more connected to your sweetie than you have in a long time. You will enjoy spending a lot more one-on-one time together. Go off and re-create a first date, or take off for a few days. A fellow ARIES can be explosive, especially over money matters.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★★★★Your feelings might be much more intense than usual. Note what is going on with your emotions. You might want to have a discussion with someone who is involved. Don't worry so much -- this, too, will pass. Tonight: Blaze a new trail.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★You might feel uncomfortable dealing with a particular person. Understand what is happening with a loved one. Plans around a trip could change. It would be best to avoid making any major decisions right now. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★★Zero in on a key priority this morning, and you will be able to wade through a lot of paperwork as a result. You might want to vanish in the late afternoon and join a dear loved one. You will feel much better if you take more time off for yourself. Tonight: Not to be found.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★You are on top of your game, and you know what you want. A meeting of friends will add to the fun of the afternoon. You might not have expected to run into a special person. Changes that come to the forefront could affect how you deal with others. Tonight: Where people are.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★★You might be listening to some

interesting tales that don't seem to make sense. Detach and try to get a different perspective. A loved one will make sure that you don't forget to spend some quality time with him or her. Tonight: You can't avoid someone else's request.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★★Remain sure of yourself. You might find that someone is determined to have his or her way, and all the talk in the world won't seem to make a difference. Detach. Once you see the big picture, you will see a humorous quality to the situation. Tonight: With a favorite person.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★★You could be in a situation where you have no choice but to go along with someone else's wishes. This person often thinks that his or her way is the only way. Even logical explanations won't be able to make a dent in this person's mental armor. Tonight: Speak your mind.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★★Allow your imagination to add to conversations in the morning. By the afternoon, you'll have to act. Use caution regarding a money matter. You could make a bad choice without intending to or even realizing it. Tonight: Run errands, then squeeze in a walk.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★★You might decide to approach a matter quite differently from how you've handled it in the past. Honor your feelings, especially when dealing with a friend or loved one. Try to be more open. Make an important decision after having a long-overdue chat. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★★You could feel as if you have gone beyond your normal limits with offering a new opportunity to a family member. You have boundaries, and at this moment, you might feel pushed to the max. Share your feelings. Tonight: Maintain a sense of humor.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

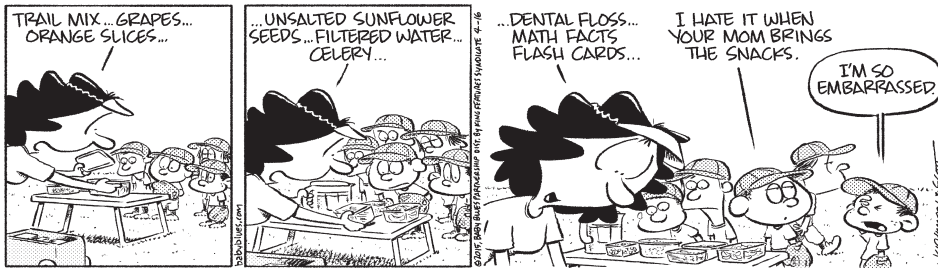
★★★★★You say what you think, and others come forward as a result. People often tap into your resourcefulness in search of solutions. Ask for what you want, but know that you could have mixed feelings once you get it. Tonight: Swap news with a new friend.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

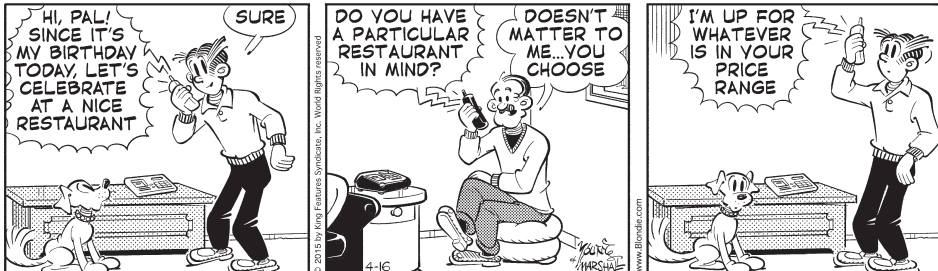
★★★★★Recognize the costs of continuing as you have been. You could go overboard trying to appease someone. A new friend might enjoy spending time with you more than you realize. Be more aware of what is happening between the two of you. Tonight: Make it your treat.

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