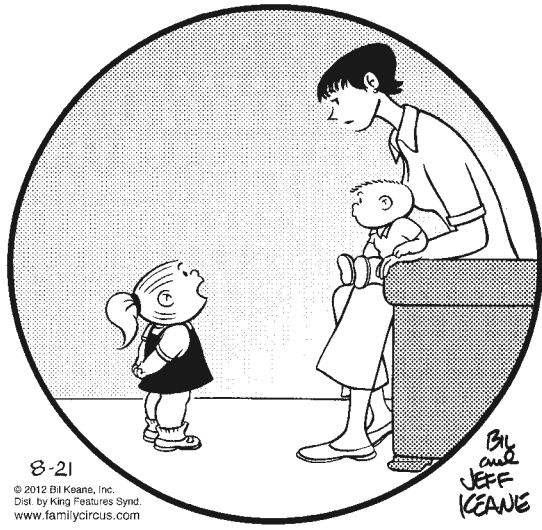
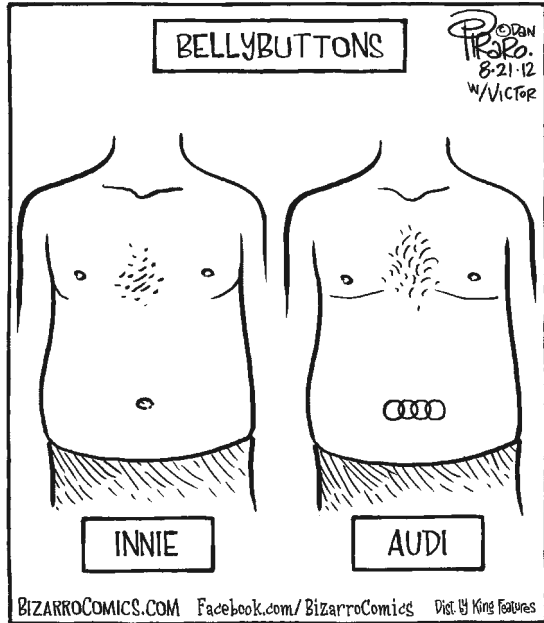


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"Did they have an older generation when you were a little girl, Mommy?"

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Look A Little Harder, Ladies, For Men Ready And Willing

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to respond to "Where the Boys Aren't" (May 26). We're right here every day, lady, working in the same building, going to the same functions, eating at the same diners and attending the same churches. But we don't measure up to the standards you have set.

You can find us after work at sports bars with friends having a beer, early morning weekends on the lake or stream fishing, kicking back watching a game on TV or working on a hot rod or motorcycle like the one we had — or wanted — in high school. We are NOT on a cruise, at the mall, upscale bar or wine tasting. In short, we're not doing what YOU like to do. Think about the guy you were married to who had to be dragged or nagged to the outings you enjoy.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

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You want to find a guy in your age range? That's easy. Step back, be honest and really look at yourself. How do you act, dress, talk? Would YOU date you? Do YOU measure up to the standards you have set for the right guy? If there's something you would change, then change it. Take the time to see who he is, what he enjoys and remember, he's not going to change, and if he did, he wouldn't be what you wanted anyway. — CONTENT, SECURE, SINGLE 58-YEAR-OLD MAN

DEAR SINGLE MAN: Thank you for taking the time to write. Apparently, these ladies need to find new hunting grounds. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I had to chuckle at "Where the Boys Aren't." Most guys would pay handsomely for the addresses of the clubs where women go to meet men. What is "Where" doing that prevents her from meeting all the men she wants? My guess is she doesn't walk up and introduce herself. She doesn't grasp that dating rules get reversed at some point. She's hoping to be swept off her feet like a schoolgirl.

My advice to older women is to stop hanging out in

escape literature and move over to the magazine rack. After a certain age, even sex won't sell itself like it used to. Drive your own car and, if you plan to stay after the introductions, buy your own drinks. Arrive in pairs only with an agreement to split up if opportunity knocks. And remember, going to expensive bars will only net you a higher class of bum.

"Where" has repeatedly failed Dating 101. There's hardly a middle-aged guy in America who would turn down a woman who offered him a pizza, a cold beer and a quiet Friday night at home. I'd even help with the dishes. But everything about her spells HIDDEN AGENDA! — NAMELESS IN FLORIDA

DEAR ABBY: We're all at the gym burning off that 40-year-old fat. — LAWRENCE IN MAINE

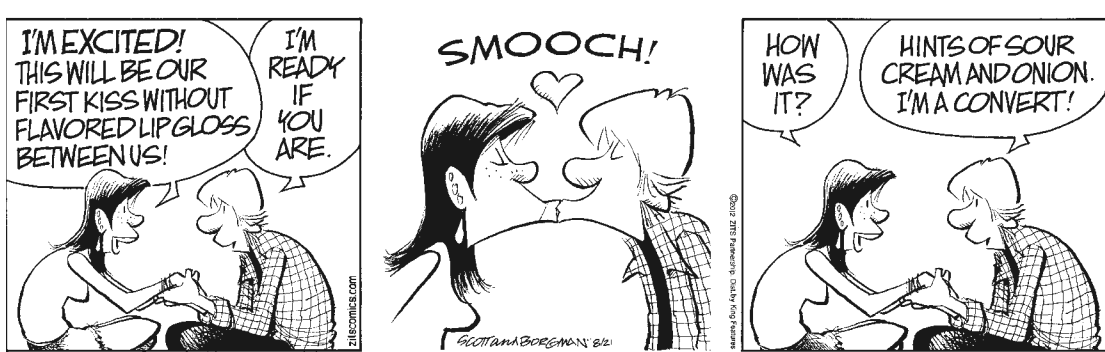
DEAR ABBY: I can speak only for myself. Yes, I AM at home watching bad cable TV — not because I want to, but because some of us choose to be here for our elderly parents. We're not out and about except to take our mothers on errands, our dads for haircuts and both for medical appointments, on top of managing their finances and looking after their home.

Guess what? Society looks down on us because we have put their needs ahead of ours. We might not be at the typical social events, but we're out there. The next time you see a middle-aged man with a little old lady in the grocery store, bump into his cart and you might find a nice, lonely guy like me. — TONY IN CONNECTICUT

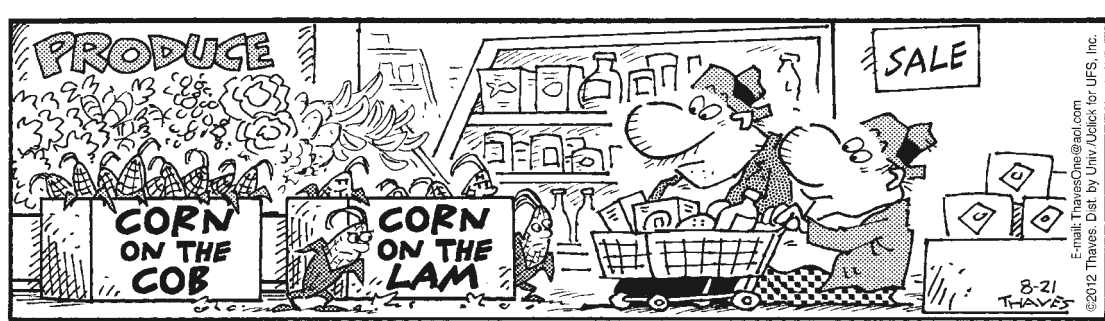
Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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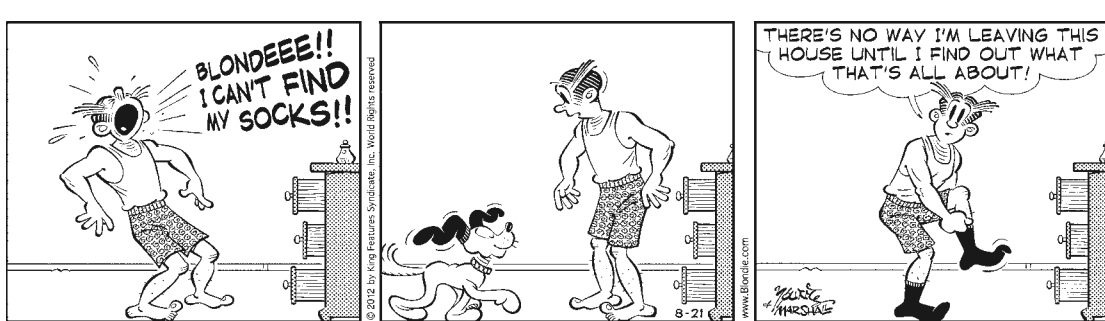
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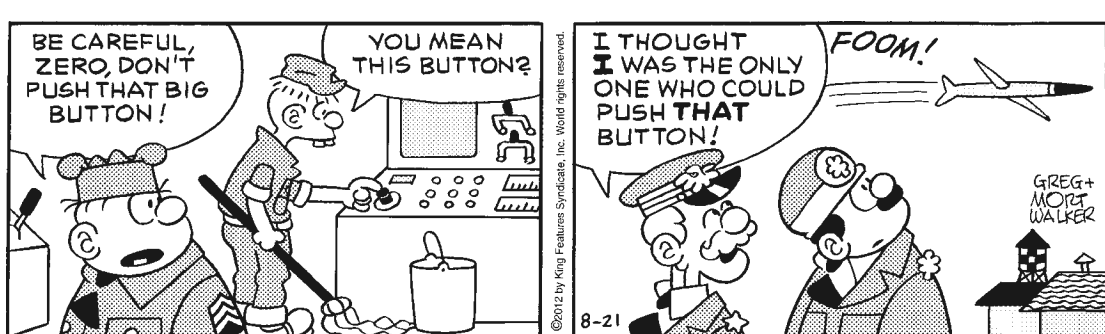
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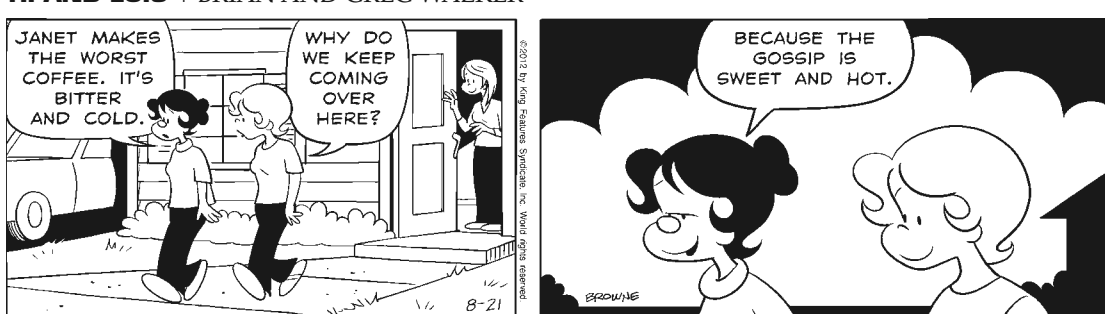
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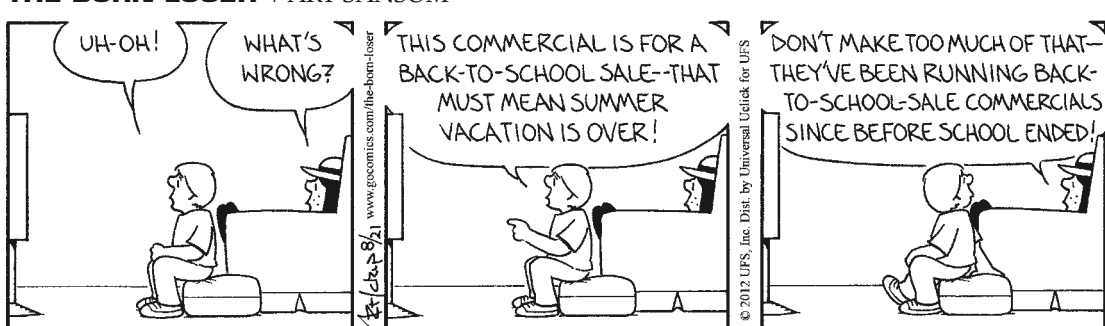
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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 Leo and a Moon in Libra all day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, AUG. 21, 2012:

This year you might be more serious than usual. This attitude doesn't necessarily stem from any particular events, rather from a detachment as you look at the big picture. Your philosophy of life constantly is evolving. If you are single, you want to relate to someone on an active level. Should your chosen sweetie not fulfill that desire, disagreement could ensue. A bond like that is not right for you. If you are attached, avoid arguments; instead, enjoy the joyous, fun part of this relationship. Both of you will be happier as a result. LIBRA often charms you. 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 ability to understand that which is nearly unexplainable might be more important than you initially realize. Take action once you grasp the whole situation. Avoid taking your frustration out on someone. Tonight: Say "yes."

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You might be feeling sore and/or tired if you have been pushing too hard. Nothing bad will happen if you slow down a bit. Do not forget to schedule a checkup or dentist appointment. The message is to take better care of yourself. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Your creativity flourishes and others respond, though perhaps not as enthusiastically as you might like. A child or new friend could act up when you least expect it. You might want to squeeze in a physical activity together to let off some steam. Tonight: Fun and games.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

You are anchored and settled to a point of being rigid. Instead of sticking with a blunt "no" response, explain your comfort level and why you would prefer to go with the status quo. Still, this might not work and could provoke a difficult situation. Tonight: Homeward bound.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Speak your mind, but be ready to field some strong reactions. You might want to hold back or postpone part of a volatile conversation. Put your energy where it

counts. Understand what is happening with a loved one. Tonight: Speak your mind.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

You might feel like spending less and adding to your security. Take a hard look at your finances. Know what you want to achieve from tightening your belt. Be aware that others might not agree with your priorities. Tonight: Think of nonmaterialistic ways of indulging someone.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Tension builds. You still have a tendency to be negative at present, which only creates more negativity. Be direct with a male friend or someone who is extremely assertive. You might need to say what you feel and clear your mind and energy. Tonight: Say "yes" to a special invitation.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Listen to someone who often gives you excellent advice. You might be more negative than you realize. Be careful with suppressing your anger — it can explode when you least expect it. Take a walk or an extended break if you find that your temper is close to the surface. Tonight: Choose a stressbuster.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Look for more involvement within your circle of friends. You enjoy their support as well as their ideas. You could discover how fiery a pal is in the process. This person will not leave you alone until you agree with his or her views. Find a diplomatic way out. Tonight: Join a friend.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Take a stand once more. You might need to let someone know how dead serious you are. There is no wiggle room, so make this statement quite clear. A person you look up to suddenly could become more demanding. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

Keep reaching out for novel ideas and different approaches. You often need newness in your life. The more you learn, the more open you become, and the more likely there will be a perpetual kaleidoscope of new information. Tonight: Once more, try something different.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

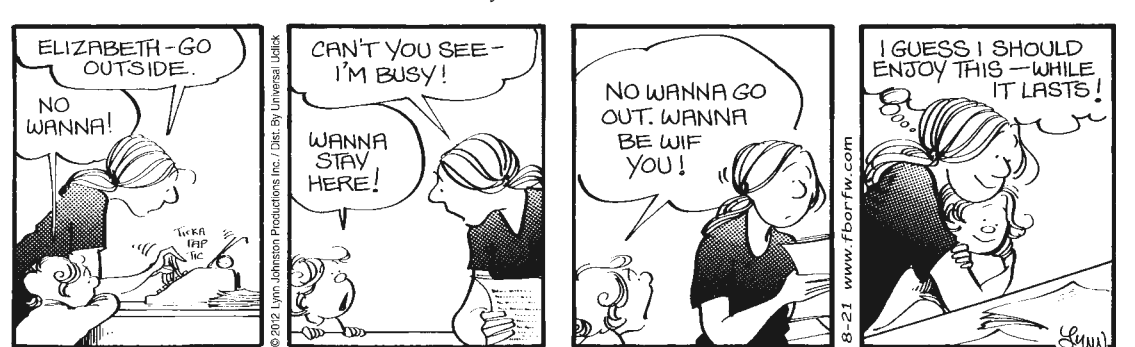
You continue to have a discussion with a partner. This person could be stern and even angry at times. You might need to listen in order to find out the source of his or her anger, especially if it involves you. Tonight: Talk over dinner.

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