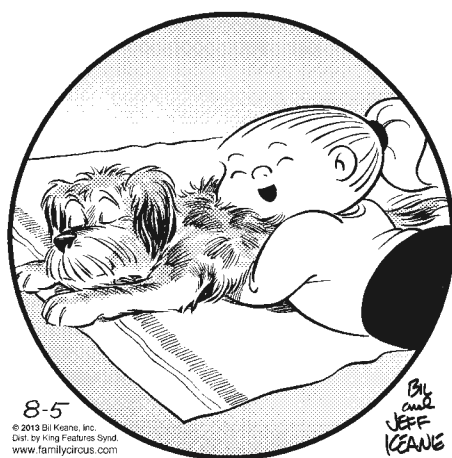


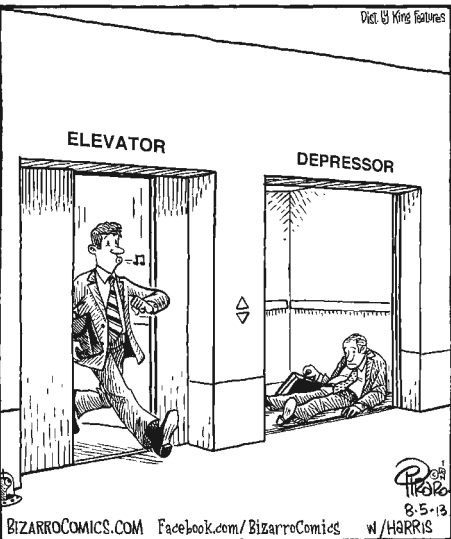
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Why do they put duck feathers in pillows? Doggy fur would be so much better.

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Daughter Wants To Shield Her Kids From Toxic Grandma

DEAR ABBY: My mother and I were close growing up. However, when I was in college she abandoned the family...

DEAR NOT GOING UNDER IN LOUISIANA: No, I think it speaks to the degree he assumes he can control or make choices for you...



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips.

DEAR ABBY: I operate a small Internet radio station out of my house in Texas. I play music 24/7, except on Saturday nights when I usually do a live talk show.

On this day, my listeners are reminded that if they disapprove of someone's choice of mate, clothing, religion, favorite music, pets — and anything else that may be personal and nobody's business — to keep it to themselves.

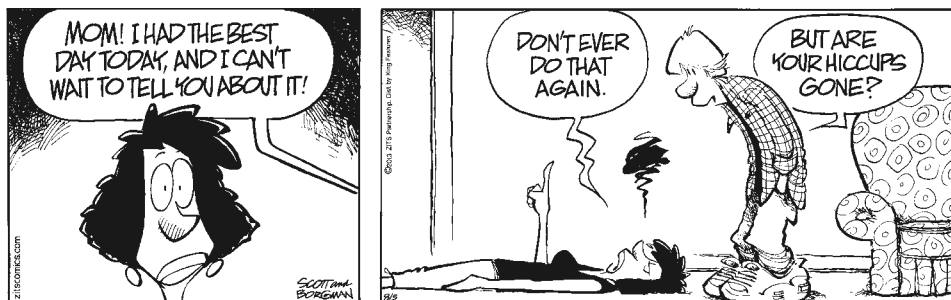
Would you be willing to mention this in your column and help me spread the word that while everyone has a right to an opinion, it doesn't mean everyone should be forced to listen to it? Thanks in advance. — JIM IN TEXAS

DEAR JIM: Not only is your message succinct, your idea has merit. If more people followed your philosophy, it could eliminate a lot of conflicts, not to mention headaches.

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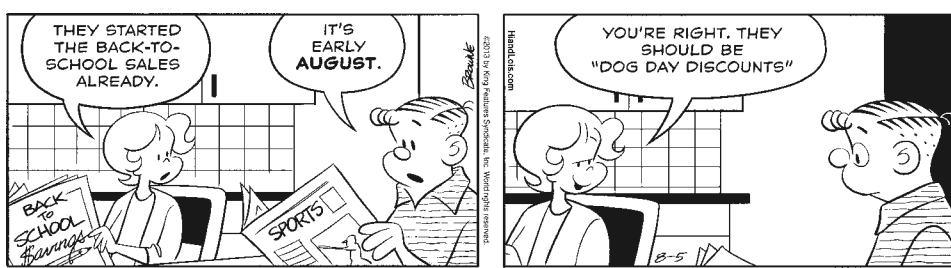
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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.

A baby born today has a Sun and Moon in Leo if born after 9:54 a.m. (PDT). Prior to that time, the Moon is in Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, AUG. 5, 2013:

This year you might be concerned with your image and with solving some long-term problems. The issue for you is that you could have difficulty detaching from what triggers you.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

You communicate succinctly, and others hear what you're saying. You might not appreciate their unresponsiveness, but understand that they could be revealing how they feel nonverbally.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

Try to keep your opinions to yourself, even if someone asks for feedback. This person might not be prepared to hear what you have to say.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

You could be in a difficult position without even knowing it. When someone asks for your opinion, he or she won't want to hear it if it's going to be negative.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

You might want to share more with a loved one, but this person's knee-jerk reaction could persuade you to keep some details to yourself.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

You might find it to be a bit of a downer when you try to integrate new ideas, and others react with negativity.

their opinion -- not yours. Open up to new possibilities, and feel free not to share them with present company.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Read between the lines when dealing with a neighbor or sibling. There could be a lot of contention or withholding from this person.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Bounce your ideas off a friend. You might be amazed by what comes up as a result. Clearly, you could use someone to play devil's advocate more often.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

You'll listen to someone with care, yet something within you could force you to respond negatively. Do not view this as being random; the idea presented just might not be workable.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Listen to the words a loved one utters. You could feel hurt or have a very strong emotional response to what this person says.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Deal with others on a one-on-one basis for the best results. You might find the agreement you reach with someone to be unsatisfying.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

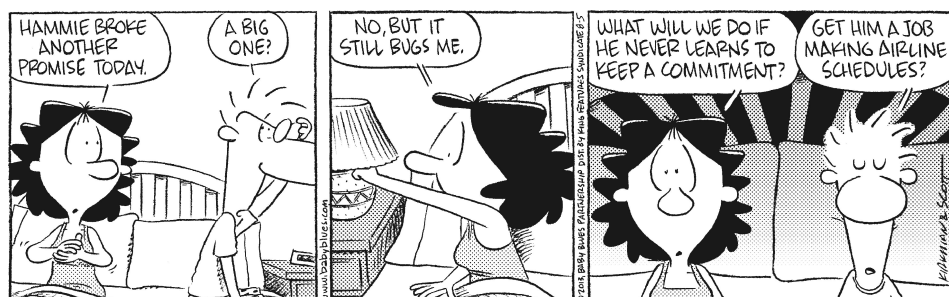
To get a word in with someone demanding will take skill, but it also will encourage a lively exchange. You might wonder where this person is coming from.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

You might want to reconsider your plans. Perhaps you're not being realistic about what you can accomplish in a certain amount of time.

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