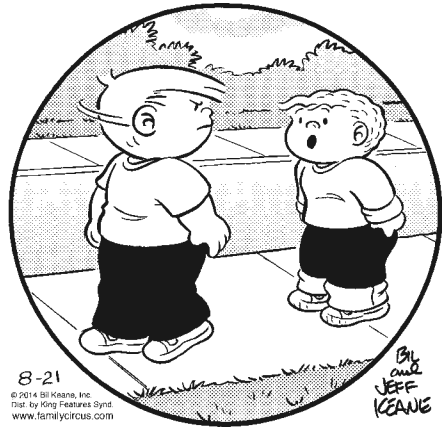
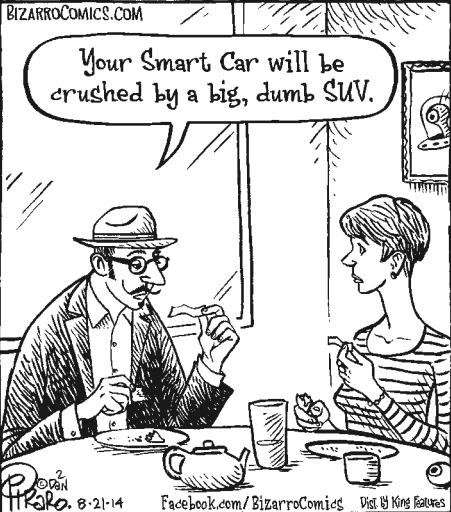


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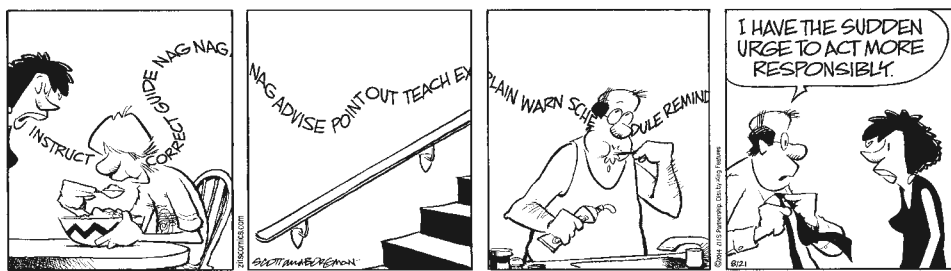
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"I HAVE THE SUDDEN URGE TO ACT MORE RESPONSIBLY."
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"HERE, NELSON. I'VE GOT A PRESENT FOR YOU."
"WHAT IS IT?"
"IT'S A HANDKERCHIEF. YOU COVER YOUR MOUTH WITH IT WHEN YOU SNEEZE."
"COOL. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED ONE OF THESE."
"BUT NOT VERY MUCH."
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"THIS IS HARD FOR FAMILIES WITH MULTIPLE KIDS IN COLLEGE. THEY'RE GOING BROKE BY DEGREES!"
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THE BORN LOSER | ART SANSON



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"GUESS WHAT TONIGHT IS - DOLLAR HOT DOG NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME! WANT TO GO WITH ME?"
"NO THANKS, BUT YOU GO AND ENJOY YOURSELF."
"HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED - WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER, IT WAS NICKEL BEER NIGHT THAT GOT HIM EXCITED. NOW, IT'S CHEAP WEENIES!"
THE BORN LOSER BY ART SANSON

PEANUTS | CHARLES M. SCHULZ



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"WE'RE SURE BUILDING UP A BIG LEAD IN THIS GAME, CHARLIE BROWN..."
"I'LL SAY WE ARE! WE'VE GOT THIS GAME COLD. WE CAN'T LOSE!"
"THE ONLY THING THAT COULD KEEP US FROM WINNING TODAY WOULD BE TO HAVE THE GAME RAINED OUT!"
"I CAN'T STAND IT!"
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HÄGAR THE HORRIBLE | CHRIS BROWNE



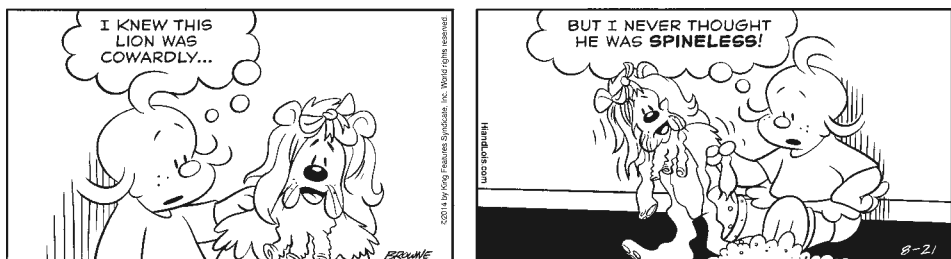
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"I TOOK THIS FROM THE FINEST FABRIC MAKER IN FRANCE."
"I'M NOT SURE HOW IT WILL LOOK ON ME!"
"MAYBE THIS WILL GIVE YOU SOME IDEA..."
HÄGAR THE HORRIBLE BY CHRIS BROWNE

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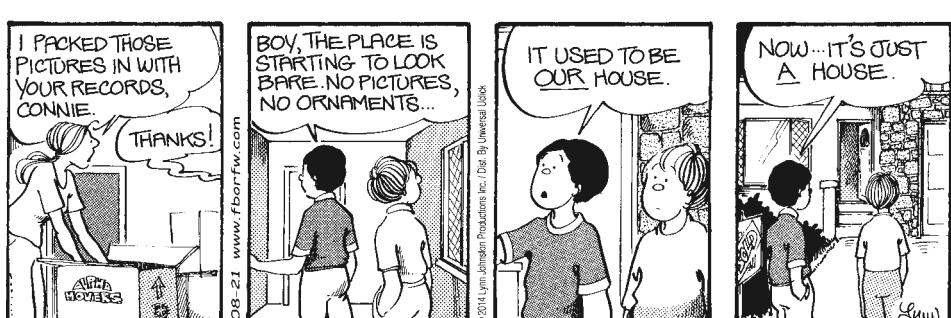
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"DID YOU LOSE THIS, SIR?"
"NO, I GAVE IT A DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE FOR DISOBEYING MY ORDERS!"
BEETLE BAILEY BY MORT WALKER

HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



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"I KNEW THIS LION WAS COWARDLY..."
"BUT I NEVER THOUGHT HE WAS SPINELESS!"
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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON



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"I PACKED THOSE PICTURES IN WITH YOUR RECORDS, CONNIE."
"BOY, THE PLACE IS STARTING TO LOOK BARE. NO PICTURES, NO ORNAMENTS..."
"IT USED TO BE OUR HOUSE."
"NOW...IT'S JUST A HOUSE."
FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE BY LYNN JOHNSTON

GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS



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"TIME TO LIFT WEIGHTS, GARFIELD."
"OOPS, TOO LATE NOW."
"THAT WAS CLOSE."
GARFIELD BY JIM DAVIS

Cousin's Tag-Along Kids Push Limit Of Bride's Guest List

DEAR ABBY: I am being married later this year, and I'm planning my guest list. My cousin "Emily" has five young children who I'm making an exception to invite. She lives across the country, so she's starting to book her plane reservations.

Emily just announced that she's being remarried and her fiancé has three children he shares joint custody of. Am I obligated to invite three children I have never met? This is causing a lot of grief between me and my fiancé because Emily assumes that they are all welcome. Please advise. — D.C. IN NYC

DEAR D.C.: Call Cousin Emily. Explain that your guest list is limited and that her five children — to whom you are related — are the exceptions. No other children have been invited to the wedding, and you would prefer to get to know her fiancé's children under less stressful circumstances.

Emily's wrong to assume she can include anyone whose name wasn't on her wedding invitation. The children can stay with their mother or grandparents during the time their father will be away.

DEAR ABBY: My husband prefers leftovers to sandwiches for his work lunch. He generally takes them in reusable plastic bowls that claim to be dishwasher and microwave safe.

After a short time, these bowls become terribly stained. Not only are they unsightly, but sometimes they harbor odors. Even though they have been thoroughly washed, they seem unclear. We have noticed this happens more often with tomato-based food like spaghetti or barbecue.

I have tried soaking the bowls overnight in dishwashing detergent and even using a small amount of bleach, but the stains remain. Is there a way to remove the stains and odors, or must I continue to buy new bowls and throw the stained ones out? — BOWLED OVER IN ALABAMA

DEAR BOWLED OVER: According to "Haley's Hints," by Graham and Rosemary Haley (New American Library), if you soak the bowls and lids in cold water for five minutes or more before putting the leftovers into them, you can prevent the staining from happening. And the odors can be removed by placing crumpled newspaper inside them and putting the tops on before storing them. (This is also an effective way to deodorize shoes.)



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My daughter just got remarried to a man who has a 10-year-old son. I don't know the boy at all. What is the appropriate name he should call me? My daughter already has two boys from her first marriage and they, of course, call me Grandma. I don't feel comfortable having her new stepson call me Grandma. Any suggestions? — NAMELESS IN NEW YORK

DEAR NAMELESS: Is your heart really so closed that you would tell that boy he isn't welcome in it? I urge you to be more accepting of this child, or you may get a name that isn't fit for a family newspaper — and not only will the boy be using it, but also his father.

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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 Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, AUG. 21, 2014:

This year you could alternate between nurturing and critical. If people start acting a little crazy around you, it might be in direct response to the mixed vibes you're sending. Try to get some feedback. You are unusually creative and full of energy. You will enter a new 12-year luck cycle in late spring. If you are single, others want to get to know you. Be careful when meeting new people, as you could encounter someone who is emotionally unavailable. Get to know someone very well before you decide whether to commit. If you are attached, the two of you will enter a special period that brings you very close together. Accept and respect your differences. CANCER can be clingy.

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)

★★★★ You might feel caught between doing what you would like to do and doing what needs to be done. Recognize manipulation for what it is. You might not want to play with those who are deeply embedded in this type of behavior. Tonight: Choose a favorite stressbuster.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Your ingenuity will come forward and eliminate a difficult situation. You could be too tired to keep dealing with others who complicate your life. Give some thought to establishing stronger boundaries. You know what you want. Tonight: Join a friend at a favorite spot.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Stay anchored when dealing with a domestic matter. Your ability to convert a difficult situation into one that is easier could be challenged. Be patient when dealing with others. Your fuse could be short, especially with an associate. Tonight: Defer to someone else's ideas.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You finally will feel more up to snuff, only to have a loved one become touchy and withdrawn. You might need to let this situation work itself out. Try not to be so uptight; instead, go off and choose an activity that you enjoy. Tonight: What would you like to do?

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ So much is going on behind the scenes

that you could be overwhelmed. You know what you want, and you know where you are heading. Pulling back might be the only smart response for now. It won't be long before you feel more in control. Tonight: Do your thing.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ A discussion can be put off only for so long. Your creativity will feed naturally into your day. What you see happen could please you, even though you might not have anticipated that reaction. What you were concerned about won't be an issue now. Tonight: A midweek break.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ A loved one could become very demanding regarding a financial concern. The two of you clearly do not share the same values, and it will become very evident when money is involved. Tonight: Be willing to clear out extra work, even if it takes you all night.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You might feel as if you are caught between a rock and a hard place. You need to re-think a problem and come to a decision. Your ability to negotiate a different solution will emerge once you detach. Take a walk to clear your mind. Tonight: Choose a favorite mental escape.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by all the choices an associate presents. Somehow you'll need to figure out how to make a decision. Understand that money doesn't have to be the driving force. Take your time, and look at the big picture. Tonight: Make it easy.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You will be in the mood to do less and let others carry more of their weight with a project. Fortunately, they will be up for taking on more responsibility. It is important to prove to yourself that you can relax and assume a different role. Tonight: Keep it light and easy.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

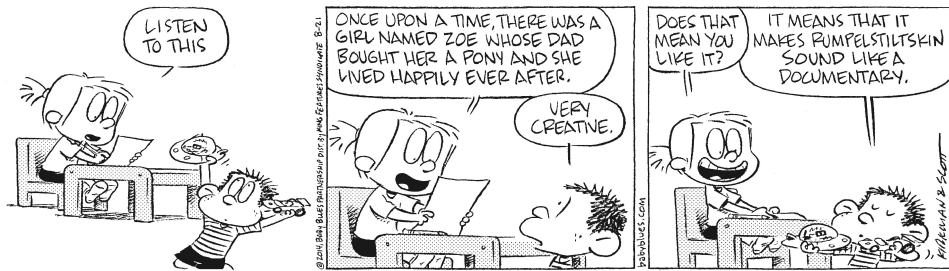
★★★★ You'll see a personal matter differently from how an associate sees it. Sometimes discussing one's personal problems with others does provide a fresh perspective, but this might not be the case for you. Only you can decide that. Tonight: Schedule a message.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You'll become more resourceful in spite of someone who keeps saying "no." Don't waste time feeling disappointed. There is an easier solution; you simply haven't found it yet. Keep discussions open until you can bypass this obstacle. Tonight: Act as if there were no tomorrow.

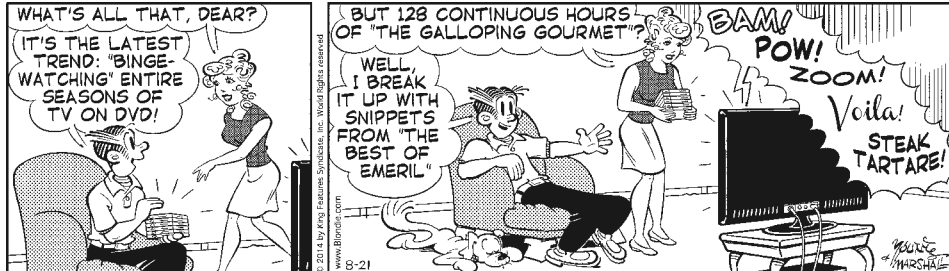
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"LISTEN TO THIS"
"ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A GIRL NAMED ZOE WHOSE DAD BOUGHT HER A PONY AND SHE LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER."
"VERY CREATIVE."
"DOES THAT MEAN YOU LIKE IT?"
"IT MEANS THAT IT MAKES RUMPELTUTSKIN SOUND LIKE A DOCUMENTARY."
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"WHAT'S ALL THAT, DEAR?"
"IT'S THE LATEST TREND: 'BINGE-WATCHING' ENTIRE SEASONS OF TV ON DVD!"
"BUT 128 CONTINUOUS HOURS OF 'THE GALLOPING GOURMET'?"
"WELL, I BREAK IT UP WITH SNIPPETS FROM 'THE BEST OF EMERIL'."
"BAM! POW! ZOOM! Voilà! STEAK TARTARE!"
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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS



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