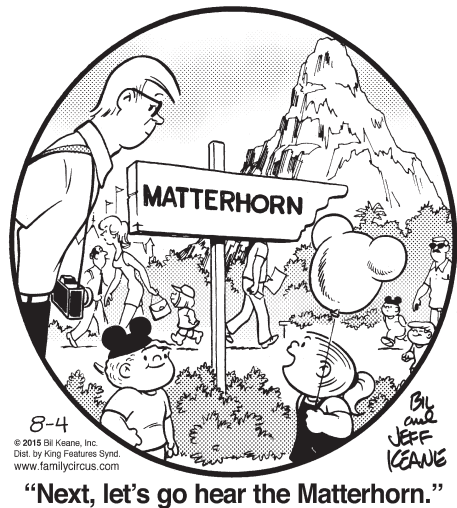
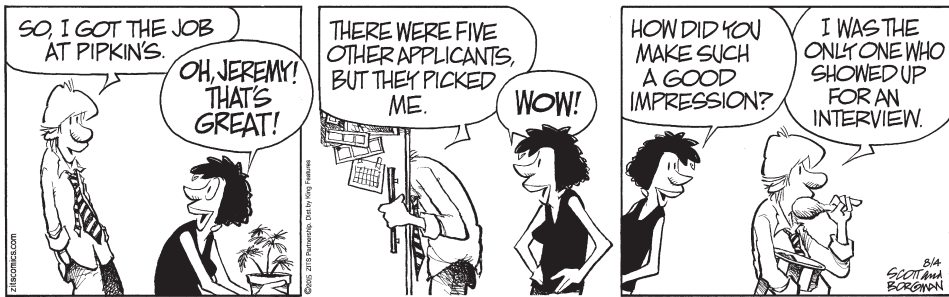


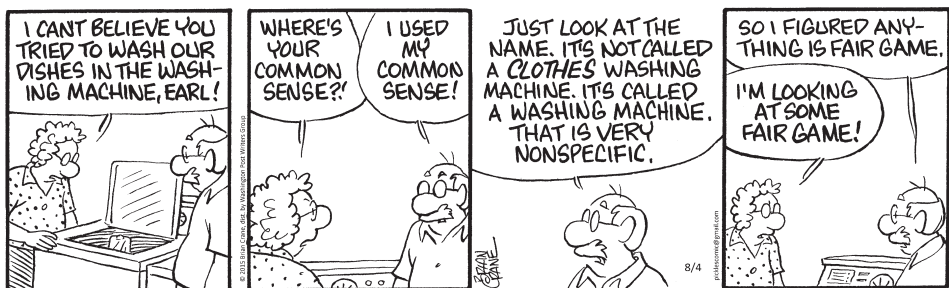
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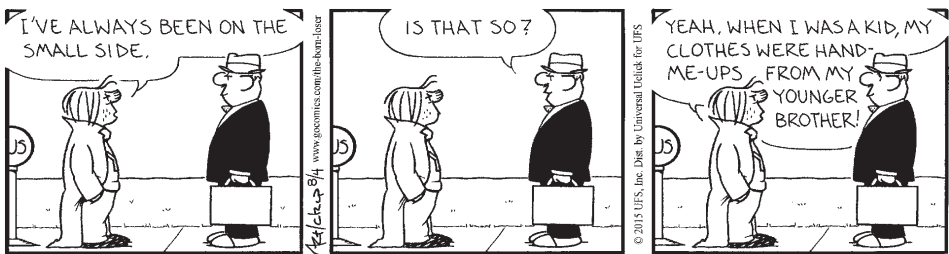
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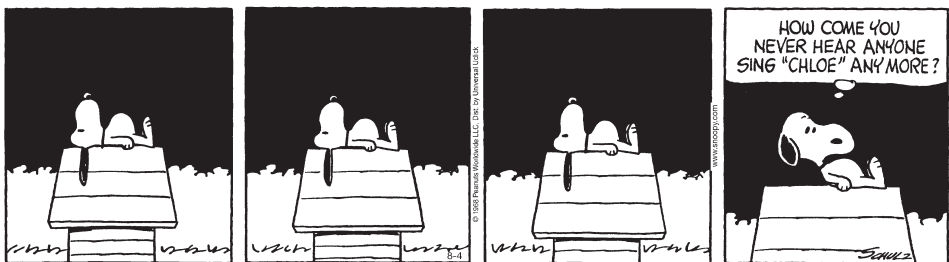
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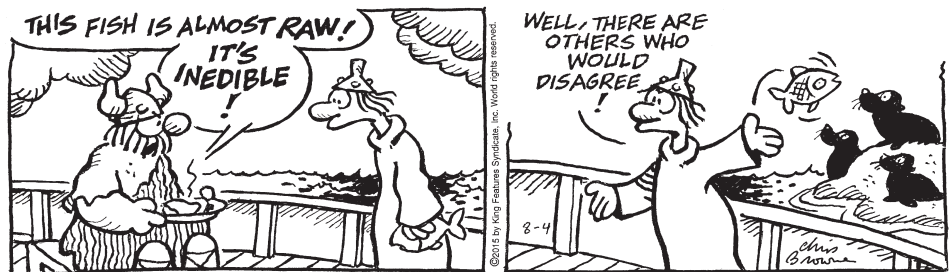
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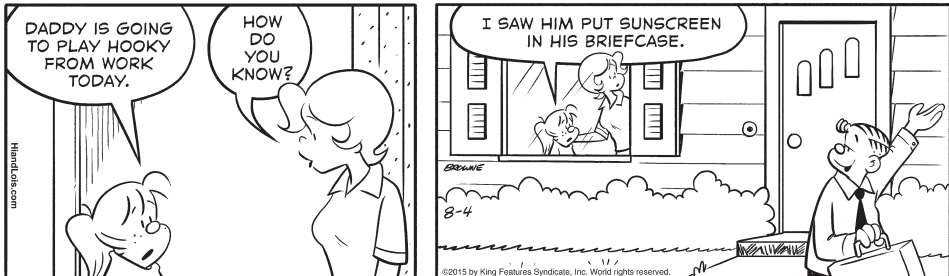
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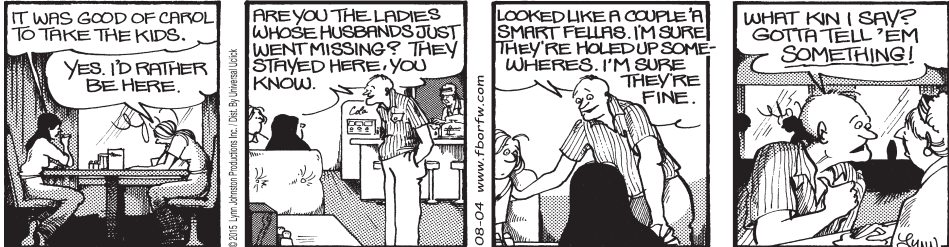
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## Grandma Feels Disrespected When Her Advice Is Ignored

DEAR ABBY: Whatever happened to respecting one's elders and recognizing grandparents as head of the family? I recently returned from visiting my son, his wife and my new grandchild. My son's wife and I had many disagreements on how to care for my grandchild. Instead of respecting my years of experience as a mother and appreciating my help, she chose to ignore my instructions and advice.

After I returned home, I was told by my son that I was no longer welcome to visit my grandchild unless I apologized to his wife for trying to undermine her parenting. I told him she should apologize to ME for not showing me respect as the grandmother.

How can I make my son see that it is his wife who is wrong, and not me? – UNAPPRECIATED GRANDMA

DEAR UNAPPRECIATED: It would be interesting to know how closely you adhered to your parents' and in-laws' parenting advice, because when your children came along I'll bet you had your own ideas on the subject.

Showing respect and following your orders are not the same thing. It is a mother's right to care for her baby as she sees fit, and you should show HER the respect she deserves by allowing her to do that and not turning it into a power struggle. Unless you do, you will be seeing very little of any of them.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 26 and still live with my mother, helping her with bills and rent. A couple of months ago I got an opportunity to move out, but the fear of leaving my mother alone with her medical conditions stopped me.

Now that I have another chance to move out and live alone, I don't know how to tell her, or even if I should go. When both of my sisters moved out, Mom got really depressed. My fear is she will find herself alone and try to harm herself. What should I do? – YOUNG ADULT IN FLORIDA



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR YOUNG ADULT: The mark of a successful parent is having raised her children to be self-sufficient. Because you are afraid your mother might become so depressed she might harm herself if you move, you should discuss this with her physician and explore what social services in your community can do to help her adjust. Many hospitals have social workers on staff, and that would be a place to start asking what is available.

DEAR ABBY: When we visit my parents' graves, we always leave flowers. Invariably there are flowers also at my father's – not put there by my wife and me. Because Dad has been gone since 1963, we can't figure out who could be putting flowers on his grave only. My sister thinks he had a secret girlfriend. I don't think so. What's your opinion of this? – STUMPED IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR STUMPED: Your dad is dead and gone. I assume he was good to your mother, and there wasn't a breath of scandal. Why look for trouble where none exists? Suggest to your sister that she should focus on the positive, and be glad someone cared enough about him to continue to honor his memory.

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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 Aries.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, AUG. 4, 2015:

This year you develop your abilities to problem-solve and get ahead. You will witness situations change in a more positive way as a result. Others see you in a new light as well. You are likely to receive an opportunity to augment your funds. If you are single, you will meet someone quite different, possibly while traveling. This person could turn up anytime from today on. If you are attached, as a couple you benefit from planning and taking a special, long-discussed trip. You will become much closer as a result. ARIES can be even more enthusiastic than 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)

★★★★ You easily will find answers to an issue that demands creativity. A loved one might be very receptive to your ideas at this time. Be impulsive, brainstorm, and as a result, you'll be delighted by the outcome. Tonight: Resist pressure.

#### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ Don't overcommit. You need to be in touch with your feelings, as someone you meet today could be a little off. Be ready to follow through on a key matter that involves travel. Tonight: Touch base with a loved one at a distance.

#### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Zero in on a long-desired goal. Assess how you feel about this desire, as it will be helpful to pursue it. Be aware of what is being offered by another person, and be grateful for this new opportunity. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

#### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Note how much you are bringing in as well as what you are spending. An item that appeals to you might not be worth the cost. Avoid a tendency to go to extremes. Steer clear of a power-hungry person. Tonight: At a favorite place.

#### LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance.

You might be taken aback by all the vitality that surges around you. You are likely to find yourself in a situation that calls for more creativity. Tonight: Touch base with a loved one.

#### VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Deal with a friend directly and with caring. You could be overwhelmed by a choice you seem to be facing right now. Know that luck is on your side; you have more options than you might realize. Tonight: Be more caring than usual.

#### LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Others will make the first move. You will feel much better when you relax. You could feel as if you are walking on eggshells. Take your time when dealing with a personal issue that needs your attention. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

#### SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ You have a lot to get done, and quickly at that. You will see a situation far differently from how your associates see it. Your style of communication could evoke some powerful reactions. Tonight: Push to be heard on a key matter.

#### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ No matter what you do, you'll find a reason to be impulsive. If you can detach, you will cease to be triggered, and you might find a solution that works better. Use caution with financial agreements. Tonight: Be playful.

#### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ A proposition might be too intriguing for your own good. You will find the right solution. Brainstorm with someone who doesn't hesitate to question your thinking. You could change your mind about a decision. Tonight: Head home.

#### AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

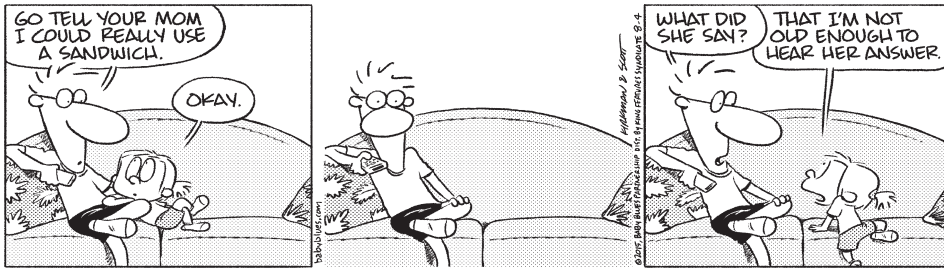
★★★★ Be more upbeat about the possibilities being offered. Someone will be coming from a heartfelt perspective. You might want to follow his or her lead. Stay on top of a personal matter. Tonight Say "yes" to an unusual offer.

#### PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

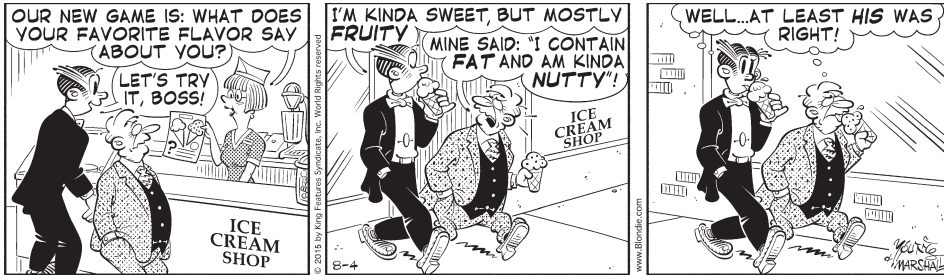
★★★★ You have a way of being very dramatic in your daily life. You could draw some strong responses that might not be as positive as usual. Be aware that you will need to hear from the other parties involved. Tonight: Make it early.

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