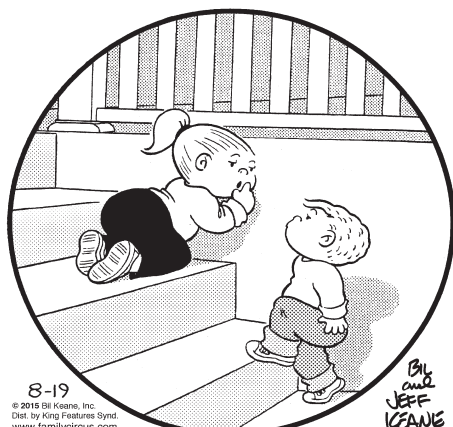
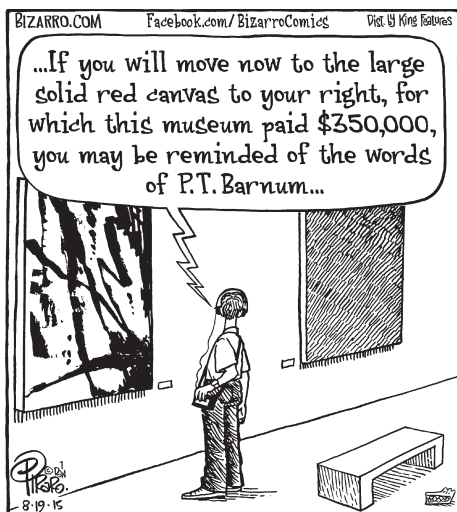


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'Be quiet and you can help me watch to make sure Billy doesn't come out of his room before he's s'posed to.'

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



...If you will move now to the large solid red canvas to your right, for which this museum paid \$350,000, you may be reminded of the words of P.T. Barnum...

ZITS | JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



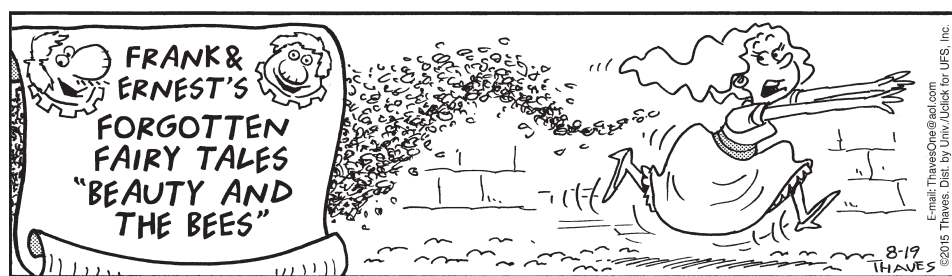
YOU HAVE A NAME TAG ALREADY? COOL, HUH? I STARTED OUT WITH A PAPER ONE, AND THEY GAVE ME THIS WHEN MY SHIFT WAS OVER. PLASTIC IS A SIGN OF RESPECT.

PICKLES | BRIAN CRANE



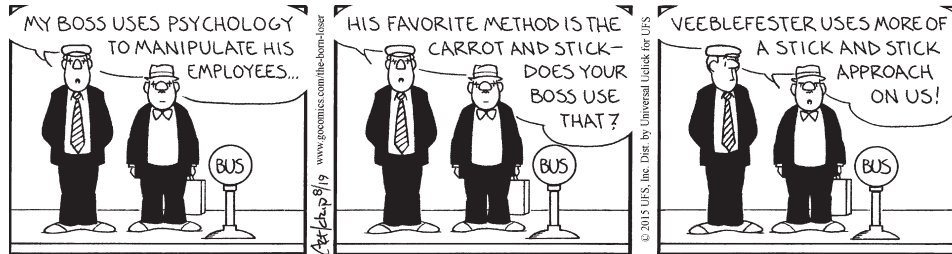
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, OPAL? I'M SENDING REQUESTS TO PEOPLE I KNOW, ASKING THEM TO FRIEND ME ON FACEBOOK. DOESN'T THAT SEEM A LITTLE PATHETIC? I MEAN, IF YOU HAVE TO BEG PEOPLE TO BE YOUR FRIEND, WHAT DOES THAT SAY ABOUT YOU? I GUESS IT SAYS I'M SLEEPING ON THE SOFA.

FRANK AND ERNEST | BOB THAVES



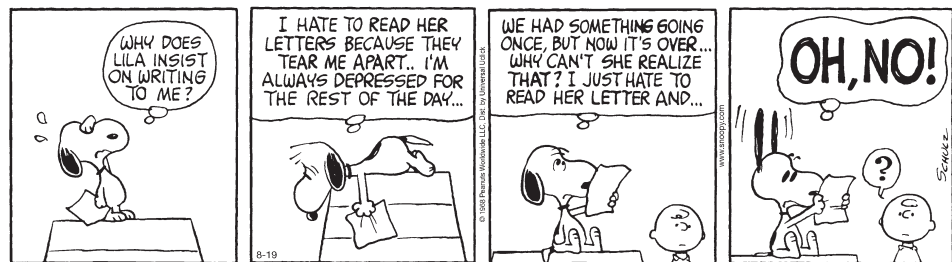
FRANK & ERNEST'S FORGOTTEN FAIRY TALES "BEAUTY AND THE BEES"

BORN LOSER | ART SAMSON



MY BOSS USES PSYCHOLOGY TO MANIPULATE HIS EMPLOYEES... HIS FAVORITE METHOD IS THE CARROT AND STICK - DOES YOUR BOSS USE THAT? VEEBLEFESTER USES MORE OF A STICK AND STICK APPROACH ON US!

PEANUTS | CHARLES M. SCHULZ



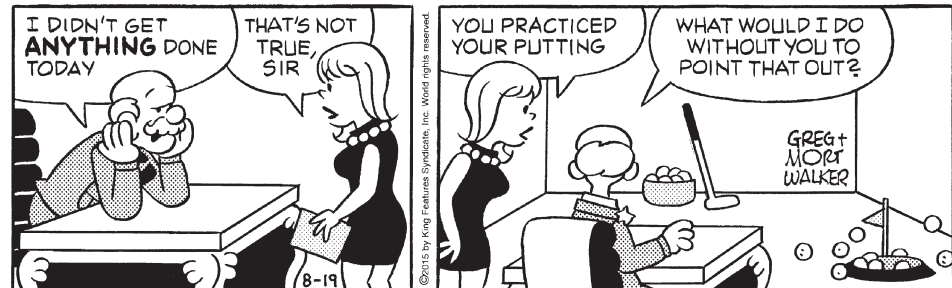
WHY DOES LILA INSIST ON WRITING TO ME? I HATE TO READ HER LETTERS BECAUSE THEY TEAR ME APART... I'M ALWAYS DEPRESSED FOR THE REST OF THE DAY... WE HAD SOMETHING GOING ONCE, BUT NOW IT'S OVER... WHY CAN'T SHE REALIZE THAT? I JUST HATE TO READ HER LETTER AND... OH, NO!

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE | CHRIS BROWNE



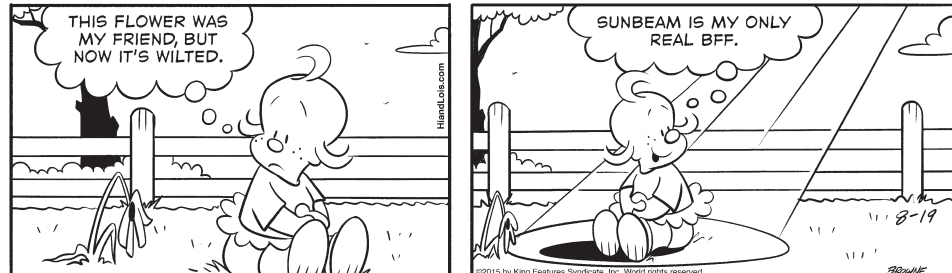
I'VE BEEN TRAINING SNERT... GREAT! LET'S SEE IF HE'S A GOOD LEARNER... SIT! HE'S NOT SITTING! WHAT DID YOU TEACH HIM? TO QUESTION AUTHORITY!

BETLE BAILEY | MORT WALKER



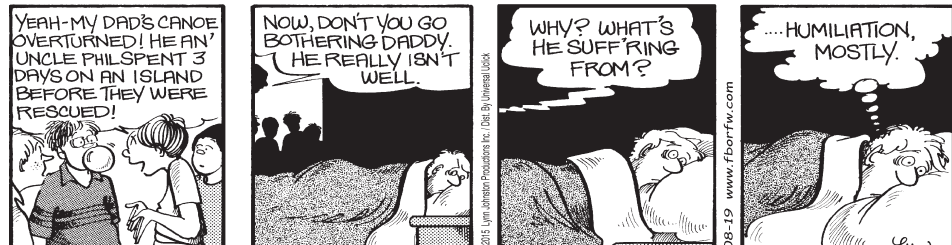
I DIDN'T GET ANYTHING DONE TODAY. THAT'S NOT TRUE, SIR. YOU PRACTICED YOUR PUTTING. WHAT WOULD I DO WITHOUT YOU TO POINT THAT OUT? GREG + MORT WALKER

HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



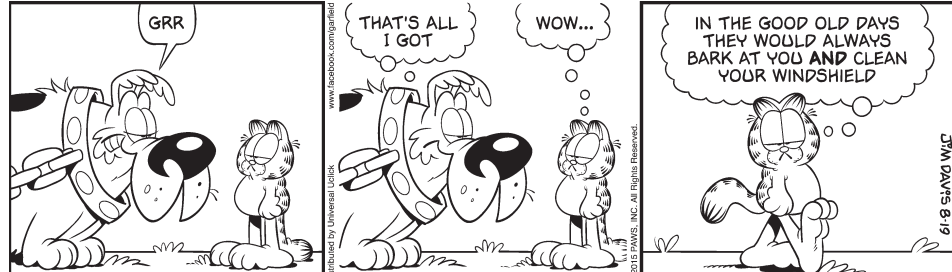
THIS FLOWER WAS MY FRIEND, BUT NOW IT'S WILTED. SUNBEAM IS MY ONLY REAL BFF.

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON



YEAH - MY DAD'S CANOE OVERTURNED! HE AN' UNCLE PHIL SPENT 3 DAYS ON AN ISLAND BEFORE THEY WERE RESCUED! NOW, DON'T YOU GO BOTHERING DADDY. HE REALLY ISN'T WELL. WHY? WHAT'S HE SUFFERING FROM? ...HUMILIATION, MOSTLY!

GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS



GRR. THAT'S ALL I GOT. WOW... IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS THEY WOULD ALWAYS BARK AT YOU AND CLEAN YOUR WINDSHIELD.

Husband With Low Sex Drive Is Not Interested In Higher Gear

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Sam," and I have been married three years and have a good relationship. He's a wonderful father and husband, and I really couldn't ask for much more.

However, there is one thing I just don't know what to do about. He had a rough divorce from his first wife, who was also the first woman he ever had sex with (they waited until they were married). She started doing drugs shortly afterward and cheated on him several times. Counseling with her didn't work, and eventually he filed for divorce.

We married five years after his divorce, and we also waited to have sex until we were married. This was by mutual agreement. Once we were married, I realized he has some big hang-ups about sex in general. There can never be any foreplay, we never change positions, and the times it happens are few and far between.

I have expressed my need for more intimacy, but he acts like I'm being ridiculous, or says he can't make himself change something he's comfortable with. How else can I approach this situation without making him feel bad? I believe sex in a marriage is very important, and ours needs to change. - NEEDS MORE IN TEXAS

DEAR NEEDS MORE: Your husband has a problem, but in order for there to be any changes in your marriage, he will have to admit to himself - and to you - that he has one. A place to start would be marriage counseling with a licensed therapist, and from there, very likely, a course of treatment with a licensed sex therapist. I hope you can convince him that it is necessary, because unless he agrees, I don't think a mutually satisfying union will be possible.

DEAR ABBY: I got my sister a job at my workplace, and she has now fallen in love with one of my co-workers, "Bill." The prob-

lem is, he's married and has children. Bill's wife works here, too, and she recently found out about the romance. Bill and his wife talked and decided to work things out.

I have now learned that Bill and my sister are still dating and have even discussed marriage. I had decided to stay out of it, but I'm friends with this couple and I feel obligated to let the wife know. Should I stay silent and let her find out for herself? How do I make my sister realize this is not a good path she is going down? - STUCK IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR STUCK: Bill's wife already knows she's married to a cheater. She doesn't need you to tell her. Do, however, talk to your sister and remind her that this is a no-win situation for her.

When Bill's wife realizes the affair is ongoing, she'll either see to it that the romance is over once and for all - which means your sister will end up brokenhearted - or she'll divorce him. If she divorces Bill and he marries your sister, your sister will have a husband with a history of cheating and heavy child support payments. That's hardly a guarantee of a happy ending.

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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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19, 2015:

This year you will be more creative, communicative and caring. Sometimes, because of the broad circle of friends you have, you discover that you have less time for in-depth conversations. For that reason, a superficiality might permeate the year. You also could see a financial opportunity open up in the next 12 months. If you are single, you will remain so only by choice. Don't feel as if you have to settle or even make a decision until you are ready. If you are attached, though your popularity soars, remember your sweetie. Make him or her the major centerpiece of your life. LIBRA gravitates toward you, and vice versa.

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)

**** A surprise might toss you into some thoughtful reflection. The outcome of this will be important. You will want to simplify what is happening around you. Open up to some big changes that will add to the excitement of the moment. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

** You might be stunned by what is going on around you. You could gain a sudden insight that will help you deal with your day-to-day life. Try to see the big picture, but don't force others to see that same vision. Tonight: Take a brisk walk or indulge in some other form of exercise.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

**** Your ability to see beyond the obvious will make a considerable difference in various situations. The unexpected could result in stronger feelings and a clearer sense of direction. Others will express their thoughts as long as they don't feel cornered. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

**** Listen to what is shared. Otherwise, you might not have a strong sense of what is really being asked. Try not to overcommit yourself, and don't say that something is a good idea if you don't believe it. You will feel as if anything is possible. Tonight: Make it fun.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

**** You'll make an effort to reach out to

others despite a more interesting and intriguing situation that lures you in. Sometimes you need to let go of demands and change your schedule. This might be an excellent example of when this would be appropriate. Tonight: Make calls first.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

**** You could be exhausted from all the recent activity. Know that you have what it takes to clear out and get through what you must. Make this an early day if you can. You might need to slow down some or pull out of a commitment. Tonight: Full of fun.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

***** You will make a difference wherever you go. A partner, who sometimes is unpredictable, is likely to add a touch of vitality to the day. You might notice that a friend has an odd response to a predictable situation. Still, continue as you have been. Tonight: Where the action is.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

*** You know what needs to happen. Before you make any decisions, understand that a certain amount of unpredictability runs through your day. You'll want to simplify the moment and do only what you want. Is that a possibility? Tonight: Co-coon at home.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

**** You could be a little out of sorts, as a loved one seems to be challenging you. Understand that you cannot control this person. You don't need to reach out to him or her, but you do need to detach in order to see the big picture. Tonight: Think before you act.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

**** You'll feel comfortable assuming a leadership position right now. You know how to handle the voices of uncertainty and discontentment better than most. Soon others will become more confident in your abilities. Tonight: Your actions do count.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

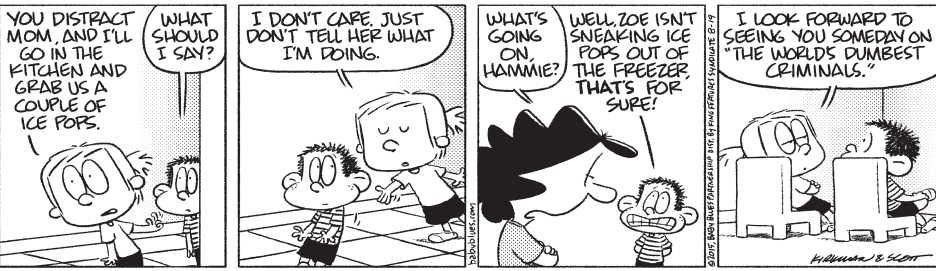
** Know when to say less and observe more. You could be stunned by what happens, but remain confident that you will succeed no matter what. Conversations will be animated and powerful. Take news with a grain of salt; you might not have all the facts. Tonight: Not to be found.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

**** You could be in a position where you need to get more done, as others seem to have left some extra work or details for you to take care of. You will make it your pleasure at this point, but know that you don't have to accept this type of responsibility too often. Tonight: Do for you.

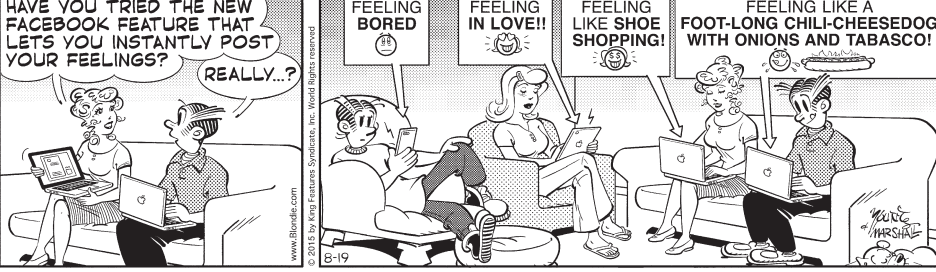
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BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



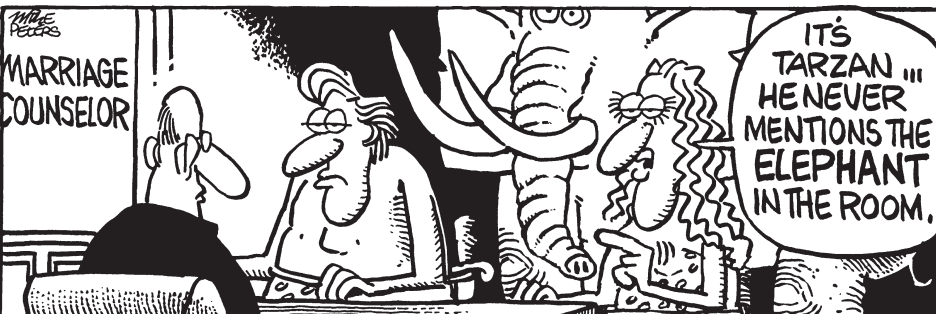
YOU DISTRACT MOM, AND I'LL GO IN THE KITCHEN AND GRAB US A COUPLE OF ICE POPS. WHAT SHOULD I SAY? I DON'T CARE, JUST DON'T TELL HER WHAT I'M DOING. WHAT'S GOING ON, HAMMIE? WELL, ZOE ISN'T SNEAKING ICE POPS OUT OF THE FREEZER. THAT'S FOR SURE! I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOMERIN ON 'THE WORLD'S DUMBEST CRIMINALS.'

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