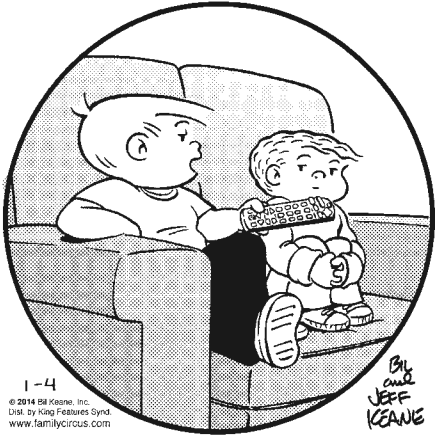


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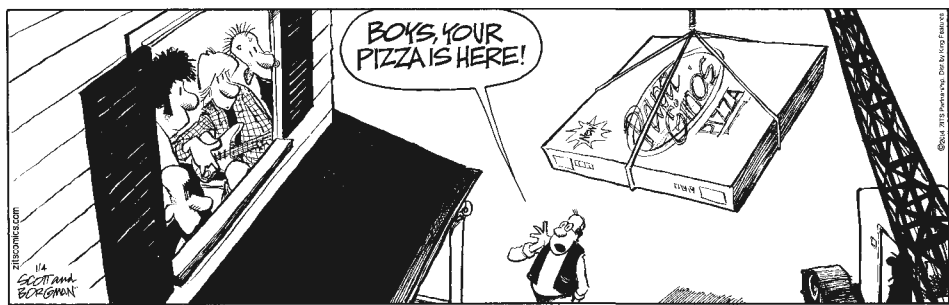
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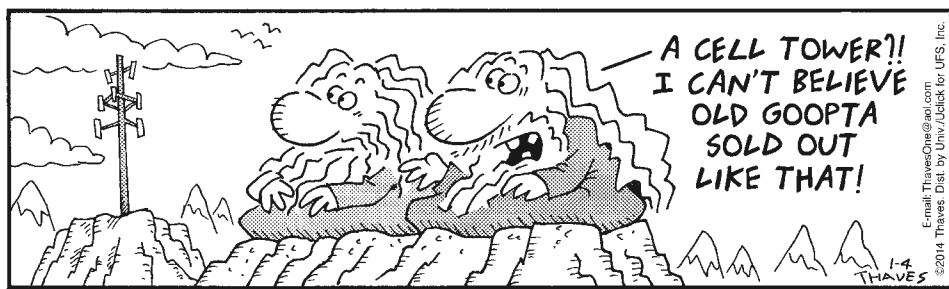


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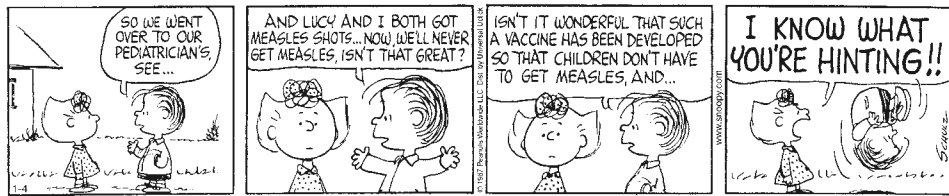
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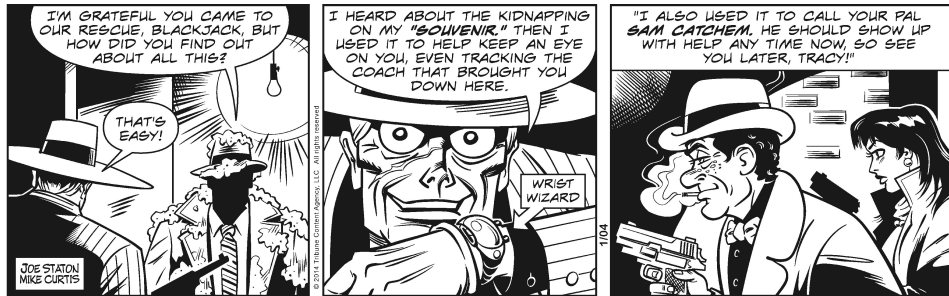
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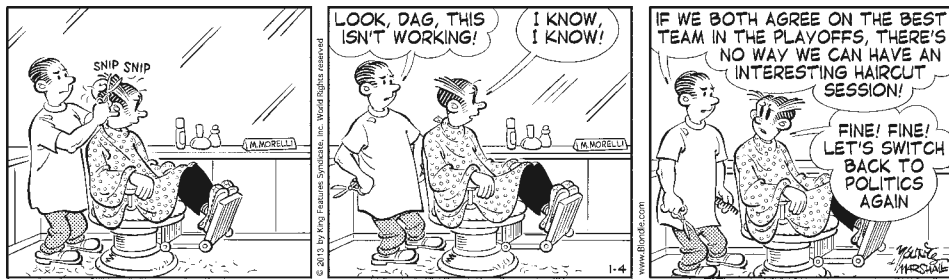
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Man Is Turned Off By Gal Pal's Resemblance To Mother

DEAR ABBY: I met a guy I think is perfect for me on a dating website. We have gone on several dates and they have been great. He respects my morals and even has some of his own, which isn't easy to find.

The problem: He says I am exactly what he has been looking for except for one thing. I look like his mother. He says he really likes me and would like to keep dating to see if he can get past this issue. I like him very much. Is there something I can do, short of plastic surgery? — DEAD RINGER IN ARIZONA

DEAR DEAD RINGER: Before changing anything, you need to explore more closely what he's saying. Ask to meet his mother, then judge for yourself how strong the resemblance is. It's possible the similarity is less physical and more about your personality or mannerisms.

You should not alter your image to please anyone but yourself. Keep in mind that many men DO marry women who resemble their mothers in some way — whether it's conscious or not — and the marriages are often successful.

DEAR ABBY: My parents divorced many years ago, and ever since, I have lived with my mother and visit Dad on his days off from work. Mom cheated on Dad, and the man she cheated with lives with us.

I don't have a good relationship with her boyfriend. We don't have much in common, and when he drinks, he gets angry for no reason and takes it out on me or Mom, and it puts the whole household in an awkward position, sometimes lasting for days. When he's sober, he can be fun to be around.

I have talked with my mom about this. She promises she'll talk to him and things are going to change, but they never do. She doesn't want to break up with him because she can't afford to pay the mortgage on her own. I have thought about moving in with my dad, but I don't want to upset her. What do I do? — WANTS TO MOVE IN WITH DAD

DEAR WANTS: Your mother hasn't asserted herself with her boyfriend because she's financially dependent on him. She's afraid if she insists he do something about his drinking, he will leave her.

The affair and the boyfriend were her choice, not yours. If you want to move in with your father to avoid being around a verbally abusive drunk — and your father is willing — that's what you should do. You should not have to tolerate abuse in order not to "upset" your mother. It's OK to take care of yourself.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 32-year-old woman. My boyfriend of 11 years passed away almost three years ago. I loved him very much and miss him every day. Some well-meaning friends and family members have suggested a dating site.

Abby, when does someone know it's time to move on? I haven't been on a date in 13 years. I'm scared of putting myself out there again and getting hurt. Any advice would be great. — SCARED IN OREGON

DEAR SCARED: If the only reason you haven't reached out before is fear of rejection, then it's time to move on. Ask your friends and family to help you write a profile, and then consider what happens next as an "adventure."

While there are no guarantees you'll immediately find a relationship like the one you had, you might find someone who is compatible. And if you don't, you could still make some friends. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

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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 Capricorn and a Moon in Aquarius if born before 8:58 a.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, JAN. 4, 2014:

This year you have an unusual capacity to visualize your goals. You also might develop your sixth sense to the extent that you know who is calling even without looking at the caller ID. You seem to be more in tune with your environment than in the past. If you are single, you will know when you meet the right person. Have the courage to remain unattached until that point. If you are attached, your intuition allows you to read your sweetie in a new way. PISCES encourages you to break past conventional thinking.

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 could have the intention of accomplishing certain errands only to toss that idea to the wayside. You might resist the urge to take the day off, but even at work you still might be found daydreaming. Head out early, if you can. Tonight: A quiet night at home.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

See beyond the obvious. In a discussion, others will share what they really would like to do. Listen well. Encourage a friend to take a risk and go for what he or she wants. This person will appreciate your feedback. Tonight: Off with friends and loved ones.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Take time to share your plans and get feedback from an important friend or loved one. Schedule some time with a special person in order to get to know him and her better. Both of you will be happier for the experience. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Understand what is going on with someone you don't see regularly. You might decide to take the time to go visit this person. Don't forget the importance of maintaining eye contact. You will understand much more when you are together. Tonight: Use your imagination.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Reach out to a dear friend or loved one. This person seems to have a twinkle in his or her eye and a general sense of what to do. You

naturally lead, but can you naturally follow? That ability could be the path to enjoying a friendship even more. Tonight: Continue the theme.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Keep your cellphone handy. It will seem as if nearly everyone you know is calling you, and perhaps even some people you don't know. Screen your calls and cut the texting. Happiness could surround a special person in your life. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Know that you do need to keep working to get through a lot of errands and paperwork. You might want to take off; however, it seems as though you can't afford to do this just yet. Keep at it, and you will find some free time. Tonight: Use your imagination when making plans.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

When you feel spontaneous, you reveal more of the mischievous child within yourself. A loved one delights in your company when you are this expressive. Whatever the two of you plan to do, it will be enjoyable and fun for both of you. Tonight: Add spice to the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

You'll finally land at home, and you might decide to enjoy a very quiet day. Consider going for a walk or getting some exercise. Schedule the day for you and your well-being. Others will benefit when they interact with the new, revitalized you. Tonight: Order out.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

You might want to reach out to someone you care about, as this person makes a difference to you. Make plans to catch a movie together. You have been entertaining everyone else, and now it is time for you to have some fun. Tonight: Share some dinner with this person.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

Allow yourself to make that purchase you really wanted for Christmas but did not get. Make sure your budget can sustain the cost, though. In fact, you might discover something else that seems more appealing. Consider what bells and whistles you need. Tonight: Dinner out.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

If you feel as if you are top dog today, you are right-on. Ask for what you want, and do what you want. Some of you will enjoy reading or watching a movie at home, while others will opt to socialize with friends. Tonight: Only what makes you happy.

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