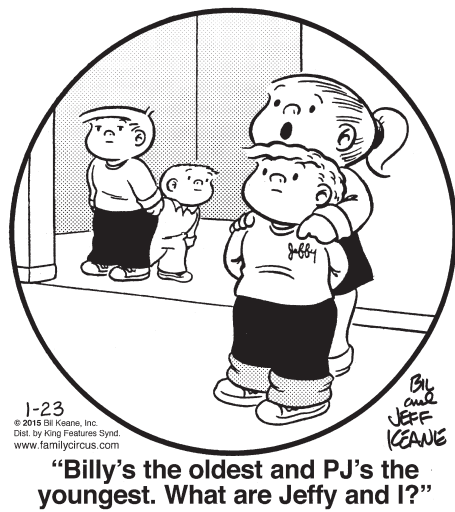


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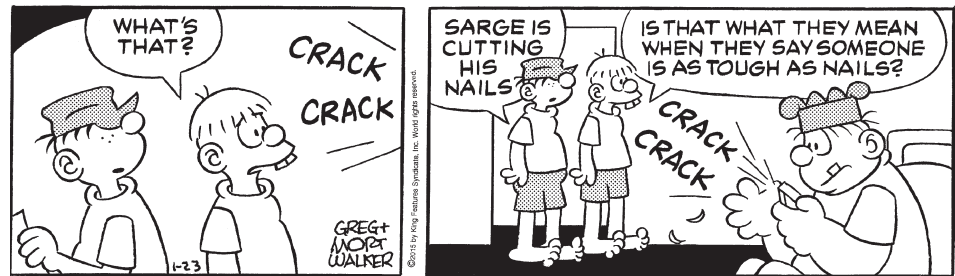
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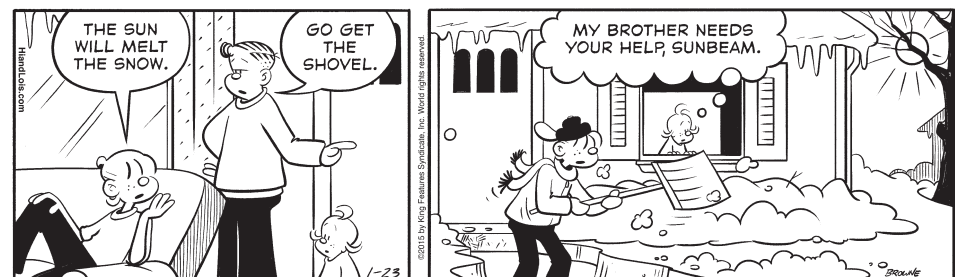
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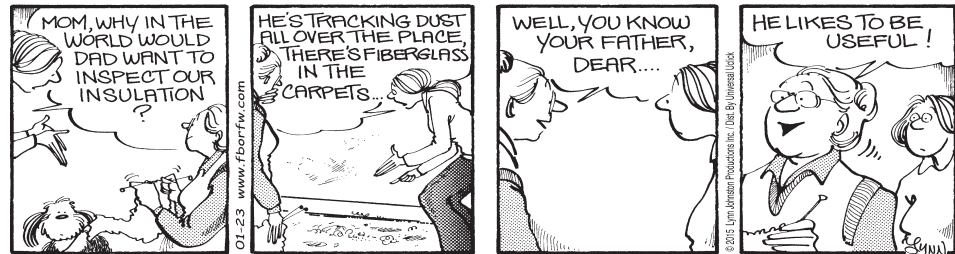
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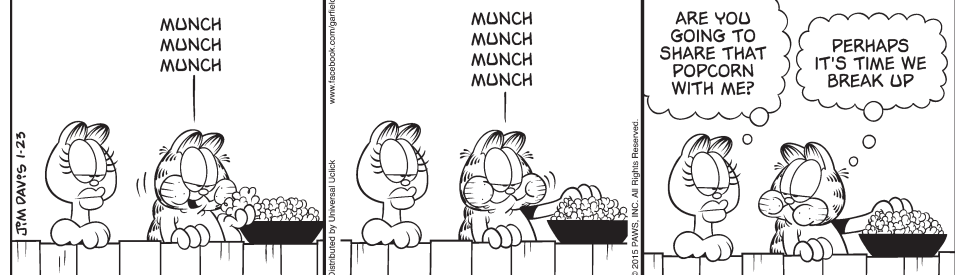
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New Desk Comes With A View Co-Worker Would Like To Avoid

DEAR ABBY: I like my job a lot, but I have recently been assigned a different desk. I now sit next to someone who regularly draws his blood with a lancet and gives himself a shot for his diabetes just a foot away from me. I am extremely uncomfortable around blood and needles. I don't want to make waves because this person has been here a lot longer than I have, and apparently, no one has ever been bothered by it.

Am I being silly? Would it be improper to ask my supervisor to move me? Moving desks is a big enough deal that I will have to give a reason. Help. — SQUEAMISH IN GREAT FALLS, MONT.

DEAR SQUEAMISH: Because the sight of blood and needles makes you uncomfortable, discuss this with your supervisor ASAP. While these are procedures many people with diabetes must attend to on a daily basis, you shouldn't have to watch if you don't want to.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter and son-in-law were blessed with a child two years ago. My ex-husband (not my daughter's father) has hardly been in her life since our divorce 15 years ago. She never called him Dad. We have both remarried.

He and his new wife have moved close to the kids and want to be grandparents. I don't have a problem with them being close to my daughter, but I resent them being called "grandparents." I feel that title should be reserved.

Frankly, this has put a chasm in an otherwise close relationship. My daughter and son-in-law don't understand why I'm having a problem with it. Please give me some advice. — EARNED THE RIGHT IN VIRGINIA

DEAR EARNED: OK. While I understand your jealousy, for all concerned, you need to realize that the more love and attention

a child has, the better. Your grandchild will benefit from having many caring adults in his/her life as long as they're not at each other's throats. While your ex and his wife may not technically be grandparents, if you blow this out of proportion, you risk alienating your daughter, so I advise against it.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a professor at a university on a military base in Germany. Most of my students are soldiers, their families or retirees, so my students range in age from 18 to 60. I do not yet have my Ph.D., only my master's.

I communicate a lot with my students through email. How should I sign my emails to them? I can't say Dr. So-and-So. Do I use my full name or Professor So-and-So? While I'm friendly with my students, I still believe in keeping a professional distance, and I want to convey a sense of professionalism in my emails. — PROFESSOR SO-AND-SO

DEAR PROFESSOR SO-AND-SO: Sign your communications with your students exactly the way you have signed the one you have written to me.

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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 Aquarius and a Moon in Pisces

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, JAN. 23, 2015:

This year you'll find that your finances are a key factor in making plans, especially as you consider a major life change. Sometimes you prevent yourself from realizing how you really feel about a situation. Be aware of this tendency, as it could cause a problem. If you are single, 2015 will be a year to remember. Expect to encounter an abundance of suitors; at least one of them will be very appealing. If you are attached, the two of you have a tendency to go overboard, but you always manage to have a ball doing it. Make sure to schedule special time together as a couple. PISCES wants to be involved in your life, but it is your call.

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 be facing a decision that will force you to go within. You might resist the process at first, but you will warm up to it eventually. Don't fight it, and you will have an easier time. Make time to have a discussion with a key confidant. Tonight: Try not to be so visible.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Information you are receiving could be subject to dramatic change, even if you don't see it yet. Emphasize your goals and priorities. A get-together with friends will be highlighted. Make a note of what is not being said. Tonight: TGIF!

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You could be startled by how someone else takes a stand before you can even verbalize what you feel needs to be done. Try not to hold a grudge. This person might want control at any cost. The only way to win a power struggle here is not to play. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Reach out for more information and/or an expert if you are not satisfied with what you are hearing. You could be questioning what works for you. Distance yourself from the issue as much as possible; only then can you make a good decision. Tonight: Follow the music.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You'll want to cut back and relax more,

yet you might resist letting go of certain responsibilities. Figure out what you really want to do, and you won't have a problem. A loved one will let you know where he or she is coming from. Tonight: Munchies with a friend.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You seem to be unusually resourceful when dealing with someone who can be very controlling. Be aware of your objective, and don't play into this person's control games. The results will be a lot better than you might have expected. Tonight: Accept a special invitation.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You could be at your wits' end when dealing with a difficult, controlling person. Avoid getting into a conflict by backing away carefully. The only way to be effective is to be nonreactive. Listen to others' feedback. Tonight: Accept a colleague's invitation.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You might have to handle a task, but your mind will be on a loved one. Break free from the shackles of your schedule, and go be with this person. Remember that life is for living. Sometimes you get too caught up with work and responsibilities. Tonight: As you like it.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Perhaps you don't realize how much you enjoy staying close to home. However, given the opportunity, you might consider having a home-based business, if you don't already. Make a call to someone who can help you clear up a problem. Tonight: Kick back.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Express what you feel, and remember to be diplomatic. You will get better results than if you were to proceed in your usual way. Someone might be trying to win a power play, but this person doesn't know how strong and willful you are. Tonight: Head out with friends.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

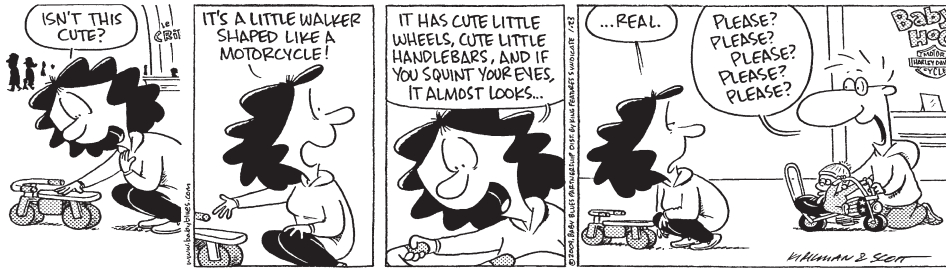
★★★★ You could have the best intentions, but you might unknowingly trigger others. Do some soul searching or have a discussion with a trusted friend. You will want to root out this problem in order to have better communication. Tonight: Treat a friend.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

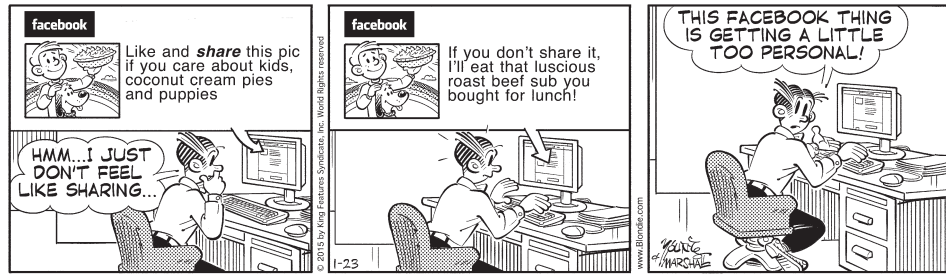
★★★★ You might feel as if you're on top of the world, yet a problem could be brewing within a friendship. This issue will need to be addressed. Ask yourself how important this person is to you, and then proceed accordingly. Tonight: You are noticed wherever you are.

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