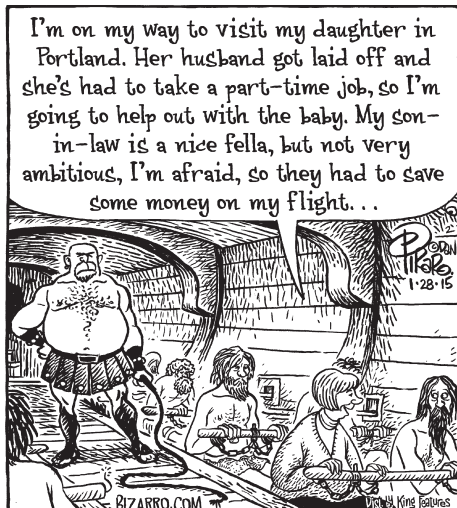


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"Are goosebumps in the same family as chickenpox?"
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Husband Hopes Wife Is Willing To Spice Up Their Love Life

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for quite a while, and our intimate life became monotonous and unimaginative a long time ago. Over the years I have suggested we try things like role-playing and other non-extreme variations during intimate times. My suggestions were met with rolling eyes and retorts like, "I'm your wife, not a hooker." I finally gave up and try to be content with what we have together.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

Then one evening she surprised me and did one of the things I had suggested. It was very nice and she seemed to like it, too. I didn't know what to say to her. "Thank you" somehow seemed condescending. We have done nothing like it since.

I doubt if the answer is in the etiquette books. What should I have said to her to let her know how much I appreciated her loosening up and hope it will perhaps make her more comfortable spicing things up in the future? — ETIQUETTE ADVOCATE IN SAN DIEGO
DEAR ADVOCATE: Praise is a powerful incentive. Flowers would have been nice. But since you didn't send any, try this: Invite your wife out to dinner at a nice restaurant. Tell her how surprised and delighted you were with the special surprise she gave you. A small gift to commemorate the occasion couldn't hurt either.

Since he has never felt any breasts, if I tell him, my fear is he will get hung up on the thought, "I wonder what REAL breasts feel like." On the other hand, if I don't tell him and sometime in the future he finds out, he may be like, "I can't believe you kept that from me." What would you advise? — RETICENT IN KENTUCKY

DEAR RETICENT: Many women have breast enhancement surgery so their figures will be more balanced. For the reason you have mentioned, you should tell your boyfriend. It should make no difference to him. However, if it does, it's better that you know now before you spend any more time on someone who measures the worth of a woman by how "real" her breasts are.

P.S. If he wants to know what "real" breasts feel like, tell him to go hug his mother.

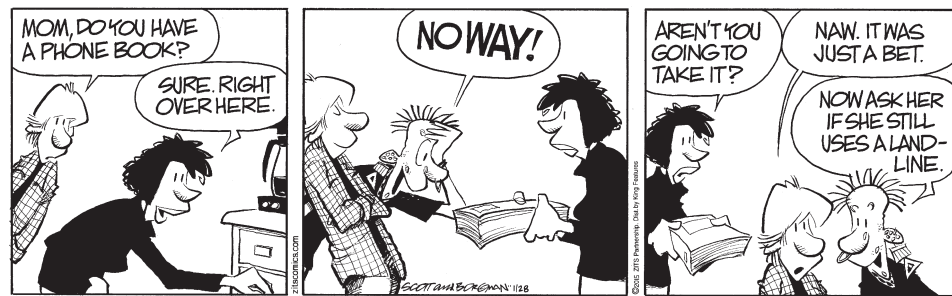
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: I'll pass along this pithy sentiment shared with me by former California Gov. Gray Davis. In a commencement speech to students graduating from Columbia Law School, David told them: "School is fair. Life is not. Just get used to it."

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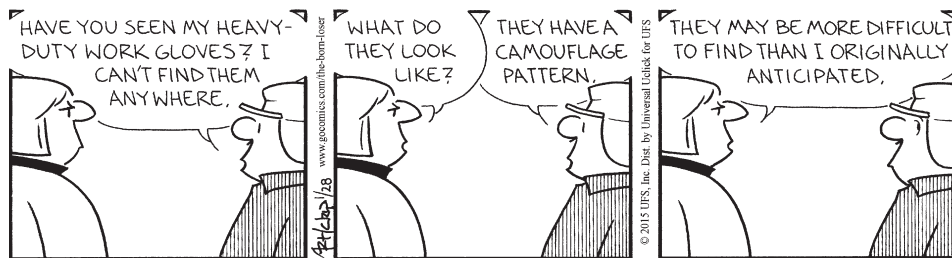
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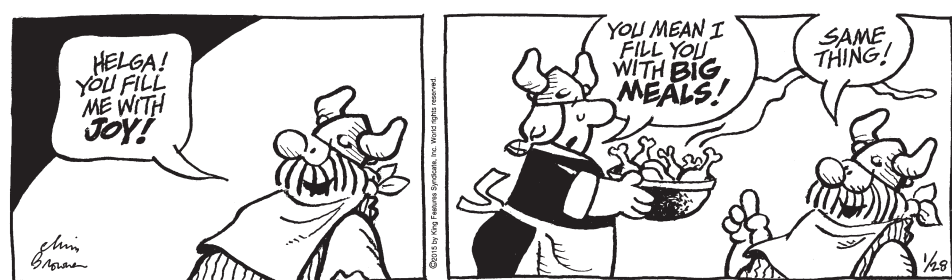
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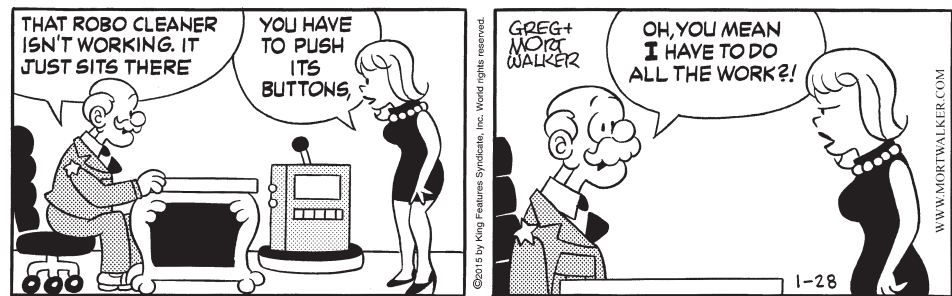
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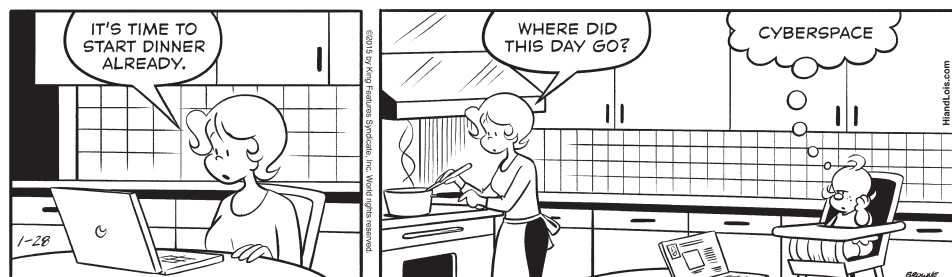
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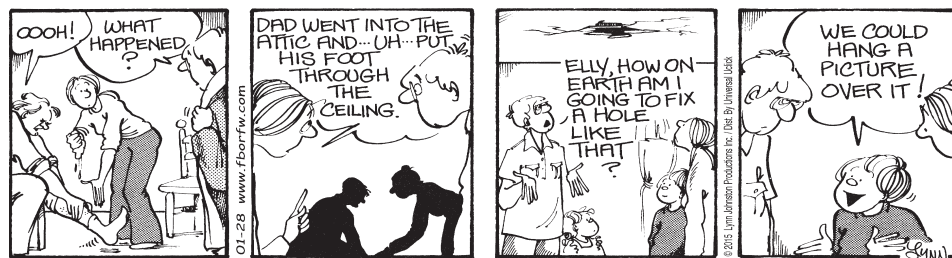
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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 Taurus if born before 2:38 p.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28, 2015:

This year you often feel as if others stop you in your tracks. You will experience obstacles, but you also will learn how to bypass them. You need to listen to your inner voice. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone who could be your soul mate at any point this year. You will be clearly understood by this person. If you are attached, you and your sweetie see your bond strengthen this year. You also might go through a period of wanting different goals. Don't worry about this disparity; it will work itself out. GEMINI always makes you smile.

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)
★★★★ Your practical side will keep you anchored in the morning. By the afternoon, your imagination will add zest to any concept that enters your head. These two qualities tend to add to your success, though some people might find it confusing. Tonight: Meet friends for dinner.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)
★★★★ Use the morning for any heartfelt projects that you would like to complete. The afternoon could toss you into the financial realm, where you'll gain more understanding of a money matter. Don't be intimidated by someone who is more knowledgeable than you. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)
★★★★ Don't get upset if you are dragging in the morning, because you'll be full of amazing thoughts and energy in the afternoon. Others simply will kick back and observe. Remain open-minded, even if a partner or friend seems to be somewhat negative. Tonight: Out and about.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)
★★★ Use the morning for meetings and important get-togethers. You could be more tired than you realize, and might need to slow down in the afternoon. Squeeze in a nap if you can. Make it OK not to be so responsive right now. Tonight: Vanish into the night.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)
★★★★ Be willing to voice your opinion in a

group of friends; just know that you might not be thrilled by others' reactions. You could try to coax them to see your side; however, this type of manipulation has the potential to backfire. Tonight: Just be yourself. Everything will work out.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)
★★★ You could feel pressured, as people with different issues seem to appear around you. Your responsibilities might be unusually heavy, which will force you to say "no" to a situation in which you would prefer to be involved. Try to be diplomatic. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone whom you care a lot about. You might not have the right words to describe your feelings, but don't underestimate the importance of your tone. You might need some downtime for yourself. Take it. Tonight: Grasp the big picture.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)
★★★★ You could be unusually preoccupied with a problem involving your finances. You won't be able to change what has happened, but you can let go of what seems to be holding you back. Communication could be stifling at best. Tonight: Go along with a friend's wishes.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)
★★★ You might be fixated on one issue or project, and perhaps haven't noticed how much time you have spent on this matter. You could be disappointed by someone else's reaction, or vice versa. Try to be as realistic as possible. Tonight: Make amends in a fun way.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)
★★★★ Where others don't know how to resolve an issue, you'll tap into your ingenuity. Your creativity seems endless and right on target. You could be a lot more isolated than you realize. Try adding more warmth to business-related conversations. Tonight: Leap into action.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)
★★★★ You could be taken aback by a loved one's efforts. You also might need to express your feelings to this person. Your creativity is often fed by your resilience. You know there is always an answer. Today, use that knowledge. Tonight: Time for some playfulness.

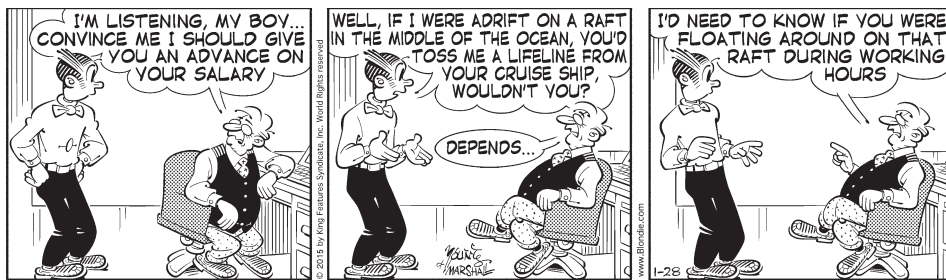
PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)
★★★★ You often are not aware of how you feel, as you tend to get involved in others' matters. Stop and look within. You might want to put yourself first for a change. If you aren't feeling up to snuff, you won't be as centered as you might like to be. Tonight: Get some beauty sleep.

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