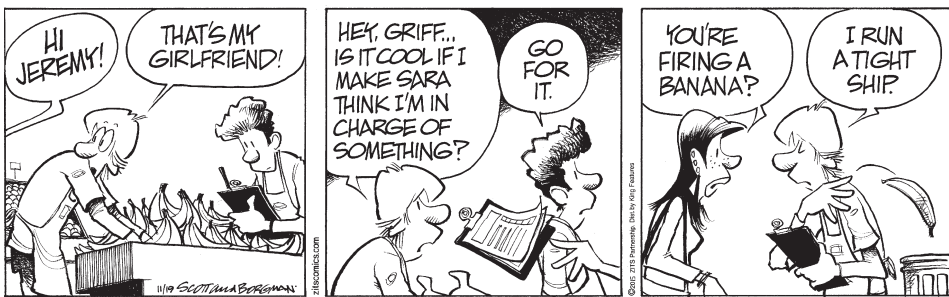


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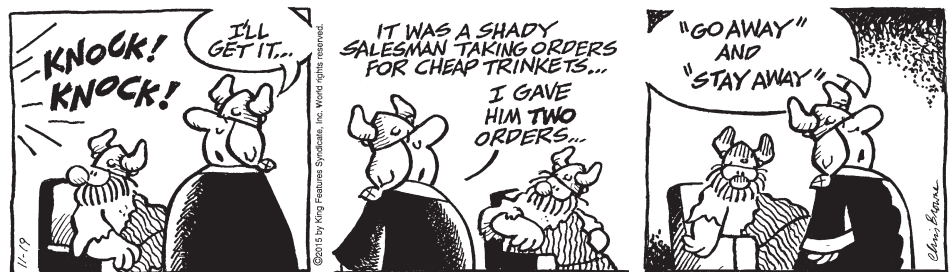
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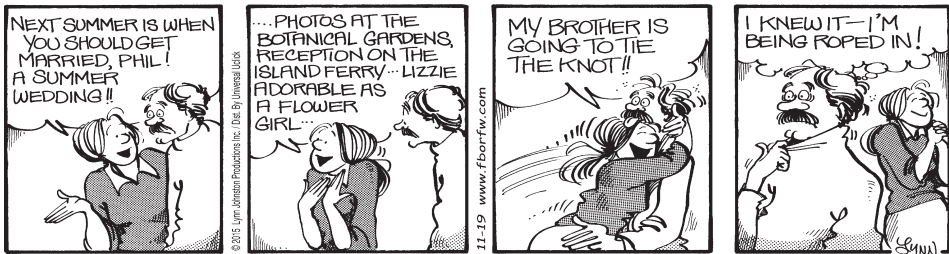
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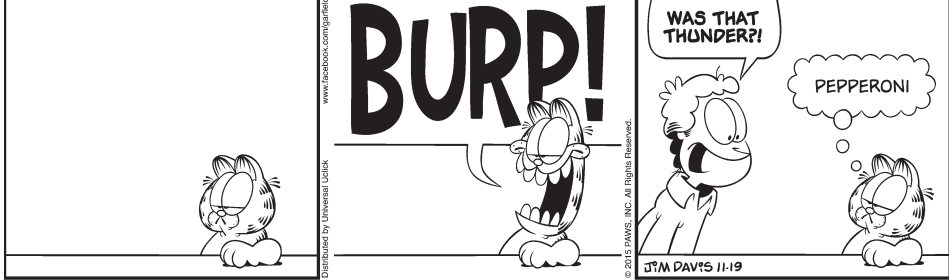
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## Feelings Hurt In High School Linger Long After Graduation

**DEAR ABBY:** I loved the letter from "Ready for the Reunion" (July 31), who wondered why some people in her high school graduating class didn't respond to the notice of the reunion. Some of us would like to completely forget high school and everything associated with it.

I missed my 10th, 20th, 30th and 40th year reunions. I did consider going to the last one, but then I started reading my former classmates' posts on the reunion website. It seems everyone is retired, wealthy, has numerous grandchildren, at least one retirement home in an exotic locale and spends their time relaxing and jetting around (or so they say). I'm still working, not wealthy, not particularly successful and have moved from my home state to the backwoods of middle America. Basically, I have a boring life, so I have nothing to brag about. I didn't go.

I'm still in contact with the important people in my life from high school and just don't need the aggravation of attending a reunion. — STAYING HOME

**DEAR STAYING:** Thank you for your input. I received a large number of responses to that letter, many of which were emotionally charged:

**DEAR ABBY:** My class just had its 45th reunion. I live 20 miles away, but have never attended one and I never will.

My best friend and I were bullied, insulted and excluded by our high school peers. After 45 years, we are still close friends. Neither of us has any desire to see any of those people ever again.

High school was a miserable experience for us, and we couldn't wait to graduate and go off to college. Why would we want to socialize with them now? We forgave them long ago, but have no desire to relive those days. People need to realize that sometimes we move on and don't need to revisit the past. — CAROL IN GEORGIA

**DEAR ABBY:** My high school experience was traumatic to the point that it put me in therapy. People who look forward to these

things look back on their high school days with fondness. I'm guessing that's because they weren't picked on for being fat, not coming from a rich family or being a minority.

I would rather walk barefoot across broken glass than spend another minute with my high school class. I ignore the invitations because my mother taught me if I can't say anything nice, I should say nothing at all. — RAY IN SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

**DEAR ABBY:** Successful turnouts often occur as a result of personal outreach from the committee. A personalized note, phone call or other kind of targeted communication ("Dear Susie, we'd love to see you again. Please come.") will make a difference to an alum. — FORMER REUNION PLANNER IN WASHINGTON

**DEAR ABBY:** Of the 280 missing students, for a quarter of them to be deceased would be par for the course.

"Ready" should create a Facebook Groups page for her high school graduating class. Ours is very popular — 35 percent of our former classmates are already part of it. — PETER IN NAPLES, FLA.

**DEAR ABBY:** It is possible that many of the graduates never received the invitation. Email contact information, phone numbers and addresses change often. I didn't receive anything about my 10-year reunion, but a few of my friends said they did. I can't respond to an invitation I didn't receive. — ROD IN OMAHA

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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 Scorpio and a Moon in Aquarius if born before 7:21 a.m. (EDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Pisces.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, NOV. 19, 2015:

This year you tap into your resourcefulness and vivid imagination. As a result, you will feel fulfilled and be able to experience the type of productivity you desire. Don't be afraid to go out on a limb or take a risk. Your sixth sense will guide you. If you are single, you seem to have the magic quality that others seek. The question is: Who holds that type of magic for you? When you meet this person, you will know what to do. If you are attached, the two of you often act like new lovers. The intensity between you sometimes overwhelms you both. PISCES sets your imagination on fire.

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 friendly demeanor will warm up a friendship. You might have difficulty mixing together various people in your day-to-day life, as you have quite the plethora of personalities around you. Listen to your inner voice when dealing with a partner. Tonight: Follow your gut.

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

★★★★ You will take the lead if no one else wants to. You might not want the extra work or the time lost, but you know that you will succeed. How well you do could be beyond your wildest dreams. Choose a stressbuster to relieve some tension. Tonight: Work through the stress.

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

★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone with whom you can be 100 percent yourself. Be open when dealing with a creative project. You'll realize that there is no point in a hiding your opinion. An important person in your life could challenge your choices. Tonight: It is your call.

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

★★★★ Reach out to a loved one you care about. This person also cares about you. You often share news that might be thought of as questionable or not valid as of yet. You know what you want, but might not be ready to take the needed leap of faith. Tonight: Listen to a suggestion.

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

★★★★ Someone might be more contentious

than you realize. You'll be surprised, as you don't often see this side of this person. However, you could be wearing rose-colored glasses. A loved one will share an important evaluation. Tonight: Spend time with your favorite person.

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

★★★★ Clear up as much as possible in the morning, though you might feel as if you are jumping through hoops. Prioritize, but first take into consideration a partner's requests. He or she might need to chip in, as you can handle only so much. Tonight: Go along with fun plans.

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

★★★★ Your playfulness marks the early day, yet you realize that you need to focus and clear out certain tasks quickly. You have the drive and follow-through to complete what you must. Notice a tendency to get angry easily. Process what is going on. Tonight: Get physical.

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

★★★★ You might want to handle a problem as fast as you can in the morning. If you are single, someone you meet could be deceptive. Get to know this person better before getting involved. If you are attached, you could misread your sweetie's intentions. Tonight: Remain open and caring.

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

★★★★ Speak your mind, but don't worry too much about how others respond. You simply are clearing the air. You have a lot on your mind that could involve your personal life and the choices you would like to make. Remain sensitive to others. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

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

★★★ Make sure that you have enough money in your bank account. You might come across a deal that is too good to be true. Your creativity remains key to an important project or interaction; use it well. Tonight: Listen to your intuition once more.

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

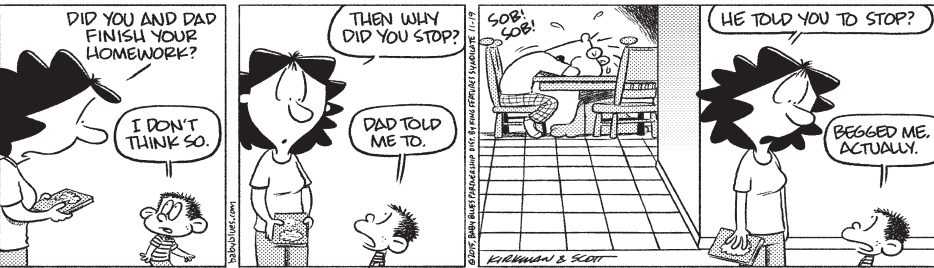
★★★ You'll wake up feeling ready for the world, but shortly thereafter you could get tripped up by a misunderstanding. Be aware of what is being offered to you, and respond clearly. Someone might be provocative. Try not to take this personally. Tonight: At a favorite place.

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

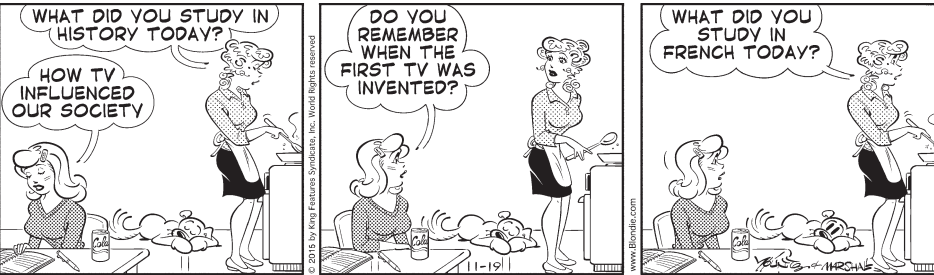
★★★★ Listen to a conversation carefully. You might want to replay it several times over in your mind as well. Relate to one person directly. Pressure builds when dealing with a higher-up who tends to be too fiery for your liking. Tonight: Others respond to you well.

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