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Seven-year-old Billy continues with his look at the family.

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Man's Neighborly Friendship Goes Too Far For His Wife

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Aaron," had an affair with the woman next door. We were close friends. I found out three months ago, and needless to say I'm not happy about it.

Aaron swears the affair is over, and he wants us to become a close threesome again. (She's in the process of divorcing her husband, who knows nothing about the affair.)

The three of us have gone to the beach, to the lake, dancing — just like old times. My husband is thrilled; I am miserable.

I am not convinced the affair is over, so I feel compelled to keep my eye on them. Every time we go out together, I come home upset and frustrated.

Aaron and I have been together more than 20 years. I don't want to divorce him. I need to know what to do without driving him back into her arms.

DEAR NOT LOVING: Three is a crowd, and your husband's insistence that you continue this painful and degrading threesome is highly suspicious.

You may not "want" a divorce, but be smart and discuss your options and a fair division of property with a lawyer NOW, so should a divorce be thrust upon you, you will be prepared in advance.

threesome is history. I wish you the best of luck.

DEAR ABBY: My longtime friend "Mona," a busy professional and social butterfly, had a baby last year. Her son is now a toddler.

She has asked me to volunteer. I do not relate well to young children. I have had no experience with them and, quite frankly, want none.

Mona has always known this, but when I told her I didn't think it would work out for me to baby-sit, she took offense and accused me of being a bad friend.

Now I feel guilty because Mona has always been good to me. However, I'm more than a little resentful that she put me in this position, knowing how I feel about kids.

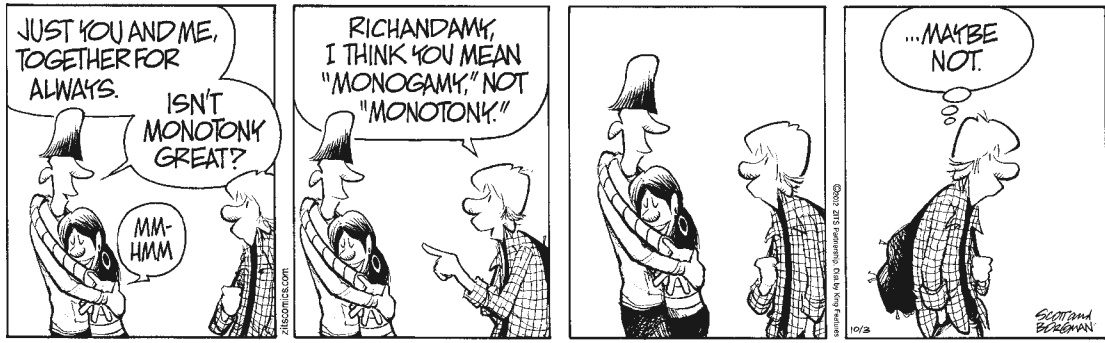
DEAR NOT KEEN ON KIDS: True friends don't impose on their friends for baby-sitting services when they've been told it would be awkward.

DEAR ABBY: This morning as I was wheeling my grocery cart to the "return" area in our local grocery store parking lot, a boy of about 9 had the nerve to tell me, "Don't smoke."

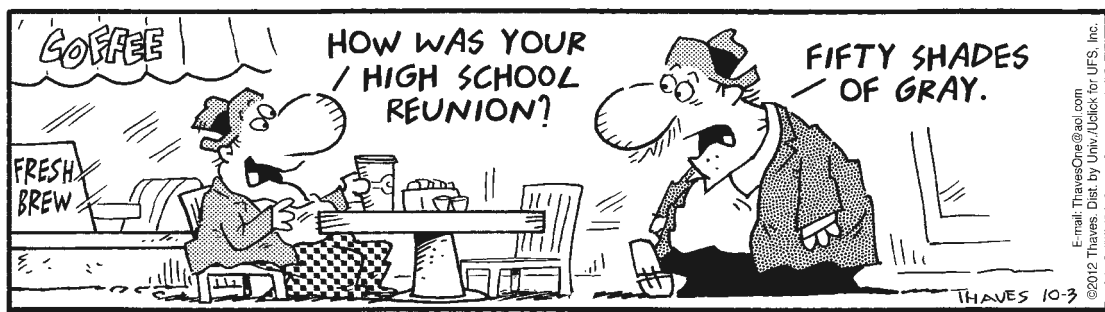
While I agree with parents who teach their children that smoking is harmful, I also feel they should teach their children to respect their elders (I'm 52) and to mind their own business.

DEAR LIGHTING UP: The child was not being disrespectful — he was being honest. From the mouths of babes ...

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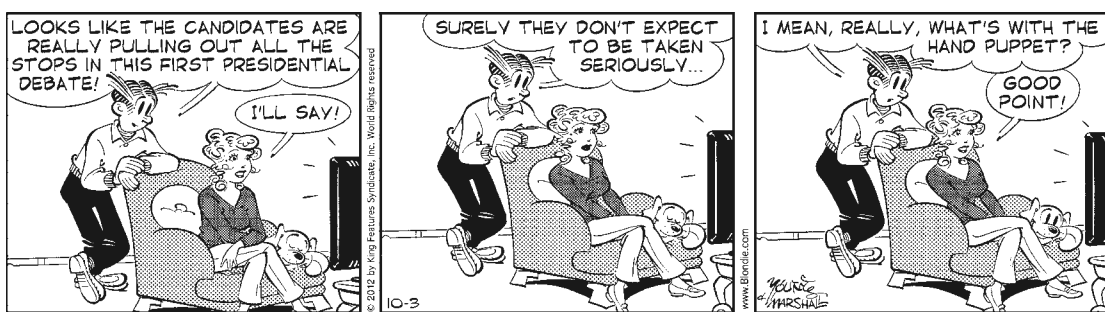
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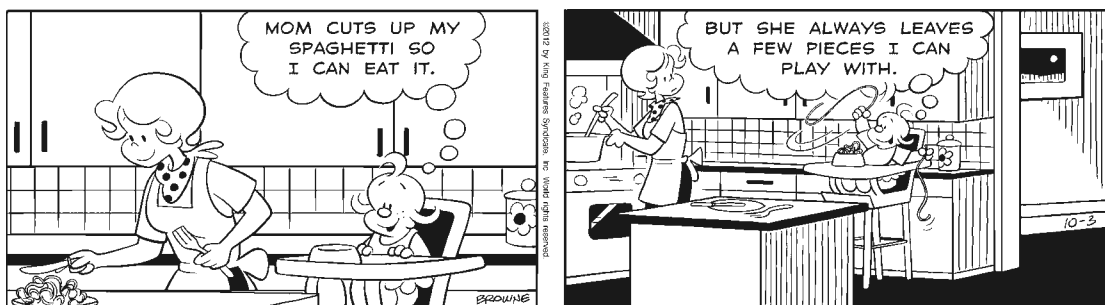
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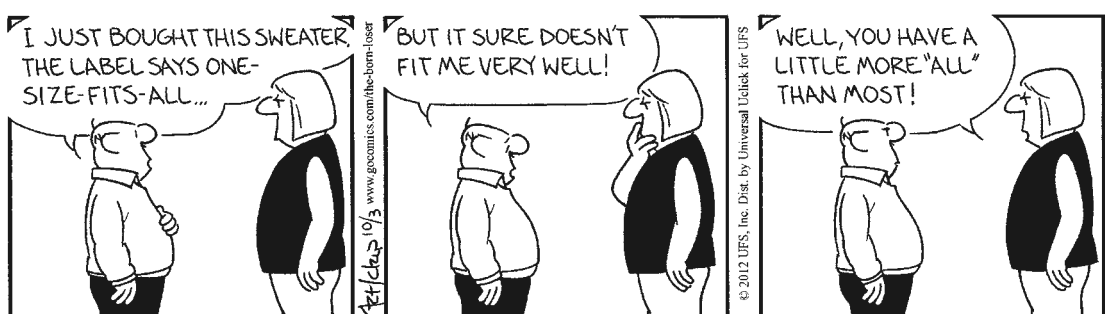
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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.

A baby born today has a Sun in Libra and a Moon in Taurus all day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3, 2012:

This year you develop a tendency to keep a lot to yourself. At times, you might feel hurt by someone's comments or actions, and could cop an attitude as a result.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

The more you express your flexibility, the more your associates might be willing to bend as well.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

The Moon in your sign highlights you. Express your feelings to a receptive audience, and encourage a healthy exchange of feedback.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

You might decide to retreat. Don't worry -- ideas will flow anyway. Get together with a generous, thoughtful friend.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Should a question arise as to how you should interpret a statement or action, err on the side of optimism.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

In the long run, sensitivity to those in charge will allow you to have greater independence.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Your vision defines what will occur. Use this skill and incorporate it with your ability to communicate.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Let someone else make the first move. You might be overreacting and say too much, which will cause yet another problem.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

A friend means a lot to you -- and you to him or her. Be careful, as this person's feelings possibly could develop into more.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Listen to news with an eye to applying this knowledge to your domestic life. A relative could reveal a family skeleton.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Your creativity remains high. Others often lure you into solving their problems.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

If you become confused, home in on the basics, with an eye to your personal life.

PISCES (FEB. 18-MARCH 20)

Return calls and listen to others in regard to planning meetings and moving a project forward.

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