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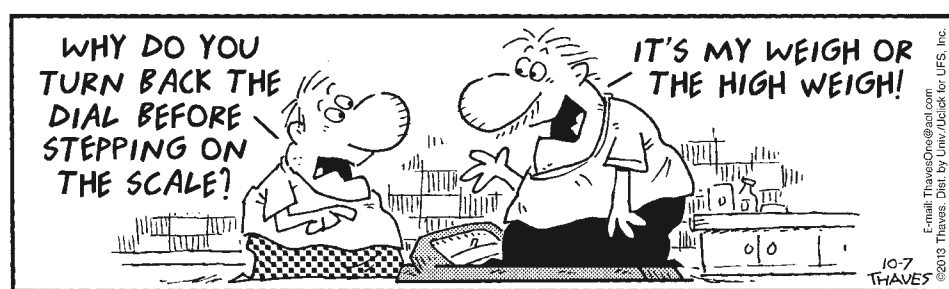
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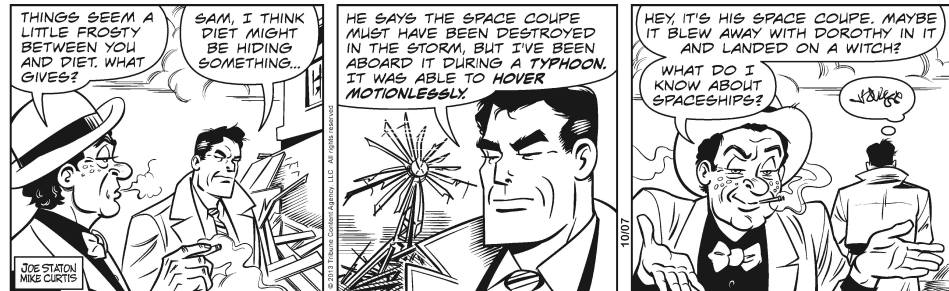
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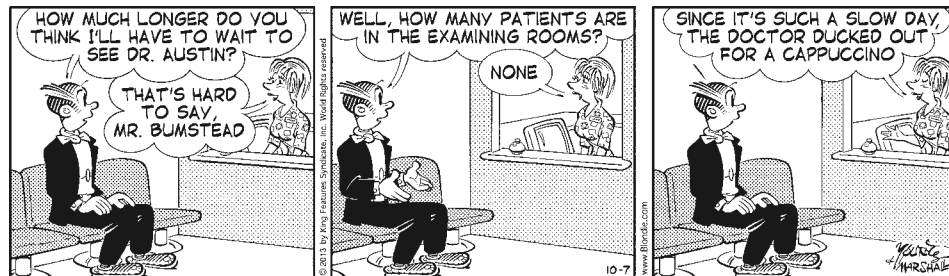
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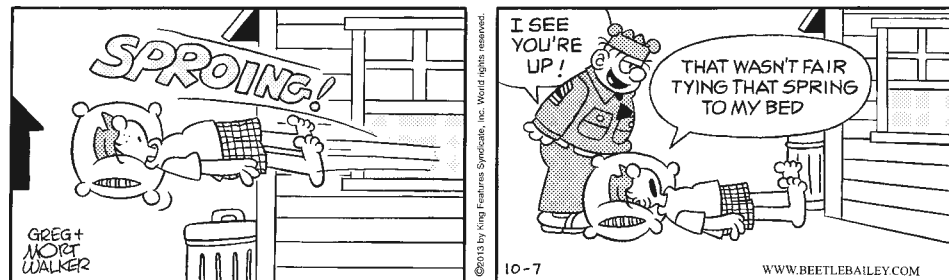
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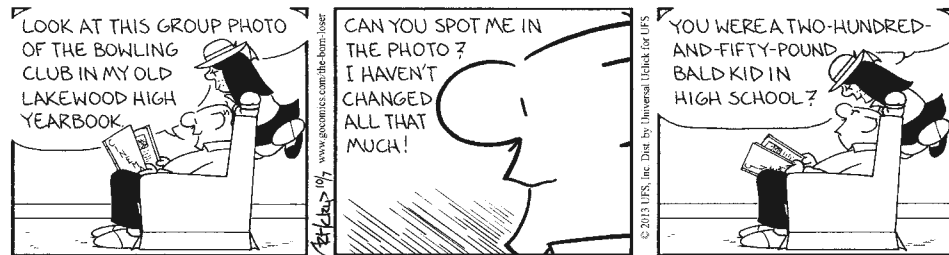
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In-Law Will Be Outlaw If She Pursues Relationship With Dad

DEAR ABBY: My son and his wife, "Carole," have been married for two years. I was recently introduced to her father, "Ted," who has been alone for 13 years. Carole told me later in no uncertain terms that I cannot have a romantic relationship with her father. Then she repeated the same thing to him.

Do you think it's right for adult children to dictate to their parents who they can and cannot see? Ted and I are perplexed. We really like each other and would like to see where this relationship could go. We laugh easily together, cook in the kitchen well together, can talk for hours and generally are very compatible. We have both discussed our pasts and have been honest with each other. What's your opinion? — DE-SERVES TO BE HAPPY IN FLORIDA

DEAR DESERVES: Before the relationship goes further, you and Ted should step back and ask yourselves what might happen if this romance doesn't work out. Would the hurt feelings disrupt the family dynamic? If this can be handled thoughtfully, with grace and maturity, I agree that you deserve to be happy. While adult offspring may try to dictate what their parents can and cannot do, as mature adults, you do not have to blindly accept it.

Kurt have listened and accepted what you were trying to convey? People who have addictions are usually in denial until they have no other choice but to face it.

Your feeling guilty won't help this situation. Being supportive of your longtime friend and making sure that when you're together there is no wagering happening (i.e., on sporting events) would be helpful. The rest is up to him.

DEAR ABBY: I recently ended a two-year relationship with my boyfriend. We are both 20. He was a great boyfriend — always patient, kind, gentle and loving. However, I was often impatient, short-tempered and controlling. These issues were my personal problems. I always tried to work on them, but although it got better, I knew I wasn't treating him the way I should. I ended things with him because I felt guilty.

It has been a month now, and I'm having second thoughts about having ended it with an almost-perfect person. I miss him. Would it be unwise to reach out to him again? — BROKEN UP BUT NOT OVER IT

DEAR NOT OVER IT: Not necessarily. But before you do, allow yourself a period of introspection during which you focus less on your missing him and concentrate on why you were abusive to him. A man with his qualities deserves to be treated with more respect than you showed him. The truism, "If you don't value what you've got, you will lose it," applies to relationships.

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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 Libra and a Moon in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, OCT. 7, 2013:

This year you seem naturally happier to others; you have a smile for nearly everyone. You also tend to look at situations more positively than you have in the past. Your upbeat attitude permeates every action you take, which results in success! You are especially fortunate after June 2014. Emphasize your work and life directions. If you are single, your smile attracts many potential sweeties. Have fun choosing! If you are attached, your ease and willingness to be yourself adds to the dimension of your relationship. SCORPIO can cause you a lot of emotional stress.

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 are a very independent sign, yet you demonstrate an ability to keep your eye on the big picture. You interact well with a partner who clearly has different ideas. The fact that you are looking for the optimum path to success wins over others. Tonight: Look at the bottom line.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Defer to others, and keep in mind that you can't force them to think as you would like them to. You still can be involved, but you might not be the dominant player that you typically are. Fun opportunities will open up in response to this change. Tonight: Let the party begin.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ You believe that a lot can happen and be established if you encourage a free exchange of ideas and let everything happen as it needs to. By releasing your need for control, you'll allow more creativity. You might want to sit on a problem for now. Tonight: Get some exercise.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Your playful side emerges when dealing with others. Remember, not everyone feels as carefree as you do. Though you might be tuned in to your feelings, it is important to examine what is going on with those around you. Tonight: Funnel your playfulness into a fun happening.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Tension seems to build at the slightest setback. You even might decide to stay home and work from there, if possible. You could be off-kilter

until you hear from a loved one or a child. Focus on your foundations and try to remain centered. Tonight: Plan a get-together with friends.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You want to understand what is happening with a close associate, neighbor or relative. Instead of playing the guessing game, make the call. This person simply might not want to talk; however, should you get a response, be sure not to push. Tonight: Stay open-minded.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ Do not allow your more possessive side to take over. How you see a money matter might be a lot different from how someone else sees the same situation. Try not to get involved if your views are too different. You have a unique style of communicating. Tonight: Call a close friend.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Pull back and distance yourself from a trying matter. You will see life from a totally different perspective as a result. You also might feel much more together than you have in a very long time. You have no need to get involved in an argument right now. Tonight: All smiles.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You might want to revisit a personal matter. Discussions need to be caring and not forced too much in someone else's face. You have witnessed this problem build up, and you might want to make a suggestion. In this case, however, the less said the better. Tonight: Opt for some rest.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Zero in on your priorities quickly and efficiently. You know what is reasonable and what needs to occur in order to expand and head in a new direction. You seem so much more contained and pleased than you have in the recent past. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ As nice as you might want to be with someone, you could find that you have a problem. Understand what is happening within your immediate circle, but also recognize the need for leadership. Are you ready to step up to the plate? Tonight: Get together with a friend.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You see and understand some of the miscommunications that are occurring. Your detachment permits this perspective. If you decide to help, you could lose this objectivity. Be caring no matter which way you decide to go. Tonight: Relax and choose a favorite pastime.

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