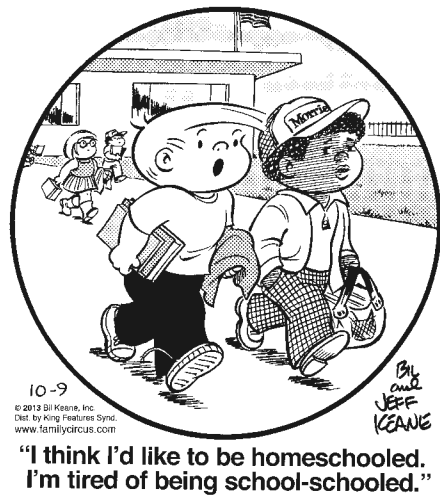
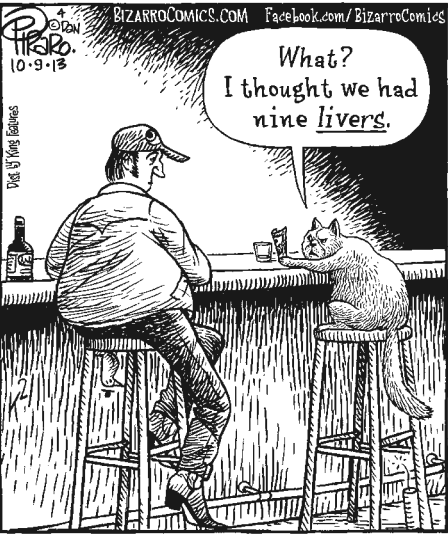


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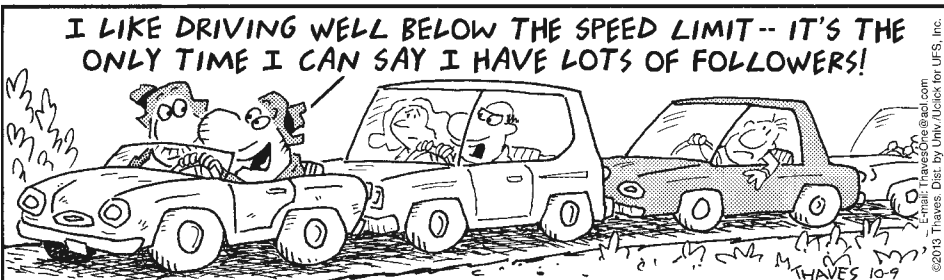
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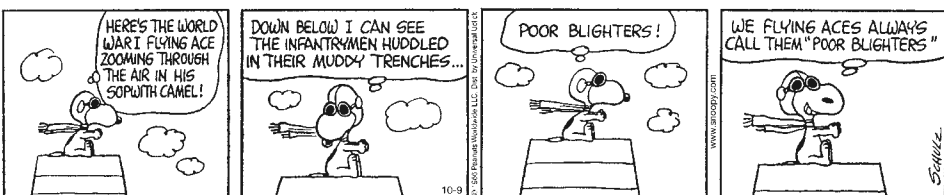
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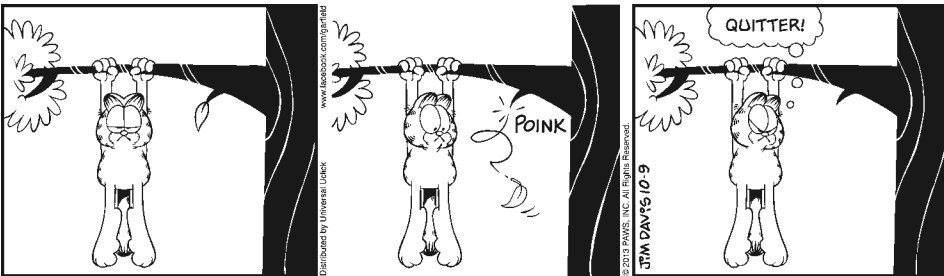
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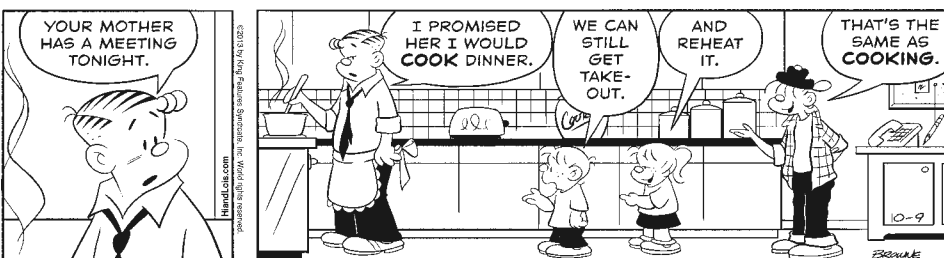
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# Daughter-In-Law's Pregnancy Tears Husband's Family Apart

DEAR ABBY: My daughter-in-law had an affair with a co-worker and is now pregnant by him. She swears she loves my son and won't leave him, but insists that her lover be a part of the baby's life. My son is torn. They have two small children and he doesn't want to break up the family. How can he continue to trust her?

My husband refuses to have her in our house. She can be vindictive to those she feels have "wronged" her, and I'm afraid she'll keep us from the grandchildren. My son used to go to church before she came along, but they no longer go. We sought legal advice for him and he knows the score in that regard. Abby, how can we make him see this woman is no good for him? — HEAVY-HEARTED MOTHER IN GEORGIA

DEAR MOTHER: If I were you, I'd stop trying. Your son has made his choice, which is to keep his family together. If that means accepting that his wife will maintain a relationship with her lover and, in essence, her baby will have "two daddies," that's the way it's going to be. While I understand your husband's anger, as long as your son is willing to tolerate the situation, there is nothing to be gained by banning your daughter-in-law from the premises.

Because you mentioned church, pray for the strength to support your son through this because he's going to need it. I'm sure he is fully aware that his wife isn't "good" for him, but he's trying to take the high road anyway. So try to be supportive.

DEAR ABBY: I met a woman who seems to be everything I have been looking for. We have similar interests and share many of the same goals.

My problem is I'm only 5 foot 9 and she's 6 feet tall. Am I foolish for feeling like less of a man when in her company? What will people think? — NOT SO TALL IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR NOT SO TALL: If you would allow a 3-inch difference in height to keep you from pursuing a woman who "seems to be everything you're looking for," then you ARE foolish.

Being taller than a woman doesn't make a man more manly. What makes a man manly is his level of self-confidence, which you appear to lack. Until you understand and accept that what other people think is THEIR problem, I'm not sure you'll find the happiness you're looking for.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 15-year-old girl who's involved with social media. My parents have always been protective. A few days ago they asked me for the passwords to my Twitter, Facebook and email accounts. I understand they're trying to protect me, but the fact that they don't trust me by now is upsetting.

I tried telling them this, and they say they DO trust me, but they still want my passwords. Is this a contradiction? I need some independence, and they don't seem to understand that. — LOSING MY MIND IN TACOMA, WASH.

DEAR LOSING YOUR MIND: It's not a contradiction if you read some of the news coverage on the Internet about young people who have committed suicide because they were hounded by cyber-bullies. It's not a contradiction if you consider that sometimes bad things happen at parties that aren't properly supervised. If, God forbid, you should "disappear," your parents — and the police — would want to know who had been communicating with you and what was said.

Please do not overreact to their concern. While it would have been better if they had given you a reason for their request, I doubt they'll be reading over your shoulder. Most parents don't spend a lot of time doing that unless they have some reason to mistrust their teenager.

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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 Sagittarius all day.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9, 2013:

This year a partner or close loved one can be very unpredictable. At first you might be annoyed, but later you could find these unexpected episodes to be exciting and even instrumental in preventing boredom. If you are single, you might not be able to stabilize a relationship in the way you would like to, as this element of surprise also affects your bonds this year. If you are attached, once you get used to your sweetie embracing more spontaneity, you could find your relationship to be quite fun. Be open to change. SAGITTARIUS ignites your imagination.

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)

★★★★ Make it a point to draw from nontraditional sources when brainstorming with others or when launching a new project. You will be amazed by the difference it makes and by what occurs when you tap into your imagination. Tonight: Go along with someone's offbeat plans.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Deal with others on an individual level, even if you are uncomfortable with the end results. Honor a change from within, and recognize when you need to back off and allow others to have more say. You know what is workable for you. Tonight: Share news with a favorite person.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You'll want to move on and head in a new direction, but you could be slammed by incoming calls, questions and people showing up at your door. Handle priorities first. Relax, and don't push so hard to follow through on what you want. Tonight: Where the action is.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You might wonder what it's best to do under the present circumstances. You could feel as if a key person has been deceptive or unstable because of his or her switching directions out of the blue. Keep your feelings to yourself. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

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

★★★★ You could be unusually energized and delighted by a suggestion that triggers your mind to come up with even more ideas. Someone you

consider to be a trustworthy expert might be acting a bit flaky. Say little and observe more in the next few months. Tonight: Time for midweek fun.

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

★★★★ Others often expect a lot from you, regardless of whether you are willing to give them what they want. You will step up to the plate because you know you can make a difference. Loved ones will support you in a venture. Tonight: Don't worry so much about your finances.

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

★★★★★ Realize what is happening between you and a relative or neighbor, as a new sense of compatibility seems to emerge. You will laugh, go with the moment and finally seem to work well together. Tonight: Get out and about, and take an overdue break from the workweek.

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

★★★ Being concerned about your funds makes sense, especially since you have little control over a work situation. Be smart, and avoid taking any unnecessary risks; your instincts will guide you. Listen to them, and you will be just fine. Tonight: Fun does not need to break the bank.

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

★★★★★ A surprise from a child or new friend will encourage you to put on your thinking cap in order to make the right decisions. Trust your sixth sense, and you will know which direction to head in. Open up and share more of your feelings. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

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

★★★★ Remain sensitive to what is taking place in the moment, and you will understand what needs to happen. In order to accomplish what you want, prioritize your to-do list. It might be best to ignore other seemingly trivial matters. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's

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

★★★★ You might want to take off ASAP. If you can, make arrangements to do that -- you need a break! Ask a friend or loved one to join you. You are likely to find that getting away from your daily routine will restore your energy. Tonight: Only where you want to be.

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

★★★ You could be pushing yourself too hard. Understand what needs to happen with a boss or someone you look up to, but know that it might be nearly impossible to change his or her mind. Take your time with a situation, rather than jump right into it. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

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