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"Which kinda pants are best for pumpkin pickin' — long sleeve or short sleeve?"

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



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You kids have it so easy. When I was a boy, we only had one DVD screen and NO surround sound.

ZITS | JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



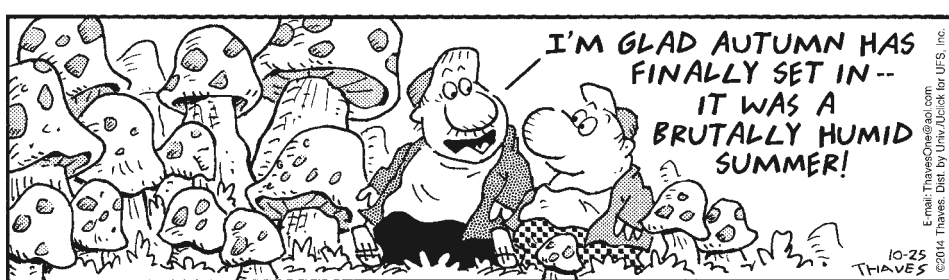
MY MOM SAYS THAT I SPEND HALF OF MY TIME COMPLAINING ABOUT HER, AND THE OTHER HALF MESSING WITH MY PHONE.
RIDICULOUS! I KNOW, RIGHT?
SHE'S NOT EVEN COUNTING THE TIME I SPEND COMPLAINING ABOUT HER WHILE I MESS WITH MY PHONE.

PICKLES | BRIAN CRANE



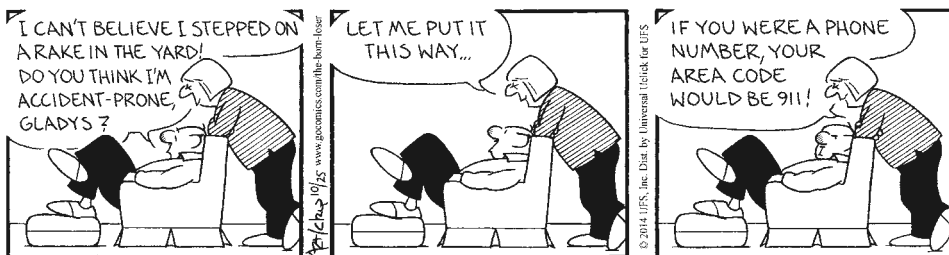
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
I DO NOT HAVE A CRUSH ON ALEX TREBEK, WITH OR WITHOUT A MUSTACHE!
I JUST WATCH "JEOPARDY" BECAUSE I ENJOY TRIVIA GAMES.
RIGHT, AND I EAT MILKY WAY CANDY BARS BECAUSE I LIKE DAIRY PRODUCTS.

FRANK AND ERNEST | BOB THAVES



I'M GLAD AUTUMN HAS FINALLY SET IN -- IT WAS A BRUTALLY HUMID SUMMER!

THE BORN LOSER | ART SANSON



I CAN'T BELIEVE I STEPPED ON A RAKE IN THE YARD! DO YOU THINK I'M ACCIDENT-PRONE, GLADYS?
LET ME PUT IT THIS WAY...
IF YOU WERE A PHONE NUMBER, YOUR AREA CODE WOULD BE 911!

PEANUTS | CHARLES M. SCHULZ



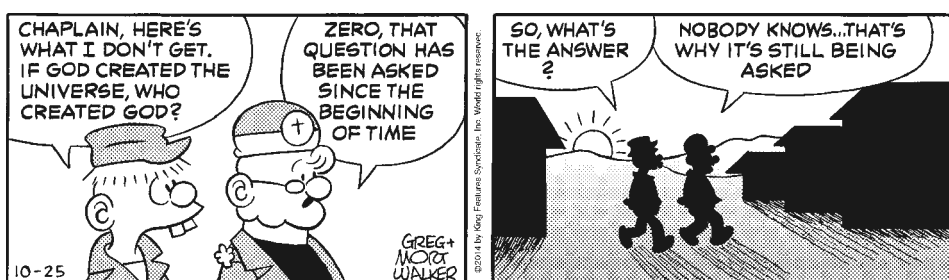
SNOOPY, I HAVE GREAT NEWS FOR YOU...
I AM GOING TO LET YOU SIT IN THE PUMPKIN PATCH WITH ME THIS YEAR, AND WAIT FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE "GREAT PUMPKIN"!
HMM...TO QUOTE A WELL-WORN AND TIME-HONORED PHRASE...
"THRILLSVILLE!"

HÄGAR THE HORRIBLE | CHRIS BROWNE



HOW LONG HAVE YOU HAD THAT BEARD?
SINCE MY KIDS WERE BABIES! IT REMINDS ME OF THOSE SWEET OLD DAYS...
...WHEN I COULD STEAL THEIR CANDY AND SAVE IT IN MY BEARD FOR LATER!

BETLE BAILEY | MORT WALKER



CHAPLAIN, HERE'S WHAT I DON'T GET. IF GOD CREATED THE UNIVERSE, WHO CREATED GOD?
ZERO. THAT QUESTION HAS BEEN ASKED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME.
SO WHAT'S THE ANSWER?
NOBODY KNOWS...THAT'S WHY IT'S STILL BEING ASKED.

HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



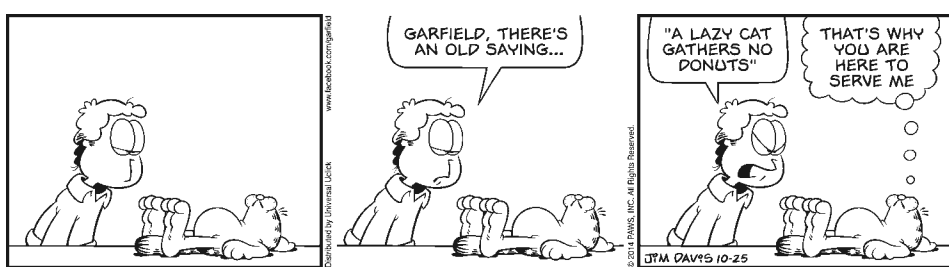
OUR OTHER BABYSITTER TALKS TO HER BOYFRIEND ON THE PHONE ALL NIGHT.
I DON'T HAVE A BOYFRIEND.
CAN YOU DO SOMETHING ELSE TO GET DISTRACTED FROM PUTTING US TO BED ON TIME?

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON



MICHAEL, IF YOU'RE GOING TO THE PARTY AS A HEAD ON A TABLE - HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DANCE?
HOW WILL YOU EAT OR DRINK OR EVEN SIT DOWN?
I DON'T EVEN THINK YOU CAN FIT THROUGH THE DOORWAYS!
DETAILS! DETAILS!

GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS



GARFIELD, THERE'S AN OLD SAYING...
"A LAZY CAT GATHERS NO PONDUS"
THAT'S WHY YOU ARE HERE TO SERVE ME

Occasional Hookups Keep Flame Alive For 10 Years

DEAR ABBY: I have known "Justin" for 10 years. I'm very interested in him. I'm sure he knows it, but we have never talked about it. Once in a blue moon we "hook up," and I'm usually the one to set the date up.

We're friends on social media, but weeks — even months — can pass without our speaking to each other. Justin and I have no mutual friends, so I can't "accidentally" bump into him at gatherings or anything like that.

I honestly don't mind hooking up with him because he's the only one I do that with. But it does hurt when I don't hear from him afterward. What should I do? It's obvious I'm head over heels for him — he can't be that blind! — PLAIN JANE IN STOCKTON, CALIF.

DEAR JANE: If Justin was interested in more than an occasional hookup, he'd be the one calling you, and it wouldn't be once in a blue moon. Ten years is long enough to chase an emotionally unavailable man. If this was meant to be, it would have already happened, and you'd be more than friends on social media.

DEAR ABBY: I'll be 30 soon. My friends and I have drifted apart because we're all in different stages of our lives. Some of us still frequent the bar scene, others have gotten married or dropped off the radar. My closest friend is so wrapped up in "mommy blogs" and all things "baby" that she's no longer able to discuss much else.

I don't have children, and I'm tired of going to bars. I'm in a happy, committed relationship, but neither of us wants to focus on marriage for a few years. How do people connect with others at this stage of the game? — FRIENDLESS IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR FRIENDLESS: One way is to expand your interests. You and your boyfriend

should join groups and meet people with whom you'll have some things in common. If you're interested in politics, the next two years should give you plenty of opportunity to meet new people. Volunteering is another way to expand your circle of acquaintances. While you won't make dear friends overnight — friendships usually take a while to grow — the more people you meet, the greater your chances will be of developing meaningful relationships.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-year-old college student who is a virgin. I think this is the time to date people and get a better understanding of who I am and what I like in men.

When I tell guys I'm a virgin, they don't want to talk to me anymore. When is the best time to bring it up, and how do I do that in conversation? — DIAMOND IN THE EAST

DEAR DIAMOND: You may be jumping the gun and announcing your status prematurely. The subject of one's virginity — or lack thereof — is relevant at the time when there's a reason to anticipate there will be intimacy in a couple's relationship.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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spontaneous party. Not only will you be delighted, others will be too. Be careful with a difficult friend. Tonight: Know what you want.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Be receptive in a conversation. Return calls, read your paper and enjoy what occurs spontaneously. A child or loved one might be changing right in front of you. Nevertheless, you could be surprised by this person's behavior. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You have a tendency to go overboard and overindulge. You might be sitting on a grievance or a problem that you are not ready to air out. As a result, you could feel less in sync with a partner than you would like. Communication will open up soon. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You are always a dominant personality, but it will be even more evident today. You seem to attract many different people with many different opinions. Allow your creativity to emerge, and help resolve the difference. Being congenial and open will work. Tonight: As you like.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ You might feel an emotional undertow regarding a money matter and your dealings with someone else. Your creativity and imagination will merge together to help you come up with a solution. Use your instincts. Tonight: Do what you want. Refuse to be pushed.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Emphasize that is going on with others. You might be surprised by how good news could set off a celebration. Friends who often don't see you will want to catch up on news. Unexpected events might force you to refocus. Tonight: Make calls, then decide.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ Check in with an older relative or friend. You might feel as if you need to handle certain responsibilities first; however, the day seems to be filled with obligations. Recognize that this is your weekend as well. Try to schedule some free time. Tonight: Indulge a little. You deserve it.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Take off for a day adventure. Head out to a flea market with a friend. Difficulty with a close loved one will dissolve if you detach and let go of preconceived judgments when having a long-overdue conversation. Tonight: Relax to an exotic dinner and great music.

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A baby born today has a Sun and Moon in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, OCT. 25, 2014:

This year you will discover that your first judgment often is wrong. Your immediate circle seems to be more open, so if you give up rigidity and decide to understand those around you better, your relationships will improve. If you are single, you could meet someone with ease through one of your friends or just in your daily travels. Give your self time before deciding this is "it." If you are attached, you find that with more openness, your relationship develops more depth. SAGITTARIUS can be an expensive friend.

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)

★★★★ Someone who has been difficult will want to make amends. You might go overboard, as you'll feel so relieved. Try to avoid a serious talk at the moment, and simply use this period to add to your interactions. Tonight: You finally hear an explanation that makes sense.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Others seem far more relaxed and willing to be open. Seize the moment rather than question why. Overthinking could stop you from happily getting into the mood of the moment. A family member, even a beloved pet, will sense the upbeat energy. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ A jovial interaction will set a positive tone to the day. You could find that a problem that has been haunting you is cleared up. Avoid having a major discussion right now, and keep your interactions light. Much information will head your way shortly. Tonight: Play it by ear.

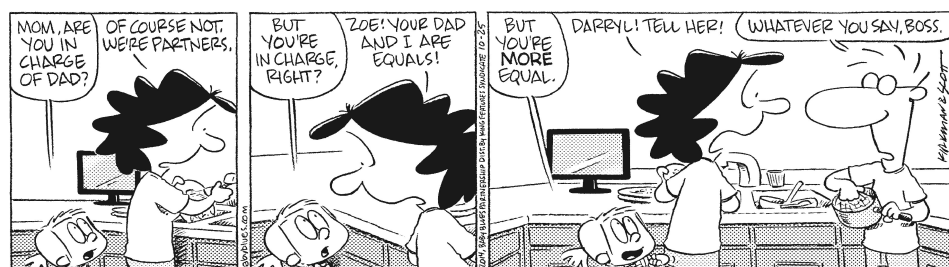
CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Your creativity will flourish when making plans with a loved one. A child that can't be ignored won't allow you to look the other way. Do not push to have your way right now. Be receptive to what others have to say. Tonight: Make the most of the night.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

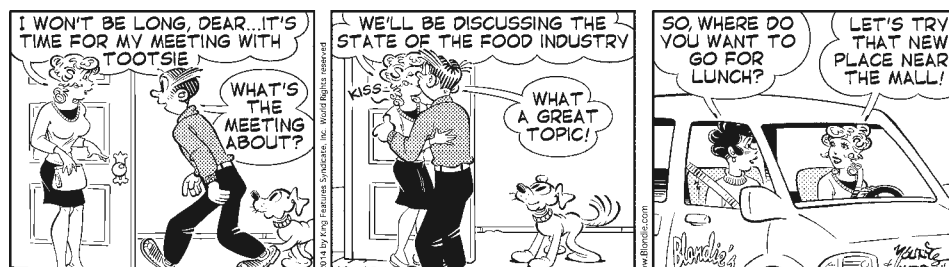
★★★★ You might want to stay home, yet you could be delighted to be with friends. Give into that impulse and decide to combine the two. Opt for a

BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



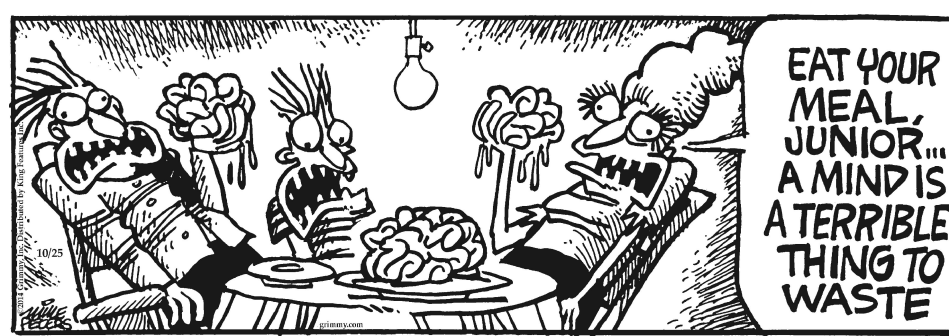
NOW, ARE YOU IN CHARGE OF DAD?
OF COURSE NOT, WE'RE PARTNERS.
BUT YOU'RE IN CHARGE, RIGHT?
ZOE! YOUR DAD AND I ARE EQUALS!
BUT YOU'RE MORE EQUAL.
DARRYL! TELL HER! (WHATEVER YOU SAY, BOSS.)

BLONDIE | YOUNG & DRAKE



I WON'T BE LONG, DEAR. IT'S TIME FOR MY MEETING WITH TOOTSIE.
WHAT'S THE MEETING ABOUT?
WE'LL BE DISCUSSING THE STATE OF THE FOOD INDUSTRY!
WHAT A GREAT TOPIC!
GO WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO FOR LUNCH?
LET'S TRY THAT NEW PLACE NEAR THE MALL!

MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS



EAT YOUR MEAL, JUNIOR... A MIND IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE