

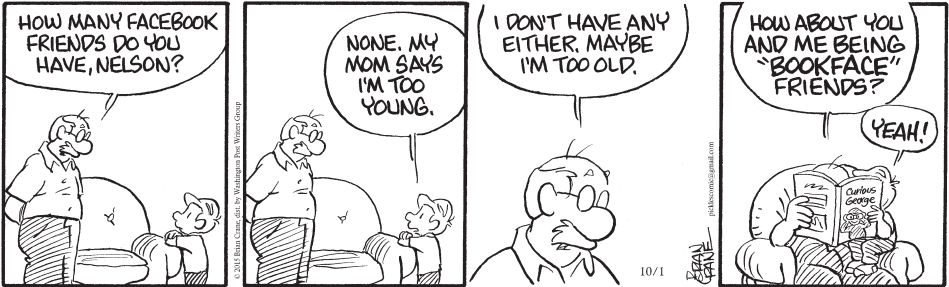
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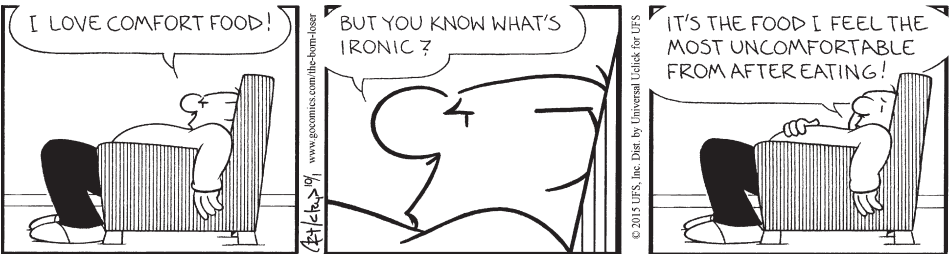
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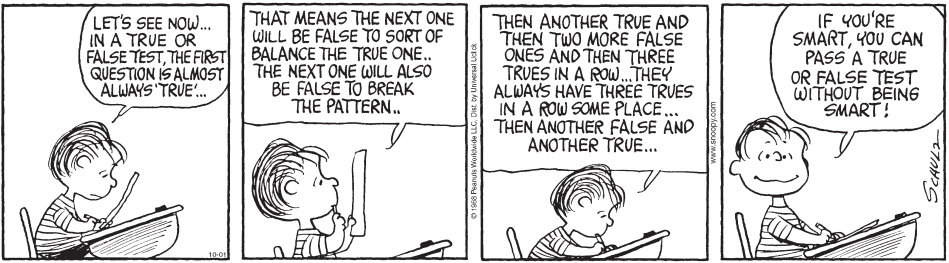
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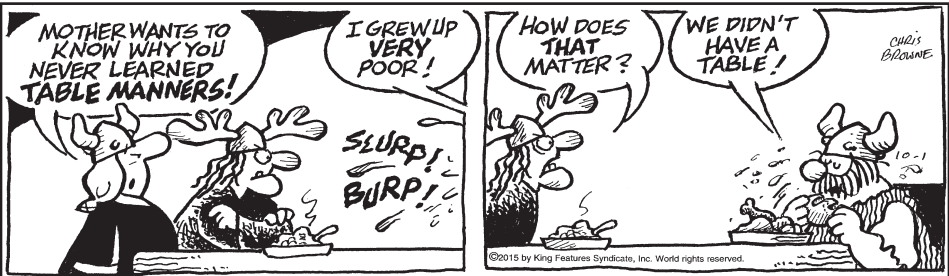
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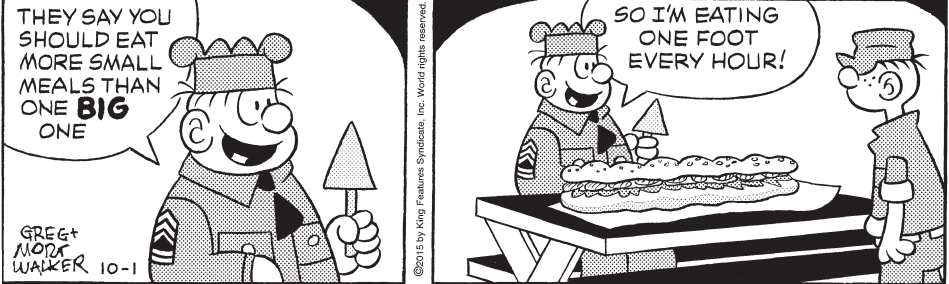
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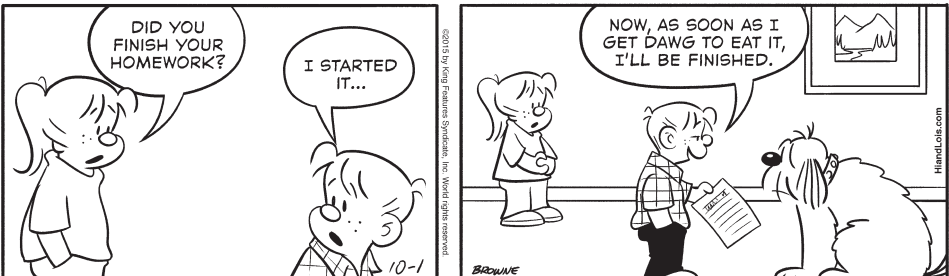
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Man Can't Cope With Pregnant Girlfriend And Ailing Ex-Wife

DEAR ABBY: My situation is upsetting and I don't know what to do anymore. My girlfriend, "Dana," is pregnant. My ex-wife showed up at our door with terminal cancer and nowhere to go. When I told her she could stay with us, Dana moved out.

There is no one that my ex can rely on except me. I am torn. I love Dana and don't want to lose her, but I can't turn my back on someone who has no one in her life who cares. I wish Dana could understand what I'm going through. Please help. — IN TURMOIL IN WISCONSIN

DEAR IN TURMOIL: Are you absolutely certain about your ex-wife's prognosis? Have you verified it? Why is she your ex-wife? Why are you the only one in her life who cares? Has she burned all her other bridges?

Without more information, your question is a tough one to answer. But if you love Dana, then the wrong woman is living with you. While you don't have to turn your back on your ex if she truly is terminal, you should absolutely find her other living arrangements.

DEAR ABBY: I am five years older than my fiancé. He has never been married and has a daughter. We have been together for a few years, and something has happened to make me wonder about him.

I thought it was funny that he bought Cosmopolitan magazine every month and talked about his flat belly. But I recently found my Victoria's Secret catalog hidden in his toolbox. I have also seen him look at other, much younger women. Am I making something out of nothing? — SUSPICIOUS IN MAINE

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: Yes. All men "look." It goes along with being male. As to his having stashed your lingerie catalog in his toolbox, that's rather chaste considering the number of men who buy Playboy, Hustler and watch online videos.

I don't know what conclusions you're jumping to, but you'll be better off clearing the air with your boyfriend rather than stewing about it. If you do it good-naturedly, it shouldn't make him defensive, and you'll get the answers you're looking for.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 16 and lead a pretty good life. I attend a fantastic school, do well, have lots of friends and am overall happy. I have siblings and a mom who love me. The thing is — I don't love her. It's not because of "teenage angst"; I just don't like her as a person. I'm polite to her and she doesn't know how I feel. How should I handle this? — CONCERNED DAUGHTER IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR CONCERNED DAUGHTER: I think you should "handle it" by keeping your trap shut. Not every mother likes/loves her daughter all the time either, but the feeling usually passes. Consider this: Because you have so many positive things going on in your life, your mother may have had something to do with it, so try to be a little less judgmental.

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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 Taurus if born before 4:03 p.m. (EDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, OCT. 1, 2015:

This year you will be driven to work through some difficult situations or issues. You have a strong intuitive sense for how to make a situation work. Let go of what no longer works in your life. In the year following your next birthday, an interesting development will occur. If you are single, carefully check out anyone you meet. People could be emotionally unavailable or have other issues that you need to know about. If you are attached, plan on more downtime together. Make sure these times keep your relationship healthy. GEMINI helps you understand someone very different.

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 might feel as if you are stuck in a holding pattern. By the midafternoon, a call will energize you. Suddenly, you might be completing errands with great speed. You'll feel much more like yourself than you did in the morning. Tonight: Speak your mind.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ Claim your power, and ask for what you want. Don't be surprised if you have to repeat a conversation you have had already. Make sure your budget is right-on as you eye a financial change. Understand what you can and can't do. Tonight: Make dinner your treat.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You could feel a little out of it for a good part of the day. Take some time off if you can. You will come back feeling revitalized as a result. Give yourself what your body craves. You need a break from the hectic pace every once in a while. Tonight: Tell it like it is.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You could be in a position where you would prefer to handle a personal matter directly. Conversations occur more easily in the morning, especially in a meeting. You might decide to withdraw by late afternoon. Take some downtime. Tonight: Make it a night just for you!

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Take charge of a personal matter that

could be bothering you. You might have to handle another situation first in order to get the results you would like. Schedule a meeting in the evening, when you can unwind enough to be receptive to what is going on. Tonight: Out late.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might want to get a second opinion before making a decision that involves education, travel or your in-laws. Pressure builds, as you'll have a lot to do. Be more direct with an associate; he or she needs to know where you are coming from. Tonight: At a favorite place.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You might want to understand what all the hype is about. Walk in someone else's shoes to understand his or her attitude. You could be surprised by what you discover as a result. Make calls to someone from whom you often get feedback. Tonight: Where there is great music.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You might not want to go along with a domineering friend's plans. In the long run, this decision will make your life much easier. Listen to what someone else has to share. Don't hesitate to question the basis of this person's opinions. Tonight: Make plans for the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You might want to evaluate what is happening with a project or hobby that involves several people. You could feel as if this endeavor is moving like molasses. Consider what needs to take place, and understand the role you have to play. Tonight: With a loved one.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You might be far more assertive than you have been in a while. Consider your options more openly. You'll feel better when you let go of some of the tension in your life. A child or loved one clearly delights in having you closer. Tonight: Work out first, then decide.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Consider an option that up to now has been unavailable. A conversation with a boss or family member will put a smile on your face. How you deal with a personal matter could change for the better, if you would just relax. Tonight: Lighten up the moment.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

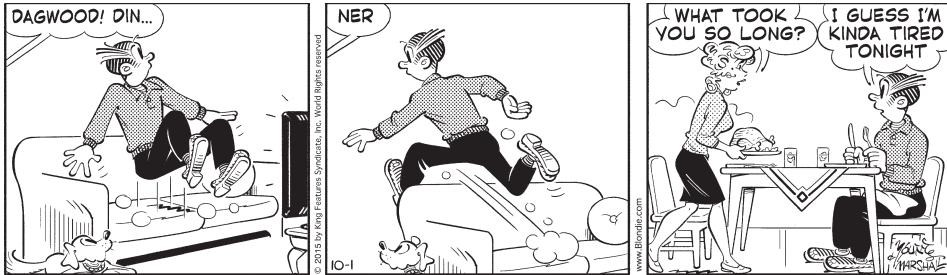
★★★★ You could be more out of sync than you realize. Understand what is happening around you before you take action. Someone you care about might be demanding, and he or she seems to want much more from you. Tonight: Cocoon at home, if need be.

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