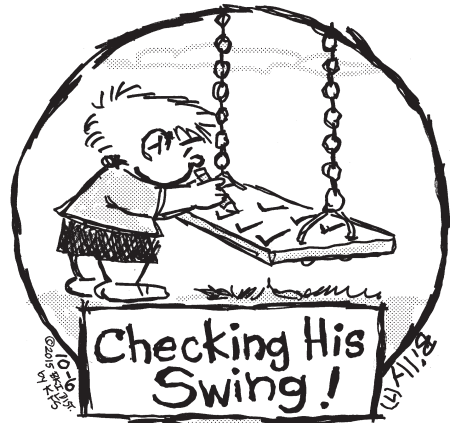


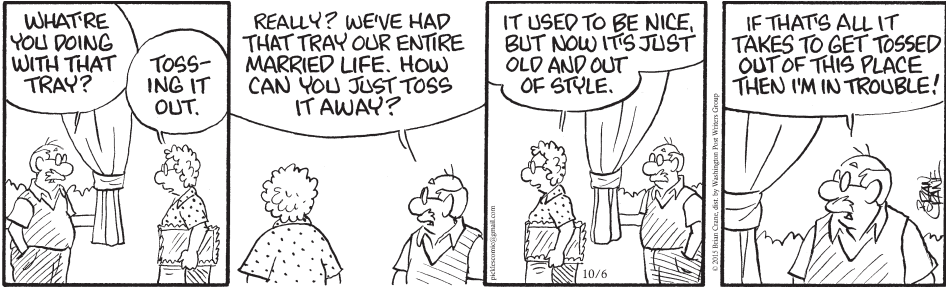
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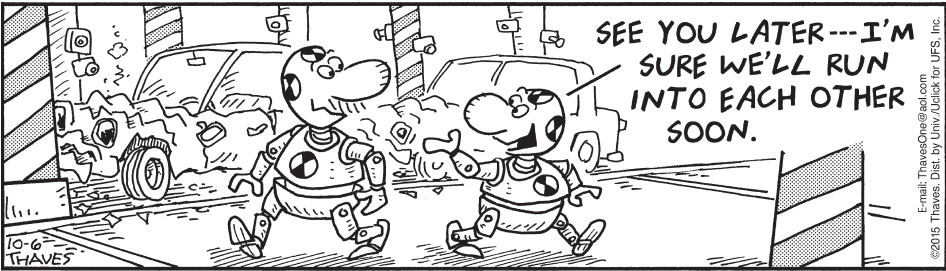
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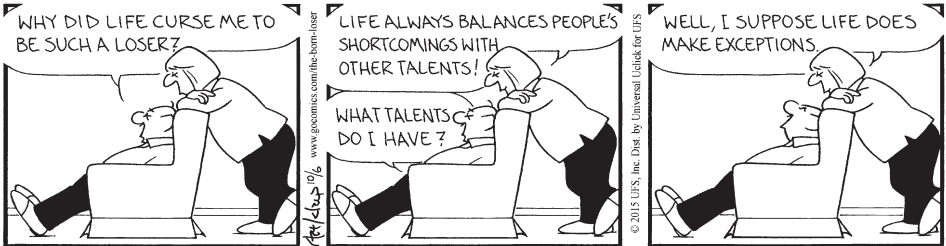
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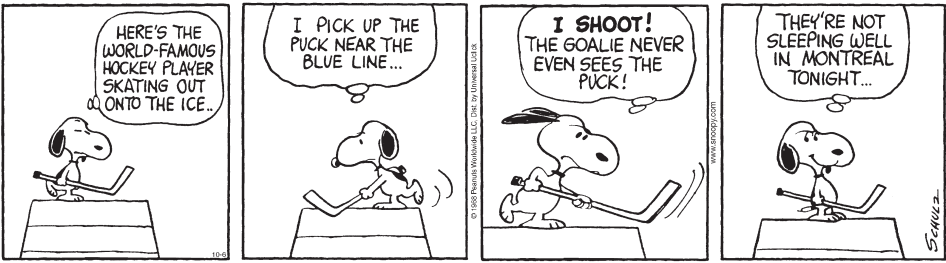
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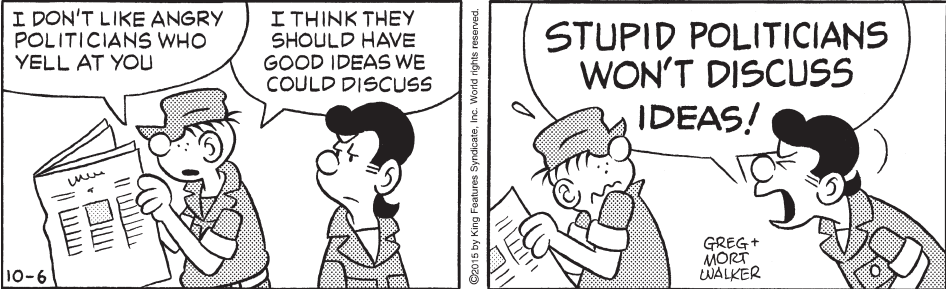
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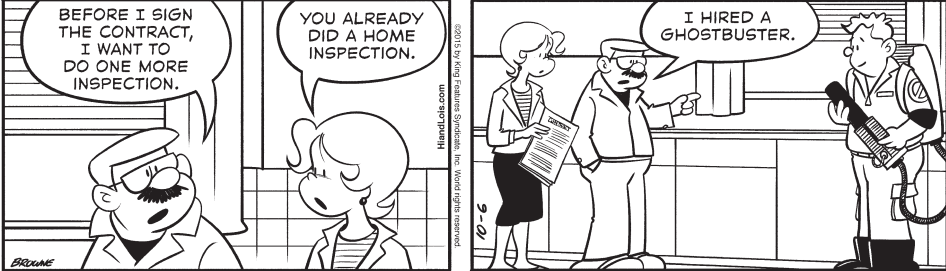
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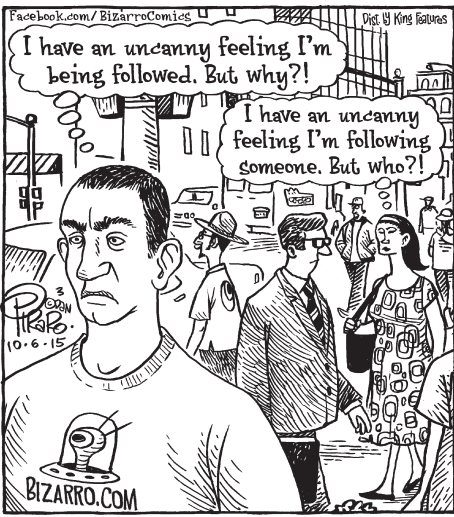
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## Grandson's Sleepovers Alarm Grandma's Friend

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend whose 11-year-old grandson stays overnight with her sometimes on the weekends. She has only one bedroom, and I'm concerned because he still sleeps with her in the same bed.

I have mentioned it to her many times, and she says there is nothing wrong with it. I even purchased a nice air mattress, very easy to inflate, which she accepted but doesn't use. I'm upset by this situation. I know she sometimes sleeps in revealing night clothes, although I don't know if she does when her grandson is there.

I find this sick and twisted. I am counting on you to set my friend straight and save this young boy from future turmoil. — PROTECTIVE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR PROTECTIVE: There is an old French saying that approximately translates, "Evil be he who thinks evil of it." I see nothing sick or twisted about a boy who occasionally stays with his grandma and shares her bed, particularly if that's the way it has always been.

When he grows so big that the bed becomes too crowded for his comfort, I'm sure he'll let Granny know. Ultimately, the boy's parents are the ones responsible for his safety. It's likely they know about and approve of the sleeping arrangements.

DEAR ABBY: With online dating becoming popular with older people, I have a question.

Most of us who were married for a number of years and had a good mate learned a lot about how to make life exciting and are experienced about sex. When we meet someone online and start to become involved, how and when would it be the right time to bring up the subject of sex?

For those of us in our later years, sex is usually different than when we were 35. Then

there's the subject of STDs. Can we bring that up? In rural and small towns, older women, unlike younger women, are shy about talking about sex. When we start to get serious with someone, shouldn't we find out what they are willing to do and what they won't? — LOOKING AHEAD IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR LOOKING AHEAD: Your letter will be of interest to anyone who has been out of the dating scene for a long time. The subject of sex should be addressed once you are comfortable with a person and there is a mutual attraction. Both people's sexual histories should be talked about before you "do the deed." (If you can't talk about it, then you shouldn't do it.) When it does happen, insist that protection is used.

Too often people assume that because there's snow on the roof that there isn't fire in the furnace. News flash: Older folks can and do have active sex lives. So if you're going to "play," be prudent. Some seniors have been shocked to learn they were infected with an STD because they assumed their partner was safe.

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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 Cancer if born before 4:43 a.m. (EDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Leo.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, OCT. 6, 2015:

This year you walk into a new situation that could be very exciting. This matter will be a source of happiness for you. Don't allow anyone to undermine your self-confidence. You have a lot going for you. If you are single, meeting people happens with ease, and you seem to have a good time wherever you go. Be smart, and don't rush into something. If you are attached, the two of you might have an issue from the past that needs clearing up. Once you succeed, you will enjoy greater closeness. LEO has a way of breaking through all the charm and games.

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)

★★★★ Push away any hassles by maintaining a keen sense of humor and a unique perspective. Your creativity surges, to the extent that your mind keeps spinning off on the other party's words. Stay as pleasant as possible. Tonight: Spontaneity provides an interesting scenario.

#### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ You might need to get some feedback from a child or loved one about a personal decision. Remember to thank this person, but also let him or her know that you have not made a decision yet. One-on-one relating could seem like a hefty task today! Tonight: Home is your castle.

#### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Your words tend to be quick and unexpected. Others often feel as though you just spew out the first thought that comes to mind. Your thought process could be faster than many people's. Don't allow pressure to build to the extent that it has recently. Tonight: Speak your mind.

#### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You could discover that someone else sees a matter in a different light than you do. The issue, though it might not be apparent at first, is about money and/or social status. Try not to judge this person; instead, simply relax and listen to his or her thoughts. Tonight: Order in.

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

★★★★ Your personality sometimes works like a steamroller, which allows you to bypass a lot of

problems. A loved one might be closed down. Give this person the space he or she needs, without making it a big deal. Remain connected to others' feelings. Tonight: In the limelight.

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

★★★ Slow down. You might want to reconsider certain conversations. Everyone puts statements into a context that he or she knows -- you included. If you try to gain a new perspective, you could see a totally different meaning to someone's words. Tonight: Schedule more time for yourself.

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

★★★★ Your sense of what could be occurring might be a lot different from reality. Try to erase certain expectations from your mind, and go with the moment -- you will be a lot happier if you do. Eliminate your filtered vision as much as you can. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

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

★★★ Pressure comes from others expecting so much from you. You might want to clue them in to the fact that you are human and can do only so much. Resist taking on as much responsibility as you do. Infuse your life with some fun. Tonight: The party goes on and on.

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

★★★★ You might want to reconsider your plans. A last-minute invitation could be very exciting and different. Your love of adventure emerges, and demands to be taken into consideration. Opting for self-discipline can work only so long. Tonight: Try to be logical and steady.

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

★★★★ Someone could make an enormous effort to reach out to you. You appreciate this person's gestures, and you will let him or her know. Weigh the pros and cons of becoming more involved with this person. You'll want to have all the facts before proceeding. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

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

★★★ You can't hold back any longer. You have a desire to go along with a group of friends. Let them know, and you will be a part of what is going in. A friend might be distant and jealous, and wishing that he or she had done the same. Tonight: Go along with someone else's plans.

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

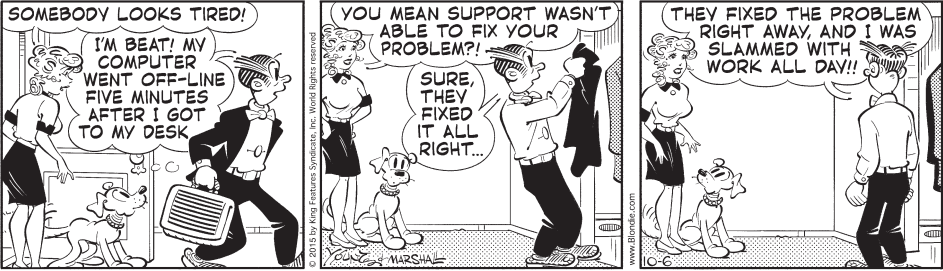
★★★ You'll be overanalyzing a situation and causing yourself a problem. Let go of this issue. Someone you look up to could be in a bad mood. You might not want to get into a tense discussion. A loved one might challenge a wonderful idea. Tonight: Pace yourself.

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