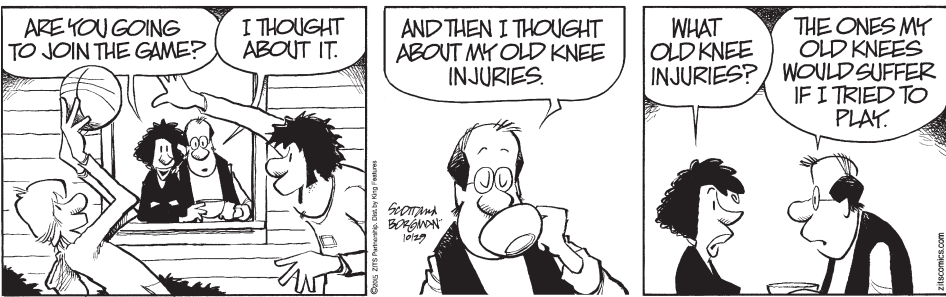


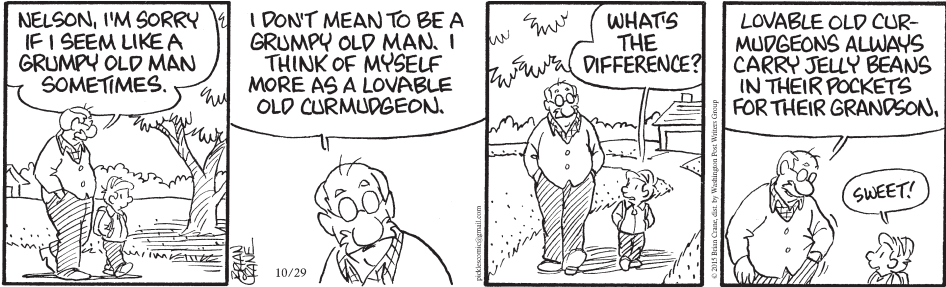
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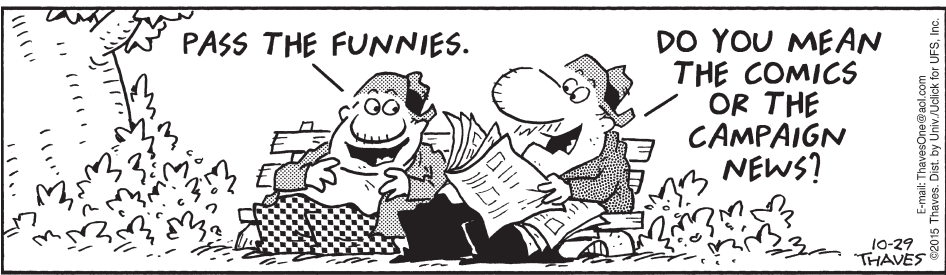
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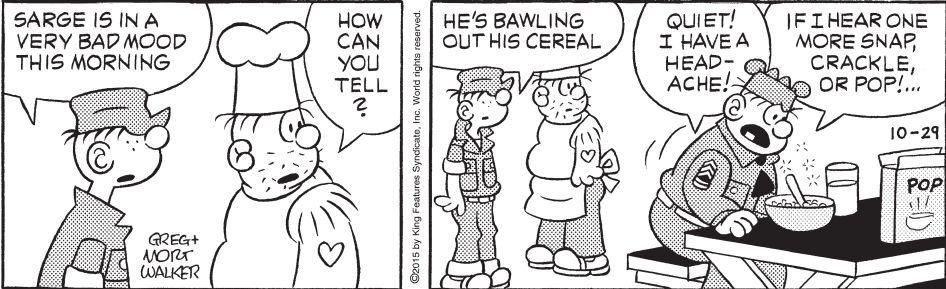
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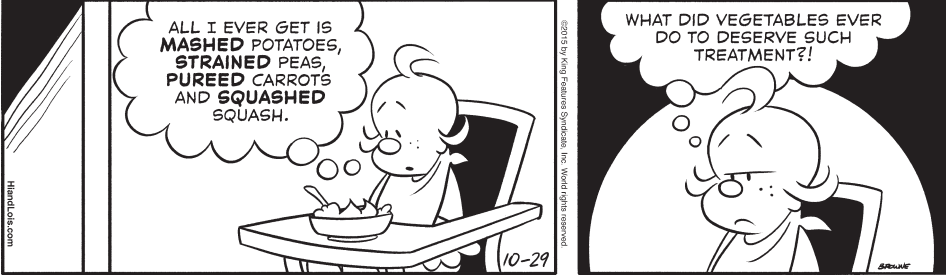
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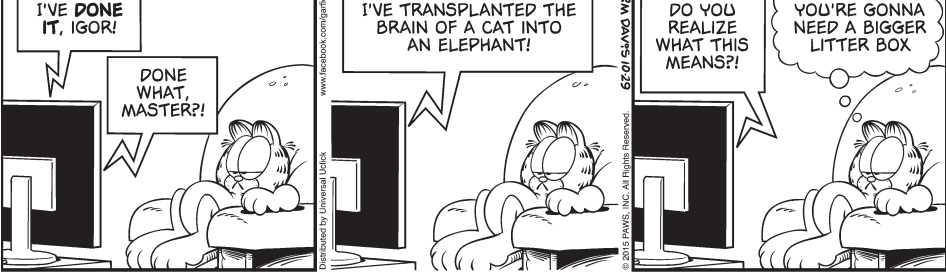
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Granddaughter With Sticky Fingers Is Caught In The Act

DEAR ABBY: I caught my 12-year-old granddaughter stealing. She took one of my favorite hair products, which isn't a big deal, but I'm torn over how to approach her and if I should inform her parents. There was another possible theft once before when she visited me. Some makeup blush disappeared. I dismissed it, but now I have concerns.

How should I handle this? I love her unconditionally, but this needs to be addressed and I don't know how. I'm prepared that she might deny my accusation. Then what? – **ALARMED IN RHODE ISLAND**

DEAR ALARMED: Tell your granddaughter that you enjoy having her visit, but you noticed that several items had disappeared after she stayed with you. Ask her if she took them. Regardless of how she responds, tell her that if she wants to use something of yours, before she does, she should ask permission. If it happens after that, discuss it with her parents then.

DEAR ABBY: My brother is a recovering heroin addict. He stayed clean for almost a year until a few months ago, when he relapsed. He hasn't used again since his slip and continues to go to outpatient treatment.

My boyfriend, whom I recently moved in with, doesn't want him to come to the house. He says it's to protect "his nest," and I understand why. I have tried talking with him about it because I feel that I can't have any other family members over, but that doesn't seem to matter to him. My brother heard he isn't welcome and I feel absolutely terrible. I'm not sure how to rectify the situation. If my boyfriend can't accept my family, how is this relationship supposed to last? But another part of me wonders if his feelings are justified, and perhaps I have been too accepting of all the mistakes and grief my brother has caused my family and me. – **SAD SISTER IN OHIO**

DEAR SAD SISTER: If your brother has stolen from the family in order to feed his habit, your boyfriend has a valid point in not wanting him in the house. His reaction is intelligent. However, the ban should not extend to your entire family, and this is something you need to clarify. If your boyfriend's objective is to isolate you from all of your relatives, it's a red flag that shouldn't be ignored.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is marrying a wonderful young man who not only loves her, but also her 7-month-old daughter, who is not his. My question is one of etiquette. During the wedding ceremony, if my granddaughter starts crying, should I get up and leave with her? She's a little Mama's girl and might start to fuss.

I'd hate to miss my daughter's wedding, but don't want it to be ruined for her guests. What is the proper thing to do? – **BRIDE'S MOM ON THE EAST COAST**
DEAR BRIDE'S MOM: The proper thing to do is to ask your daughter – well in advance of the wedding – what SHE would like done in the event that her daughter starts crying or acting up during the ceremony.

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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 Scorpio and a Moon in Taurus if born before 2:24 a.m. (EDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, OCT. 29, 2015:

This year you like to relate to others individually. As a result, you get to know many people in your immediate circle better. Your level of empathy and understanding increases as well. You will note an innate awkwardness in yourself. Learn acceptance and neutrality. If you are single, you might often be confused about a romantic relationship or a potential partner. You will see only what you want to see. Proceed with care. If you are attached, you will spend many intimate hours with your significant other. You make a great team, as long as you feed this bond with plenty of downtime together. GEMINI intrigues you.

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'll act and feel as if you are more in your element. Return calls and catch up on others' news. You'll want to listen for the implications surrounding someone's statement. Your instincts might indicate that you need more facts. Verify this information. Tonight: Be available.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ You could be concerned about someone else's attitude regarding money. You might find that this person is closing down. Have a discussion with this person. Relax and let go, if possible. There will be changes later, but confusion reigns right now. Tonight: Pay bills first.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★★ You seem to sense various chaotic forces around you. Tune in to what is important to you, and make what feels like the appropriate decision. You might feel energized. Others are likely to notice your charisma and respond accordingly. Tonight: Go for what you want.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ Your sensitivity could overwhelm you today, causing your intuition to become confused. Take a walk and get some fresh air to clear your head. Know that you might need to take a stroll more than once today! Tonight: Buy a fountain on the way home. Relax to the sound of water.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★★ You recognize the importance of

networking. Plan on touching base with several key people, and make lunch plans. A partner, associate or dear loved one might only add to the chaos. Do your best to stay centered. Tonight: Find your friends, and make weekend plans.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★ Tension builds because you feel as though you must act a certain way. Is this based on your judgment, or someone else's? Let go of your need to please others, and trust in your abilities. Tonight: Whatever you are doing, you could be out till the wee hours.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★★ Your abilities to charm others, see results and detach will come together. Still, be careful, as there could be a backfire. Not everyone understands you or your personality. Authenticity will make a difference. A discussion with an expert will be fascinating. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★ You could be exhausted by what is happening with a loved one. You might feel overwhelmed by all the changes going on right now. Take your time, but don't rely on your feelings; logic is what counts. You will be in a position where you can't say too much. Tonight: Be patient.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Others encourage you to join them. You might not realize how distant you are. Consider letting go and relaxing. You will gain from the experience if you let go of a judgment that could be off. Ask yourself why you have adopted this protective stance. Tonight: Sort through offers.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★★ You can be overly serious without intending to. You might be focused on completing a project or getting through some work or personal calls. If you note negativity coming from you, do your best to pull away before you say or do anything drastic. Tonight: Easy works.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

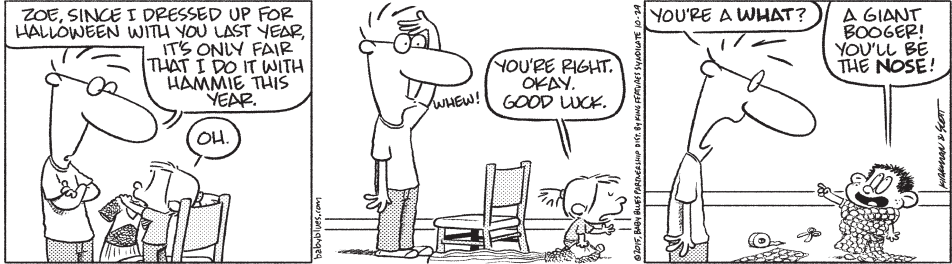
★★★★★ Your playfulness is renowned. While others could get locked into a situation, you will bypass it with ease. Be careful with your finances, as they could be out of whack. Be sure not to sign any financial agreements or contracts right now. Tonight: Full of fun and games.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

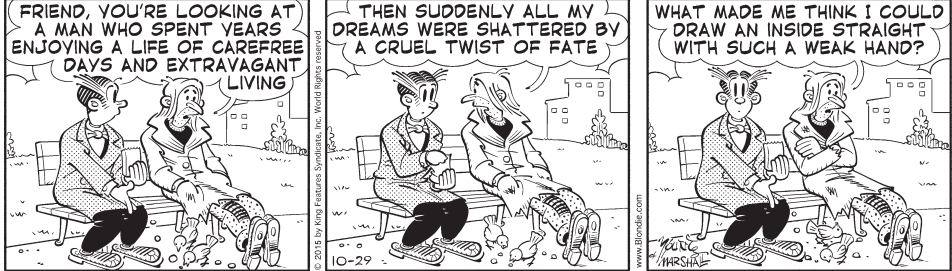
★★★★ Tension builds in your personal or domestic life. No matter what happens, you will have to come face to face with the issue. The other party involved might be touchy, but eventually he or she will become caring and understanding. Help create that moment. Tonight: At home.

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