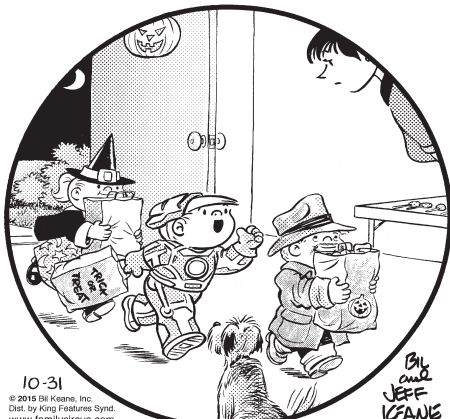


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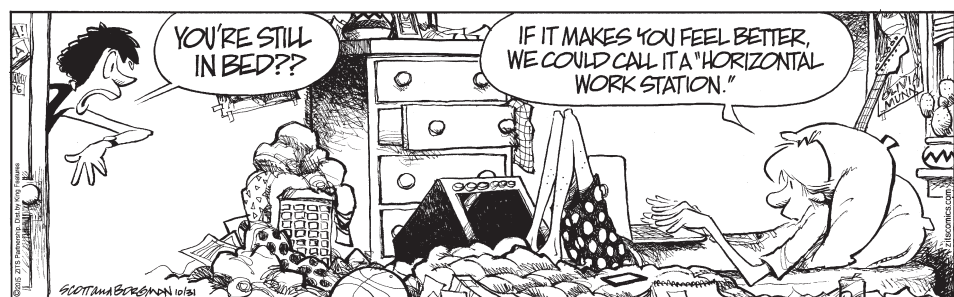
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"We're just stopping by to count what we have. Then we're going right back out again."

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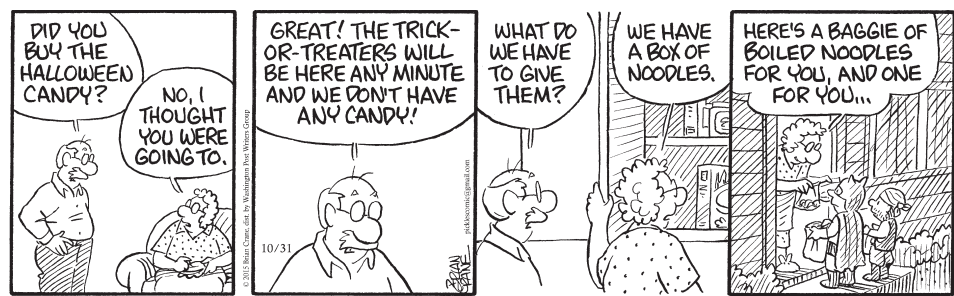


I am Dr. Frankenstein. I am your creator. Now go scare the neighbors into giving you candy.

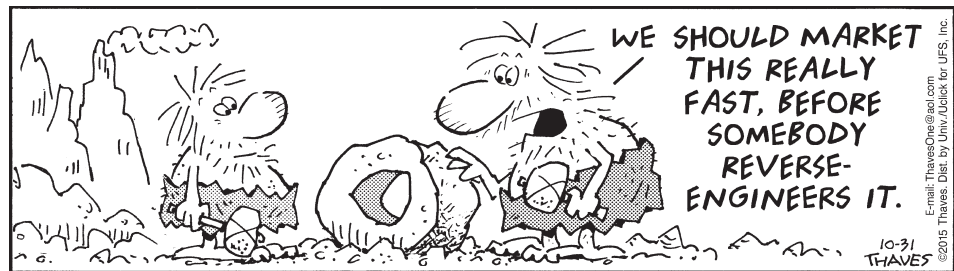
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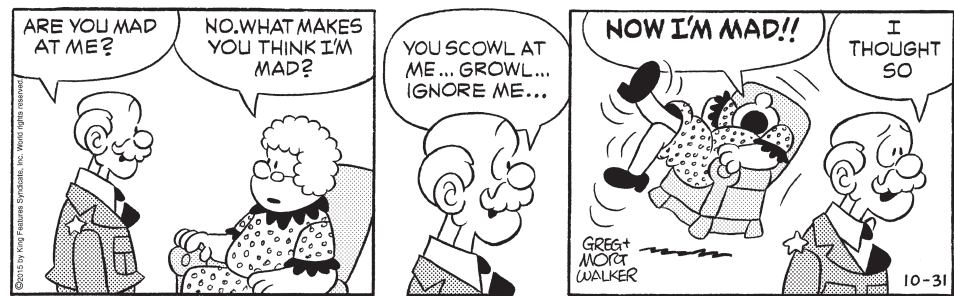
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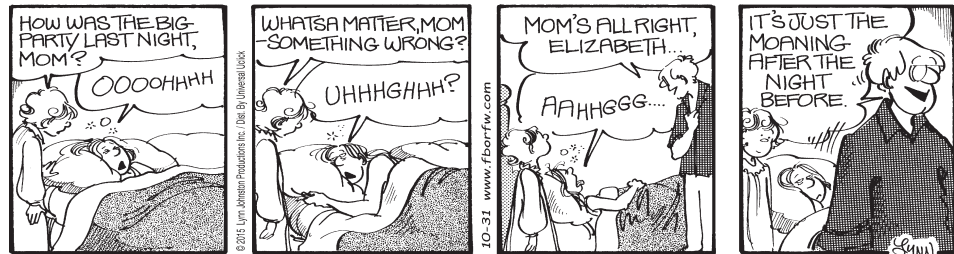
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# Cost Of Professional Help Adds To Teenager's Anxiety

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl. For the past few years I have been depressed to the point where I have considered cutting myself. I also struggle with anxiety and avoid social situations in order not to experience it.

Mom only knows about my anxiety, but I have been sugarcoating it when I talk to her because I don't want her to worry. Abby, we don't have insurance and are already very poor, so I don't want to burden my family with my problems, which I know would cost a lot of money to treat. What do you suggest I do? — NEEDS HELP IN MISSOURI

DEAR NEEDS HELP: Because you are afraid to worry your mother, discuss what's going on with a counselor at your school. Please don't wait to do it. That person may have the ability to see you get the professional help you need. It may not be too much for your mother to afford and may even be free.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-year-old college student who has never been in a relationship. I try to be as much of an extrovert as possible, but it's hard for me.

I have romantic feelings for a guy I have known for two years. When we see each other in class, we hug and talk a little. I'm having trouble telling him how I feel because, as I've learned from past experience, he may not feel the same.

I don't want to be a big baby about this, but I have a fear of rejection. I have experienced it numerous times. I know it's a part of life, but I don't know if I can take it again. Please tell me what to do about this guy. I can't stop thinking about him. — HOPELESS ROMANTIC

DEAR HOPELESS ROMANTIC: Before declaring your feelings, get to know a little more about your classmate, like whether he's romantically involved with someone else. A way to do that would be to suggest having coffee after class or helping each other study for

an exam. Neither of those approaches would be "risky." If he agrees, you will have a better chance of gauging whether he's attracted to you, too. Because he hugs you when he sees you, it's safe to assume he is not repelled.

Let me let you in on a little secret: I don't know ANYone who, having experienced rejection, has found it pleasurable. Some of the most successful people I know have encountered rejection more than once, but they didn't let it stop them. Because your fear is preventing you from reaching out, talk about it with a psychologist at the student health center. If you do, it may help you feel more confident in putting yourself out there.



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: We give each of our grandchildren a check for every birthday. We would like to stop when each child reaches the age of 18.

Please give us an idea of what to write in a letter to each child as we send the final check on his/her 18th birthday. — LONGTIME READER IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR READER: I see no reason to make an announcement with the "last check." When the 19th birthday rolls around, send a card marking the special day — and explaining then the reason why there is no check included.

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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 Gemini if born before 5:40 a.m. (EDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Cancer.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, OCT. 31, 2015:

This year you open up to many new adventures. You'll have to keep a close eye on your finances, as you might feel as if you don't have the stability you desire. Your imagination easily fires up when meeting interesting people. If you are single, this is particularly true. You could meet someone who knocks your socks off — just don't jump into the arms of the first person you meet. If you are attached, it appears as though there is magic between you and your sweetie. If you're at the right place and time in life, you could add to your family, though it might be just a pet! CANCER is drawn to you like a bear to honey.

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)

Stay centered and remain confident. Don't play into someone else's control games. Respond without getting involved in a power play. Your intuition will guide you with others. You might be happiest staying close to home. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You have a lot to share, so touch base with loved ones. Communicate what is on your mind, but know that others might be opinionated. Friends are likely to send you invitations to parties. You'll get into the holiday spirit when you get dressed. Tonight: Catch up on news.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

A change of plans could be costly. You might feel more in tune with an authority figure and his or her priorities. However, you also get where a friend is coming from. You'll feel the need to touch base with different people in your life and please them. Tonight: All smiles.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Your versatility comes across right now, as you have the ability to change moods quickly. You might decide to change costumes or help a child handle a last-minute Halloween problem. Use your imagination with a loved one. Tonight: Tricking or treating?

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

You might decide to retreat into your

cave. It's a good idea, but today is the wrong day! A loved one is likely to knock on your door with an idea that energizes you. The phone will ring, and a dear friend will invite you over! Tonight: Keep the choices you make close to home.

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

You could be in the center of all the holiday commotion. You'll barely have a moment to yourself. Maintain a sense of humor with a partner who seems passionate about Halloween plans. Communication intensifies as the day goes on. Tonight: Wherever you are, you are smiling.

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

Your intentions reveal caring, but demands from a commitment could cause you to head in a different direction. Communication scores as high as actions do right now. Respond to a boss's or other authority figure's request, even if you feel it is out of place. Tonight: Out and about.

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

Look beyond the obvious when dealing with a loved one at a distance. What this person shares might be a ploy to hide what is really bothering him or her. Be understanding and sensitive. Tonight: Put yourself 100 percent into your Halloween persona.

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

A loved one delights you with his or her ideas. You'll have little to say or do but nod. Whether you are the host of a party or off crashing Halloween parties, fun will be had by all. A family member could get confused with all the goings-on. Tonight: Go for matching costumes.

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

You might think you know what your plans are until a key person enters the mix and announces a whole new agenda. Be willing to break new ground. Catch up on news with a pal, whether by phone or in person. Tonight: Get into the festive nature of the night.

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

Perhaps you did all your haunting prior to today, so you might feel like staying close to home and making it an early night. Be ready for events to contradict this plan. Do what you want, but you still might have to jump through some hoops. Tonight: Get into the moment.

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

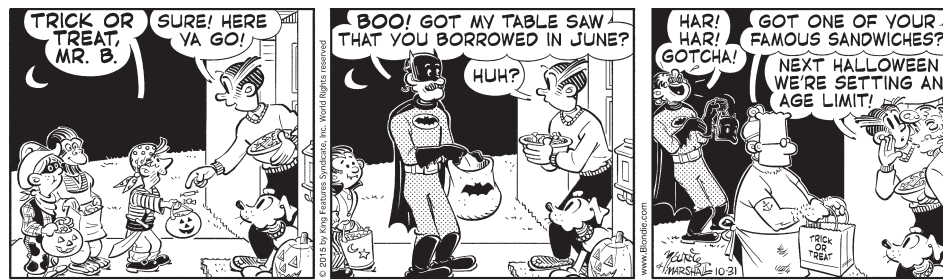
Your sense of humor kicks in and adds to the fun nature of the moment. Listen to a child's request, and if possible, follow through. A last-minute Halloween shindig could be perfect, and you won't need to stress out. Tonight: Let everyone reveal his or her true self!

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