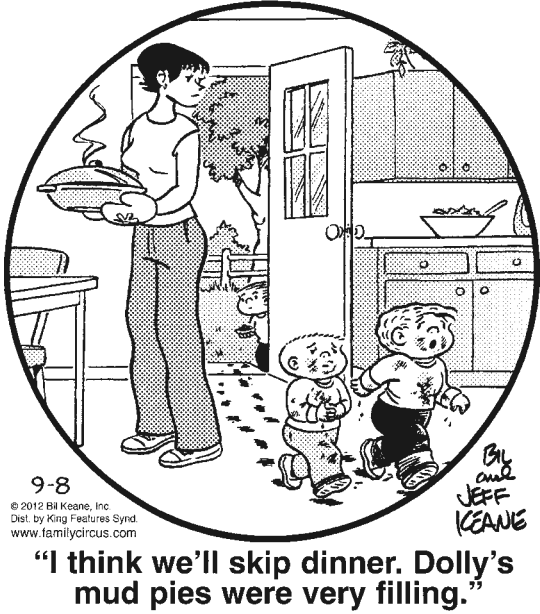
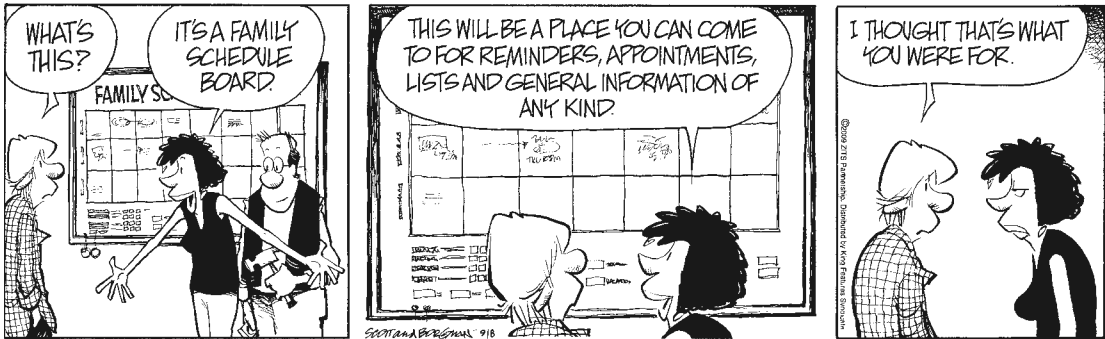


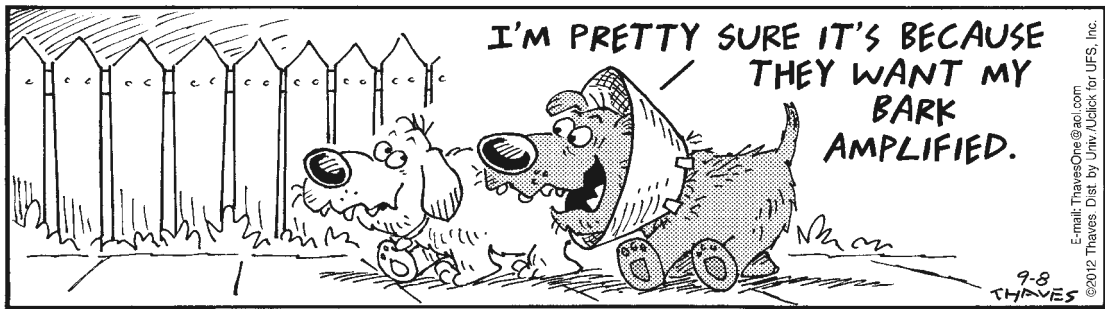
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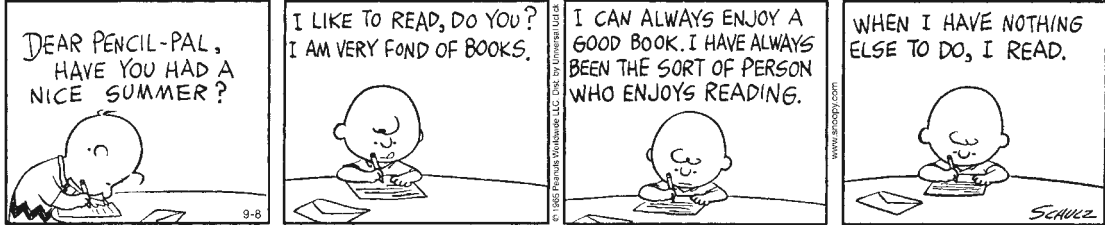
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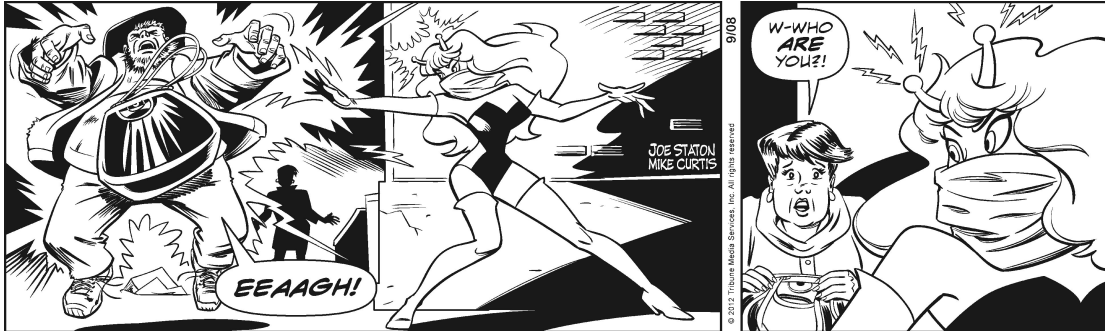
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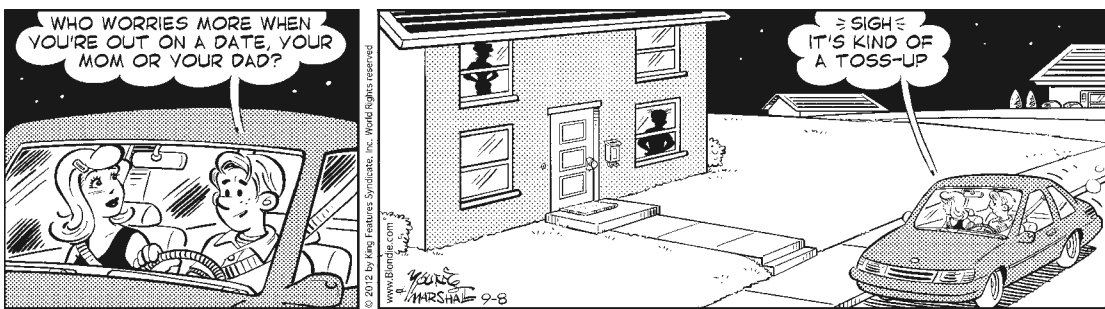
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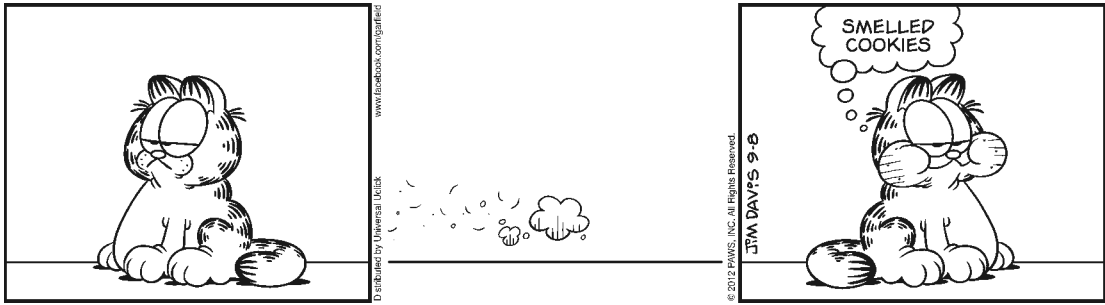
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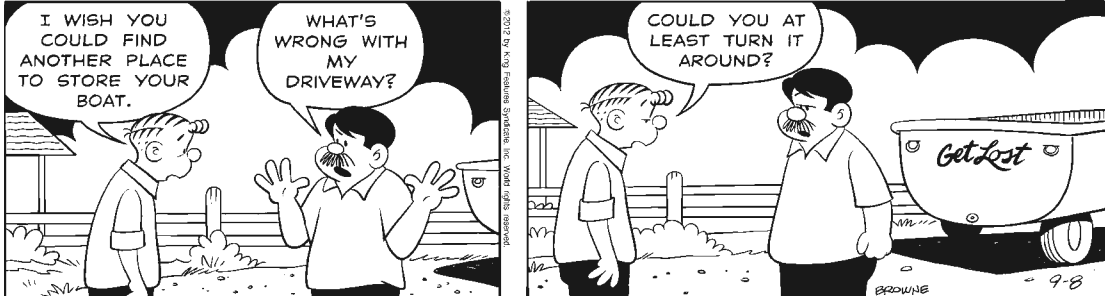
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Anonymous Love Note To Boy Backfires On Tearful Teenager

DEAR ABBY: I really need some advice or I'm going to cry my eyes out. I'm a 14-year-old girl and I really like this guy at school. I'm shy, so instead of telling him, I drew a picture of him, wrote on the back that I like him and taped it to his locker so he could see it. I didn't sign it.

He thought it was weird and doesn't know it's me. He already has a girlfriend and she hates what I did. She says she thinks whoever did it is a stalker.

I feel really stupid. I don't know what to do now. I wasn't trying to be creepy. I just wanted him to know how much I love him. Should I tell him it was me? I'm so confused. Please help. — HOPELESS AND LOVELESS

DEAR H. AND L.: Dry your tears and take advantage of this learning experience. We have all had them. If you are smart — and I think you are — you will not reveal that it was you who put the picture on the locker. The boy is already involved with someone and his girlfriend will regard you as an enemy. If and when they break up — as so many teen romances do — you can decide THEN whether to express your feelings. But if you do, please do it in person and not anonymously.

DEAR ABBY: Is it possible to earn someone's trust back, and if so, how would I do it? — WONDERING IN OHIO

DEAR WONDERING: Much depends upon what you did that destroyed the person's trust. If it wasn't too egregious, a sincere apology is the way to begin. And if it is accepted, walking the straight and narrow in the future would be helpful.

DEAR ABBY: I got married four months ago and we have no wedding rings. However, we do have our names tattooed on each other's ring finger. His is not legible. Even though he got it touched up once, it still looks like a big blur. My tattoo is very clear and noticeable.

All my friends think we need to wear wedding bands or something. Did we do the wrong thing? — NEWLYWED IN TACOMA, WASH.

DEAR NEWLYWED: When it comes to wedding bands — and what they symbolize — there is no "wrong" thing. You and your husband got the tattoos because you wanted something that would last forever, like your union. The most important thing isn't what your friends think; it's how the two of you FEEL. If you want to wear wedding bands, then buy a couple. But don't do it because someone else thinks you should.



DEAR ABBY

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do you say?"

P.S. If you find yourself in the Los Angeles area, give me a call. And don't forget that mop!

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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 Virgo and a Moon in Gemini all day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, SEPT. 8, 2012:

This year you often act on one idea while espousing a different one. You also tend to say one thing but do another. Others could view this type of behavior as erratic. A boss, parent or older friend is a source of luck. You also will gain through your work, which could result in a pay raise or promotion. When brainstorming with others, you could be taken aback by all the ideas that pop up. If you are single, you could meet someone through one of your commitments. This common ground allows you to relate more easily. If you are attached, working together on a project or for a common cause strengthens the bond between you. GEMINI can demand a lot.

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)

★★★★ Could you be overly optimistic? Positive thinking helps manifest your ideas, but it all depends on how you take disappointment. You might feel pressured by a friend's version of an incident. There is such a thing as too much information. Tonight: Go to your favorite haunt.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ You might expect more from an emotional investment than is logical. A touch of realism might make you uncomfortable, but on some level, it will serve to protect you. A brainstorming situation could add to the confusion. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You have a way about you right now that makes you difficult to resist. Your spontaneity opens up new paths and possibilities. You might say one thing but actually want something else. Try to be clear in your communication. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★ You could need some time away from others. You might want to think through a decision without hearing everyone's opinions. Communication seems to come in from many different directions. Plans easily could change under the circumstances. Tonight: Shhh ... you do not need to reveal everything.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You don't need to be rigid, but it would be

wise to keep your eye on the big picture. You might feel as if there are too many decisions or possibilities. Resist overthinking. You will be more fortunate and happier if you are spontaneous. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You could be more in sync with someone you've put on a pedestal than you might realize. You never looked at the similarities between you before now. Be willing to go out of your way to see this person. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Share some of your drifting thoughts with the person they involve. Good feelings will emerge as a result. On some level, one of you is logical and the other has a devil-may-care attitude. Tonight: Let the good times rock and roll.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Everyone needs to get away with a favorite person every so often. Why would you be any different? You might be surprised by what this person shares. Try not to let your ideas and thoughts race out of control. Remain receptive to a positive idea. Tonight: Out late.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ A close loved one simply does not make sense to you. Eventually, you'll understand where this person is coming from. You easily could feel overwhelmed by the constant flux of his or her ideas and sometimes off-the-wall actions. Tonight: Follow someone's lead.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ Stay nice and calm when dealing with someone's requests and desires. You might opt to get a project done or curl up with a favorite book. Not everyone needs to have his or her weekend action-packed. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ It makes no difference what you do -- you have fun nearly anywhere, with anyone. You're simply in the mood to live it up. Only you can interfere with your set of plans. A child or a potential loved one intrigues you. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

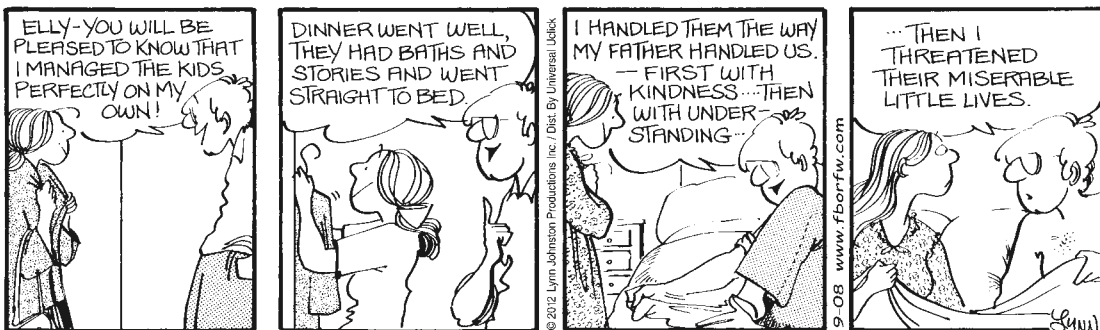
★★★★ Visit with relatives rather than run out the door to meet someone. You often do not make enough time for certain members of your immediate family. Pressure builds as a result of the judgments you might be making. Tonight: Go for spontaneous.

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