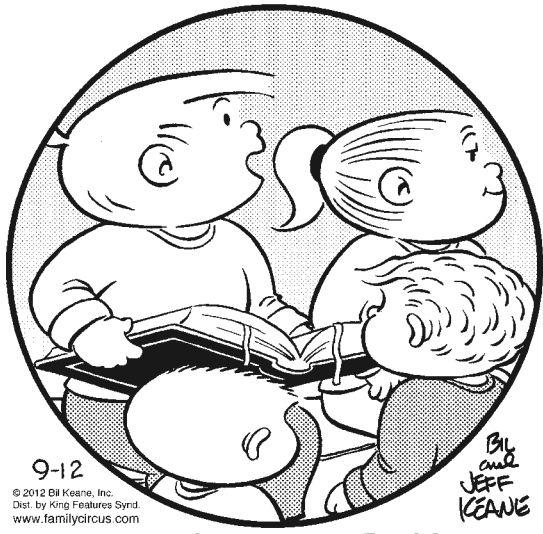


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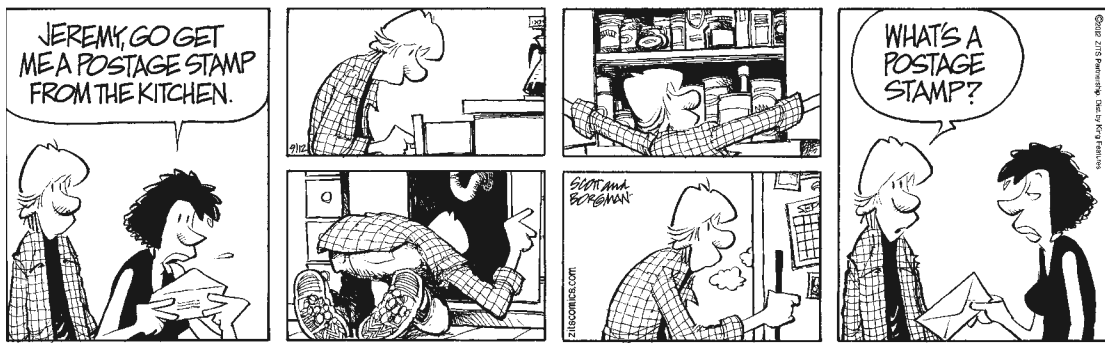
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"Mommy, did you and Daddy get this Bible before or after we were begat?"

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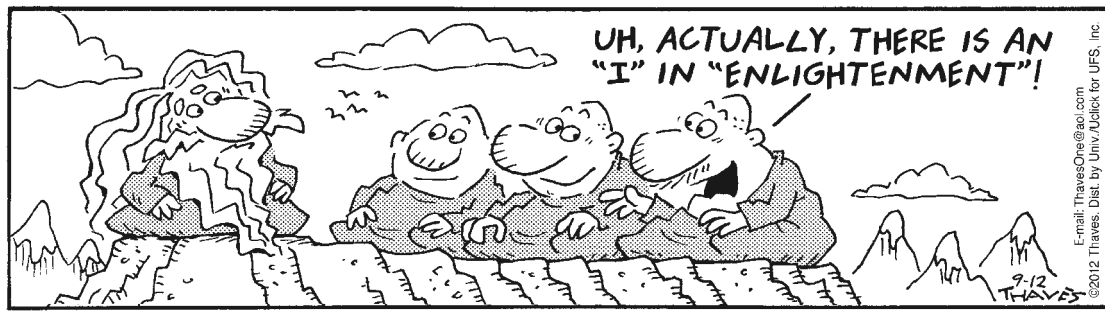


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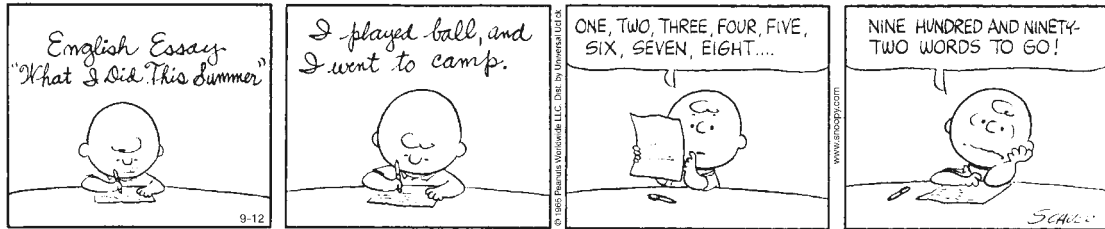
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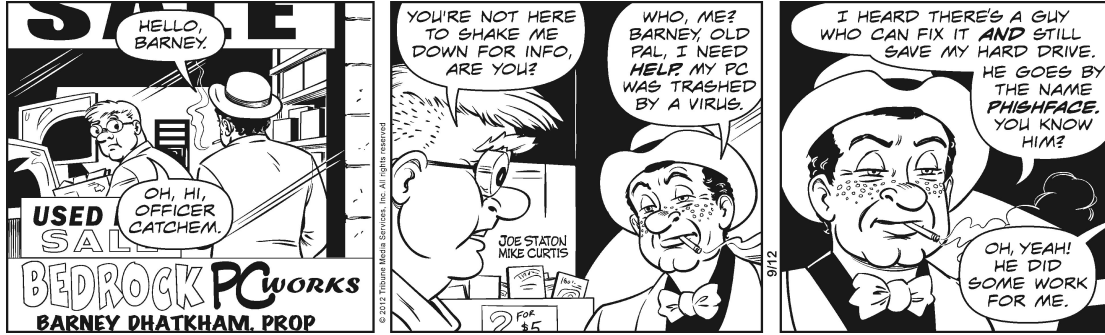
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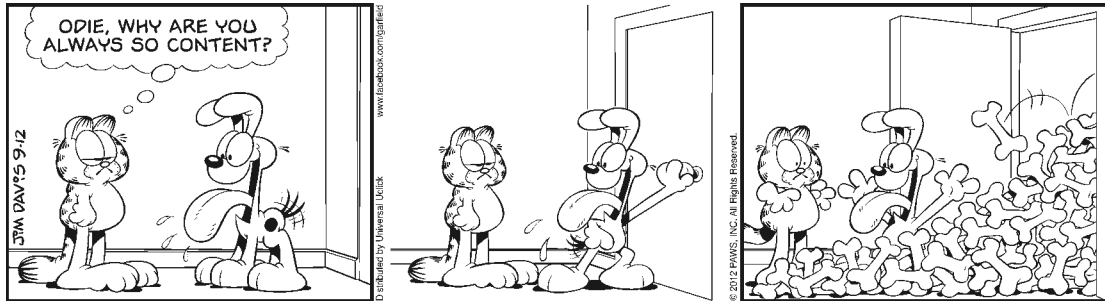
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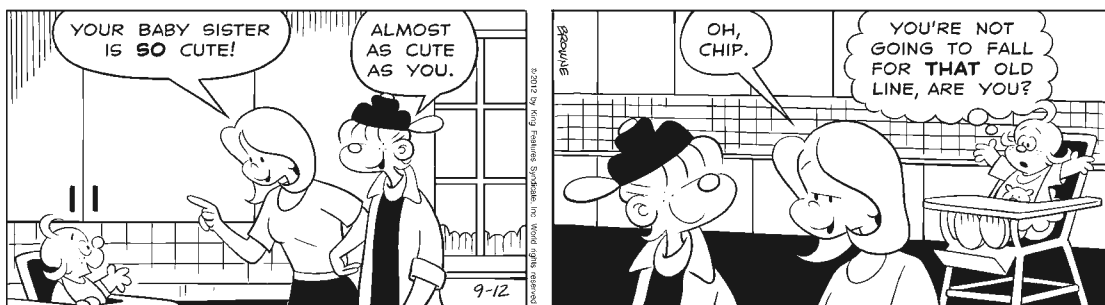
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A Good Conversationalist Lets Others Have Their Say

DEAR ABBY: I'm really bad when it comes to speaking. It's hard for me to squeak out the few words I can. I am shy and not very sociable, so when I'm with people, even my two friends, I feel like I come across as rude.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

In public, it seems like everyone else is so much more interesting than I am. Making conversation is a lot of trouble. I know this sounds silly, but do you know if there is anything that can be done about it? I heard you had a booklet about being more social. Is it still published? If so, how can I get one? — VICTORIA IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR VICTORIA: Making conversation may seem like "a lot of trouble" to you because making conversation is a SKILL that you haven't yet mastered. A surefire way to contribute in social situations is to become informed about what is going on in the world by reading books, magazines, the Dear Abby column (of course) and going on the Internet.

You don't have to be an "authority" on everything. A good conversationalist is interested in what other people have to say instead of feeling pressured to fill the air with the sound of his or her own voice.

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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.

A baby born today has a Sun in Virgo and a Moon in Leo all day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12, 2012:

You approach life with sensitivity, yet you demonstrate the ability to openly accept the many surprises that head down your path. Sometimes you might get angry or enraged as a result of being left out of plans.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★★★★ You flex and adjust to someone else's plans. You might want to understand what is going on with a key person in your life.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ Keep a close eye on a certain situation, even if you wish you could do something else or join a friend. To ensure that you are headed in the right direction, you will need to stay on top of a problem.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Keep your conversations open and flowing. You might not like what you are hearing. A problem ensues where you least expect it.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ New beginnings become possible if you make an effort to express your deeper feelings and allow more of the unexpected into your life.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You want to understand what is going on behind the scenes. The element of surprise makes all the difference.

anger rather than saying something you might regret later. Tonight: All smiles.

VRIGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You have the ability to make a difference within your immediate circle. You seem to be able to read others through their actions and sense their feelings.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Honor a long-term desire, and find out what you need to do. A meeting points to your relationship within a particular group.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ You could find yourself being observed by others. You might wonder whether it would serve you to do something different.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Use your ability to relate to one person directly. You might want to step back from a control game. The unexpected occurs surrounding a personal matter.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Still going along with others' plans? If you can't stand it anymore, make a point to be alone. This period is important for others to appreciate how very much you do and offer.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ Count on giving more than 100 percent, no matter what you are doing. Your efforts to pitch in and help others might be more appreciated than you think.

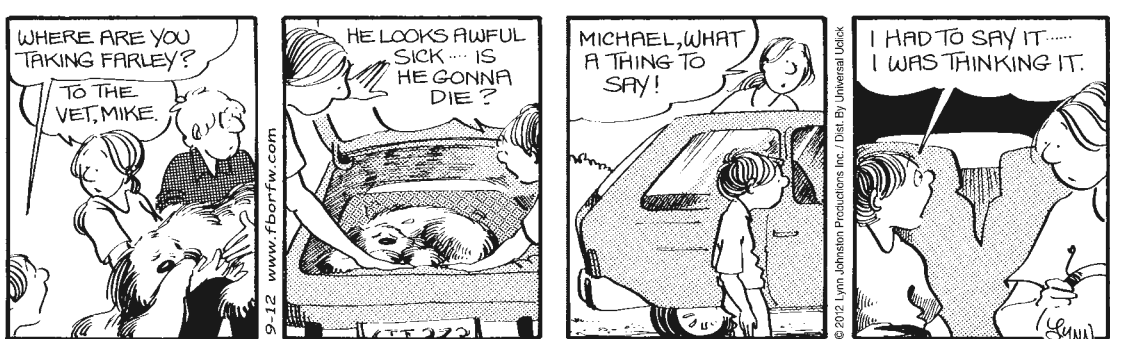
PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Your very playful personality emerges, which allows greater give-and-take. With humor, you can say much more than usual.

DEAR ABBY | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS

