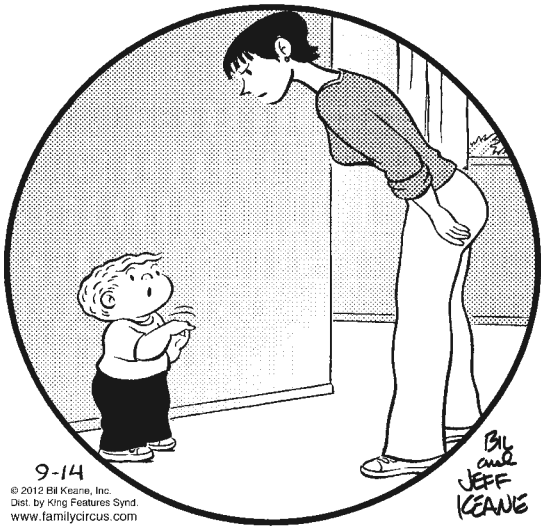
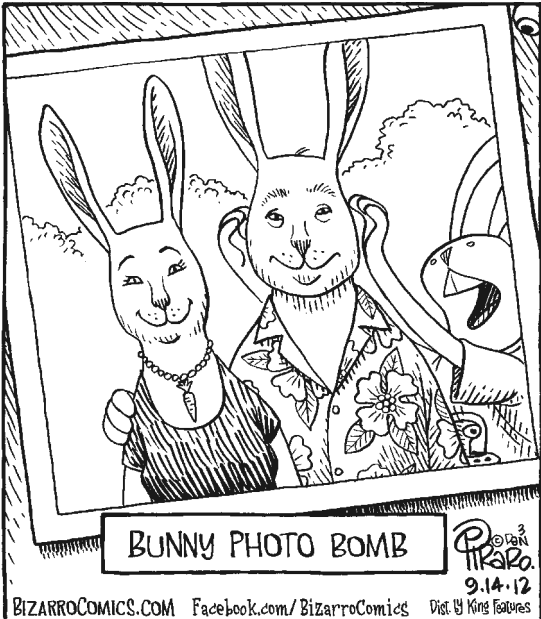


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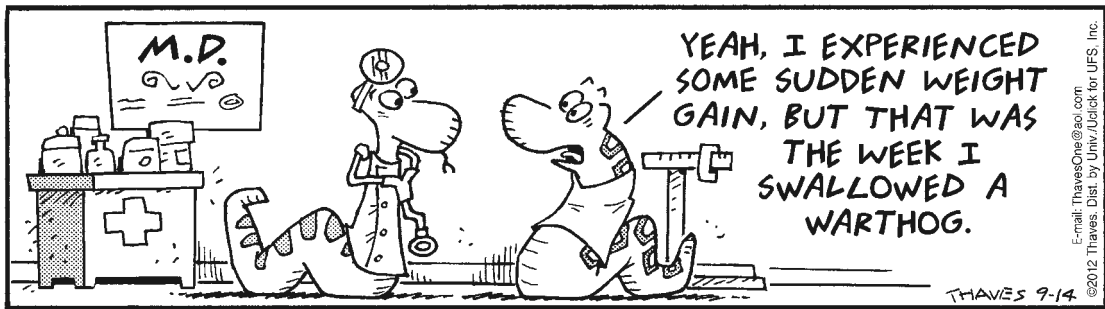


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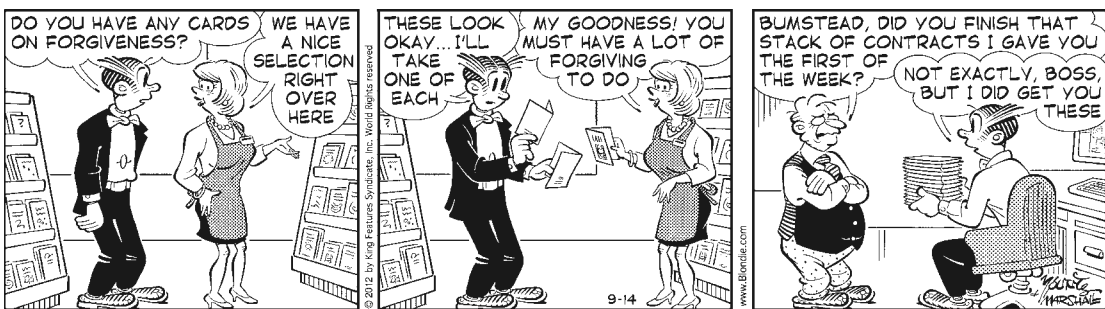
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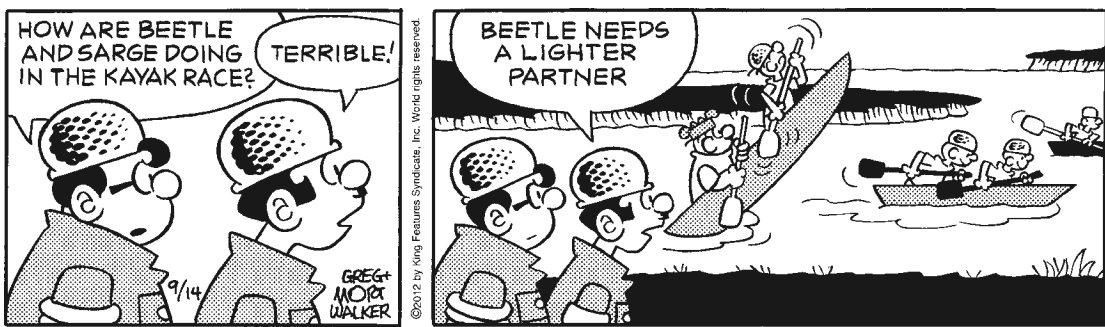
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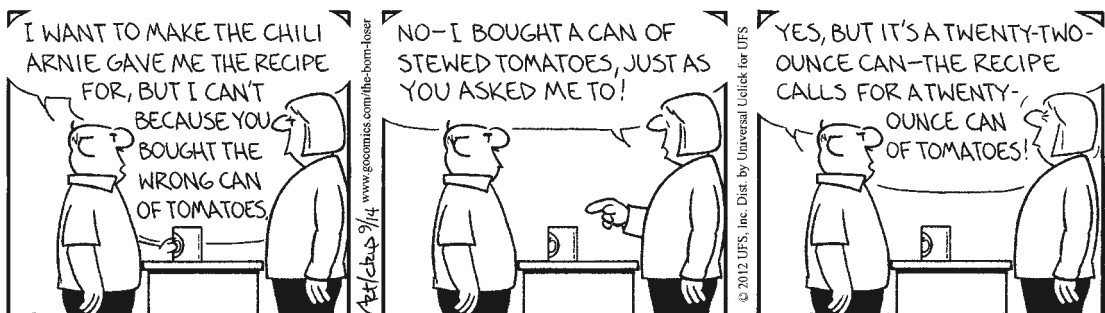
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Grandma Is Slow To Cheer A Wedding That's Overdue

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is annoyed with me because I'm not jumping up and down with joy over my grandson's forthcoming wedding. Yes, I am happy they're getting married, but how excited can I get? The two have been sexually involved since they met in high school four years ago. She was 16; he was 17.

For the past two years, he and his girlfriend have shared an apartment and lived as man and wife. The bride-to-be's parents are not exactly thrilled either at the expense of a white gown and a few hundred chicken dinners, hall and band. However, my daughter insists on it and wants everybody to get excited.

OK — so I'm excited. Whoopee. — GRANNY MAE

DEAR GRANNY MAE: You are focusing on the wrong thing. Your grandson and his fiancée care enough about each other to commit, in a public ceremony, to spending their lives together. That's a positive step that deserves to be celebrated.

Whether you or I approve of couples living together is beside the point. They are adults and it was their choice. Be happy that they are now tying the knot to bind themselves together in a more permanent union.

DEAR ABBY: My sister, "Doris," got divorced 10 years ago. Since then, she's lost a lot of weight and had extensive plastic surgery. She now dresses in as little clothing as possible to show off her body.

We frequently have family get-togethers, and I notice my husband, "Rod," looking at Doris in a sexual way. She seems to appreciate it. At the last family gathering, she wore black thong underwear. I know because it became impossible to ignore after she positioned herself on her chair so that her pants dropped down, exposing her fanny.

I am upset with her. I told my mother I'd like to limit these get-togethers. Now my mother is mad at me. She says I am being silly and unreasonable. What do you think? — HURTING IN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, CALIF.

DEAR HURTING: Your sister is over-compensating for all those years she felt unattractive. I hope she learns quickly that the kind of attention she's getting from dressing so seductively isn't the kind that lasts.

P.S. In the interest of your marriage, your husband should be less obvious about his ogling since it's making you feel insecure. If you haven't done so already, please mention it.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

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DEAR ABBY: My daughters attend a high school where a "Sadie Hawkins" dance has been planned for the students. The problem is, the guys at their school think it's "cool" to wait until the day before the dance to answer the girls' invitations. These are otherwise polite young men, but they see no problem in making the girl wait until the last minute to know if she even has a date for the event.

I think this is extremely rude and inconsiderate. What is your opinion?

And what do you suggest the girls say to the young men who leave them hanging? — MOM WHO CARES IN ARIZONA

DEAR MOM WHO CARES: The courteous way to respond when invited out is to accept or say no PROMPTLY. I agree that it's rude to keep someone hanging. If your daughters don't get a response within a reasonable amount of time — say, 24 to 48 hours — they should invite someone else. And when the original boy finally comes up with his acceptance, he should be told, "Sorry, when I didn't hear back from you, I asked someone else."

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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 Leo if born before 2:10 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, SEPT. 14, 2012:

This year you have a great deal of power behind your words. The New Moon is close to your birthday, which allows you to manifest your desires. You need to understand what you want to create in order to use this lunar power to the max. If you are single, you do not need to worry — you will have many suitors. Your knee-jerk response will be the one you choose to listen to. If you are attached, the two of you relate well as always, though you might be accused of being too me-oriented. That criticism probably isn't too far off. Remember, a relationship is about two people. VIRGO can be critical.

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)

★★★★ Early-morning communication could be excessive, and you might be overwhelmed as a result. You — a person who usually is so directed — have difficulty knowing which way to turn. You might need to revamp your plans. Tonight: Flex once more.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ Tap into your creativity, and gain more insight into what might be possible. You often have to dream or conjure up an idea in order to make it work. Don't restrict your mental meanderings, though you might choose not to share them. Tonight: Get into weekend mode.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ You might want to stay close to home and not have a reason. Trust your intuitive sense, and you will be on top of a situation. Confusion surrounds many of your key interests or projects. A partner can help you reduce them. Tonight: At home.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You could be seeing a personal situation a lot differently, given time and a sense of direction. A partner or associate might want to revamp plans, as he or she could be unsure of him- or herself. Let this person put some structure into the here-and-now. Tonight: You need a leisurely dinner.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Be aware of your expenses, as you easily could

make a mistake counting change. Extravagance might seem essential, but be careful as to what this might be doing to your budget. Stay mellow with a controlling situation; do not allow it to get to you. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might change your plans, as you feel inspired and more energized than you have in a long time. Others could seem helpless and unable to convey what is going on in their minds. You change the way people think in a discussion, but they impact your thoughts as well. Tonight: Whatever feels good.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★ You might want to play a situation low-key and handle it more directly. Your sense of humor plays a significant role when dealing with a perpetually changing matter. Your instincts guide you even more than usual. Tonight: Choose something for yourself.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You have a unique style and way of communicating. Unbeknown to others, you have a certain idea or sense of how a situation could unravel. Do not be surprised if there is a mishap out of the blue. Be willing to make adjustments. Tonight: Hang out.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Your ability to step right in will be tested, and with the amount of mixed messages that surround you, you might not be sure which way to turn. Extremes mark others' behavior. Do not get involved with risky money matters. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You know what needs to happen. You might attempt to open up your thinking, as well as others'. Sometimes a vision might be too difficult to explain, which forces you to take the lead even if you might be uncomfortable with it. Tonight: Go where there is music.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

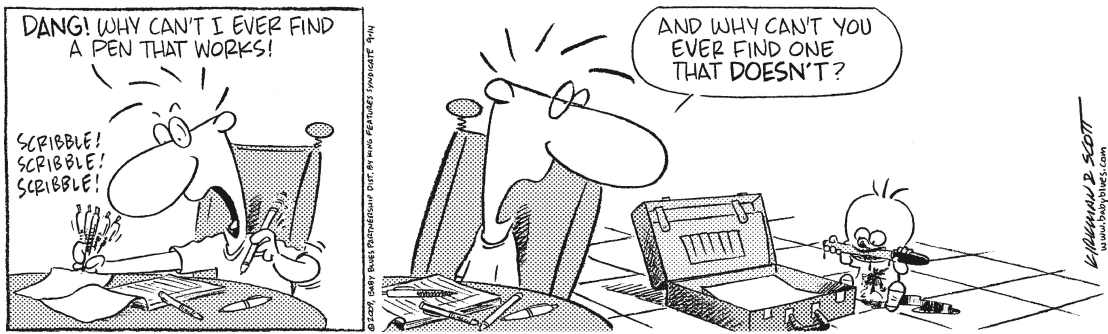
★★★★ If a partner wants to assume the lead, make it OK. You could feel as if you do not have the control you want. Listen to news more openly. You could be changing certain judgments without realizing it. Please note the different reactions you get as a result. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You might feel out of sorts when trying to make a decision that has many variables. Be aware of a friendship that is changing. Learn to grow with this person, and listen to him or her more often. Dismiss former judgments. Tonight: Follow a suggestion.

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