

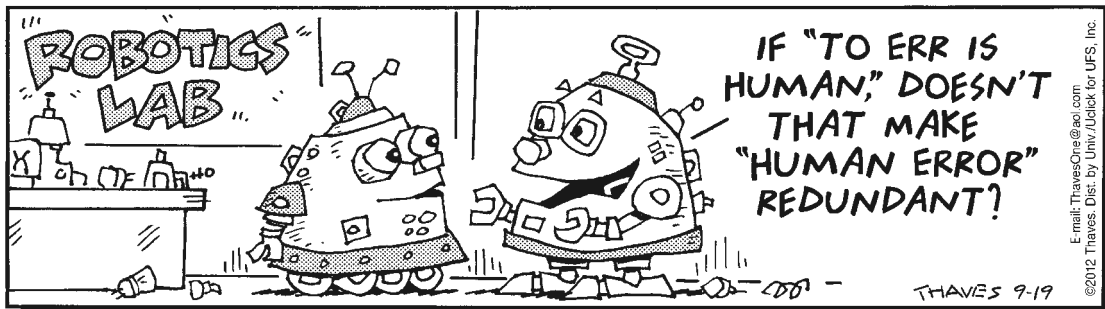
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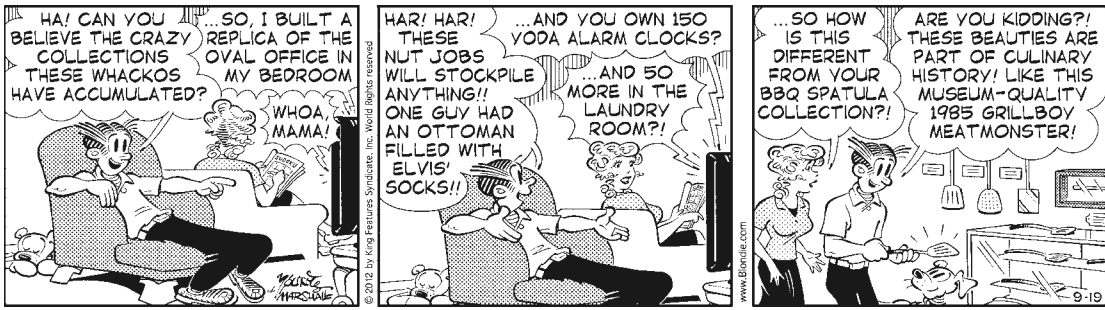
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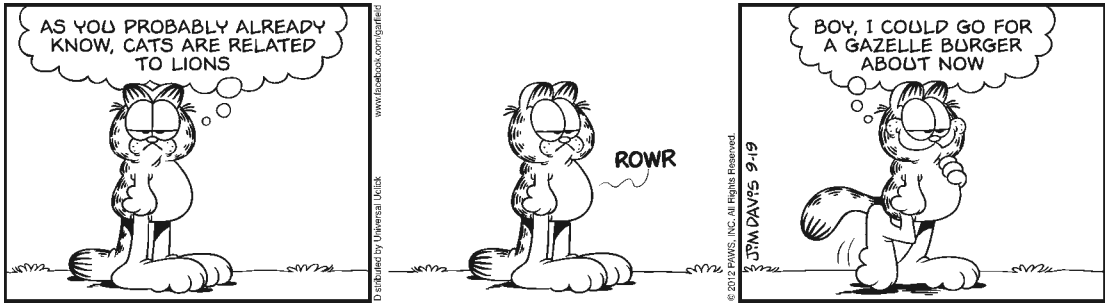
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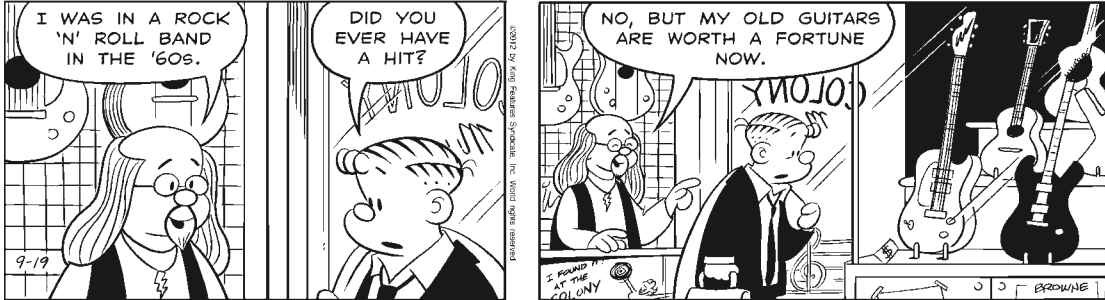
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Little-Boy Flasher Tries To Cover Up His Exposure

DEAR ABBY: My daughter "Anissa" is 3 and has an older cousin, "Billy," on my fiancé's side who is 5. Billy has been caught on several occasions showing his "manhood" to little girls, and we recently found out he took Anissa into a pop-up tent and showed her as well. This was not on my watch, because I don't feel comfortable leaving them alone together.

After I learned about the incident, I was told that Billy had done this with another cousin and told her it was a "secret" and not to tell.

Abby, as far as I know, Billy was spoken to at great length and reprimanded after the first few occurrences, but he continues to do this, it seems, at every opportunity he gets.

Is this normal behavior for boys? I think the parents are burying their heads in the sand. They get defensive when the subject is brought up. Personally, all I can do is keep Anissa within arm's reach when Billy is around. What do you think? — NOT ON MY WATCH

DEAR NOT: I think that's intelligent. Although children are naturally curious when they learn there's a difference between boys and girls (hence the genesis of playing "doctor"), Billy appears to be overly preoccupied. Because he is telling the girls to keep what he's doing a secret, he knows he is doing something wrong. Repeated naughty actions can be corrected only if there are consequences for them, and it appears a lengthy talking-to and a reprimand haven't gotten through to the child.

DEAR ABBY: I need your assistance resolving an awkward situation. I have noticed other women experiencing "wardrobe malfunctions." In each instance, they were otherwise tastefully dressed but seemingly unaware of the sheerness of their cloth-

ing. For example, one was wearing white slacks through which the patterned fabric of her underwear could be seen clearly.

Is there a polite way to alert them of the problem, or is it better to say nothing? Most of these women were strangers, but I couldn't think of tactful wording even when it happened to a friend. — JUST TRYING TO HELP

DEAR JUST TRYING: If it's a friend, say, "Honey, I can see the pattern of your underwear through your slacks," and it will probably be appreciated. However, if it's a stranger, keep your comment to yourself because it probably won't be.



DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: My late partner and I had matching wedding rings, as we had a civil marriage. Since my partner's death, I have met someone else. We have become a couple and also want to have a civil same-sex marriage.

Do you think it would be wrong to use the same wedding rings I had with my first partner? I'm not sure how I feel about it and need some input. — ALLEN IN FLORIDA

DEAR ALLEN: Far more important than what I think about it is what your significant other thinks. Personally, I would "retire" the rings from your former marriage and start with new ones because it's a new relationship. While no rule of etiquette says there is anything wrong with using the old ones, this really isn't a question of etiquette.

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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 Scorpio all day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19, 2012:

This year you will be encouraged to greet change with greater ease. If you fight progress, you could encounter your share of bumps along the way. Learn to let go, and head down the path that greets you with energy and optimism. If you are single, you meet more people than usual. You will fall into an intense tango with many of your potential sweeties. Take your time deciding. If you are attached, nothing seems to be a "maybe" or an "if." You will find that everything is either black or white. Hopefully, you will be on the same page. **SCORPIO** is nothing if not deep and mysterious.

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)

★★★★ Deal with others directly. You might not like what comes down the path, but know that you can transform a situation. Emotions expressed could help everyone involved. Strong energy directs you. Push as hard as possible to get a project done. Tonight: Listen to a suggestion.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Others clearly command the stage. You will be very happy if you do not try to interfere with this trend. An unexpected change encourages you to let go of what has not been working. You have tinkered to get this situation more in sync, to no avail. Tonight: Just do not be alone.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ You want to mix in a happier or more social part of your life. You could be jolted by what heads your way. The unexpected forces you to transform the way you deal with a key person. As a result, you might decide to open up. Tonight: Handle a personal matter.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★★ Your creativity opens you up to a new possibility when faced with a difficult and unpredictable situation. You feel good and empowered. Share some of your more intense feelings. Indirectly, you mobilize others by revealing more. Tonight: Paint the town red.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ A sudden insight or new information heads your way. You might want to slow down, as this novel per-

spective could change a lot in your daily life. For a while, make fewer commitments until you review certain facets of your life. A close friend or associate could become insecure. Do your best to let this person know your feelings. Tonight: Mosey on home.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You could be seeing a situation very differently from in the past. You'll discover that a person you counted on no longer is predictable. He or she has been more uptight and now chooses more off-the-wall ideas and actions. Tonight: Visit with a pal.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Be aware of how much you offer. Sometimes you give away too much of yourself. The unexpected impacts your daily life. You can work with sudden change, yet something within you seems to be building. Could it have to do with a loved one? Tonight: Treat yourself well.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★★ Be more upbeat, and work with a child or very lively friend. Sudden ideas come from out of left field. Discuss them before you act. Impulsiveness plays a strong role in what goes on. Tonight: Ask for what you want with the expectation of receiving it.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ You might want to step back from a sudden change involving your domestic or personal life. You could be wondering what might be best to do. Take a hard look at your finances before making a decision. Above all else, do not rush into anything. Tonight: Chill out.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ An unexpected situation could create a lot of tension. What you can be sure of is that stability is not an option, especially in your home or personal life. Express your feelings to someone who seems to understand you. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ You might want to take a break from a demanding situation. Unfortunately, that option is not on the table right now. A heart-to-heart talk could shock you and prevent you from moving forward with a key situation. Learn to say "no" more often. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ If you feel uncomfortable by what you are hearing, you might want to pull back some and make your own decisions. In fact, you really might not want any more input at this moment. You could feel at odds with certain events happening around you. Tonight: Where you can let your mind wander.

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