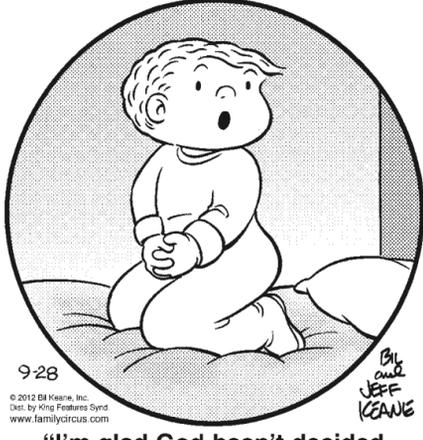


FAMILY CIRCUS | BIL KEANE



"I'm glad God hasn't decided to retire yet."

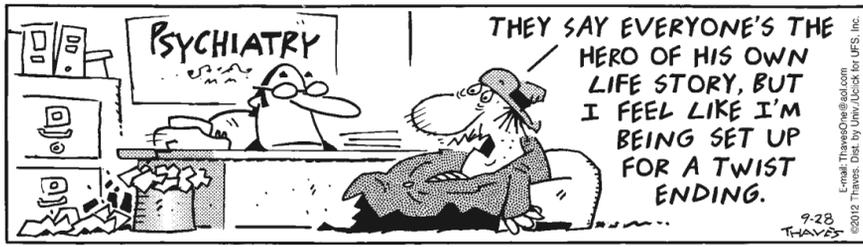
BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



ZITS | JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



FRANK AND ERNEST | BOB THAVES



PEANUTS | CHARLES M. SCHULZ



DICK TRACY | JOE STATON AND MIKE CURTIS



BLONDIE | YOUNG & DRAKE



GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS



BEETLE BAILEY | MORT WALKER



HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



THE BORN LOSER | ART SANSON



Husband's Rear Attacks May Require A Frontal Approach

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 35 years. We have one daughter. My husband has this "thing" about grabbing other women's behinds. He hugs them and then goes in for a grab. It bothers me so much. It hurts my feelings and I have told him so, but he still does it.

Men have told me they don't want him touching their wives this way. Others have said it's disrespectful to me. He says he will try to stop doing it. Try? That doesn't set well with me.

What do you think about this? Am I overreacting? After all these years, I just don't know what to think. — HANDS OFF IN ROCHESTER, N.Y.

DEAR HANDS OFF: I agree that pinching other women's bottoms is disrespectful (unless you're in Italy, where it's the norm). It appears you have spent 35 years married to an unrepentant lecher. I'd think that by now he would have trouble hugging any woman twice if she saw him with arms outstretched.

Because you can't convince your husband to change his ways, try this: When a man complains about your husband's misbehavior, tell him he should deliver that message directly to your spouse. Perhaps that will get the point across.

DEAR ABBY: I recently married a wonderful man, and I like my in-laws very much. They're nice, welcoming people and we get along well. There's just one problem: They are the biggest enablers I have ever met!

With my husband it isn't a big deal because he's very self-sufficient. On the other hand, his 30-year-old brother has lived with them for three years. He is jobless and has a drinking problem. His parents don't encourage him to look for work. They give him an allowance, pay all his court costs and drive him around because he got a DUI. They even pay his cell-phone bill.

What is my place in all of this? Should I say anything? My fear is that when my husband's parents die,

his brother will become OUR problem. — LOOKING AHEAD IN COLORADO

DEAR LOOKING AHEAD: Don't say anything to your husband's parents. The pattern they are following is one that was set long ago, and nothing you can say will change it. It may, however, cause serious hard feelings.

The person you should talk to is your husband, so that well in advance of his parents' demise, you will be in agreement about his brother finally taking responsibility for himself or suffering the consequences of his actions.

DEAR ABBY: I love my co-workers, but several of them have an aggravating habit of walking into my office, uninvited, while I'm eating lunch at my desk. They then proceed to tell me their latest news, joke or war story.

Abby, those of us who eat at our desks do it so we can keep working and be ready to respond to work-related contacts as they come in, NOT to socialize. Besides, isn't it just as rude to interrupt someone while they're eating as it is while they're talking? I wish my beloved co-workers would save it for the water cooler. — "SANDWICHED" IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR SANDWICHED: I don't think it's rude. But because YOU do, it's up to you to tell your well-meaning co-workers that when you're working at your desk, you'd prefer not to be interrupted because it breaks your concentration. If you speak up nicely, I'm sure they won't love you any less, and then you will love them even more.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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 Libra and a Moon in Pisces all day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, SEPT. 28, 2012:

This year you feel luckier than you have in many years, as you often find yourself in the right place at the right time. Learn to detach from certain issues before a problem arises. If you are single, be open to the person who seems very different and unusual. You will grow enormously because of the tie you form with this person, even if you later decide that you'd like to relate to someone different. If you are attached, the two of you need to plan a trip together. Make sure to do it this year, and you will become much closer. PISCES reveals emotions that can be a bit much for you to handle.

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)

You might look scattered to an observer, but you are moving quickly in order to get a lot done. You also have many incoming calls and could feel somewhat overwhelmed. You know how to funnel your energy, and you do this effectively. Accept a last-minute invitation. Tonight: Not to be found.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You have a lot invested in a project or goal. You might have to jump a small hurdle in order to succeed, but you will do so with ease. A last-minute offer could encourage you to look the other way. You'll feel as if you can tackle any problem. Tonight: Curb excess spending.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

You certainly are a force to be admired. You know your limits and which direction you are going. You might want to change the tone of your days and take advantage of the upcoming weekend. Make an effort to complete a project. Tonight: In the limelight.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Try to detach, especially if you become triggered. You will remain anchored and positive as a result, and your instincts will guide you. Verify what you feel before acting. You want to make a solid choice. Tonight: Be open to a new adventure.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

HHHHH You work well with others. You might want to em-

phasize your goals. If you want to move in a new direction, you will have others' support. Your high energy and optimism draw a key person into your life. Tonight: Enjoy a loved one.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

You have your hands full just with being responsive to others, not to mention what you feel you must accomplish. Be as direct as possible in dealing with others. A key person you look up to could be quite pleased with the way you are handling yourself. Tonight: Share with fun people.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Pace yourself and stay ahead of the moment. Listen to news, yet also use your observational skills to figure out what is going on around you. Use care with your spending. Once you get going, it is hard to stop. Honor your natural limitations. Tonight: Out with a cohort.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Your libido defines the next 24 hours. When flirting, you naturally become seductive. As your primal energy emerges, others notice. When working on finding a solution to a problem, you naturally will choose to explore more than one path. Tonight: Expect some fun moments.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

You could be much clearer than you realize, yet others might pretend not to "get it." You know how to evoke responses better than many, so go to work. Let your inner voice guide you. You will achieve your desired results. Tonight: Close to home.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Continue returning calls, even if it is to your archenemy. You might want to resolve a problem and eliminate some tension for you and those around you. Your concentration allows you to attack one task after another. Tonight: Get into the moment.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

Curb a new pattern of spending. You will feel much better if you get this somewhat destructive habit under control. You might want to approach a friend in a positive, fun and humorous manner. Let go of heaviness here. Tonight: Make sure you are in good company.

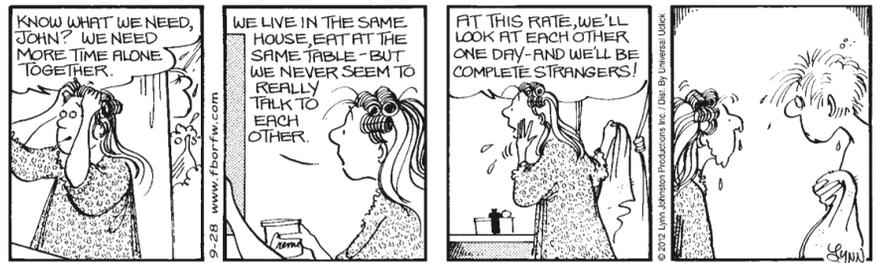
PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Your smile draws others in. Use this moment to accomplish what you want most. Consider what you would do if you knew you would get a positive response. Make an effort to touch base with someone at a distance. Let the moment happen. Tonight: Be with your favorite person.

BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS

