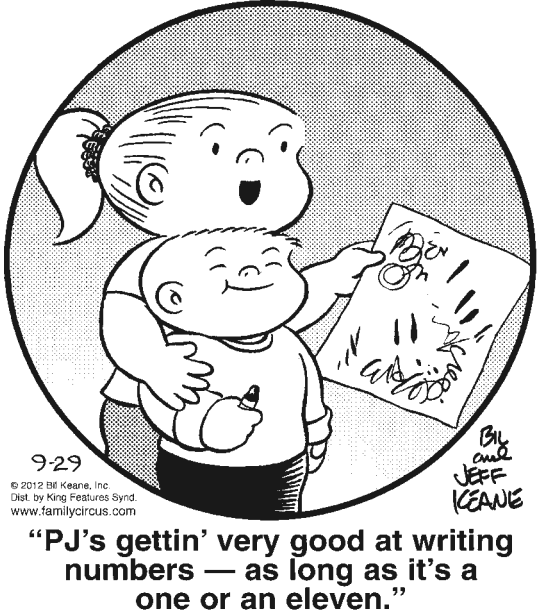


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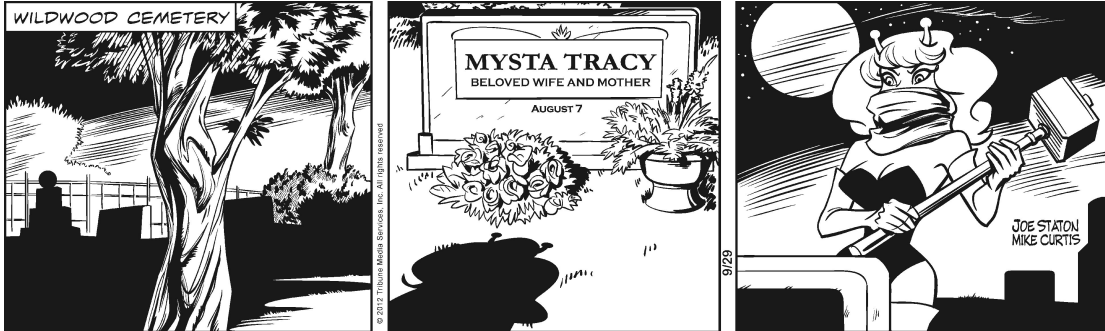
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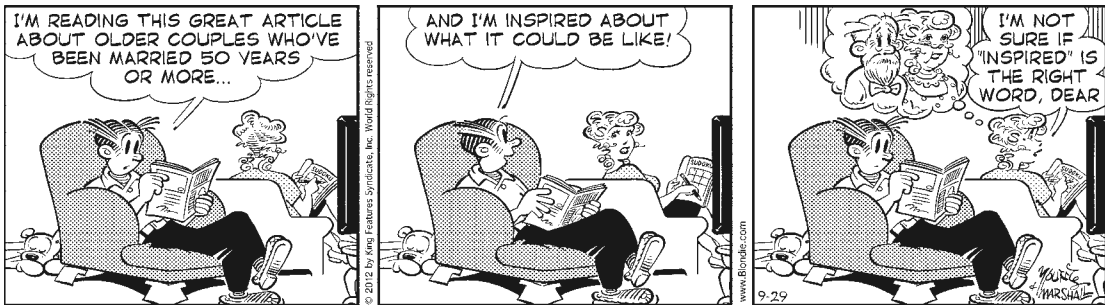
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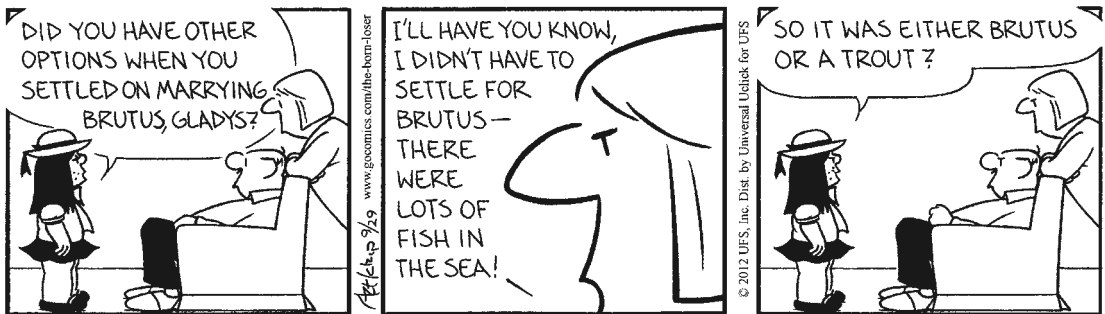
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# Girlfriend Refuses To See Man's Writing On The Wall

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of one year has told me he needs to focus on getting his life together — getting a better job, concentrating on his career and finding himself. At this point in his life, he knows he can't provide for me and give me what I want, which is to settle down in a few years.

He said he is unsure when he will have his life together and he doesn't want me to wait for him. He feels he needs to be 'selfish' now and focus only on himself. We have talked about breaking up, and while he has faith that we will be together again, I can't bring myself to end things with this amazing man. — AFRAID TO LET GO

DEAR AFRAID: When a man says he wants to focus only on himself and he doesn't want you to wait for him, what he is really saying is, "It's over." While the prospect of moving on after having invested a year in the relationship may be anxiety-provoking, at this point, you really have no choice. And don't expect to "be together again" anytime soon because his road to self-discovery could take a long, long time if it happens at all. Please accept my sympathy for your heartache.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old boy. My dad and I have a disagreement. I have been throwing away the lunches my mom packs for school because I don't like them and buying school lunches. I realize this was ungrateful and dishonest, and I regret doing it.

As a punishment, Dad won't let me go to one of my best friends' birthday party. I'm fine with being punished, but I think this punishment is unfair to my friend because he doesn't get to have me at his party. Instead, I think it would be better to be grounded or made to do extra chores. Who's right? — NORMAL TEEN IN ORINDA, CALIF.

DEAR TEEN: You are a born negotiator. Instead of

taking your punishment, you're trying for a plea bargain. I wouldn't be surprised if in the future you become a successful lawyer.

However, regarding your question — I'm not getting in the middle of this one. And I'm pretty sure that this is a punishment you won't soon forget. Bon appetit!



## DEAR ABBY

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DEAR POLITE BRIDE-TO-BE: Address the invitation to both your aunt and uncle, but when you do, include a sweet note saying you understand that she won't be able to attend, but hope that he will be able to join you on your special day. I'm sure it will be appreciated.

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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 Libra and a Moon in Pisces if born before 6:14 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aries.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, SEPT. 29, 2012:

This year you often are pulled between two different ideas, two different people or the choice of whether to follow your intellectual voice or your emotional voice. You probably will need to experience some of each polarity in order to make a solid decision as to which path you should head down. If you are single, you open up to a myriad of possibilities, but the person you will most enjoy relating to is a person in your day-to-day life. If you are attached, you often are at odds with each other, until you accept that both of you have different ideas and opinions. Learn to respect each other's values. ARIES can be challenging.

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 have faced your share of obstacles, and you might do so again today. Nevertheless, you'll cruise right through it if you honor your spontaneity and do not overthink the situation. Avoid someone who wants to have control. Tonight: All smiles.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ Sit back and observe. Granted, certain realizations could stun you. You might need some time to process this information. You take a lot personally. Avoid a controlling individual; otherwise, you'll get locked into power games with this person. Tonight: Not to be found.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Zero in on what is going on with friends, then decide if you want to join them. However, know that where they say they will be might no longer be where they actually can be found. Surprises surround you. A partner could feel insecure about finances. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Take charge of an emotional matter. A key loved one or family member might push you quite hard to have his or her way. You might want to distance yourself from those who do not support your need for more peace. Tonight: Others follow your lead.

### LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Jump on the urge to hop in the car for a day trip. A change in scenery will renew your energy and help you gain a different perspective. Remain sensitive to someone who really cares about you. The unexpected seems to be a theme between you. Tonight: Stay out as long as you want.

### VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might feel as if you have too much to do and everything is happening too fast. Nevertheless, make time for a loved one who really makes a difference in your life. Push comes to shove with a child or creative venture. Tonight: Make it close and cozy.

### LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Let your sense of fun come out, and be willing to take time for that special person in your life. You could feel pressured by a real-estate or domestic matter. Do not let this situation drive you. Know when to say "enough." Tonight: Only where people can be found.

### SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Follow through on your errands and responsibilities, but make it a priority to take some much-needed time for yourself to relax. You generally push very hard in your day-to-day life. Now it is time for a break. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Allow your playful personality to emerge. You become nearly childlike when interacting with a young person. A loved one enjoys seeing your inner child emerge. Avoid a controlling person when it comes to your finances. Tonight: Dance out the door.

### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You might not intend on being difficult and testy, but sometimes you simply need to have what you want to feel comfortable. Stay close to home, and throw yourself into a heartfelt project. You know what is needed. Tonight: Invite a friend or two over.

### AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You express yourself in a powerful manner. The unexpected occurs when making calls, having discussions and meeting with friends. You might be stunned at first, but later you will be pleased by the outcome. A situation could become quite humorous. Tonight: Hang out.

### PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You could be wondering what way is best to proceed with a purchase. You might want to do some price comparison first. A friend you really care about pushes you very hard to go along with his or her ideas. Do what feels right to you. Tonight: Your treat.

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