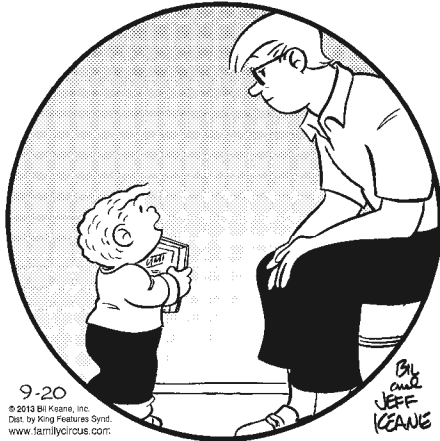
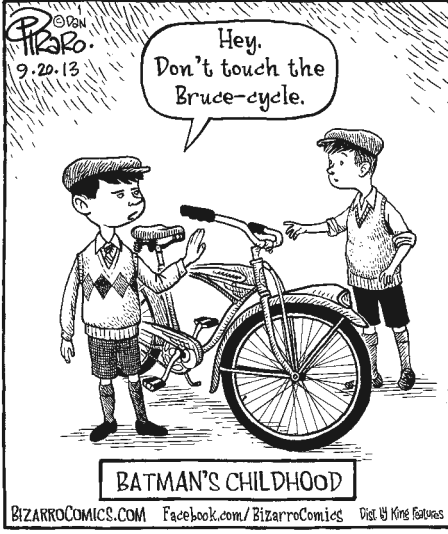


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Father's Continuing Dalliance Takes A Toll On Mom's Health

DEAR ABBY: My father admitted to having an affair a few years ago. At the time, my mother was very upset and threatened to leave, but somehow they worked it out. However, he is still seeing this woman. They talk on the phone for hours, and he visits her house frequently, leaving my mother alone for extended periods of time.

When I ask my mother why they are still in contact, she doesn't want to talk about it, and my father seems to think he isn't doing anything wrong. Normally I wouldn't get involved, but I'm worried about my mother's health, which wasn't quite great to begin with and has gone downhill since this all started. Is there anything I can do in this situation? — WORRIED ABOUT MOM
DEAR WORRIED: It appears your parents made a deal with each other — he would live his own life and they would remain married. Because it is affecting your mother's health, suggest that she discuss this with her physician and perhaps get a referral to a therapist who can provide her with emotional support during this difficult time. If she agrees, it could help her physically and emotionally because stress and depression have been known to make people sick.

What should the answer be after we tie the knot? — KEN IN THE GOLDEN STATE

DEAR KEN: Congratulations on your forthcoming nuptials. The answer you should give is the most accurate one: "Rob and I have been married for (insert the number) years and together for 17 years before that." To say that is not making a political statement; it's the unvarnished truth.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together for 13 years. We live in the country with livestock. I was taught to remove my shoes when I entered my house, especially since I was raised on a farm. My husband wasn't required to do the same as he was growing up.

I have asked him for the last 10 years to kindly take his shoes off when he comes in so he won't track dirt, mud, manure, etc. into the house. He absolutely REFUSES. I have explained my reasons repeatedly and told him it hurts my feelings and makes me feel disrespected. He still won't do it. Can you please tell me why? Am I being too demanding? — TIRED OF WALKING ON GRIT

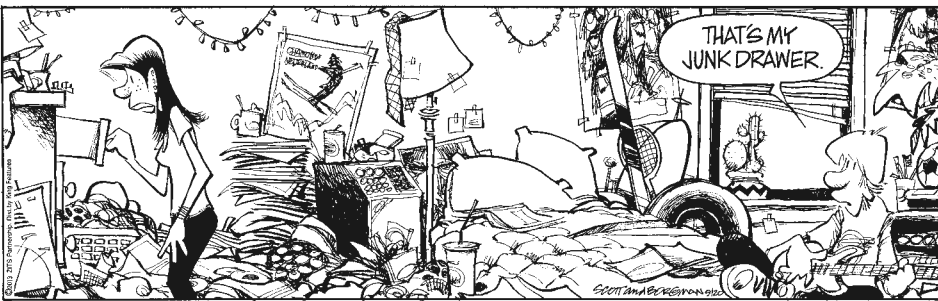
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DEAR TIRED: I don't think so. Your reasons for wanting his dirty shoes off seem sensible to me. From where I sit, it appears your husband cares little for your feelings, isn't concerned about any extra work he creates and stopped listening to you 10 years ago. You have my sympathy, and I sincerely hope he has some virtues that compensate for his selective deafness.

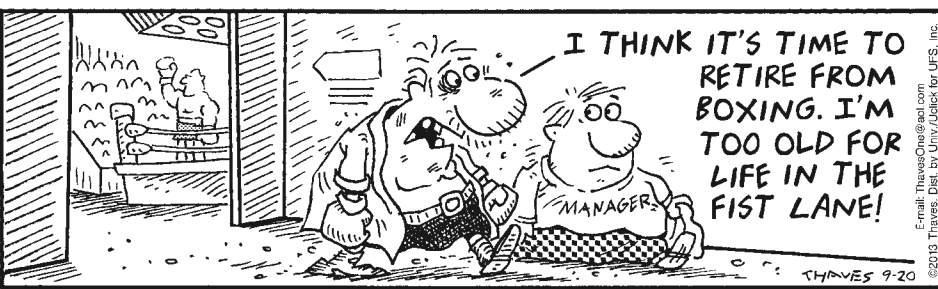
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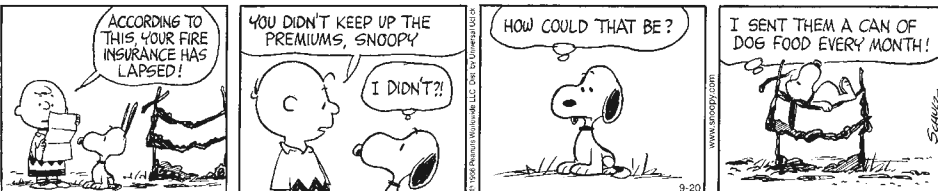
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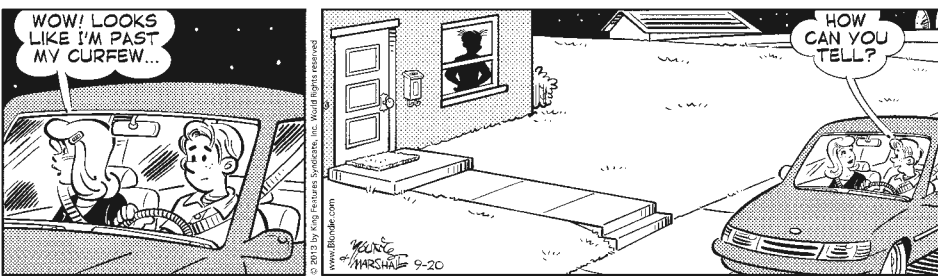
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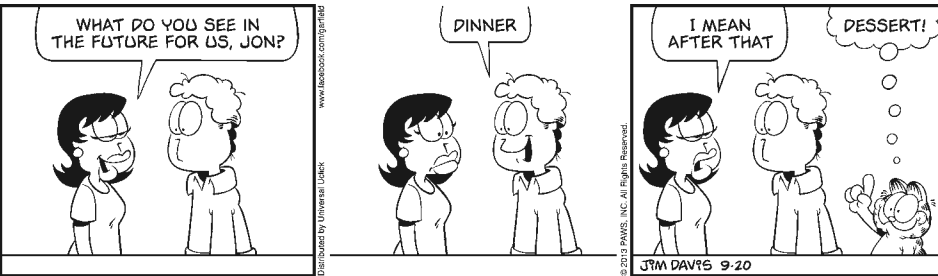
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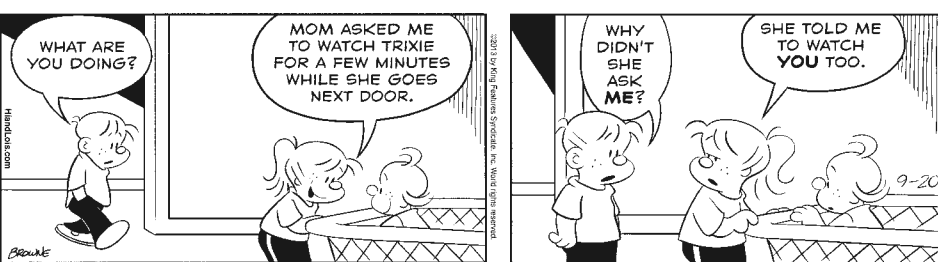
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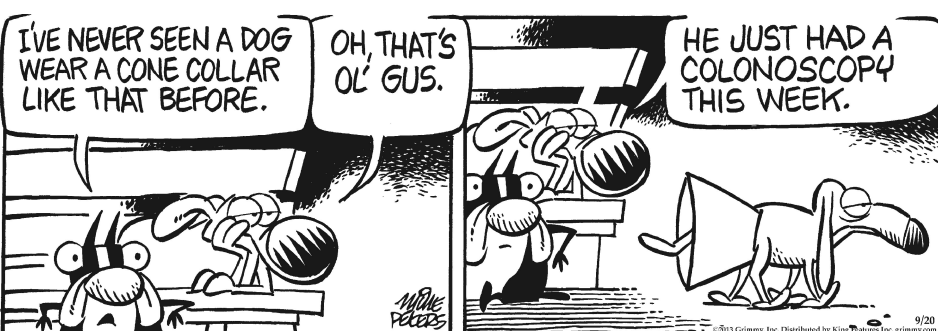
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, SEPT. 20, 2013:

This year you will pull white rabbits out of a black hat -- you are that lucky! You can transform any situation you choose to. Your friends provide a lot of support. If you are single, you could attract a close-to-perfect suitor. Take your time getting to know this person. If you are attached, the two of you benefit enormously from spending one-on-one time together. Learn to express your feelings more openly, too. ARIES likes to have intense conversations with you.

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)

Choosing not to respond to someone's power play will take a lot of self-discipline. You will see a solution, but the question remains: Do you want to work it out? Use your creativity when dealing with a situation that has too many potential outcomes. Tonight: As you like it.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You'll want to distance yourself from a very controlling individual who creates a lot of pressure and tension wherever he or she goes. Break away from this person, and the results might make you smile. Suddenly, options will be dropped on your plate. Tonight: Make it early.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

You know what you want, and when obstacles appear one right after the other, you easily will find a way to bypass them. You will walk away from any situation that seems too contentious or difficult. You'll also state your boundaries clearly. Tonight: Find your friends.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Stay focused on what you want. You might be told that you seem to be oriented in one and only one direction. Make that OK. The only difference between you and others right now is that you are not as subtle as they are. Tonight: Join some friends for a drink and munchies.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

You can be impulsive, especially when you are detached. When you feel so free, trouble easily will find you. Stay focused, look at your options and have an open discussion; you will

be much happier as a result. Tonight: A secret admirer could reveal him- or herself.

VRIGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Deal with a partner or key persons in your life directly. Someone might cop an attitude, but it won't be for long. You will be able to bypass this person's standoffish behavior. In a meeting, you'll see just how many people stand behind you. Tonight: Join friends first, then decide.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

You'll want to head in a different direction, but someone could exhibit a provocative and controlling attitude that might restrict you more than you realize. Be willing to listen to a partner, as his or her ideas might be more workable. Tonight: You will like what you encounter.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

You see no other course but the one you currently are on. Your instincts are to throw yourself 100 percent into this chosen direction. A boss or someone you look up to probably will walk the other way. Listen to his or her reasons. Tonight: Avoid an argument, and keep it light.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

You'll come up with novel approaches to difficult situations. You are likely to surprise those in your immediate circle. Someone you are dealing with could be an obstacle with his or her need for control. You will find a way to bypass this person. Tonight: Spice up your life.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

You might not have intended to be a roadblock for a lot of people, but it appears as though your stubborn ways contribute to that perception. You know why people will try to bypass you -- it is easier that way. You might want to re-think your position. Tonight: Head home early.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

Stop and think before you engage a difficult person in conversation. Are you really ready to end the workweek on a sour note? Be sure to test the waters before you launch into a discussion. Even if you don't think this exchange can wait, it can. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Keep conversations moving. You might want to avoid a controlling person. Don't worry -- you'll be so busy that you won't cross paths unless you choose to. Be creative with your plans when considering that the weekend is just around the corner. Tonight: It could be a wild night!

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