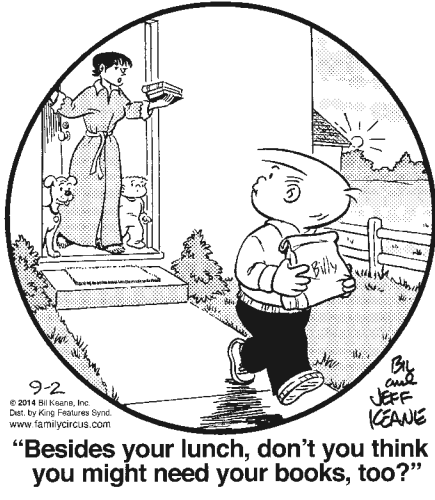


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Using Mother Tongue Makes Family Conversation Difficult

DEAR ABBY: My son married an educated professional woman from another country. When their twins were born, my daughter-in-law immersed them in her native language so it would become their mother tongue.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

family to acknowledge and celebrate our relationship. In 2013, Owen and I were finally able to legally marry in California.

My dilemma comes from people who don't know what to call us. People often refer to my spouse as my "friend" or "partner." At times I say nothing, but more often than not, I find myself saying, "Oh, you mean my HUSBAND."

They attend a bilingual elementary school now, and their English is superb and communication between us is great. The problem is, when we are together, my daughter-in-law speaks to her children exclusively in her native language.

Are we being overly sensitive, or is this common practice in families with multiple languages? Our relationship with our daughter-in-law is polite and cordial, but not close or intimate. Any advice? — LEFT OUT IN FLORIDA

DEAR LEFT OUT: This is not unusual in multilingual families, and I agree that it is inconsiderate. Have you spoken to your son and daughter-in-law about how this makes you feel?

When you raise the subject, choose your words and tone carefully. Because if you don't, your relationship with your daughter-in-law could become a lot less cordial than it is.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 55-year-old gay male who has been with my now-spouse, "Owen," in a loving, committed relationship since 2005.

DEAR MARRIED: Not at all. The people who refer to you and Owen as "partners" and "friends" are using terminology that is evolving because marriage among same-sex couples is still relatively new.

PS. For any reader who may not already know, gay men refer to their spouse as their husband and lesbians refer to theirs as their wife.

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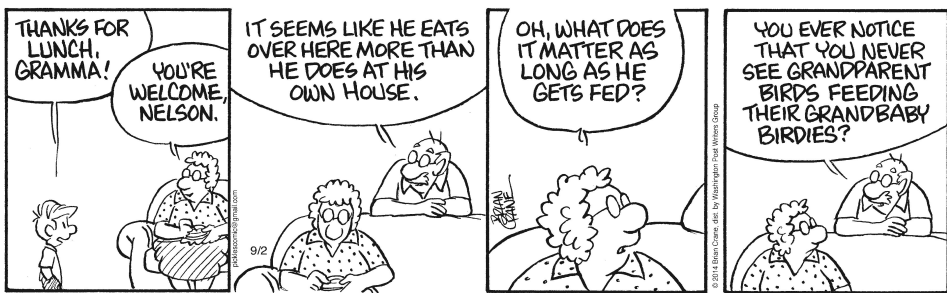
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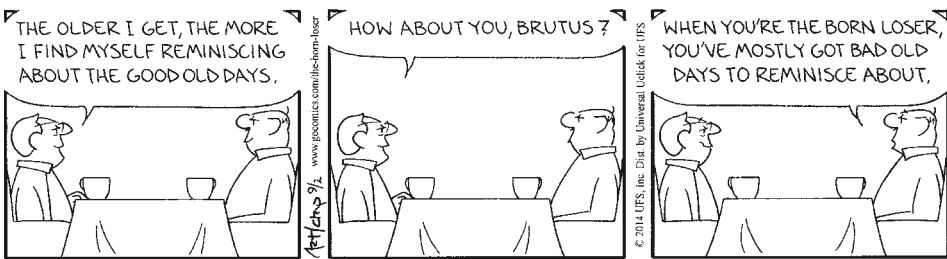
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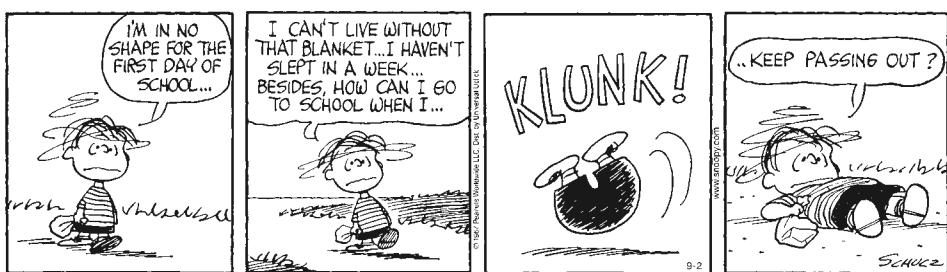
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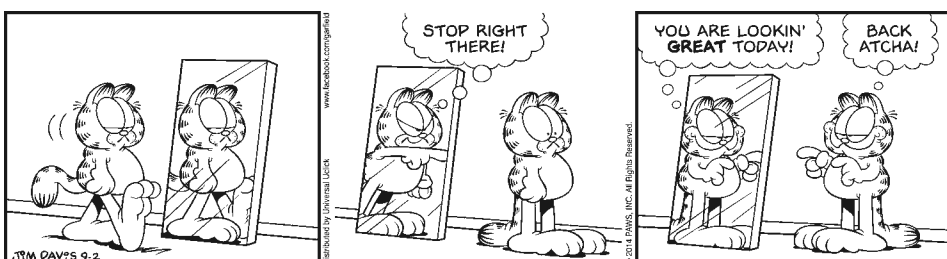
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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your suggestions as a result; his or her imagination and intellect will emerge with your respect.

A baby born today has a Sun in Virgo and a Moon in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, SEPT. 2, 2014:

This year you often find that you are tense about a domestic or personal matter. You also tend to experience a lot of confusion when dealing with others.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

Someone whom you might have least expected to expound on his or her perspectives will do just that.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You seem to be in opposition to a partner's idea. You see life differently from this person, and it could be the source of a disagreement.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

You don't need to give in to others' requests, but it might be easier. How important is it for you to be right?

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Your creativity will allow greater give-and-take between you and others. In fact, you could be essential in finding a solution to a problem.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Deal with someone directly in order to get the results you want. This person will be more open to

Tension could mount and create an unclear and unrealistic perspective, especially within the realm of interpersonal relations.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

You might want to understand why someone is choosing to express an idea that seems out of character for him or her.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

You might want to think through an idea in a new way and handle it differently.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

You have a style that is unique, and it makes others feel comfortable with you.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Assume a low-profile, if possible. You will understand what needs to happen if you observe and sit on your ideas for now.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

Listen to news with a more open attitude, and you might hear an unexpected statement.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

You are likely to gain a new perspective that surprises you. How you deal with a key friend and what you do within the relationship could change radically.

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