

FAMILY CIRCUS | BIL KEANE



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"Sorry, Mommy. I'm resting my brain for my test tomorrow."

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



Enough idle chitchat. The bumper stickers on my camper say more about me than I could ever HOPE to.
IDENTIFYING MR. WRONG

Husband Holed Up In Man Cave Leaves Wife Out In The Cold

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 13 years, and I'm beginning to wonder if my husband still wants to be with me. He gets home before I do and stays in his room watching TV and piddling around on the computer. He never comes out to say hello when I get home; I go in there and greet him. He comes out when I have dinner fixed and then returns to his room.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

I understand the "man cave" thing. Everyone needs their time and space, but this has become an everyday routine. I have tried to tell him I feel ignored. The next night he'll come into the living room and watch TV with me, but I feel he's doing it only because he feels he should, not because he wants to.

Is this my clue that he doesn't care about sharing time with me anymore? I don't want to beg for his attention. — LONELY IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR LONELY: It appears that way. You refer to the room in which your husband watches TV and uses his computer as "his" room and not a den. Does he also sleep in there? If that's the case, and the only time you spend together is at the dinner table, your marriage is in suspended animation.

If what he's watching on television or his computer has become a substitute for having a relationship with you — and that's what it appears — you need to find out what happened to the intimacy you once shared. What you have described is a platonic roommate relationship and not a healthy marriage.

If you want to change the dynamics, you are going to have to have some serious conversations with your husband about what your needs are, and also his. Start now.

on errands because she doesn't drive. I am irritated.

When will they learn English? I am the CHILD, not the parent. I feel like I have been a mini-adult for many years as their personal chauffeur, secretary, interpreter, etc. I don't mind doing occasional favors for them, but enough is enough. What should I do? — BEYOND FRUSTRATED IN CHICAGO

DEAR BEYOND FRUSTRATED: I think you should take into consideration that learning a new language is much easier for children than it is for adults. You were immersed in English when you went to school and were exposed to it not only in the classroom but also on the playground. Your parents weren't so lucky. They should have enrolled in an ESL class right away, but instead apparently interacted only with people who spoke their language.

However, it's never too late to make an effort, so encourage them to start NOW. A way to persuade them would be to ask them what they would do if, heaven forbid, something happened to you. Some people who have picked up English did so by watching English language television instead of what's aired in their own.

You are not alone in having this problem. The children of every ethnic group that has come to the United States has experienced what you are.

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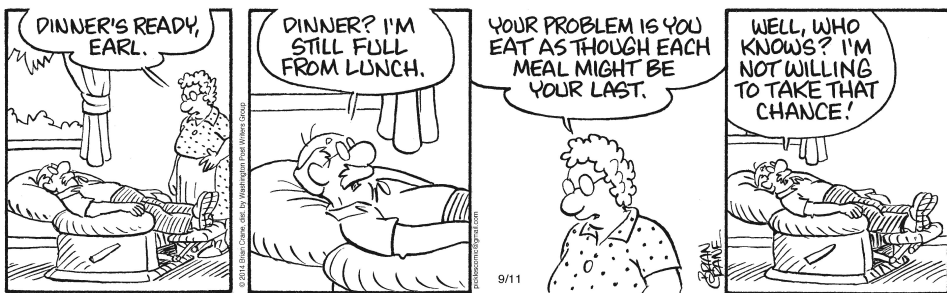
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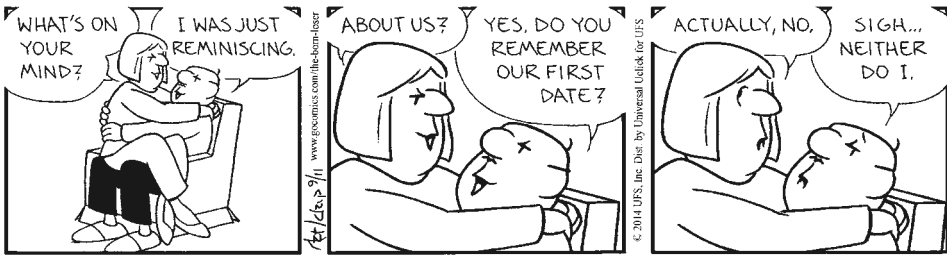
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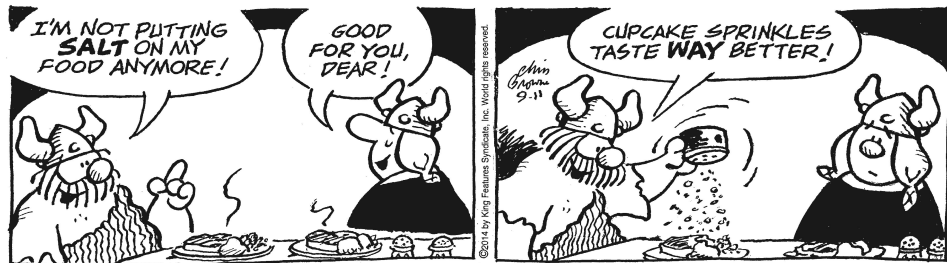
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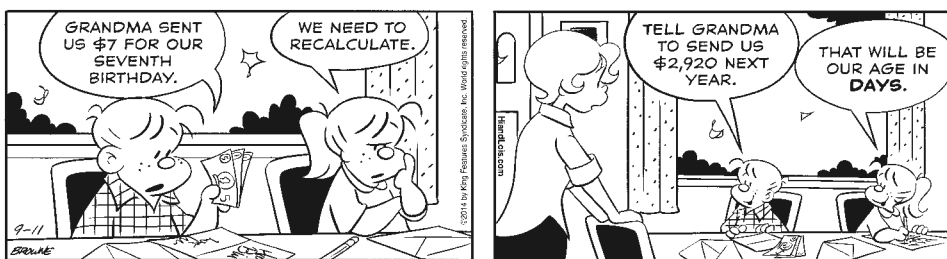
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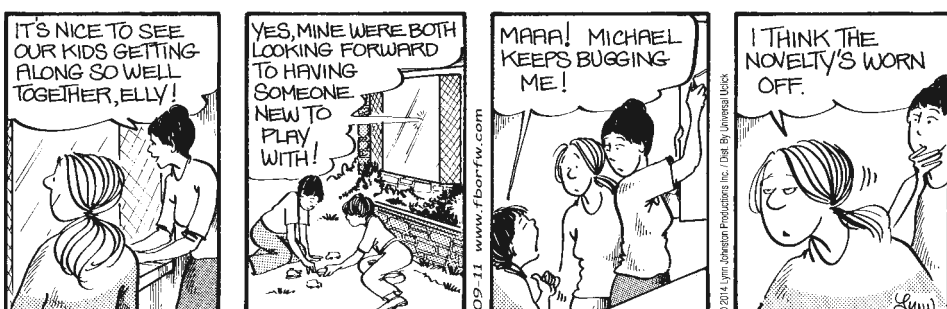
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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 Aries if born before 9:17 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, SEPT. 11, 2014:

This year you have a lot of excitement packed into your life. This vitality comes through others who are close to you. You will learn to relax and go with the flow more. You will have a great deal of energy and drive in the next 12 months. Make sure you have a hobby or a means of relaxing, like yoga. If you are single, check out potential suitors with care, as they might project a very different persona from their true identity. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy each other the most when it is just the two of you. Make sure you take frequent trips together. TAURUS understands 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)

★★★★ You might feel restrained by a lack of connection with someone. Make an effort to have a one-on-one conversation with this person, and get to know him or her better. You might discover that he or she has quite a dynamic thought process. Tonight: Pick up the tab.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ You could feel off, and as a result, you might want to head in a new direction. Play it low-key, and you will feel your way through a problem. An associate or partner could be very difficult to deal with. Try to transform this person's anger into useful energy. Tonight: Do your thing.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Zero in on your priorities. Don't forget to touch base with a dear friend who really cares about you. You are likely to discover how hard it is to mix friends at times. Try not to expose yourself to that type of experience too often. Tonight: Happily head home.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Take charge of a situation, and try to implement a new way of thinking. You might be tired of hearing the same old story, and you'll want to approach it differently. The reaction you get could be unexpected, which will please you. Tonight: Celebrate the moment.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Your ability to see many sides of an issue will help you develop ways of keeping the

peace between opposing parties. You could be tired and drained from a demanding personal or domestic situation. Listen to a friend's suggestions. Tonight: Could go till the wee hours.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★ A partner might demand more attention than you had anticipated. You won't want to irritate this person, so consider going with the flow. Communication still could be difficult or challenging. Weigh your options. Tonight: Detach while listening to some good music.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Others seem to dominate the scene. Make this OK, as you could be preoccupied with a financial issue. You might not like what comes down the path, but honor the change of pace. Establish some private time for studying your options. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Cross off as much as you can from your to-do list. You easily could be overwhelmed. The only way to get through this list is to start immediately. Schedule a get-together for later in the day, when you are likely to feel more relaxed. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You might want to detach from someone else's opinions, especially if they are negative. You'll need to establish a more creative and dynamic tie between you and this person. Remain open to his or her various viewpoints. Tonight: Get some much-needed R and R.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ Stay centered, and understand what your limits are. Family and your domestic life will be the focus today. You might wonder what would be best, under the present circumstances. Your innate ingenuity will emerge. Tonight: Think before you act; your capacity for mischief is high.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Be more direct, and say what is on your mind. Consider your options carefully. You could be a lot more tired than you realize, and you might need to ask someone else to pitch in. You could be surprised by this person's response. Tonight: Home is your castle.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You might be juggling your finances more than you would like. Detach and see if there is a better way to handle your money. Get different opinions before making a decision. Allow yourself to tackle this issue and resolve it. Tonight: Go with something unusual.

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