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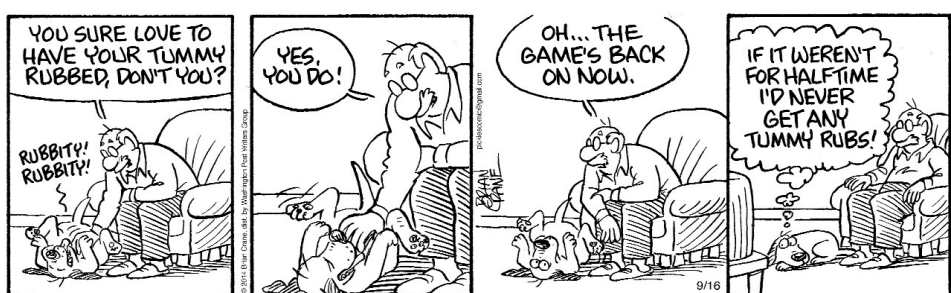
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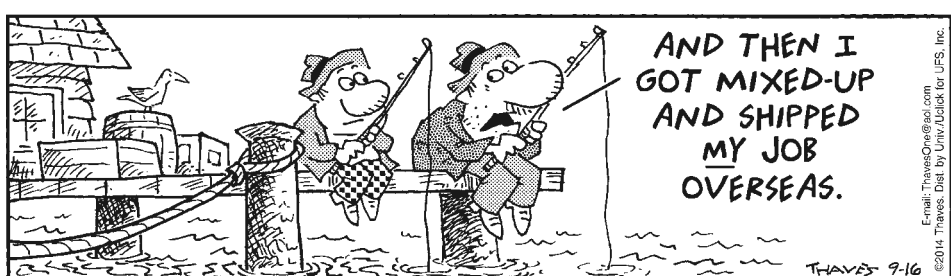
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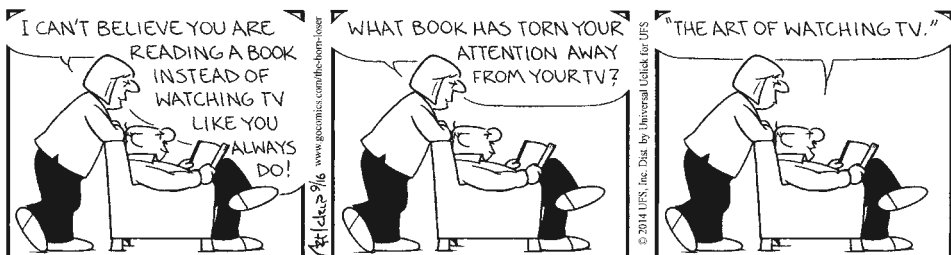
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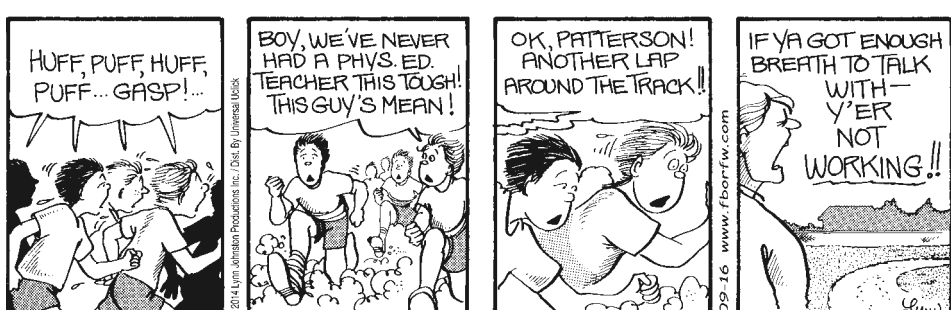
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Husband's 'Educational' DVDs Get Flunking Grade From Wife

DEAR ABBY: I am a full-time mother of three young children and have been married for nine years. Since the beginning, my husband has pushed to have things “his way.” He struggles with his temper and has yelled at me over little things.

We have met with a counselor and were showing improvement in our marriage — or so I thought — until he started pushing me to watch explicit sex DVDs and read sex books. I feel very uncomfortable doing this. He claims he wants us to watch them for “educational reasons.” He seems obsessed with the idea that we have to get the most out of life NOW because we are getting older.

I know we have some big issues to overcome and plan to continue seeing our counselor, but do you have any advice? — STRUGGLING IN THE SOUTH

DEAR STRUGGLING: I’m all for getting the most out of life regardless of how old a person is. And I’m pleased that you and your husband are talking to a licensed therapist, because it may help to save your marriage.

Many couples watch “explicit” sex DVDs together because it improves their sex lives. Depending upon the content of the ones your husband is watching, it could add spice to your sex life. But because it is making you uncomfortable, this is something that should be discussed with your therapist so you won’t feel coerced into anything you can’t handle.

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in my early 60s. I take good care of myself and have been told I’m attractive. I have been in a monogamous relationship with “Frank” for six years. I love him and he loves me, but I’m not sure I want to marry him.

I know I couldn’t live with Frank full-time because even though he’s 57, he lives like an

immature frat boy. He has sports memorabilia all over his house, and he’s messy. There are piles of paper and stacks of clothes everywhere. He is a hoarder, a procrastinator and has OCD.

Frank and I are best friends. We have an amazing physical relationship, but I feel I want more. I don’t think he’s willing to change his ways at this point in his life. Should I accept this relationship for what it is, or look for someone more compatible with my lifestyle, as hard as that would be? — TORN IN TEXAS

DEAR TORN: I think you should have a talk with Frank and lay your cards on the table. You say he is a hoarder, a procrastinator and has OCD. If you are right, they may all be connected. His house isn’t the only thing that may be chaotic; his mind may be, too.

The good news is there is help for OCD and hoarding — but only IF HE IS WILLING TO GET IT. If he is open to it, your relationship could go to the next level. However, if he is resistant and marriage is what you want, it would be better to move on and find someone whose lifestyle is more like your own.

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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 Gemini if born before 11:24 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, SEPT. 16, 2014:

This year you open up to many new adventures. Your drive and energy will make a difference on the homefront. You could move, remodel your home and/or build a new addition. You also could be prone to fighting with those you live with, especially if you don't have a good outlet for your high energy. If you are single, you are drawn to people who inspire you. Get to know someone before you become emotionally involved. If you are attached, the two of you often differ when it comes to deciding on plans. Go along with your significant other's choices more often, as he or she tends to let go more easily than you do. CANCER helps you create more of what you want.

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)

★★★ Use the early morning to make calls and have meetings. As the day goes on, you might need some time to tackle a problem. You will benefit from having private time. You might strive to see the big picture, but it could be difficult at this point. Tonight: At home.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Handle a financial matter immediately, and you will be more relaxed. Act quickly and ask questions. Seek out the information you want. A wide range of opinions could be difficult to handle at times, yet they will prove beneficial to your long-term goals. Tonight: Dinner for two.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ You'll breeze through the morning until you might trip over an obstacle involving your funds or a financial agreement. You might feel confused, as what you are seeing won't be the same as what you are hearing. Tonight: Go over your budget before making any plans.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ By mid-morning, you'll perk up and seem more interested in others. You'll have the energy and right attitude to get past any problems. Others might step back and become less helpful because they assume you can handle it all. Is that what you want? Tonight: Pace yourself.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ You might choose to have a low-key day,

yet someone could decide to invade your space. You will have no choice but to deal with the issue at hand. Responsiveness will help facilitate a sense of mutuality. Know what you want to deal with. Tonight: Do your vanishing act.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Look at the bottom line during a meeting. Others likely will feel differently than you do. You might decide to go out on your own. The question remains: What is best for you? You will discover that others will join you along the way. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You'll feel relaxed as long as you look at the big picture. A problem is likely to occur when you become too immersed in an issue. Frustration and anger easily could come to surface. Do not sit on these feelings; instead, express them in a way others can hear. Tonight: Out late.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You finally will achieve the level of understanding and relaxation you've been seeking. Your ability to see past the obvious defines a situation. Your detachment allows others to come to you in order to gain a deeper perspective. Remain open. Tonight: Follow your imagination.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Your energy could greenlight a conversation that someone has been trying to have with you. Stop resisting, and be open to the process. The other party might be very sensitive, yet he or she will understand where you are coming from. Tonight: Dinner at a favorite place.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Others seem to rule the roost today. Consider your options, and decide not to fight what the majority wants. Try to express your feelings in a way they can be heard. You might have a lot of questions to ask at this present moment. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You could be taken aback by recent events. You might decide that you have had enough and head in a different direction. A friend is likely to push you hard to do what he or she wants to do. Honor who you are. Tonight: Run some errands on the way home.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Your imagination emerges once more to help you find your way. Your caring toward a loved one won't go unnoticed. Be careful with those in charge, as they might have some kind of grievance with you. Tonight: Enjoy the one you are with.

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