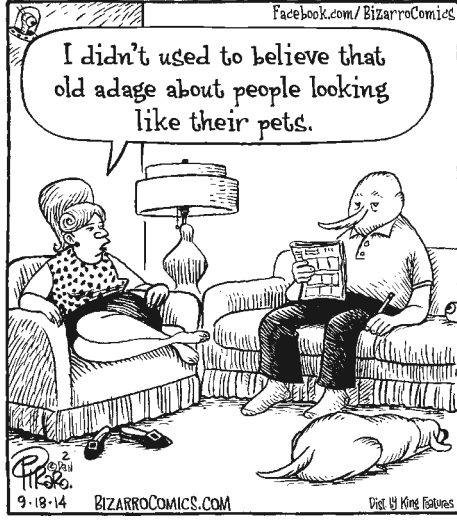


FAMILY CIRCUS | BIL KEANE



"Mommy! PJ's not up yet! Can I wake him? I'll do it REALLY gently!"

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



I didn't used to believe that old adage about people looking like their pets.

ZITS | JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



I HAVE THIS IMAGE IN MY HEAD OF MY DREAM GIRL. WHAT'S SHE LIKE?

INTERESTING HAIR... AMAZING BODY ART... LOVES MUSIC AND FERRETS...

BUT WITH LADY PARTS. IS THAT WEIRD?

PICKLES | BRIAN CRANE



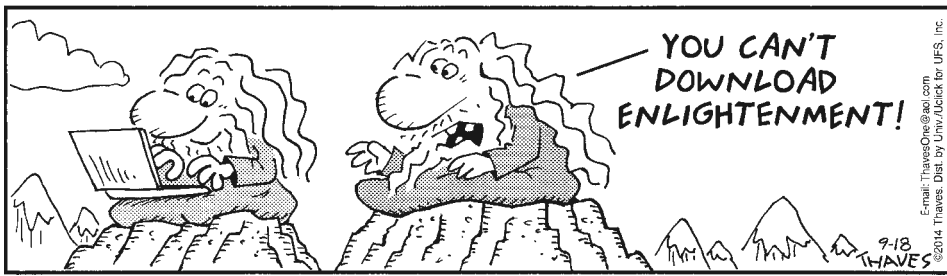
YOU'RE WEARING MISMATCHED SOCKS, EARL.

MANBE ITS MY WAY OF EXPRESSING MY ARTSY, CREATIVE INNER SELF.

YOU DONT HAVE AN ARTSY, CREATIVE INNER SELF.

YOU HAVE A CARE-LESS, DISHEVELED INNER SELF.

FRANK AND ERNEST | BOB THAVES



YOU CAN'T DOWNLOAD ENLIGHTENMENT!

THE BORN LOSER | ART SANSON



WE SHOULD ENGAGE IN MORE CONVERSATION OVER MEALS.

SURE, GO AHEAD AND TALK...

IT'S GOTTA BEAT LISTENING TO YOU EAT.

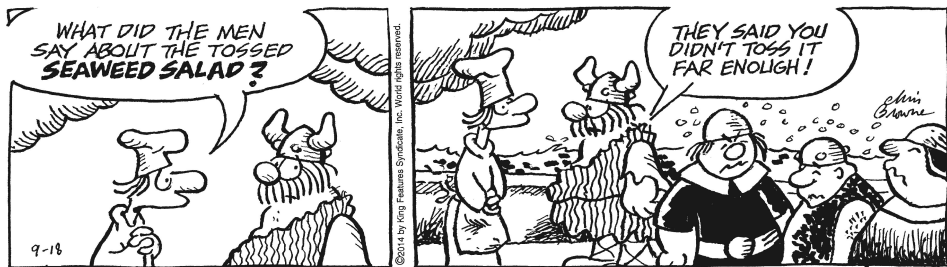
PEANUTS | CHARLES M. SCHULZ



SORRY, SNOOPY...THE NEW RULE SAYS, "NO DOGS ALLOWED ON SCHOOL PLAYGROUND"

IT'S THEIR LOSS, NOT MINE!

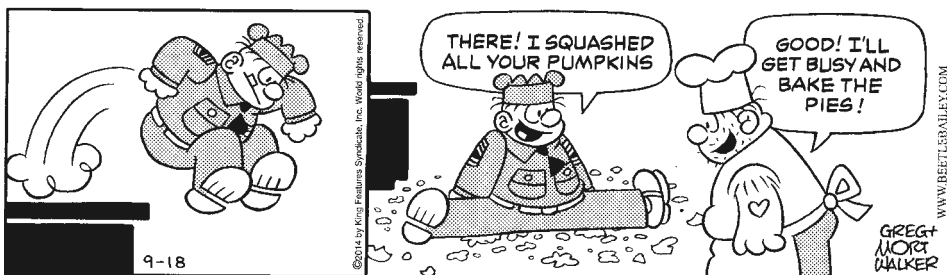
HÄGAR THE HORRIBLE | CHRIS BROWNE



WHAT DID THE MEN SAY ABOUT THE TOSSED SEAWEED SALAD?

THEY SAID YOU DIDN'T TOSS IT FAR ENOUGH!

BEETLE BAILEY | MORT WALKER



THERE! I SQUASHED ALL YOUR PUMPKINS

GOOD! I'LL GET BUSY AND BAKE THE PIES!

HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER

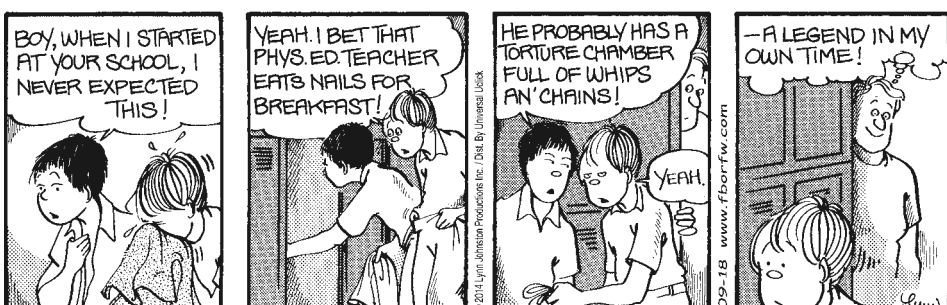


YOU TOLD ME NOT TO BE A TATTLETALE...

SO I WON'T TATTLE ABOUT WHAT I JUST SAW DITTO DO.

TOO BAD, IT'S QUITE A TALE!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON



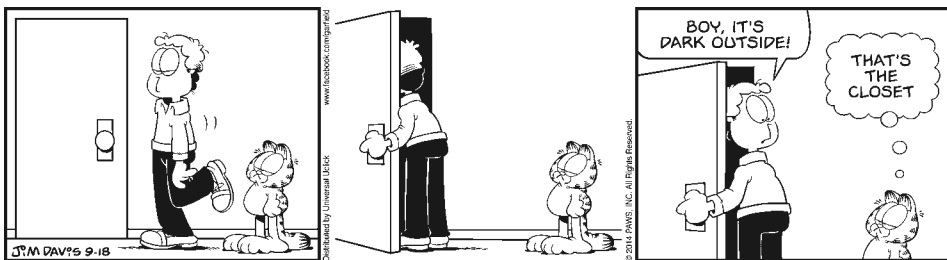
BOY, WHEN I STARTED AT YOUR SCHOOL, I NEVER EXPECTED THIS!

YEAH, I BET THAT PHYS. ED TEACHER EATS NAILS FOR BREAKFAST!

HE PROBABLY HAS A TORTURE CHAMBER FULL OF WHIPS AN' CHAINS!

-A LEGEND IN MY OWN TIME!

GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS



BOY, IT'S DARK OUTSIDE!

THAT'S THE CLOSET

Daughter Appalled By Callous Treatment Of Her Dad's Ashes

DEAR ABBY: My dad died in April after a brief illness. Before he passed, my stepmother encouraged him to donate his body to science because she is to be buried with her first husband, and she didn't want the expense of burying Dad.



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

I went to pick up my father's ashes as she requested. When I got there, she invited me into her bedroom to see that she had made a shrine to her first husband, who had died three years before she and Dad were married. The one photo she had of Dad was 2 inches by 3 inches, and was the one from his memorial invitation.

With a broken heart I made my way to the door. Abby, she was married to my dad for 30 years. He supported her, took care of her, and worked to the age of 75 to keep her happy — and that was a task!

As I reached the front door, I remembered what I was there for in the first place — my dad's ashes. They were still in the UPS wrap, in a bench that he kept his shoes and boots in by the door. Seriously, who does that? — GRIEVING DAUGHTER IN NEW YORK

DEAR GRIEVING DAUGHTER: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your father. Unless he spent the entire 30 years of his marriage sharing his bedroom with the shrine to your stepmother's first husband, inviting you in to see it was beyond insensitive on her part. The only bright side I can see to this is that you're now in possession of your beloved father's ashes, and you will probably never have to see her again.

DEAR ABBY: I am the father of an 8-year-old daughter, "Lindsey." She is my world. Her mom and I split when Lindsey was 2. She has remarried. We are all civil, and things are good.

Lindsey is getting to the age in which sleepovers at friends' houses are happening, which is fine because I know a few of them

and their parents. I'm worried about the fathers or older brothers of the ones I don't know. How do you ask or tell an 8-year-old about the dangers of pedophiles without scaring her? This is my biggest fear. — DAD IN LOUISIANA

DEAR DAD: I assume that, as a conscientious parent, you are not sending your little girl off to stay with complete strangers. Make it a point to meet and talk with the parents of the girls who are having the sleepovers. If that's not possible, your ex should do it so you can both be assured that the party will be properly supervised.

You should also make sure your daughter knows that she can talk to you anytime about ANYTHING and you will listen, answer her questions and support her.

I assume that Lindsey's mother has already started the dialogue about the facts of life. Talk to your ex about your concerns and ask what she has discussed with Lindsey about boundaries, inappropriate touching and that Lindsey knows she can come to either of you if anyone makes her uncomfortable. The most effective way to protect a child is to ensure that there is open, comfortable communication on any subject.

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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 Cancer if born before 11:15 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, SEPT. 18, 2014:

This year you have the endurance, creativity and support to achieve what you desire. You are likely to hit a home run in at least one area of your life. Go over your long-term goals this birthday, and question if they are still valid. Many of you will notice a change. If you are single, you are likely to meet a potential sweetie through a friend, or a friendship will transform into a romance. If you are attached, you will enjoy being more social with your sweetie, but don't forget to schedule at least one getaway together. LEO understands you better than you realize!

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 could get caught up in a domestic issue, but feedback from a key person might help. You intuitively will mobilize your energy to resolve the problem. Make sure to schedule an appointment for a checkup. You have been pushing hard. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Others seem to be focused on being more caring. You'll need to ask questions in order to see the big picture. Information that comes in could require you to do some research. Don't allow your imagination to do the work. Tonight: Socialize, but make it an early night.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Know where your money is going. Don't hesitate to ask for an explanation from the bank, a partner or whoever else might be involved. Listen to feedback from a loved one or a neighbor, as this person tends to see situations differently from how you see them. Tonight: Hang out.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You could encounter a problem with a real estate matter or some issue involving your domestic life. Once you open up conversation, you will see the solution and act on it. Be willing to go out of your way to treat a loved one. Buy a token of affection. Tonight: Indulge a little.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ You'll want to assume a low profile during the day. When asking questions, your observa-

tions might be more important than the responses you receive. Others will open up and speak more if you are less talkative and more receptive. Tonight: Stay out late.

VRIGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Listen to a friend's news. You might believe that he or she has left out some important facts, but recognize that you can get more information only when you know more about the situation. Use caution with money, and count your change. Tonight: Make weekend plans.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You have a tendency to worry too much and create problems where there are none. You might have to shoulder some extra responsibility. Don't allow these tasks to become a part of your daily life. You are just doing someone else a favor -- period. Tonight: Be playful.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Keep your eye on the long term, and don't let your emotions take over right now. You need to take another look at a personal situation. Intellectual pursuits are very possible, as long as you tap into your creativity. Welcome a different perspective. Tonight: Follow the music.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You might want to touch base with a close friend or loved one before acting on what you deem a "good idea." Though you might not be ecstatic about some of the feedback, your idea will get a practical new look. Tonight: Plan a concert, a trip or some other weekend happening.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You will enjoy letting others carry the ball for you. The experience could prove to be enlightening for both them and you. Understand what motivates you to take the lead so often; you might be far more controlling than you realize. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ You are determined to get done two days' worth of work in one. Be careful, because new information could head your way that might force you to backtrack and do what you believed was already done. Recognize your limitations. Tonight: Happily fancy-free.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Continue to tap into your imagination to discover what might be the best way to forge ahead with a project. Discuss your ideas with a trusted adviser or counselor. Understand what is happening with a child and/or loved one. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

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BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



HAMMIE LOOKS SO INNOCENT WHEN HE'S ASLEEP.

BUT HE'S PROBABLY JUST DREAMING UP FRESH MATH FOR TOMORROW.

NOW WANDA, LET'S GIVE HIM THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT.

YOU'RE RIGHT...HE'S INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN AWAKE.

BLONDIE | YOUNG & DRAKE



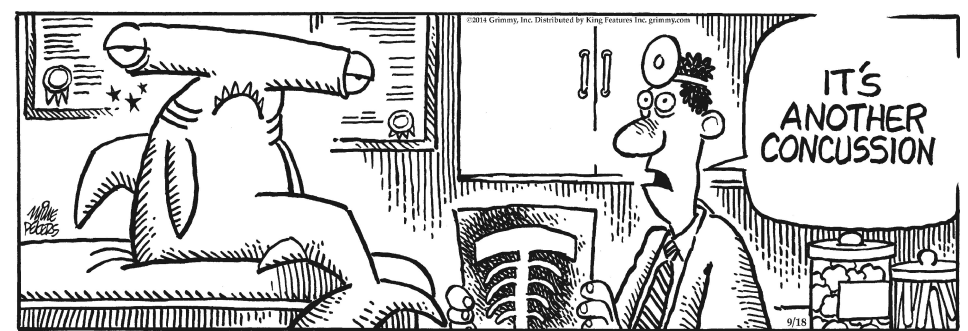
DAG'S MIND IS A MILLION MILES AWAY BECAUSE IT'S "NATIONAL CHEESEBURGER DAY!"

FOR SURE!

YOU GUYS ARE MAKING ME FEEL GUILTY...

NATIONAL CHEESEBURGER DAY (ALMOST!)

MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS



IT'S ANOTHER CONCUSSION