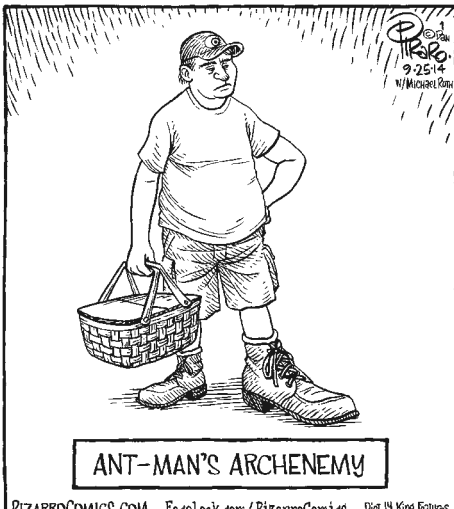


FAMILY CIRCUS | BIL KEANE



Remember — I was little once just like YOU.

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



ANT-MAN'S ARCHENEMY

Illusion Of Perfect Marriage Shattered By Man's Discovery

DEAR ABBY: I always thought that "Lana," my wife of 14 years, and I had the perfect marriage. When I discovered she was having an affair, it hit me like a train wreck.

I still love my wife and feel I could forgive her and regain my trust in her. The problem is, she says she is trying to recover from her actions, so she can no longer hear about my problems or respond to any of my questions.

Lana is now saying I need to see someone to discuss our issues with. We are already seeing a marriage counselor, but I suspect he is too connected to us as a couple.

DEAR IN LIMBO: I think the marriage counselor should have made clear to you and your wife that in order for trust to be rebuilt it takes LOTS of dialogue and listening on the part of both spouses.

That said, I think she is correct in suggesting you talk to someone individually. With the help of a licensed psychotherapist — someone who is there JUST FOR YOU — you may be able to rationally decide whether your wife is capable of being the person you assumed she was.

DEAR ABBY: My mother died a few years ago after a prolonged illness. My father has found a new lady ("Colette") to share his life, and they are now engaged.

My problem is my sisters. We are all adults with families of our own. They don't like Colette at all. They are rude to her and behave like spoiled children.

Colette isn't after Dad's money, nor is she

forcing her way into our lives. She's also not trying to replace Mom. It appears she genuinely cares for our dad, which I can understand.

Dad is happy as a clam. He's enjoying life and has lots more life to live. The only thing that mars his happiness is my sisters' attitudes.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR JOY: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your mother. Perhaps you should remind your sisters how grateful they should be that your father has been able to find happiness after losing your mother.

Not all widowers are able to do that. Stress that his desire to remarry is a tribute to the relationship he had with your mother, because men who had unfulfilling marriages usually don't want to commit again.

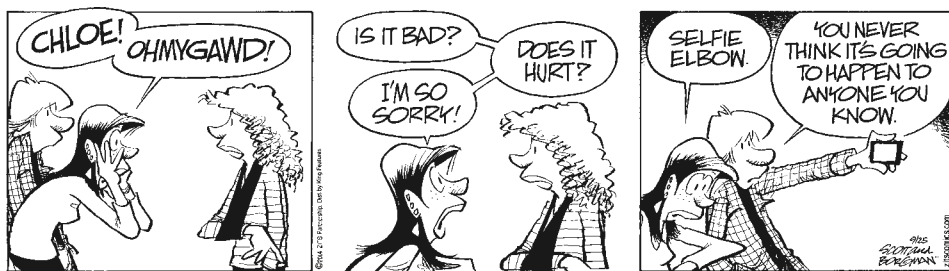
Point out that they have nothing to gain by alienating Colette and a lot to lose, because the more they treat her with disrespect, the farther away they will drive her — and your dad.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips.

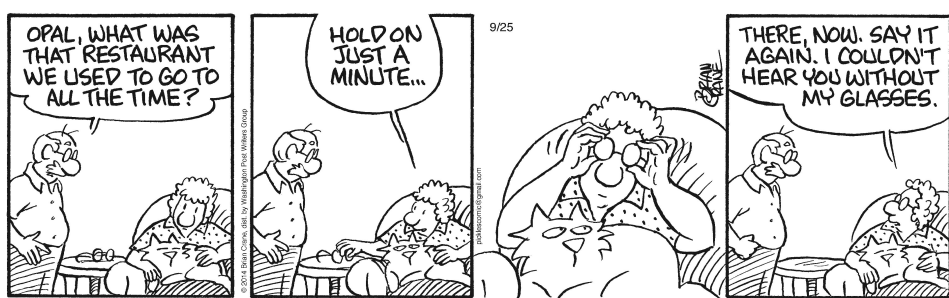
Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby."

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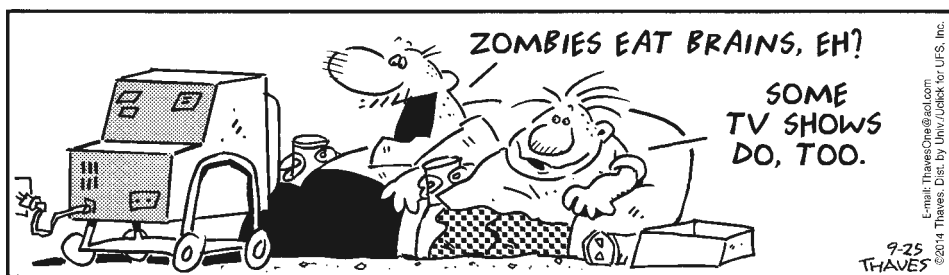
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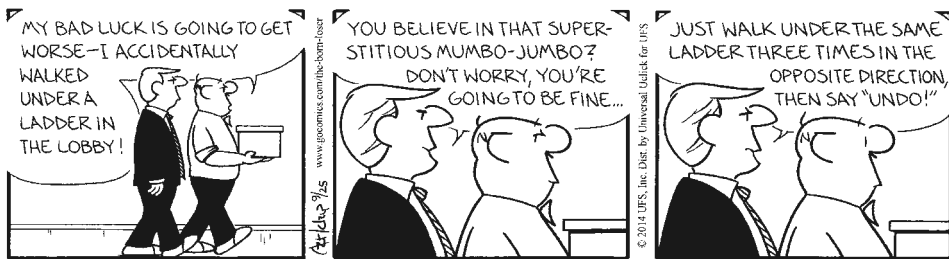
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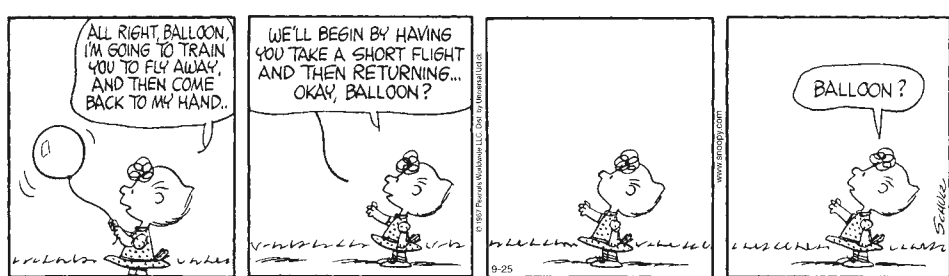
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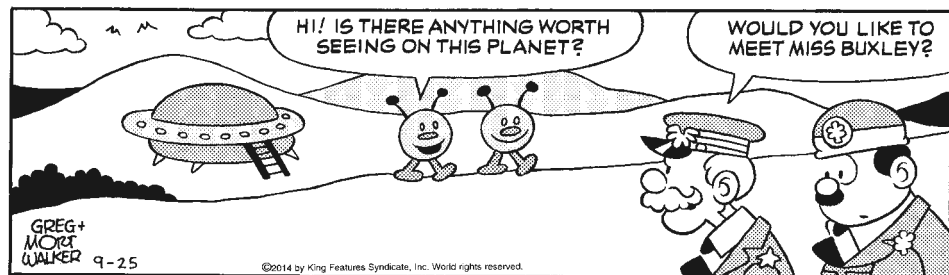
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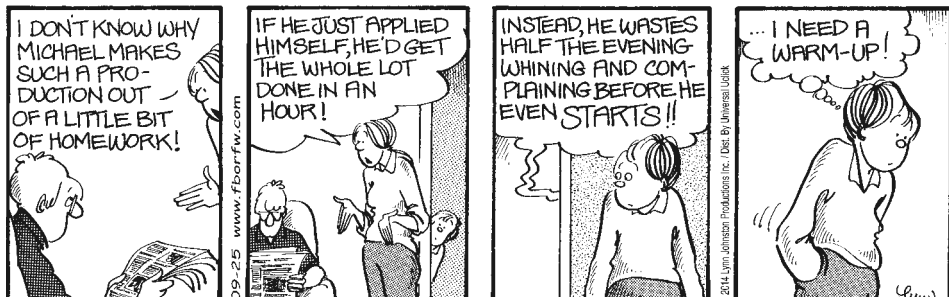
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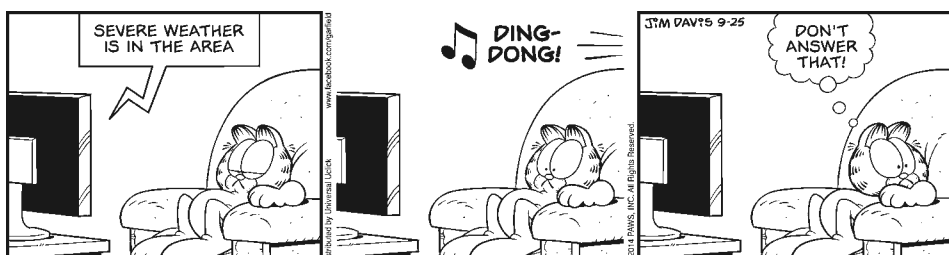
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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.

A baby born today has a Sun and Moon in Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, SEPT. 25, 2014:

This year you move into a period where your social life is highlighted. You will network professionally and expand your personal circle as well.

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)

Someone could compare you to lightning: nearly impossible to stop, with flashes of great ideas.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

Others often expect a lot from you, whether or not you are willing to give it. Your caring could move a personal matter past a problem and help the other party realize that the situation might not be as bad as he or she believes it to be.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Your imagination could go to extremes as you attempt to infuse a situation with a little more fun and creativity.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Staying close to home might not be as pleasant as you would like. It is likely that someone you need to respond to will demand your feedback, if not your presence.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Your personality will come out in a presentation or when having a discussion with a

loved one. You will be more open to unexpected solutions than to traditional ones.

VRIGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Sometimes you underestimate how much you have to offer. You could feel as if no one is listening to you.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Avoid being scattered at all costs. You might need to place limits on a situation that could irritate you or cause you a problem.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

You could be inordinately tired, as all the happenings around you could drain you far more than you realize.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

You might want to use some of your high energy to help a child or loved one who could be off-kilter.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Be aware of your limits when dealing with a boss, friend or older relative. You could be taken aback by this person's requests.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

Take an overview, and understand where others are coming from. Otherwise, what you see happening will make little to no sense.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

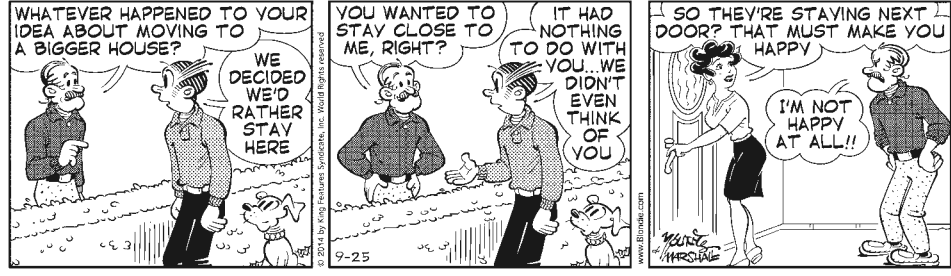
You will get a better sense of where someone else is coming from. You could discover that a loved one simply might be reacting to you.

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