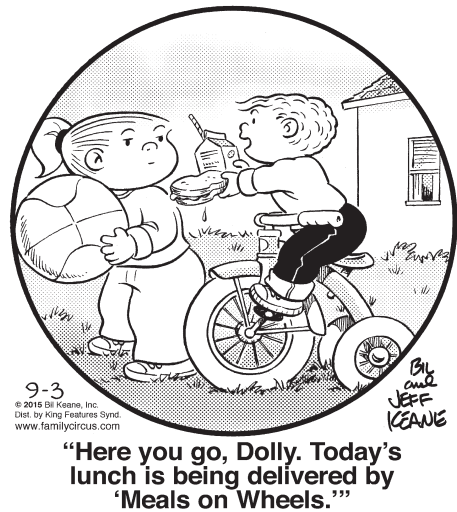


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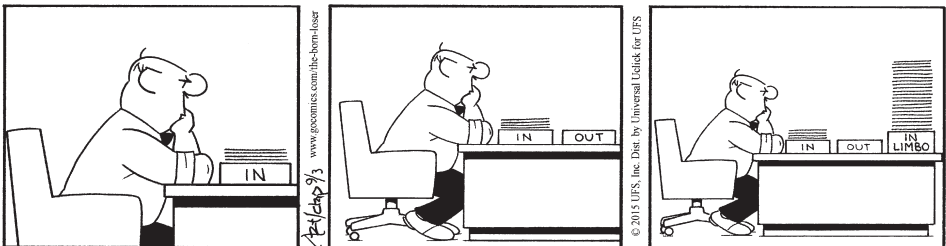
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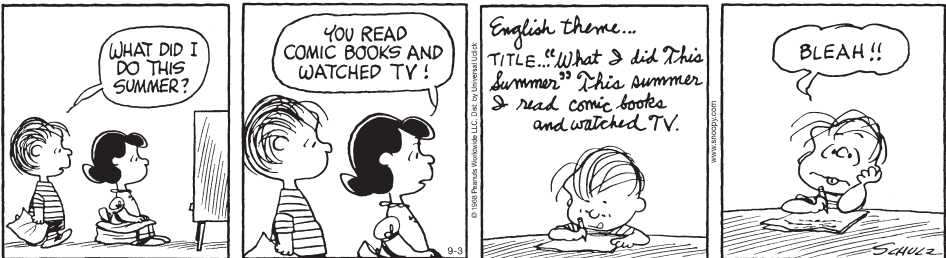
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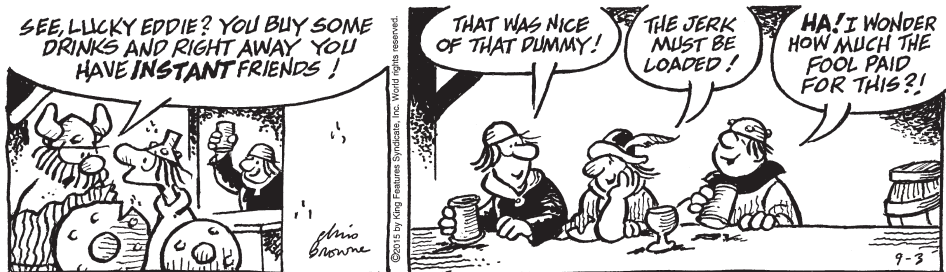
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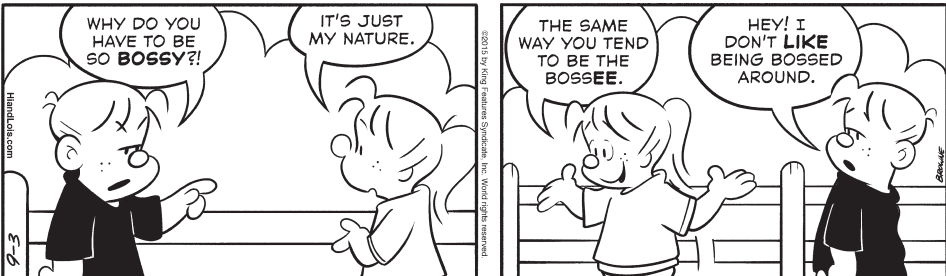
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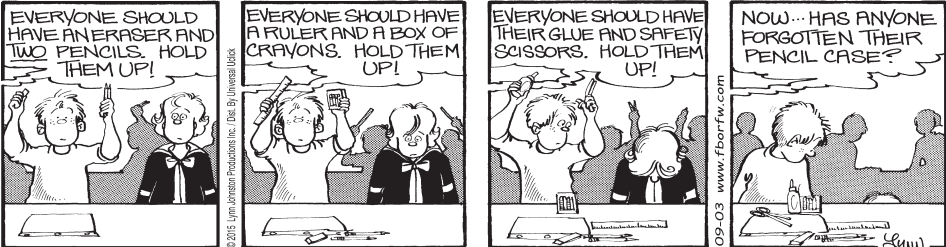
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# Man Is Devastated To Learn Of Wife's Long-Ago Affair

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are in our 60s and have been married more than 40 years. It hasn't always been great, but we've made it. Recently, while going through some old boxes in the basement, I ran across her diary and discovered that she had an affair while we were engaged. This has left me depressed, hurt and feeling very down. Should I confront her with my findings? – HURTING IN OHIO

DEAR HURTING: If you feel the need to bring this up after 40 years, then rather than let it fester and ruin the next 40, tell your wife what you have found. However, before you do that, remember diaries are supposed to be private, and you will have to explain why you took it upon yourself to read something that was never meant for you to see.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 41-year-old mother of three. I was raised in a good household, but we didn't have a lot of love. My folks were strict, straight to the point and good providers, but I don't remember many hugs and kisses, or moments of real expressions of emotion or intimacy between them. Now I realize I am the same way with my kids. I'm very matter of fact, strict and too serious. I love my children more than life itself. But how do I become more loving? I don't know how to play or be silly. My hubby tells me it bothers him sometimes when he's trying to tell me how much he loves me and I make a joke or say something acerbic. The problem is, my daughter is 9 and she is turning into me and my mother. She's not frivolous, like a little girl should be. She's serious, studious and almost cold in her assessment of everyone around her. It worries me. How do I combat this? How do I change myself so I can help change her, before it's

too late? – BAD ROLE MODEL IN MISSOURI  
DEAR BAD ROLE MODEL: You have already taken the first step by recognizing the pattern that is being repeated. Another step in the right direction would be to discuss your discomfort with expressing emotion with a licensed therapist, because it has affected not only your daughter but also your relationship with your husband. While a therapist may not be able to help you "be silly," a good one can offer suggestions on how to become more playful and communicate your feelings more openly. However, I would caution you about one thing you said in your letter. Not all 9-year-olds are "frivolous." Many of them are serious and studious and that's a plus. If she "judges" contemporaries to the point of being sarcastic or cruel, she should be corrected before she's perceived as a bully or turns herself into an outcast. I have always abided by the philosophy that if you think something nice about someone else, you should share it. You might suggest that to her.

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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 Taurus.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, SEPT. 3, 2015

This year you have the unique opportunity to be introduced to many new ideas and styles. You also will experience a great amount of luck. You become less rigid and far more open-minded. As a result, you accept others more easily. If you are single, your newfound openness could be very appealing. You will experience a surge of potential loved ones. If you are attached, the two of you will plan on taking a very special trip together. During periods of stress, walk in your sweetie's shoes in order to gain understanding. TAURUS likes your practical ways.

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)

★★★ Normally, you fly with a new idea. Today, however, you are like a stick in the mud. You might note that some people will be doing double-takes because of this unusual behavior. Understand that good luck follows creative ideas. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Acknowledge differences of opinion. Not everyone will respond as you would like. If you try to coerce someone into your way of thinking, your efforts might backfire. Claim your power, but don't feel as if you must push hard to get your way. Tonight: In the limelight.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Your sense of direction comes out in a discussion. Being more passive might be difficult, but it would be wise. You will see many alternatives, as you understand the different ideas being presented. Don't hold back if questioned. Focus on a fun project. Tonight: Accept an offer.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Be imaginative in your choices. Don't allow another party to railroad your ideas. You know what works, and you know what you want. Though it might be nice to listen to others, remember that this is your life and these are your plans. Tonight: Where the action is.

### LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Recognize that a boss could be unusually indulgent. Is there something you need

to present to this person? Now is the time. You could be exhausted by everything that is going on around you. Maintain a sense of humor, and you will be fine. Tonight: Be available.

### VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might want to move forward with a project, yet someone seems to want to discuss it a little more. You could view this as a waste of time, but give this person the courtesy of presenting his or her views without you attacking them. Tonight: Make time for a loved one.

### LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Make it a habit to talk with people individually rather than as a group. Your interactions will be enhanced as a result, and you'll have a better sense of whether you have communicated effectively. Your effectiveness and your people skills can only benefit. Tonight: Be a duo.

### SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Defer to others; you have a lot on your plate. Someone will want to assume responsibility and earn a leadership position. Let this person demonstrate his or her abilities, while at the same time releasing yourself from at least one obligation. Tonight: Be optimistic. Accept an offer.

### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Evaluate your responsibilities, and decide how much you need to complete. Plan accordingly, but don't put yourself on a faster track than need be. You need to slow down and schedule a doctor's appointment. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise, if possible.

### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You could be in a position where you need to relax more. Open up to new ideas, even though you'd prefer to follow a more traditional route. A little creativity is likely to spice up a lackluster concept. Tonight: Share a treat with a favorite person.

### AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Reach out to a child or loved one you really care about. Have a long-overdue conversation with this person. Remain thoughtful, but take care of your needs as well. You might need to have a discussion about your bottom line and boundaries. Tonight: Happiest at home.

### PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

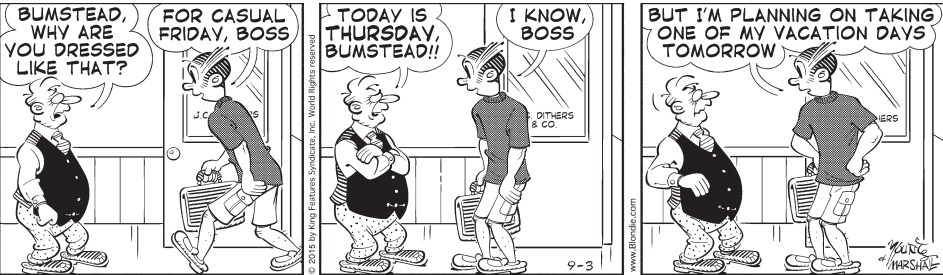
★★★★ Conversations remain active and worthwhile. How you handle a problem could change quickly as the result of a conversation. In fact, you might decide that you don't have a problem. Let go and start relaxing in the company of another person. Tonight: Meet a pal for dinner.

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