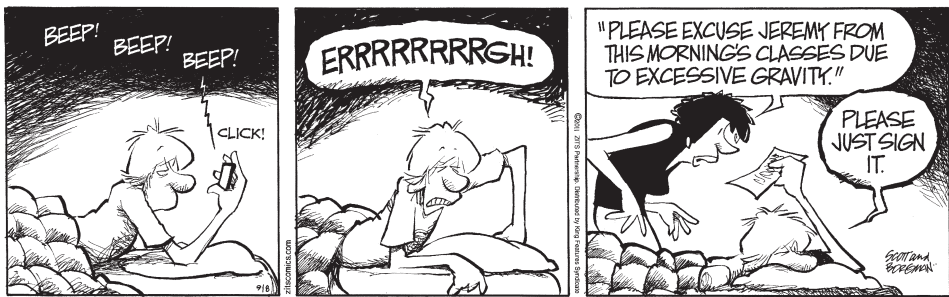


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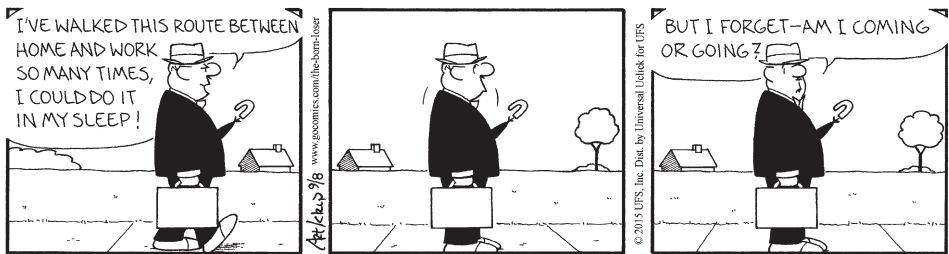
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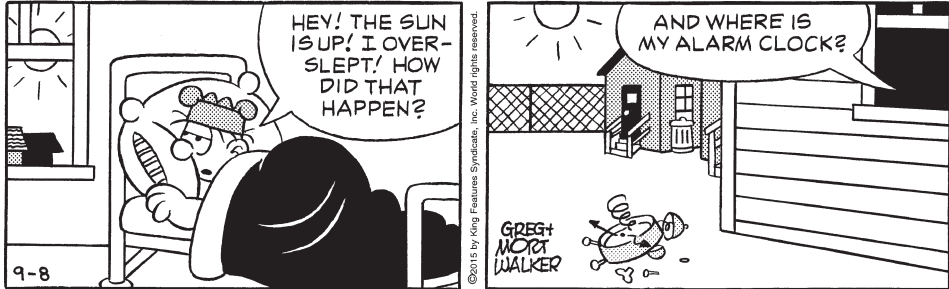
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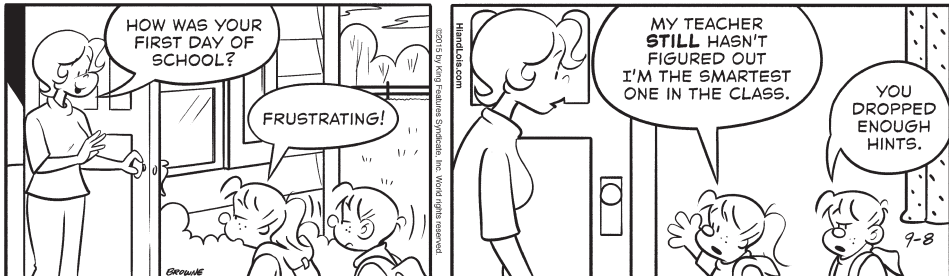
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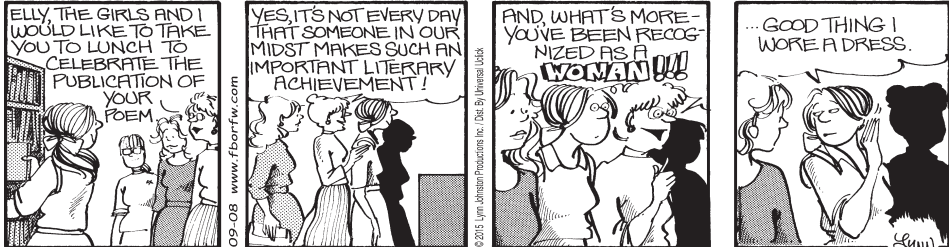
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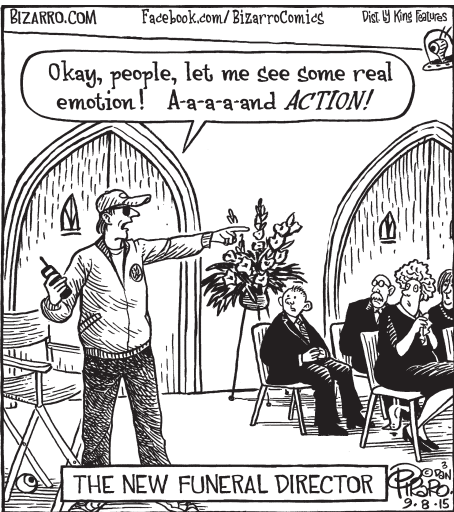
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Mom's Surprise Pregnancy Is Not Pleasant One For Her Girls

DEAR ABBY: I am 44 and my husband of 20 years is 48. On a recent second honeymoon trip to Sweden, I became pregnant. We already have two beautiful, intelligent daughters, 17 and 14. One started university this fall while the other's a high school sophomore.

My problem is not so much the high-risk pregnancy, but rather that both of my girls strongly oppose the idea of us keeping the baby. Not only were they not thrilled when I broke the news to them, but they also cried.

My younger daughter is now giving me the cold shoulder. She doesn't like change and thinks having a sibling will disrupt our life. My older girl said she is glad she will be at the university so she won't have to have anything to do with the baby.

I am deeply hurt by their reactions. I need help to talk to them. Please give me some advice. — EX-PECTING IN CANADA

DEAR EXPECTING: Far more important than how your immature and self-centered daughters feel about your pregnancy is how you and your husband feel about it. Teen-agers don't like to consider their parents as sexual beings, which may be part of the reason for their reaction.

Not knowing your girls, I'm not sure what they need to hear other than you love them and hope at some point they will become mature enough to accept the situation. But do not allow them to put you on the defensive. You don't owe them an apology. As a matter of fact, they owe you and their father one.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law was in a car accident a few months ago and her car was totaled. Since then, my husband takes her food shopping and wherever else she has to go. She has made no effort to buy a new car. She's content with calling him for every need.

She wasn't injured and she isn't disabled. If she doesn't want to do something, her excuse is, "I'm an old lady. I can't do it." It's annoying.

She doesn't come visit or call to check on us. She makes us feel like our family has to do everything for her — while she claims she's "independent."

This has been an issue for a while and I'm sick of it. I suggested she do her grocery shopping online and have it delivered to her house. Once again, she gave the same excuse.

I think she needs a man so I can have my husband back. What do you think? — OVER IT IN PHILADELPHIA

DEAR OVER IT: From the tone of your last remark it's clear you and your mother-in-law aren't close and probably never were. Philadelphia has a very large transit system. Surely there is alternate transportation for her — buses, taxis, Uber and Lyft come to mind. If she was so traumatized by the accident that she's afraid to get behind the wheel again, she may need a therapist to overcome it.

Whatever the reason, this won't stop until you and your husband quit enabling her. Give her a list of what's available and "suggest" she use it the next time she calls wanting a ride. If she needs groceries, offer to order them online for her yourself if she isn't computer literate. And your husband should also offer to help her find a new car.

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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 10:36 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, SEPT. 8, 2015:

This year you often waver between being a social butterfly and being a recluse. Both work for you. You are seeking a balance between these two polarities. If you are single, you can expect to be surrounded by admirers. Check out potential suitors, as one of them could be significant to your life's history. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy your friends enormously. However, make sure that you still have enough private time as a couple. LEO understands you very 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)

★★★★ Use your resourcefulness with a child or loved one who seems to be driving a hard bargain. Your sensitivity remains high, but remember not to push beyond your natural limits. Knowing your objective will help point the way. Tonight: Stay close to home.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Consider the past few days before you start any project. You will want to accomplish a lot more quickly, though you could be more tired than you realize. Stay close to home, if possible. A situation might arise that could encourage you to rethink a friendship. Tonight: Make it easy.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that is going on, yet you might need to handle a personal matter first. Don't settle for anything less than what you feel is right. Listen to someone else's tale of woe and recognize the tension it has created. Tonight: Let the party begin.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You see a personal matter differently from how many other people see it. The reason is that you understand people's feelings better than others. Open up to a new possibility. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with a confusing situation. Tonight: Treat yourself.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Be honest when you are feeling out of sorts. Sometimes you would be best off retreat-

ing and not putting on your sunny face. Everyone needs some time off -- even you. Take a day just for you, and you will see the difference. Tonight: Take a nap, then decide.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You can't continue to pressure yourself as you have. If you feel up to it, push yourself today, but plan on getting some downtime very soon. You seem to have been angry about a situation, and could lose your temper. Have a discussion instead. Tonight: Make it an early night.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You could be more forthright in how you deal with another person. Your sense of humor emerges once more when dealing with an irritable yet funny friend. Accomplish what you must before you socialize. You will hear a lot of news. Tonight: Be prepared for a fun happening.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Continue to be uninvolved with a complex situation. You understand the dynamics involved better than the majority of people, but that does not mean you need to deal with this matter. Open up to new possibilities and new ideas. Tonight: Catch up on emails and calls.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ An associate will sense your fatigue, even if you don't. Understand your limits, and attempt to tune into your inner voice and energy. You need to take more time for yourself. Listen to this person's news, but know that you don't need to agree. Tonight: Let the party begin.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You are respected and known to give good advice. Listen to the nature of the questions you are being asked. You might notice that something is afoot. Just observe and get more information. Try not to let others know what you know! Tonight: Dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You might be too tired to continue to push so hard. Be aware of what is going on around you. Perhaps someone unintentionally is creating more work for you than you would like to handle. Have a conversation, if need be. Tonight: The later it gets, the more fun you have.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

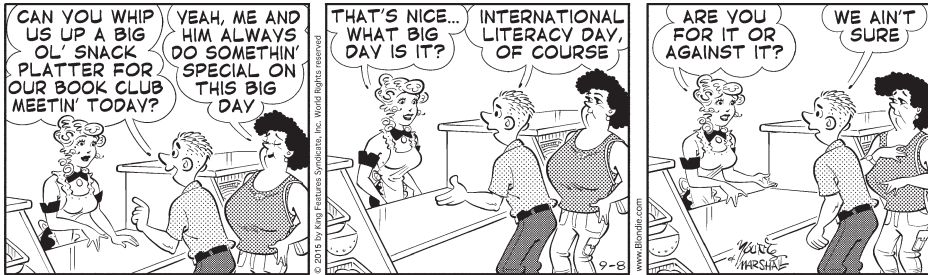
★★★★ You have a lot to share, and share you will. However, your creativity and imagination could point you in a new direction. A child or loved one delights you with his or her responses. Make the most of your time together. Tonight: The party goes on and on.

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