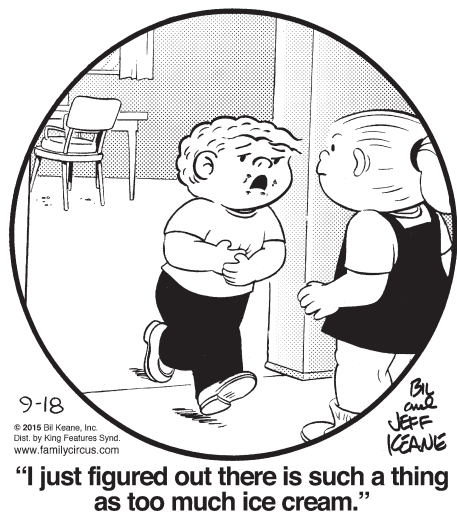
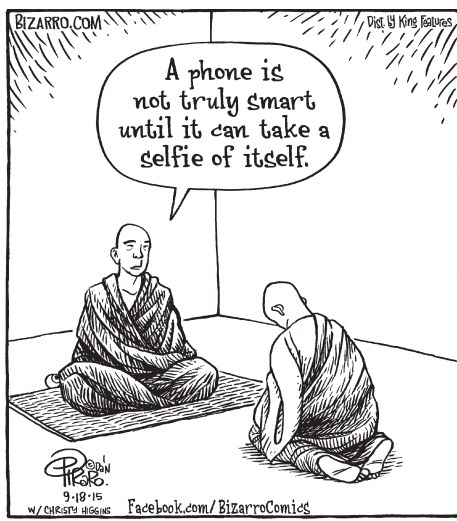


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Man Overcomes Disabilities, But Not High School Prejudice

DEAR ABBY: Today was my high school reunion. I was the most notable student for all the wrong reasons. I was born with some birth defects and learning disabilities. I overcame them, but it was hard. While working blue-collar jobs, I lived in my car for a few years.

a heart. It is inexcusable for you to have been treated the way you were. In recognition of the challenges you have overcome, you should have been the guest of honor at the reunion.

On a cold winter night several years ago, I met Dr. X in the emergency room. He was a former classmate of mine, and we pretended not to know one another. He discovered I was living in my car and heard some of my story. Then he arranged for me to be admitted to the hospital for a day so I could get warmed up and recover. When I left the hospital, I found a \$100 bill in the gas tank door of my van. I'm sure it was from him.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I've been seeing a man for 15 months. I know he has three sisters and a brother. All he has said is they are not close and he doesn't keep in touch with them. There are no cards at holiday time, no phone calls or any mention of any of them (there are nieces and nephews, too), and no explanation about why they don't talk.

Should I be concerned that he doesn't share any of this with me? He has been very involved with my entire family, but I have never met a single relative of his. — KEPT IN THE DARK IN MASSACHUSETTS

I now have a home of my own and I'm doing OK, considering everything. When I sent my reservation and check to the reunion committee, it was returned uncashed with a \$50 bill along with a note saying "Please don't come." The reunion was being held on the estate of Dr. X.

DEAR KEPT IN THE DARK: After 15 months of dating, you should be able to discuss this with him and get some honest answers. There are probably good reasons why this man and his family are estranged. They may have been abusive to him, or he may be the black sheep of the family. But you will never know unless you ask directly.

I guess my classmates are more closed-minded than I thought they would be. I was hoping age would mellow them. In addition to the reservation return, I have seen a few forwarded emails mocking my attempts to find out about the event. I hope none of those people were blessed with a child with learning or physical issues.

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I guess people never change on some things. Thankfully, I have found nicer, caring people along my journey in life, and for that I'd like to thank all of the kind people in the world. — UNEXPECTED SUCCESS

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

DEAR UNEXPECTED SUCCESS: Your letter shocked me. I am glad to know how you are doing. Although people age, it's apparent that not all of them mature.

In case you haven't yet realized it, you weren't the only student in your class with problems. People who would behave as you have described were obviously born without

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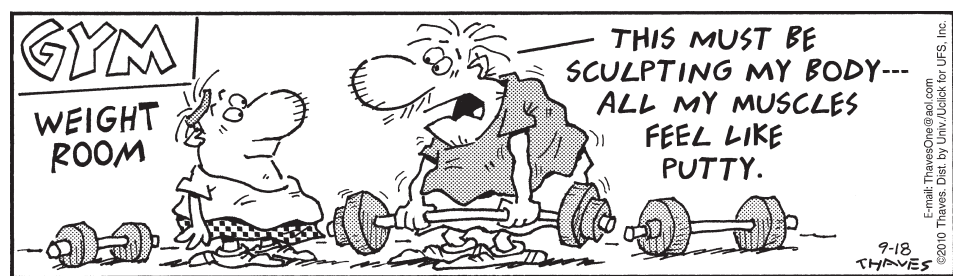
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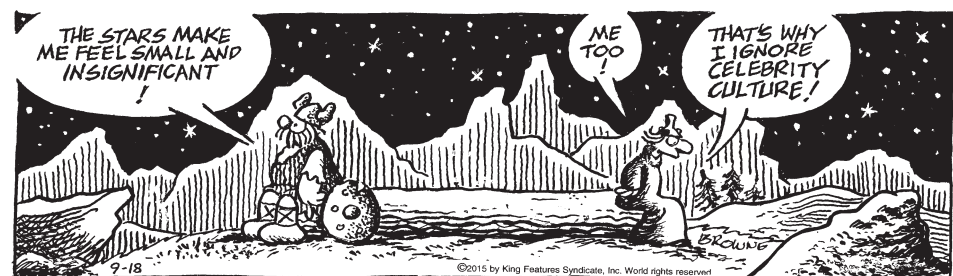
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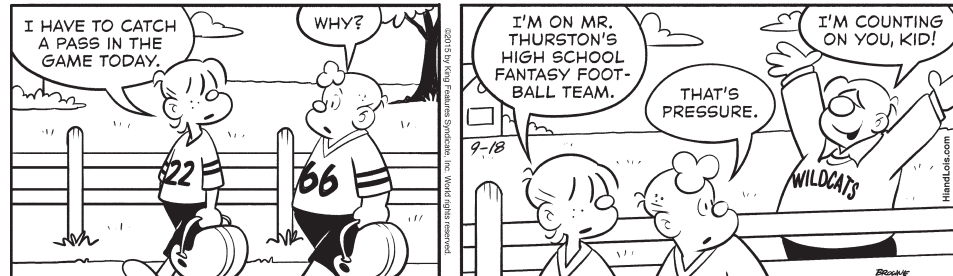
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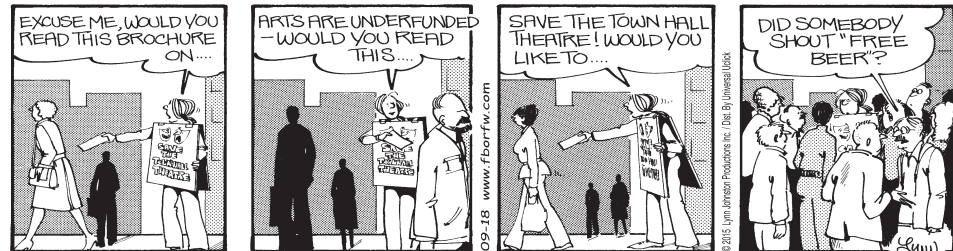
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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you can. Spending quality time with a loved one might be perfect. Whatever you choose to do, you will enjoy yourself. You especially feed off times when you spend quality one-on-one time with this person. Tonight: In the moment.

A baby born today has a Sun in Virgo and a Moon in Scorpio if born before 11:32 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Sagittarius.

VIRO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Be aware of an innate competitiveness and a desire to be in control. Issues could surround your home that will surprise you. Deal with them quickly, as you might not want any more hassles around you. A discussion with a family member is inevitable. Tonight: Make nice.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, SEPT. 18, 2015:

This year you often seem to be holding back. You might not even be aware of what you are suppressing. If you want to root out the issue, you will be able to. You will be entering the first year of a new luck and life cycle shortly. The first year is considered one of the luckiest. If you are single, you easily could meet someone who will have a big effect on your life. This person will not be like anyone else you have dated before. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from your lucky year. You might feel ready to move into the next stage of your life together. SAGITTARIUS can be very demanding. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You could be over a problem and want to let it go. However, someone close to you still might want to discuss this matter. Money is involved. Be willing to say "no" to this person if it means you can avoid feeling pressured. Tonight: Avoid a combative friend!

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

★★★★ With the help of a friend, you'll blaze through your day and start the weekend early. You will have a lot of reasons to be excited about the next few weeks. Plans could change if travel is involved or if someone from a distance is heading your way. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You could be very intense -- far more than you realize -- and might be evoking very strong responses, both negative and positive. Is that what you want? You have the power to make a change in this pattern, if you so choose. Tonight: Use care with spending.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Allow others to voice their convictions and choices. You might wonder why they are heading in a certain direction. Once you become more acquainted with these people, you will understand. Tonight: Let your hair down and help others do the same.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You sense a change coming. You have certain matters that you need to deal with, which you might not want to discuss. You know that you must handle them. A heaviness seems to weigh on you at the present moment. Tonight: Nap first, then see if you have any energy left.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You will be looking forward to better interactions with an associate, but you might find certain facets of each other's personalities to be annoying. If you aren't careful, a conversation suddenly could turn hostile. Tonight: Become more of an observer.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Even with all the uproar happening, you'll get through what you need to. Use care with spending, as you could go overboard. Let go of certain financial patterns you have developed over the years. Tonight: Make it an early bed time, if need be.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Use your unusual resourcefulness to get to where you want to be. Not everything has to be a long-term goal. In fact, you are better off staying in the present. Be open to an unanticipated gesture from a dear loved one. You'll be pleased with the results. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Reach out to someone whom you greatly respect. The conversation you have could go from extreme caring to a flash of anger. Encourage the other party to not let negative feelings build. Encourage talking. You'll need to do the same. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

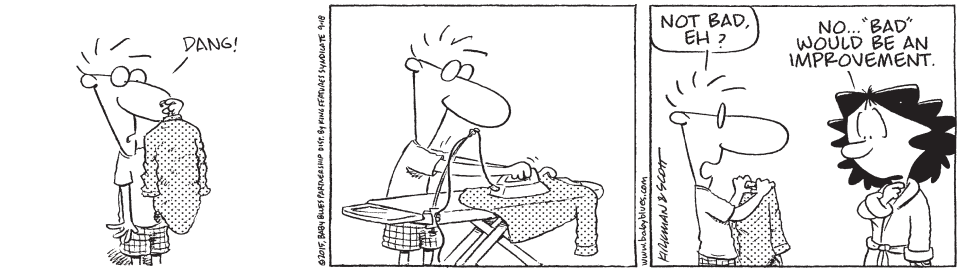
★★★ Consider slowing the pace as much as

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Be aware of how much you need to stay involved when dealing with a particular loved one. Generally you are active and speak your mind, but not with this person. You might have difficulty holding back your opinions, but you will manage. Tonight: Go for unusual.

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