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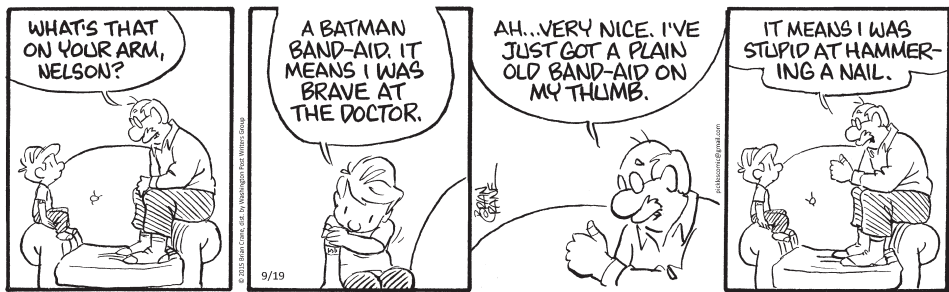


“Here I am at Mount Rushmore with four presidents photobombing me.”

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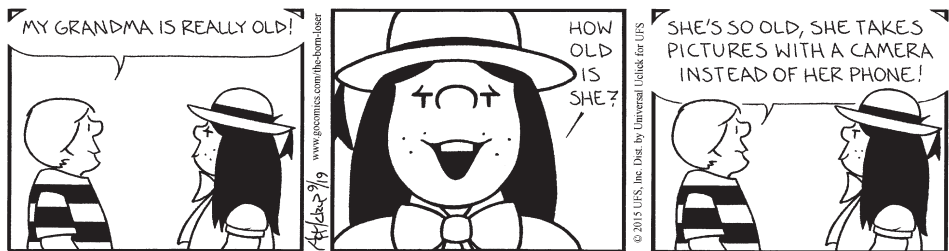
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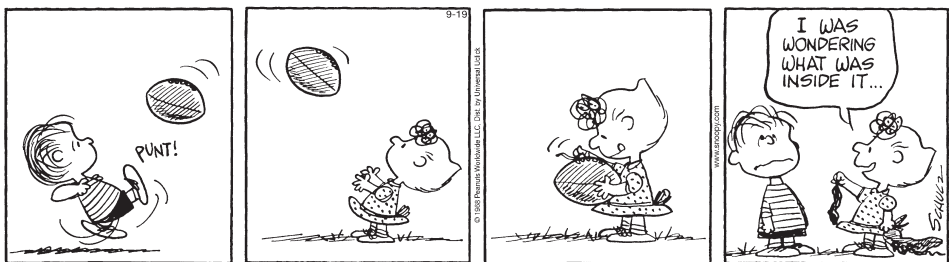
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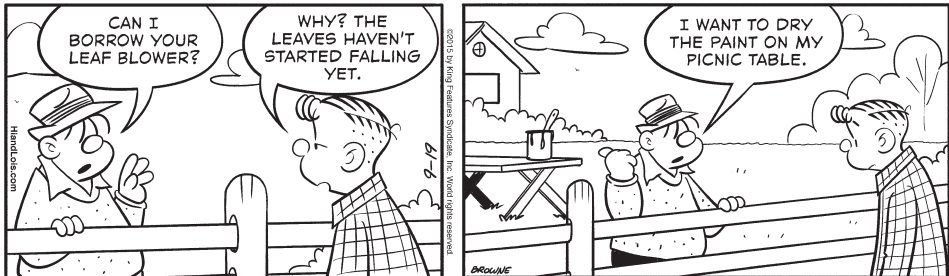
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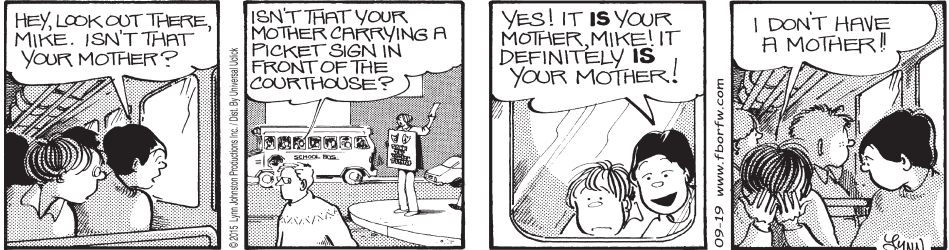
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## Teen Would Like To Stiff-Arm Mom's 'Affectionate' Friend

DEAR ABBY: I'm 16, go to high school, play football and make good grades. At church every Sunday, a lady who is one of my mom's friends always makes a point of coming up to me to talk. She says things about me growing up to be a man, and asks me if I'm dating. She always gives me an extended hug. It's really uncomfortable for me, and embarrassing.

I tried to talk to my mom about it, but she just said her friend is a very affectionate person. To me, the way she does it is creepy and scary. I don't want to be unfriendly to anybody, but this is different. Any suggestions? – ENOUGH ALREADY, IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR ENOUGH: Yes. Listen to your gut. Tell your mother her friend is coming across as creepy and scary. Because her behavior makes you uncomfortable, avoid physical contact with her by stepping back when she tries to hug you. And if she brings up the subject of whether you're dating, change the subject ("Lovely sermon, wasn't it, Mrs. Robinson?"). Then walk away.

DEAR ABBY: I've been living with my boyfriend for several years, and he has this habit of not locking the front door. Is this a guy thing? I have told him repeatedly that I don't feel safe when he does this, yet every other morning I wake up and the front door is not locked!

I feel like a broken record. His response is: "I'm here. Nothing is going to happen." He also doesn't lock the balcony door. Even though we are on the second floor, I still hate coming home to doors in the apartment that are unlocked. It makes me feel vulnerable.

Am I overreacting? How can I talk to him about it without sounding like a nag? – AMBER IN TEXAS

DEAR AMBER: You are not overreacting. Your boyfriend appears to be operating under the delusion that he is a superhero. Too often we see reports in the news about

yet another tragedy, after which a neighbor appears on camera saying, "I don't understand it. Things like this don't happen in our neighborhood."

Because you haven't been able to convince him to change his ways, the solution to your problem is to take the initiative and lock the doors yourself.



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I bought several designer outfits for my infant niece. My sister was thrilled with the quality and brands until a friend told her that I had purchased them at a consignment shop. The clothes still have the original tags on them and were clearly never worn.

My sister returned the clothes to me and told me that because they were from a consignment shop, she did not want them and they wouldn't be used. Is something

wrong with gifting an item purchased at a consignment shop? – GIFT GIVING IN NEW YORK

DEAR GIFT GIVING: Of course not! Your sister was extremely rude to do what she did. And I have to wonder about the "friend" who felt compelled to tell her where the baby gifts had been purchased, in light of the fact that the price tags were still on the garments and they had never been worn.

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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 Sagittarius.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, SEPT. 19, 2015:

This year you experience better relationships and an ability to create much more of what you want. You also enter a new 12-year life and luck cycle. You'll feel the energy from this as soon as December, but the transit will be exact in August 2016. In the period before, eliminate what no longer works well in your life. If you are single, you could meet someone somewhat deceptive. Listen to your instincts with any potential suitors. If you are attached, you and your sweetie often mysteriously disappear. You both enjoy your alone time together. SAGITTARIUS seems to unintentionally cause tension.

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)

★★★★ A conversation could be responsible for a gloomy mood. Just listen to your inner voice. You are likely to stun others with your behavior and at the same time lighten up the moment. Know that someone could be making a fuss about your actions. Tonight: Be adventurous.

#### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You could be in the mood to negotiate a better resolution to an old problem that continues to persist. The other party will let you know in his or her charming way that he or she is not interested. Go off and make the most of the moment. Tonight: Not to be found.

#### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ You could witness a backfire as your ruling planet, Mercury, once more does the retrograde dance. Try to stay out of someone else's way, especially if this person is prone to angry outbursts. Keep the moment light and easy. Tonight: Don't take yourself too seriously.

#### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ Take the day off, and stop apologizing for changing people's schedules. Everyone needs to take time for him- or herself, you included. Your communication excels and helps others to understand you better. You'll receive appropriate responses. Tonight: Make it easy.

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

★★★★ You have a talent for sniffing out fun,

especially if you have a loved one around you. You might discover that this person is not feeling up to snuff. Do whatever you can to help the emotional climate around the two of you. Tonight: Treat this person to dinner.

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

★★★ Tension builds around you, but you'll steer clear of this type of stress and negativity. Your sense of humor kicks in when an inevitable conflict of interest occurs. Why not allow everyone to have it his or her own way for the next few days? Tonight: Let a friend take the lead.

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

★★★★ Communication flourishes to such an extent that you can't be found except by phone. Even in that case, you are unlikely to respond. Someone might inadvertently express hostile feelings. This person's words seem twisted and not grounded. Let it go. Tonight: Hang out.

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

★★★★ You see a situation quite differently from how others see it. Your values often differ from those held by the people around you. Share your views, but understand that others might find it hard to grasp them. Not everyone views things the way you do. Tonight: Make it your treat.

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

★★★★ You might be ready to forge ahead, but at what cost? Someone you care about easily could refuse to budge. On one level, you'll find this behavior to be a nuisance; on another level, you'll see that this person has a valid reason to be reluctant. Tonight: Honor your needs first.

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

★★★★ Stay focused on what you want right now, even though you are likely to be surrounded by a bunch of people. Let go of a need to be serious, and allow yourself to touch base with your inner child. Someone close will want to celebrate with you. Tonight: Play it low-key.

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

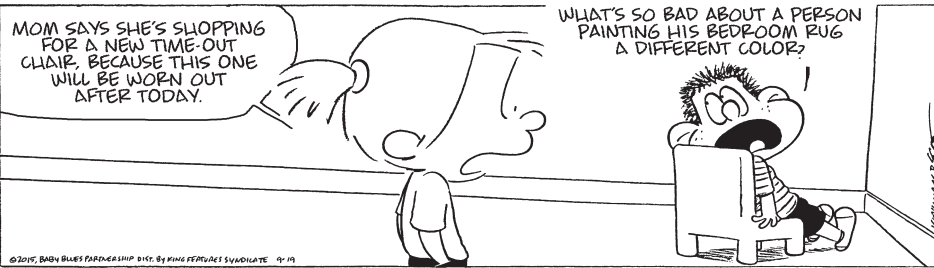
★★★★ Friends rank high as a priority in an Aquarian's life. You might be more dependent on them than you realize. When people surround you, you have little to complain about. Listen to a loved one who seems to want to share some recent happenings. Tonight: Celebration is in order!

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

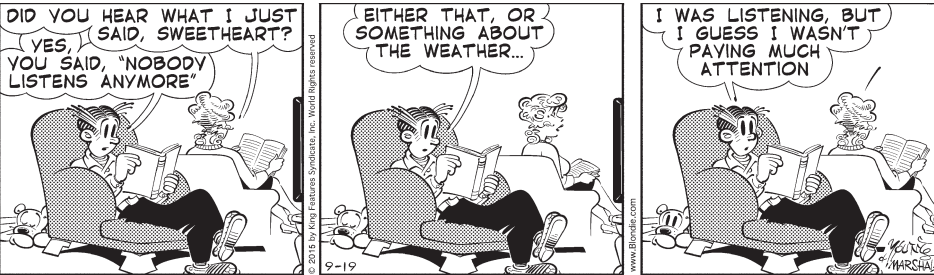
★★★ You might be somewhat hesitant to let it all hang out. Whether you are the host or hostess of a happening or simply responsible for one other person will make little difference. Your determination to facilitate an event or situation dominates. Tonight: A must show.

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