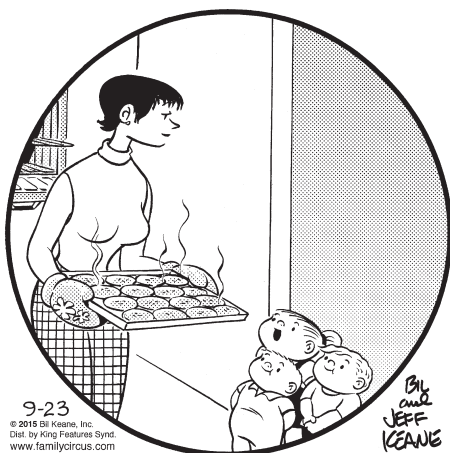
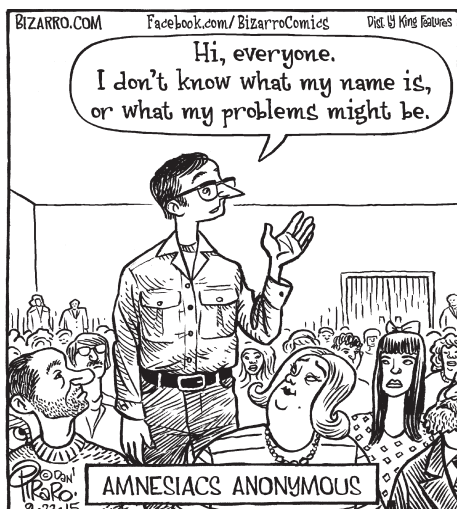


FAMILY CIRCUS | BILL KEANE



9-23
Hi, Mommy! We were wonderin' if we could help you with anything?

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



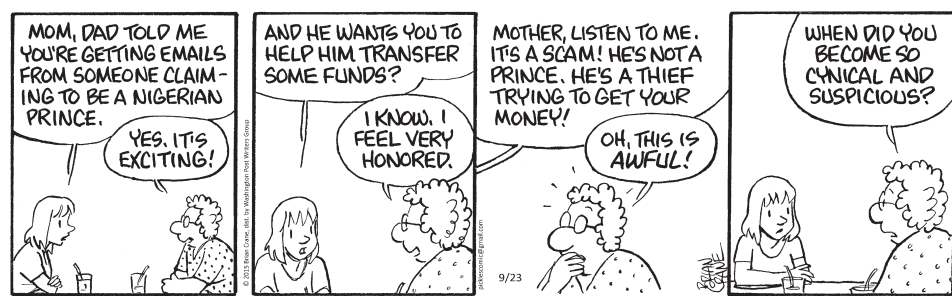
Hi, everyone. I don't know what my name is, or what my problems might be.
AMNESIACS ANONYMOUS

ZITS | JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



DON'T YOU KEEP EXTRA CLOTHES IN YOUR LOCKER, JEREMY?
I TRIED. THEY DECOMPOSED.

PICKLES | BRIAN CRANE



MOM, DAD TOLD ME YOU'RE GETTING EMAILS FROM SOMEONE CLAIMING TO BE A NIGERIAN PRINCE.
YES, IT'S EXCITING!
AND HE WANTS YOU TO HELP HIM TRANSFER SOME FUNDS?
MOTHER, LISTEN TO ME. IT'S A SCAM! HE'S NOT A PRINCE. HE'S A THIEF TRYING TO GET YOUR MONEY!
OH, THIS IS AWFUL!
WHEN DID YOU BECOME SO CYNICAL AND SUSPICIOUS?

FRANK AND ERNEST | BOB THAVES



PERSONNEL OFFICE
WORKING HERE ISN'T SO BAD IF YOU THINK OF IT AS A RECURRING NIGHTMARE.

BORN LOSER | ART SAMSON



WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND TO TREAT CELLULITE, DOCTOR PROCTOR?
SINCE YOUR PROBLEM IS NOT TOO SEVERE, I SUGGEST EXERCISE AND A HEALTHY DIET.
NOT TOO SEVERE? IT'S SO BAD, I HAVE CELLULITE ON MY TOES!

PEANUTS | CHARLES M. SCHULZ



SMACK!
I KISSED A CRABBY FACE!

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE | CHRIS BROWNE



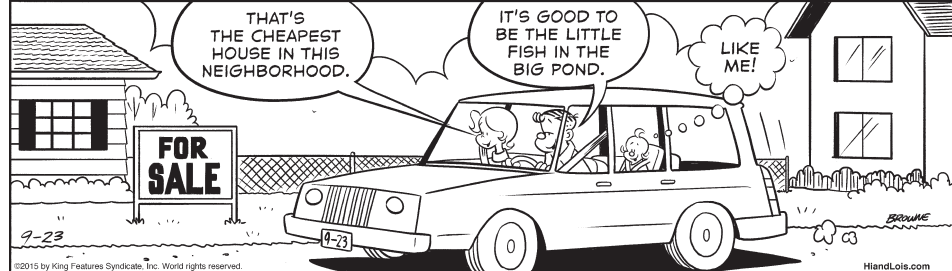
DAD, HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN I BECOME A MAN?
YOU WILL THINK DIFFERENTLY...
FOR EXAMPLE?
YOU WILL WANT TAKE NAPS!

BETLE BAILEY | MORT WALKER



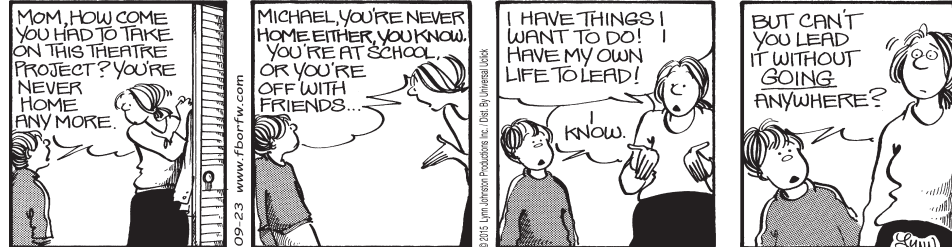
SARGE, I'D LIKE A RAISE.
A RAISE? HA! HA! HA!
THAT WILL KEEP HIM IN A GOOD MOOD UNTIL I GO BACK AND ASK FOR A PASS.

HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



THAT'S THE CHEAPEST HOUSE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.
IT'S GOOD TO BE THE LITTLE FISH IN THE BIG POND.
LIKE ME!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON



MOM, HOW COME YOU HAD TO TAKE ON THIS THEATRE PROJECT? YOU'RE NEVER HOME ANY MORE.
MICHAEL, YOU'RE NEVER HOME EITHER, YOU KNOW YOU'RE AT SCHOOL OR YOU'RE OFF WITH FRIENDS...
I HAVE THINGS I WANT TO DO! I HAVE MY OWN LIFE TO LEAD!
BUT CAN'T YOU LEAD IT WITHOUT GOING ANYWHERE?

GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS



I PRESENT, IN ITS ENTIRETY, GIACOMO PUCCINI'S "LA BOHEME"
MROOOOWRR
ONE MAN'S OPERA IS ANOTHER MAN'S CATERWAUL

Couple's Open Relationship May End Up Closing Theirs

DEAR ABBY: I am a 24-year-old woman and currently live with my boyfriend. We have a child. Before we started living together, we discussed having an open relationship. We realized how messy it can be, so we agreed on having a "free pass" with ONE person. ONE time. I have met that person; it is a woman.

At first, my boyfriend was OK with it. But now that I'm ready to do it, he's acting jealous. I told him I would stand by his side if he changed his mind about me doing this, but I'm excited to experience this alone and not have him involved. Help, please, Abby? - CARRYING OUT THE PLAN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CARRYING OUT: Your boyfriend may be feeling insecure because he is afraid of losing you. But this is what he agreed to - a "free pass" with one person. If you feel you need to further explore your sexuality and he is unwilling to allow it, then it's time to rethink your relationship with him because you may not be as suited to each other as you both thought.

And, by the way, the same may be true for him. If he needs someone who is a one-man woman, then you may not be it.

DEAR ABBY: My son "Pete" is a felon from an incident that cost him six years in a federal penitentiary. He has one more year left on parole. He married a professional "psychic" he met online who we believe has borderline personality disorder. There have been several instances of serious physical abuse toward my son. He is constantly trying to adapt to her ever-changing moods to reduce these conflicts, to no avail.

Yesterday she smashed a coffee pot into Pete's face, causing a 3-inch gash. Then she took his guitar and smashed in the windows of his truck. When she's not violent, she threatens to kill herself. She recently moved here from the U.K. and must maintain a living situation with her husband for at least a year

to establish citizenship. Pete wants to stick it out for the sake of his wife's daughter.

I think my son should call the police and make a report, but he is afraid of how she would and will retaliate. She knows his background and could accuse him of anything, if it comes down to a "he said/she said" situation. I'm not sure what to do, Abby. Any thoughts? - DESPERATE MOM IN MARYLAND

DEAR DESPERATE MOM: For his own safety, your son should not continue living with someone as volatile as this woman. Pete could be even more seriously injured in her next attack if he stays. When she acts out again - notice I didn't say "if" - I agree that he should call the police and make a report. He should also go to an emergency room for treatment and to have his injuries photographed.

If his parole officer doesn't know what has been going on, he or she should be informed. If Pete thinks his wife could harm her daughter, he should report it to child protective services.

He should never have allowed himself to be held hostage by her threats to kill herself, which is classic emotional blackmail. This "citizenship" marriage has been a sham from the beginning, and your son should end it.

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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 if born before 4:21 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Sun will be in Libra. If born before 1:51 p.m. (PDT), the Moon will be in Capricorn. Afterward, the Moon will be in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23, 2015:

This year you will take a hard look at what doesn't work in your life. You have to tweak and make what you want work through an adjustment. You need to rid your life of what is holding you back. In the next 12 months, you will want and need more personal time to reflect on what you want. If you are single, use caution with people you meet. Make sure that anyone you choose to date is on the up-and-up. If you are attached, the two of you might be out of sync at times. Spend more quality time with your significant other, even if you do not see eye to eye. AQUARIUS is a wonderful friend to you.

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)

\*\*\*\*\* In the next few weeks, others might challenge you more often. Know that you will need to make an adjustment. This trend begins today; however, as a result of your playful, innovative personality emerging, not much will bother you. Tonight: Find a friend and make plans.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

\*\*\*\*\* You'll continue focusing on getting a project done. What you are likely to find is that, in certain areas, you will need to assume total responsibility in order to have the details work out as you would like. A family member could need some of your time. Tonight: Order in.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

\*\*\*\*\* One-on-one relating will take you to a new level of understanding with a loved one. Your imagination could be stimulated by what occurs; how you direct this energy is your call. You'll make your interactions more interesting. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Deferring to others will make your life easier, but at a certain point, you will want to become more involved than you have been. You might feel pressured by an outside connection, but you must focus on a personal matter. Tonight: Make time for a one-on-one chat.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Understanding evolves to a new level with a friend or loved one. Return calls, and don't hesitate to speak your mind. You have the ability to get past problems with unusual ease, so much so that you might not even notice a bump in the road. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Be aware of the costs of going along with a friend's idea. You could feel pressured by your family or immediate circle to join them instead. Understand that you'll need to sort through your plans with your friend before reaching a decision. Tonight: Time for some exercise.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* You feel energized and able to connect with others in a more direct manner. A friend might push you hard to get what he or she wants. Allow your ingenuity to emerge, and you are likely to find a solution. Encourage more spontaneity in your life. Tonight: Flirt the night away!

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

\*\*\* Stay close to home, knowing that you have a lot to think about. You might feel a bit too restricted financially. You could opt to spend some quiet time at home, where you feel you can relax and consider your options more carefully. Tonight: Have a favorite meal.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* Friends might be more instrumental than you realize as they seem to guide your plans and directions. You would see a friendship develop into a lot more if you relax about what is happening. Make calls and be responsive to others. Tonight: Hang out.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

\*\*\* Be aware of what a demand will cost you both emotionally and financially. You might try to take shortcuts, but that could drain you financially. Curb a possessiveness that emerges. Try to root out the cause, so you can heal this vulnerability. Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

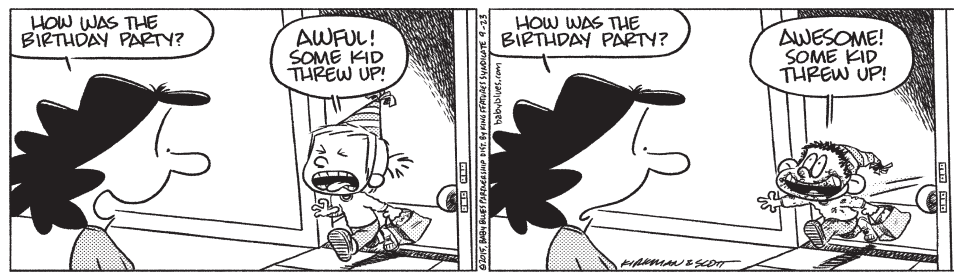
\*\*\*\* You have a lot of different feelings to deal with. You could be taken aback by a friend and what he or she decides to share. You'll recognize how hurt this person might be. A loved one seeks you out. There is no way you can avoid this person. Tonight: As you like it.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

\*\*\* You might be more vulnerable than you realize. Your judgment could be off, no matter how you look at a personal matter. Try to postpone any decision-making until tomorrow or later. Recognize that you seem to be out of sorts. Tonight: Not to be found.

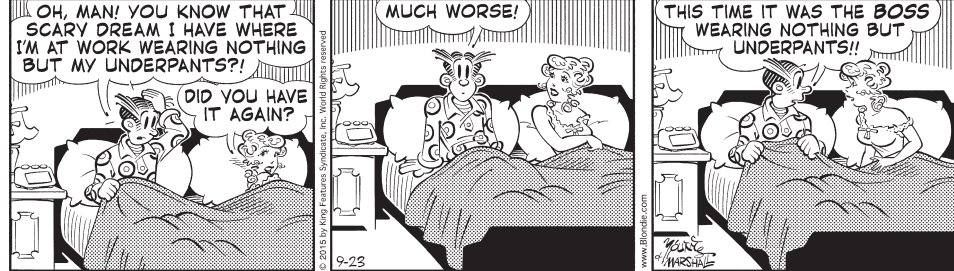
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BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



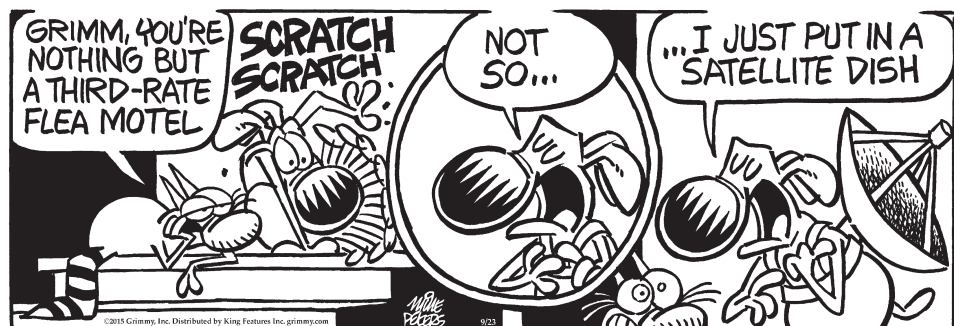
HOW WAS THE BIRTHDAY PARTY?
AWFUL! SOME KID THREW UP!
HOW WAS THE BIRTHDAY PARTY?
AWESOME! SOME KID THREW UP!

BLONDIE | YOUNG & DRAKE



OH, MAN! YOU KNOW THAT SCARY DREAM I HAVE WHERE I'M AT WORK WEARING NOTHING BUT MY UNDERPANTS?!
MUCH WORSE!
DID YOU HAVE IT AGAIN?
THIS TIME IT WAS THE BOSS WEARING NOTHING BUT UNDERPANTS!

MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS



GRIMM, YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A THIRD-RATE FLEA MOTEL.
SCRATCH SCRATCH?
NOT SO...
I JUST PUT IN A SATELLITE DISH