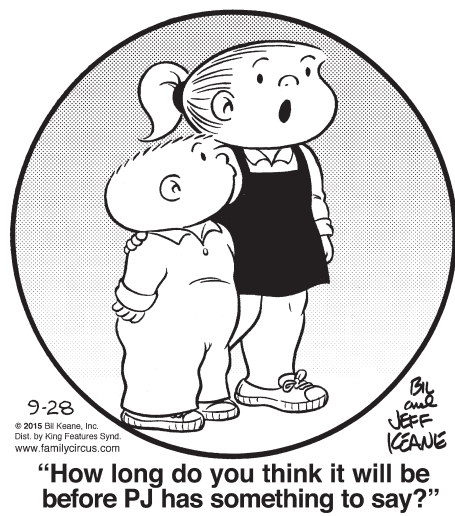
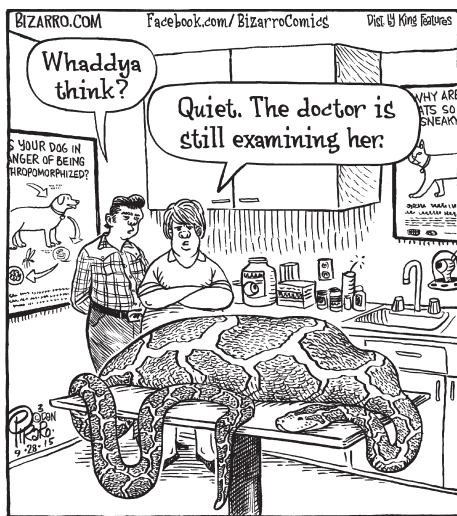


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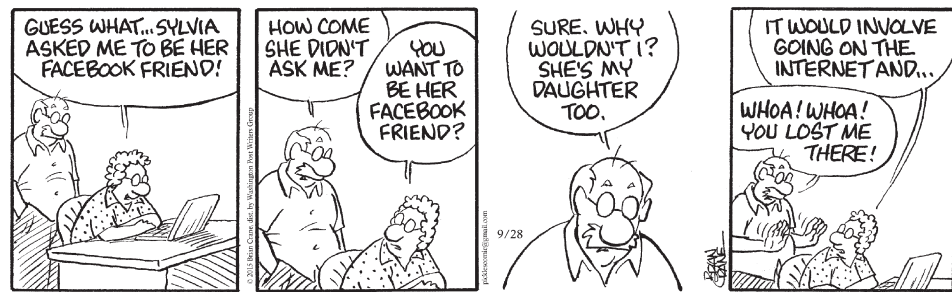
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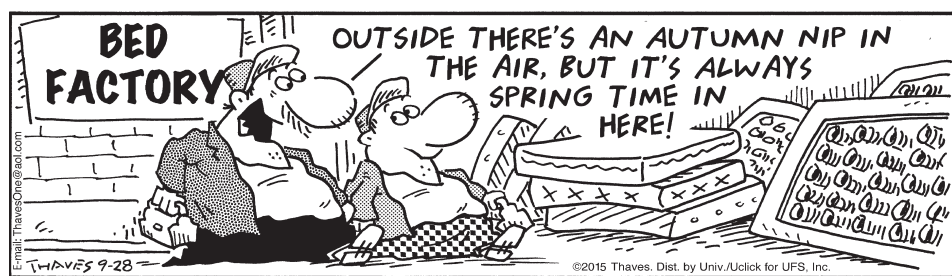
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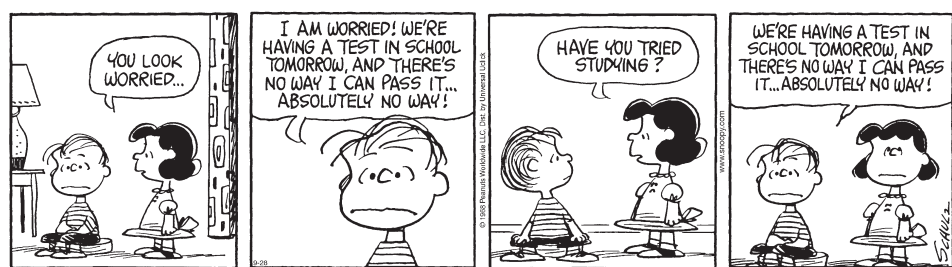
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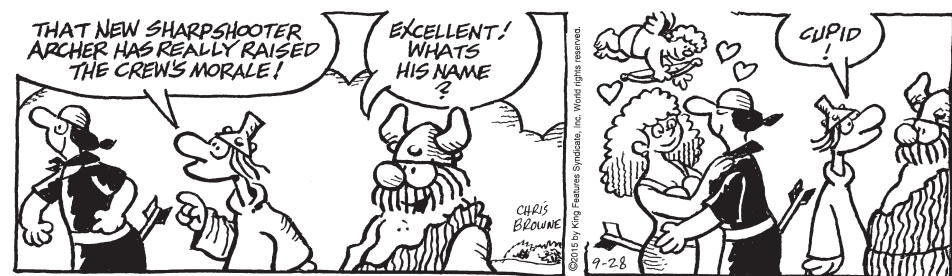
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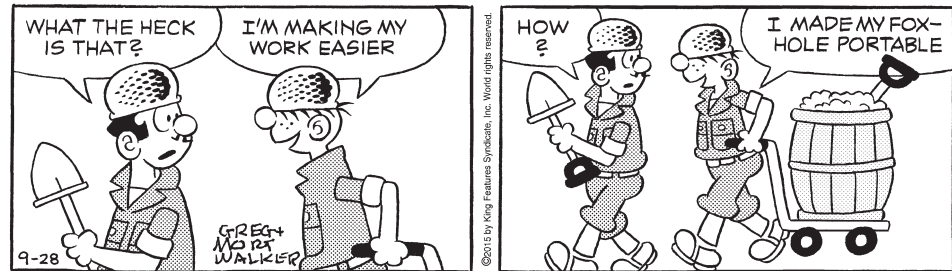
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# Mom Back In Dating Game Should Be Careful To Score

DEAR ABBY: My mom recently separated from her husband. They're in the process of getting divorced, and she is already talking to another man. She has known him since high school, but they only recently reconnected again.

Last night they finally decided to go out. She says they're "just friends," but she got home at 5:30 a.m., wasted. She woke me 30 minutes before work, then passed out in my bed. I think she's moving way too fast. She isn't a teenager anymore, let alone divorced. Am I wrong for being upset with her? Or should I support her? Help! – EMBARRASSED IN TEXAS

DEAR EMBARRASSED: I don't know how old your mother is or how long she has been married to the man she's divorcing, but if she has been out of the dating scene for any length of time, you need to talk calmly with her and not appear judgmental. I'm concerned because she may have had unprotected sexual contact with a person she hasn't seen since high school, and a lot could have happened in his life since then. She should not be intimate with ANYONE unless she knows his sexual history and that he can't give her an STD.

Sometimes older adults forget that the same rules that apply to younger adults apply to them, too. So rather than judge your mother, do discuss this with her without letting it degenerate into an argument. If you approach it this way, she may listen.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I provide day care for our 2-year-old granddaughter. We have her three days a week and love spending the time with her. However, when her mother – our daughter – comes to pick her up, she doesn't leave right away. She "hangs out," eats with us, and still expects us to change the baby or fix her dinner. Then, on the weekends, our daughter will come over with her husband, and we are once again on day care duty.

Our daughter seems to think that when she is at our house, we are the baby sitters and she can just pop herself on the couch and watch TV. How do we tactfully tell her she needs to take responsibility for her daughter when they are at our house? – TIRED GRANDPARENTS

DEAR TIRED GRANDPARENTS: How about just saying what you have to say calmly, in plain English? That's what you and your husband should have done the first time you felt your daughter was taking advantage of you, which she is. Do not be confrontational, just firm when you tell her you're off baby-sitting duty, and it's her job now.



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My second husband likes to touch me often. He massages my back, rubs my legs and runs his hands through my hair.

This is new for me. My first husband never acted this way.

I have been married to Husband No. 2 for 15 months. My question is, is this normal? – MANHANDLED

DEAR MANHANDLED: Yes, it's normal. Many women would consider you lucky to have a spouse who is so affectionate. Different strokes for different folks. Enjoy it while it lasts.

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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 Libra and a Moon in Aries.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, SEPT. 28, 2015:

This year you will complete a major life cycle, only to enter a new 12-year luck cycle. Clearing your life of what no longer works will be fundamental to the success of your birthday year. You will be able to venture in a new direction. If you are single, be careful about anyone new whom you allow into your life. Someone might not be who he or she projects him- or herself to be. Get to know this person well before committing. If you are attached, the two of you often will be on opposite sides of the fence. Respect your differences rather than argue about them. ARIES handles his or her concern differently from how you do.

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)

\*\*\*\* Misunderstandings seem to be inherent in conversations at the moment. Extreme feelings are likely to occur. Try to get to the root of the problem quickly. You might be surprised to find yourself on the same side of an issue as someone else. Tonight: Go with the flow.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

\*\*\* Pull back, say little and observe a lot. You don't want to get into the argument of the moment. Go off and do your thing. Let others settle what could be a difficult issue to resolve. Stay centered and accomplish what you want. Tonight: Not to be found.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Zero in on what is happening around a group of friends. Be imaginative, and help keep everyone focused on the major concern. Encourage others to do the same. You might discover that there are fewer problems than what you had anticipated. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

\*\*\*\* Think through a decision that involves a parent or higher-up. You might not see eye to eye with someone who is determined to have things go his or her way. Do you really want to deal with this type of conflict? Honor your needs first. Tonight: The unexpected occurs.

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

\*\*\*\* Reach out to someone at a distance

whom you care a lot about. Others deal directly with you, but they seem to have such wild ideas that you might need to sit back and consider what is being said. Do not burn any bridges. Tonight: Break past a pattern that restricts you.

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

\*\*\*\* A person close to you is likely to express his or her caring in a meaningful way. Express your feelings accordingly, but don't feel pressured to respond as this person might want you to. Your sense of humor will help you ease away from a difficult situation. Tonight: Dinner for two.

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

\*\*\*\* Allow your creativity to emerge. As a result, you will be able to move past a pair of very strong personalities who seem to be making a lot of demands. Know what you want, and continue on your way. Be as clear as possible. Tonight: Watch what goes on before you dive in.

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

\*\*\*\* Focus on your priorities. A conversation could cause a stalemate if not handled appropriately. You might be surprised by your actions when you look back. Know that you are on a roll and that there is no reason to stop along the way. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

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

\*\*\*\* You might be overtired and wondering what would be best to do with a loved one and/or a key idea. You need to be direct in how you handle this situation. Be more forthright and responsive with others. Finances could be involved. Tonight: Do your thing.

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

\*\*\* Observe what is happening between you and someone else. This knowledge could put a new slant on a situation that causes you to become unwilling to open up. Closing down might not be the best choice in the long run. Keep your eye on the big picture. Tonight: Head home.

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

\*\*\*\* Understand what is going on with a dear friend. Know that your questions could reveal what your position is and how you really feel. This situation might not be as serious as you think. Be aware of the limitations involved. Tonight: Don't cut yourself off.

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

\*\*\*\* Your way of handling a personal matter could change enormously. The activities that surround a friend might reveal that there was much more going on than you originally had thought. Remain open to new possibilities. Tonight: Check your budget and pay your bills.

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