

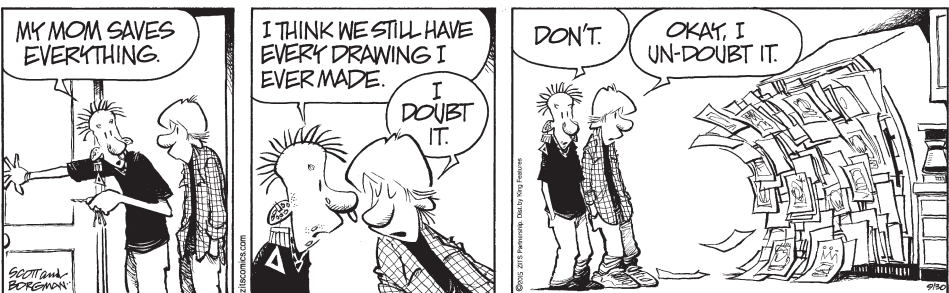
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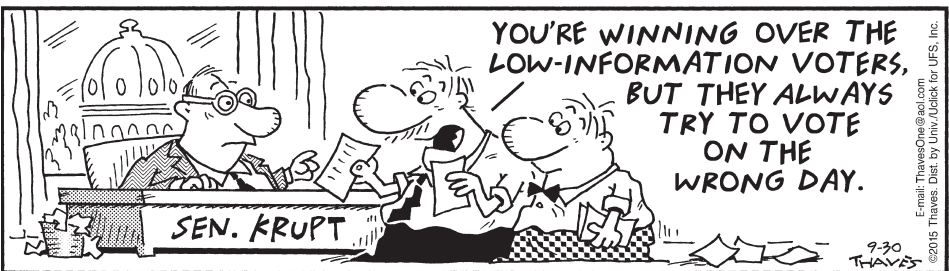
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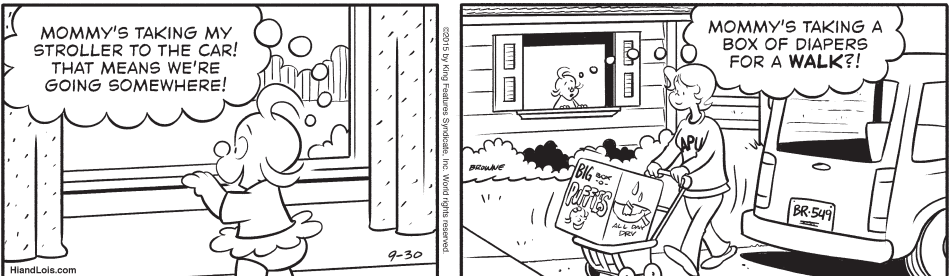
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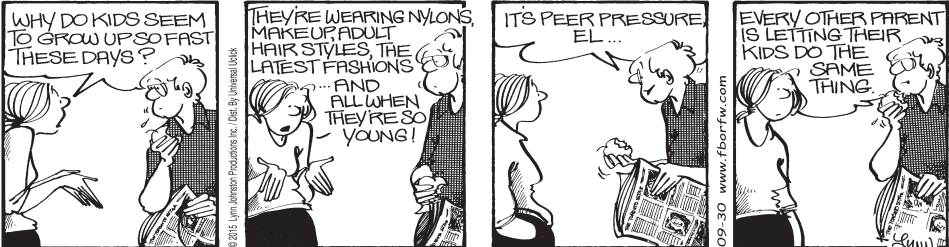
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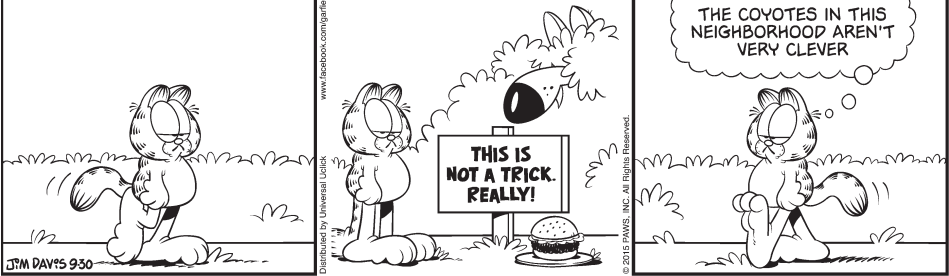
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Needy Mother-In-Law Plays The Diva In Family Drama

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 22 years. My father-in-law's health declined and he died last year. My mother-in-law, "Babe," and I didn't get on well in the past, but we have seemed to patch things up.

Since my father-in-law's death, she has become very needy. As a result, my father has been at her beck and call, and I have become closer to her, too. My mother has started to become suspicious of the relationship between Babe and my dad. They have been seen drinking together and ignoring my mother.

Abby, this has become a horrible mess. Babe says she has kissed my father and they are attracted to each other. She has no regret about her behavior. I think she's a hussy! My mother is now suicidal, and it's all I can do to keep her afloat. I am a cancer survivor and don't need any of this stupid drama. Please help. These people are all pushing 70. This is not only affecting my marriage, but also my life. — M.I.L. FROM HELL

DEAR M.I.L. FROM HELL: Babe may be "needy," but she appears to also be a shameless predator, and your father appears to have the judgment of a 16-year-old. Please tell your mother that suicide is not the answer, and she should not consider doing your father the "favor" of turning him into a grieving widower. It may take the help of a therapist to help her regain her sense of balance, and possibly the services of a lawyer to help her convince her husband that a divorce would be something he can't afford at this point in his life.

You should not be trying to handle this on your own. For your own sake, make yourself less available to your mother-in-law. That she would brag to you about trying to wreck your parents' marriage is beyond the pale.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "Neil" for seven years. I find him attractive, but

when we're intimate my mind often wanders and Neil becomes "someone else." There is always a provocative scenario, and he becomes a character.

I feel guilty and ashamed. I have tried to visualize only my husband, but it doesn't have the same effect. I have prayed about it, but I can't stop. Because of my shame I have begun to reject him. Is there any hope? — HIDING SOMETHING IN FLORIDA

DEAR HIDING SOMETHING: Please stop punishing yourself. Sexual fantasies are nothing to be ashamed of — they are normal. Whether in your imagination you're being made passionate love to by Brad Pitt, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson or George Clooney, as long as it happens in your husband's arms and you're both enjoying it, you're fine.

DEAR ABBY: What is proper protocol on who should greet whom first? I work in an office at the front desk and I'm in the office before other employees arrive. When they arrive, who should say good morning first, I or they? — EARLY BIRD IN THE EAST

DEAR EARLY: If you are at the front desk, you are the "official greeter," so rather than stand on ceremony, present a friendly demeanor and say hello first. A warm hello makes everyone's day brighter, don't you think?

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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 Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30, 2015:

This year you demand more from yourself as well as from others. You will want to perform to the best of your abilities. You will have a similar expectation of others, though it might be wise to let them know that. You appreciate the power of one-on-one relating, and you often prefer this type of interaction. If you are single, you'll meet people with ease. Your desirability might encourage others to present themselves differently from how they really are. If you are attached, the two of you will benefit from frequent periods away from the doldrums of daily life. Schedule a special vacation for just the two of you! TAURUS can be stubborn.

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)

★★★★ You could hear more than an earful about what is happening. One-on-one relating is likely to result in a creative brainstorming session. You'll make sense to others. As a result, you'll see a thinking alliance begin over a critical issue. Tonight: Run some errands on the way home.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You seem to be able to walk the right path because of your ability to detach and see the whole picture. Focus on the quality of your daily interactions. Know where you are going, and be willing to take a leap of faith. Tonight: Make sure you do something for yourself.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Be more sensitive about what is happening around you, but understand that you don't need to do anything. A partner could feel more in touch with you than he or she has in a while. Be open to this person, and listen to his or her news. Tonight: Go along with a friend's suggestion.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You have reason to smile, despite any hassle that heads your way. When you look around, you'll recognize how successful you have been, especially with your friends and loved ones. Express your gratitude in a way that makes others feel appreciated. Tonight: Hang with others.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You might have the fire in your eye to

achieve a long-awaited goal. Be careful, as you could push others away as you charge toward this desire. You won't want to turn off some of your friends who have supported you in this process. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Your stability will guide you in making choices that are good for you, even if they're not particularly exciting. You might feel as if you finally have made it to a place where you have wanted to be. Share more of your caring with a loved one. Tonight: Use your imagination.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Give more thought to someone's words and actions. Note how sure of yourself you are, but note this person's confidence as well. See where the meeting point is. Be willing to admit that he or she has some good points. Tonight: Dinner with someone you care about.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You could be on top of a problem, but you might have to deal with someone who feels that he or she is on top of the same problem. Your solutions could be very different, but you are likely to discover that both approaches will work. Tonight: Go with the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Pace yourself, and you will achieve what you want. Don't underestimate the cost of your time, especially if you are in a bind. Decide to weigh in on a friendship and its meaning to you. This person also could be a work associate. Tonight: Keep an eye on completion.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You have the energy and the where-withal to bypass a lot of trivial matters, which you will handle later. Take a stand, especially if you feel that there is the potential for a difference of opinion. You know there are many ways to achieve a goal. Tonight: Let your hair down.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

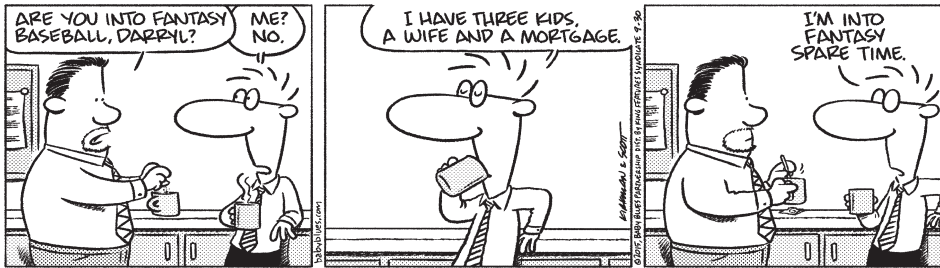
★★★★ You have a style that will help you get past a problem. You might need to keep your plans on hold or not discuss them yet. You'll gain insight from an acquaintance who comes from a different background or culture. Listen to this person's news. Tonight: Read between the lines.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

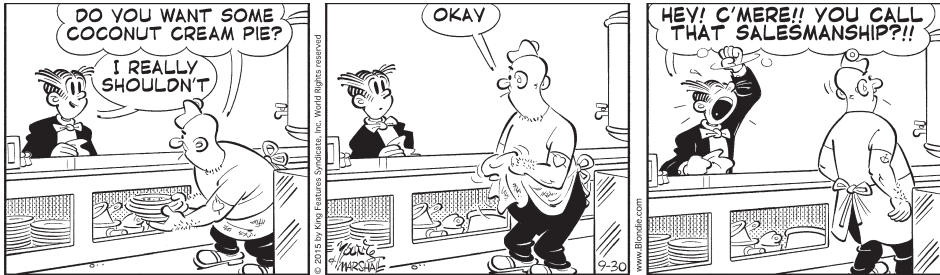
★★★★ You could be taken aback by a conversation and might need to weigh the pros and cons before you act. In some way, this person has offended your philosophical slant of what life could or should be. Tonight: Do not be intimidated by anyone. Do your thing.

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