

# Engagement shocks daughter

# Tomorrow's horoscope

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**Dear Annie:** My father-in-law died four years ago. He had struggled with some health issues for a while and then went into the hospital for what was supposed to be a simple procedure and never made it out. It broke my heart. And it was the first time I ever saw my husband cry. Both of his parents were like the parents I wish I'd had. I adored his father.

Here's the problem. A few months ago, my mother-in-law started dating a nice guy from her church. He's a widower, and she and my father-in-law were friends with him and his late wife. Last night, my mother-in-law arrived home from her date and announced that they were engaged! We were floored. My husband congratulated her, and he seems genuinely happy for both of them.

But not me. I feel upset. I feel like my own mother is remarrying after my father died, and I don't like it. I am happy that my mother-in-law has found love again when we are lucky to even find it once, but I feel sad and hurt at the same time. I know this is totally crazy, so how do I move past these feelings? — *Daughter-in-Law*

**Dear Daughter-in-Law:** Your letter is actually very sweet. You love your in-laws, and you recognize that your reaction is unwarranted

## Annie's Mailbox

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ed and want to change it. Good for you. First, we are glad that no one is taking advantage of Mom. She has been friends with this man for years. Second, like many children, you fear a new marriage will diminish Dad's position in the family. But rest assured, this won't happen. A new marriage doesn't erase Dad or the wonderful memories all of you have. This is an entirely different relationship. But it allows Mom to have a companion and be less lonely. In years to come, you will be grateful. Try to fake being happy for her until you discover that you truly are.

**Dear Annie:** Recently, I attended a three-hour cooking class for seniors. While waiting for the class to start, I chatted with the person next to me, who was the only other person there. A few minutes later, a third class member walked in, came

right up into my face and loudly exclaimed, "I hope you are not going to be obnoxious!" I looked at her and said kindly, "What did I do to make you say that?" She turned away, ignored me and walked to her seat. Even the instructor was taken aback.

At the end of the class, I approached this woman and asked, "I'm curious. Why did you make the comment that you hoped I was not going to be obnoxious?" She replied, "Oh, I do that all the time! Sometimes I'll go to a movie and say, 'I hope you aren't going to laugh at lot.'" She told me she does it "for fun" and suggested I try it. My reply was a firm, "I would never say anything like that to anyone."

Annie, I was shocked by this woman's behavior, especially in a class for seniors. (The class was fabulous, but I left shaking my head.) — *Shocked Senior*

**Dear Shocked:** This is a woman whose ego demands that she be the center of attention. She believes her outrageous behavior makes her important, but it's simply obnoxious. Toddlers and teenagers do things to shock others because they can be very self-focused. Most people outgrow it. You gave her the response she wanted, but she deserved to be completely ignored.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Telling the truth keeps things simple. But which truth should you tell? There are many angles you could take on the matter at hand. Consider saying nothing at all, at least until your feelings have settled.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Today your tendency is to grip the controls harder than is necessary. This limits your range of motion and puts a damper on your response time. If you took your hands off the controls for a minute, what would happen?

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Enjoy this balanced moment of life. There's less friction around you now that you've resolved your feelings about a certain someone. Still, there's not enough peace in the atmosphere for things to be boring!

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** If you could move, where would you go? You probably won't go there anytime soon, but there are elements of this place you could bring into your life now, and the emotional benefits would be fortifying.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Relationships need the right spatial balance. Too much closeness fast-tracks you to boring-land. Too much distance, and the relationship lacks momentum. Merely being aware of this will help you find the optimum spacing.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You're ready for the kind of challenge that will make you think deeply. This could come in the form of a difficult job, an impossible person or a heady piece of writing.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** There are many ways to cultivate good fortune, the most effective of which is to embody it. When you think of yourself as a genie in service to oth-

ers, you'll bring upon yourself a most auspicious energy.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You see the potential in others. Be careful. Potential is not reality. Don't let the blind spot caused by hope and kindness keep you from moving toward more opportune situations.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** No one is saintly all the time, not even the actual saints. To be human is to make mistakes often, sometimes massively. Cultivating a kinder, gentler inner voice is the order of the day.

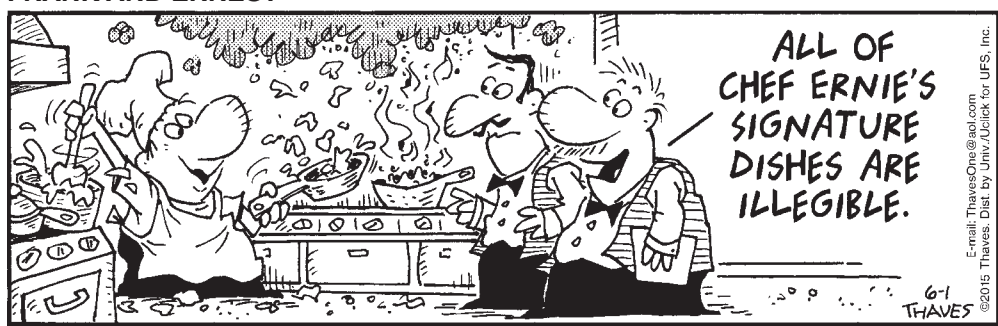
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** If you find yourself alone, you won't be for long. Your creative mind is like a beacon to other creative minds, and they'll find you in even the most uninspiring of environments.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You don't have to fret over appearances. You've already put so much energy into learning how to best present yourself and your work that it is now second nature for you to make a stellar impression.

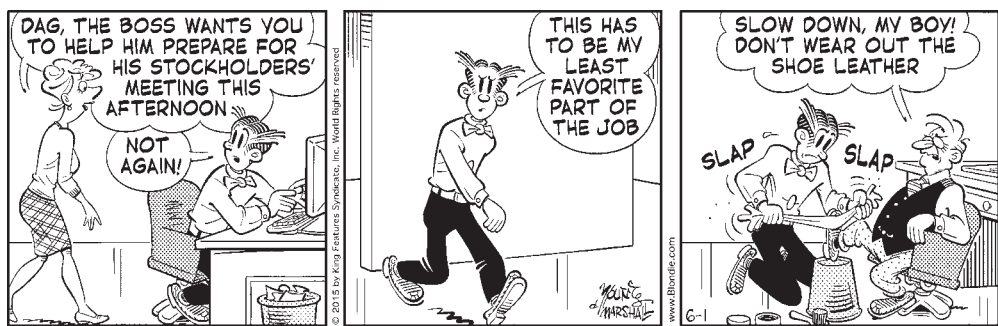
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The destination is unclear. The end-goal is changing. These are good reasons to slow down. If you don't know where you're going, there's no sense in setting a speed record to get there.

**TUESDAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 2).** This year comes at you like a huge wave, spectacular and unavoidable. You're the rising tide, more fulfilled with each new development. Love is your adventure in August, your solace in October. What you do for your co-workers will lead to positive changes at work. You'll be voted into a position in November. Cancer and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 16, 22, 39 and 50.

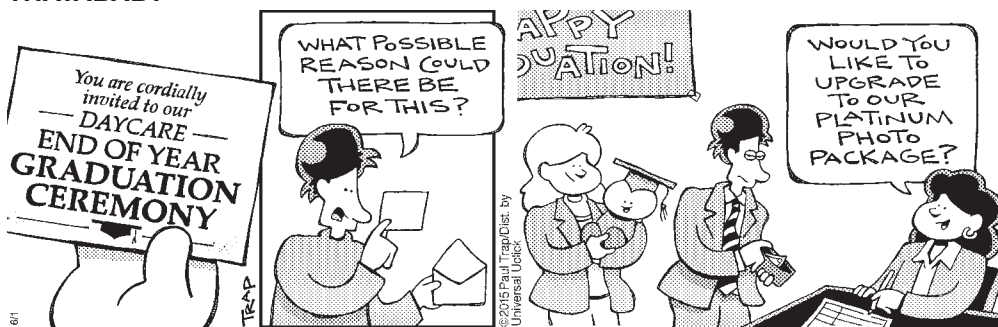
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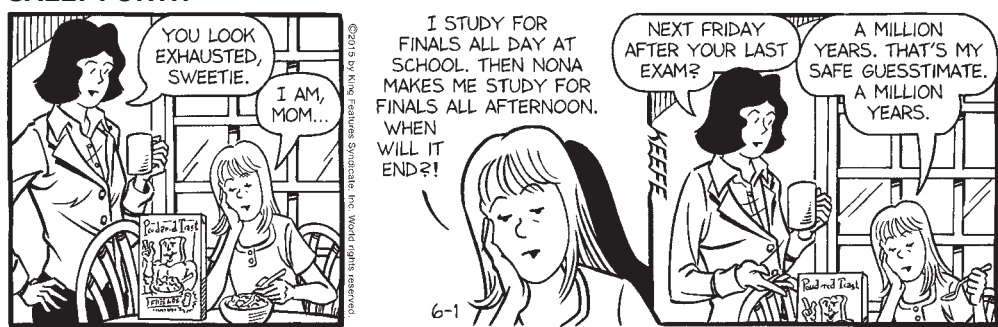
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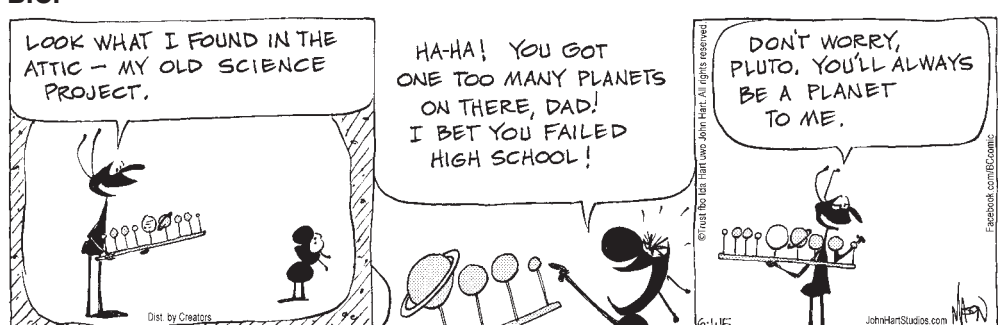
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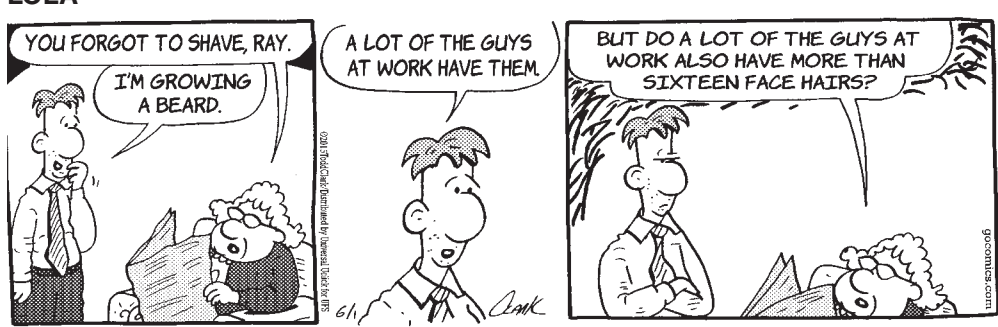
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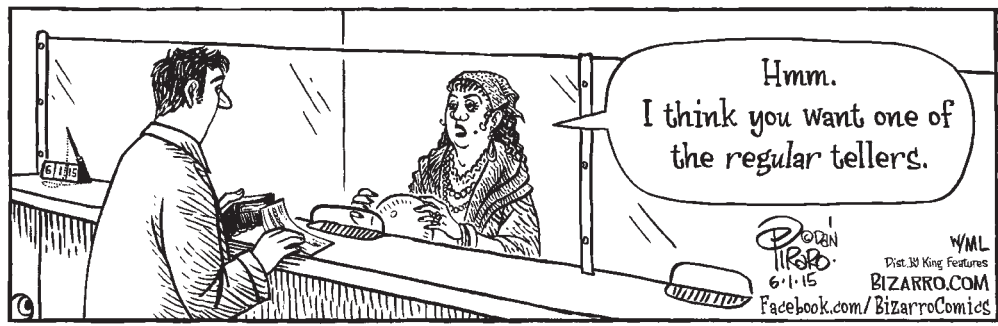
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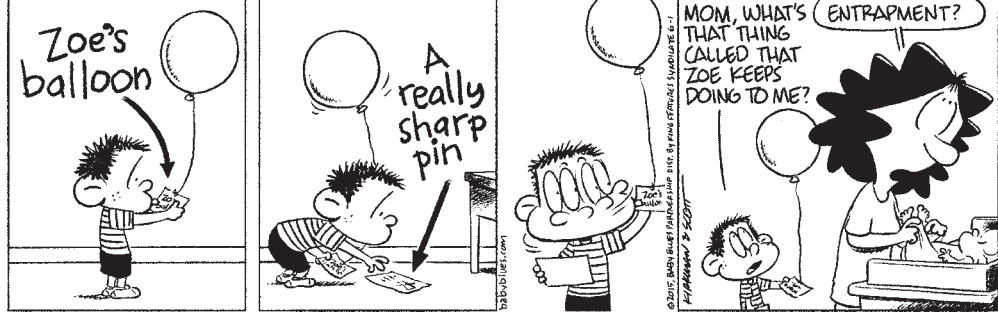
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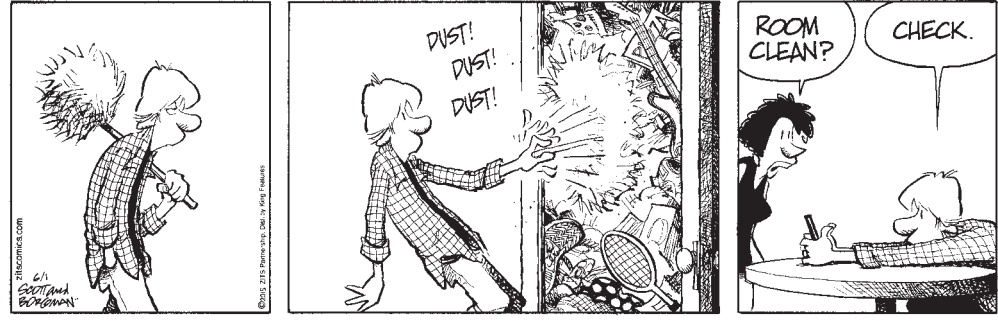
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