

# Mom doesn't know best

**Dear Annie:** I am unemployed and living with my parents. Because I have a disability, I am unable to do many of the jobs available locally. Besides my family, I am currently working with several people at the local Department of Labor to find a job related to my degrees — one that will help me start a career. My family wants me to get any job.

One of the local nursing homes has several openings for certified nursing assistants. With the exception of my parents, no one sees this as a good fit for me. After all, my mother is on the nursing home's board. As a result, I'm sure that I would hear about every mistake I made during dinner if I got the job.

My mother is so obsessed with my applying. She asks me several times every day whether I have completed the forms. I'm losing it. I don't know how long it will be before I crack. What should I do?

— Going Nuts

**Dear Going Nuts:** I gather Mom is a wee bit on the overbearing side. Your circumstances might mean you have to live with her, but that doesn't mean you have to live for her. Stand up to her and find your own career.

**Dear Annie:** My wife and I divorced in 2007 after 33 years of

## Dear Annie



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and both our birthdays together. I always pay, except on my birthday; then she insists on buying.

I haven't been in a rush, but lately I find myself attracted more and more. When our evenings are over and I take her home, we exchange a handshake or a peck on the cheek, and I respect her too much to push more than that.

She is 60, and I am 65. She works full time, and I'm semi-retired. I haven't dated since I was very young. Do I stay the course? — *Unfamiliar Waters*

**Dear Unfamiliar:** Stay the course, sailor. The conditions look perfect. You two could offer each other companionship as you glide into your golden years.

Birthdays, holidays and biweekly dinners together? You two must be best friends. That is a wonderful foundation for a relationship, and it sounds as if you're already going through many of the motions of dating. Make your intentions known by asking whether she would like to go on a date. One of the upsides of dating at 65 versus 16 is maturity and understanding. If you ask her out and she's not interested, you can stay friends. No awkwardly dodging each other in homeroom.

marriage. I'm writing because I have a crush on a woman I've been friends with for 40 years.

Her late husband was a very good friend of mine. My now-ex-wife and I used to socialize with them as couples. He and I hunted and fished and talked about everything in that special way you can when you're on a boat, no one else listening. Our wives did their own things together.

They were married for 25 years, until he passed away in 2013. At his funeral, we said our goodbyes, and she insisted on walking me to my vehicle. We hugged, and she said, "Don't be a stranger. Maybe we could go out to dinner." So I waited six months and asked her out to dinner. She accepted, and since 2014 we have been going out twice a month and spending holidays

# Tomorrow's horoscope

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** There are some things you've done that you wish you had experienced slightly less than once. Still, no regrets, right? As for today's interesting scenario, dive right in, if only so you can later tell the story.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** The person who is flakey with you is the same way with others, so there's no reason to take it personally. Also, there's no reason for you to take it at all. Set a boundary and stick to it.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You take your world citizenship seriously and refuse to sit idly by when there is so much strife in the world. You'll be thinking about the problems that face humanity and solving them in some small way in your own life.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You will be packing a bag, studying for an upcoming test or carefully getting ready in some other way to face the unknown. Where there is preparation there will be no regret.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** When you think about your favorite person it's hard to believe that there was a time when this person was unknown to you. Be friendly. Make the first move. A stranger could become someone very special to you.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You know the secret. It's not enough to soldier on; you must do so with joy in your heart, otherwise the opportunities in this day could go wasted. If you're not joyful, something is wrong. Stop and fix it.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Expect that some mistakes will happen, so when they do it's nothing to get upset about. Stay calm and mindful. You can handle anything and everything that comes up. In fact, you look

forward to it.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Your strong inner drive to make people laugh is selfless, really. This isn't about your needing attention; it's about spreading joy. You quip because you care. Underneath your teasing is unabashed love.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The project steps will be the same as always — preparation, process and execution. The only difference is that you'll go through them faster. In fact, it could all be finished by tonight.

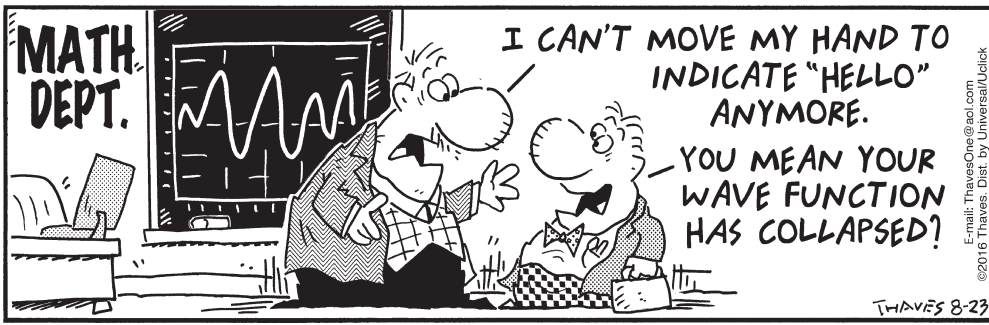
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** The more formal your expression of thanks, the better you'll feel about what's being exchanged in your world. Notes may be in order. It's the classy way, but people forget it all the time. You're different. This will impress.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You've no shortage of reasons to feel good about yourself, and yet you may struggle with this. It's because feeling good doesn't necessarily come from a reasonable place. The love of a Leo or Pisces will help you love yourself.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Assume that your wishes will be granted, and move forward with great enthusiasm. Some flexibility will be required as to the time frame of this. Keep an open mind.

**WEDNESDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 24).** What you used to think of as pressure you now consider to be a friendly force intent on making your dreams come true. Ask directly for what you want. Family will be involved in the delivery of your wishes in November. A March financial bonus will give your personal life new purpose. You'll make a key play in February. Leo and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 2, 4, 16 and 49.

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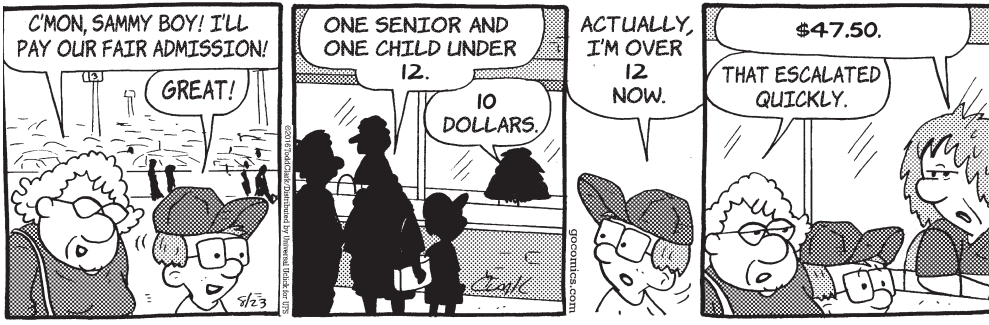
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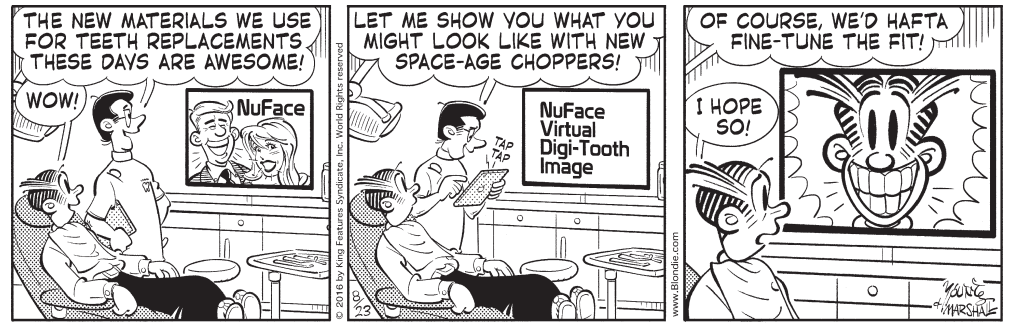
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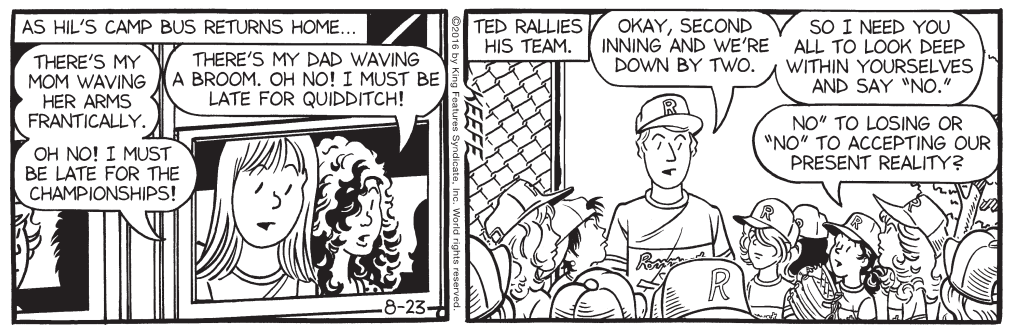
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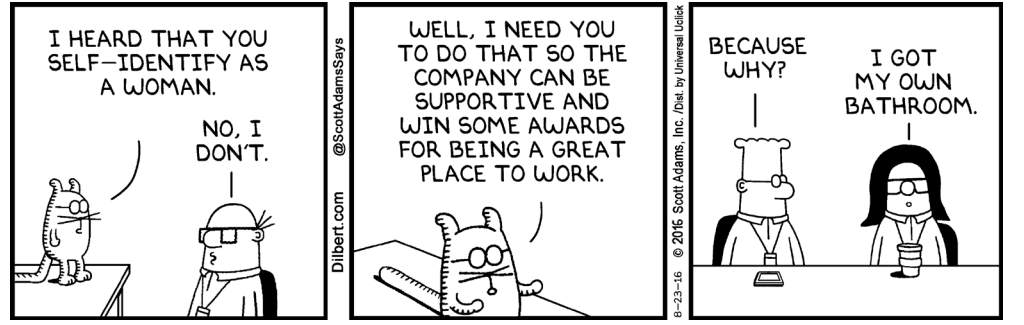
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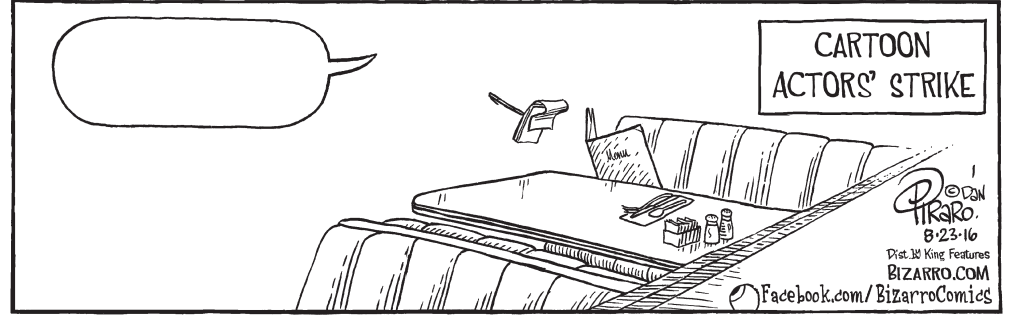
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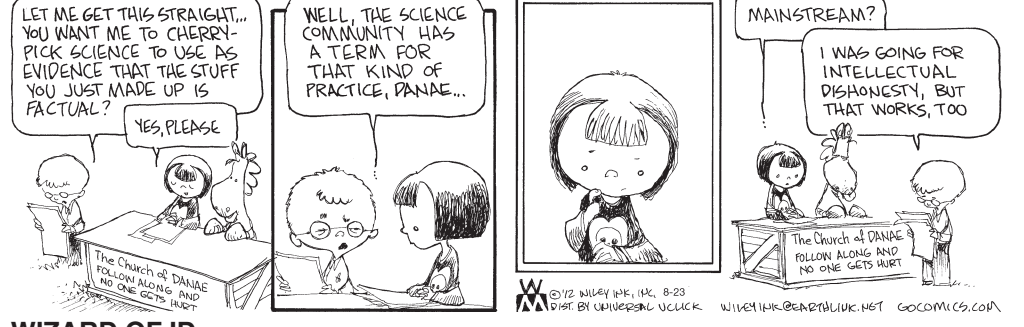
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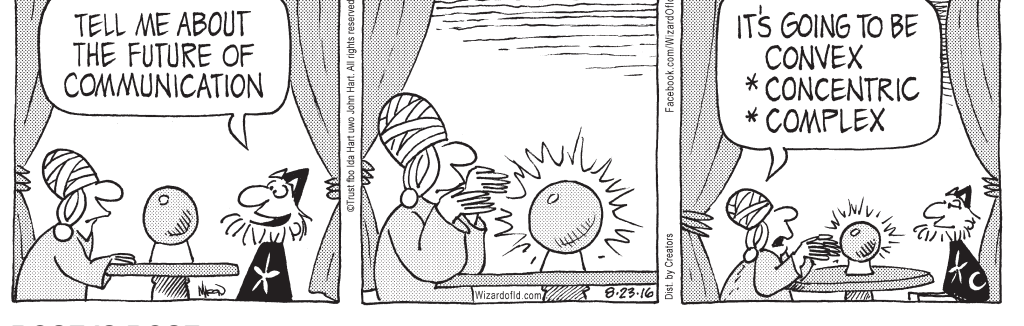
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