

# In the middle of a feud

**Dear Annie:** Last summer, my granddaughter "Emily" got married. Her mother, "Angie" (my daughter), lives in the same town as Emily and said I could stay with her while I was in town. About a week before the wedding, Angie and Emily had a big falling-out. Emily told me she wasn't allowing Angie to come to the wedding.

I talked to Emily for a long time and persuaded her to let her mother and stepfather attend the wedding. On the day of the wedding, we were not seated where the bride's family was supposed to sit. We had to sit a row back, as a symbolic gesture. Then my granddaughter had the best man come and get me and take me back to the dressing room. She asked me whether I would sit in the family section. We discussed this for a while, and I finally said OK. I was taken back into the chapel and seated in the front row, in front of my daughter and the rest of the family.

When the service was over, Angie and her husband were

not allowed to go to the reception, so I didn't go, either. When we got back to Angie's home, she wouldn't even talk to me. My son-in-law told me it would probably be better if I went and spent the night elsewhere. I tried to explain why I had sat where I did, but Angie wouldn't even listen to anything I said. She has not spoken to me or answered any letters I have sent her since. I've apologized many times, but she refuses to talk.

I love my daughter very much, but I also love my granddaughter. I was trying to do what I thought was right by them both. My granddaughter talks to me all the time, but my daughter won't have anything to do with me.

How can this be resolved so that my daughter and I can be on good terms again? I am 79 years old, and my daughter is 60. — *Heartbroken Mother and Grandmother*

**Dear Heartbroken Mother and Grandmother:** You didn't cause this problem, and you

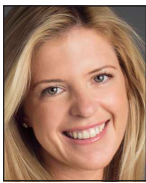
can't fix it. It can be resolved only when your daughter decides to stop being vindictive. She is using you as an emotional punching bag because of the issues she's having with her own daughter.

What you've done so far — explaining your side of the story, expressing your love — is more than enough. Now all you can do is hope she drops the attitude. In the meantime, do keep up your relationship with your granddaughter, but be careful that she's not using you to upset her mom. Don't be a pawn in this petty game.

**Dear Annie:** I have read many stories in your column of people going through divorce or dealing with the fallout. There is an organization called DivorceCare, which offers help for these people to heal from their pain. I've been there. I know it works. People need to give it a chance. You can find classes by going to <https://www.divorcecare.org>. — *Single Again*

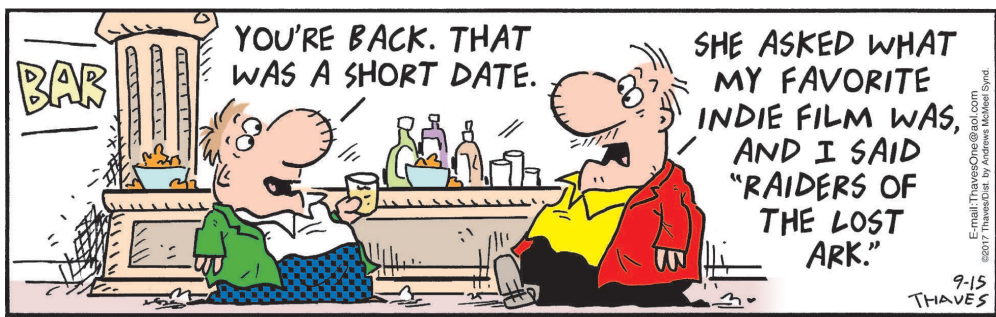
**Dear Single Again:** I'm sure some of my readers reeling from the pain of divorce will appreciate this tip. Thank you.

## DEAR ANNIE

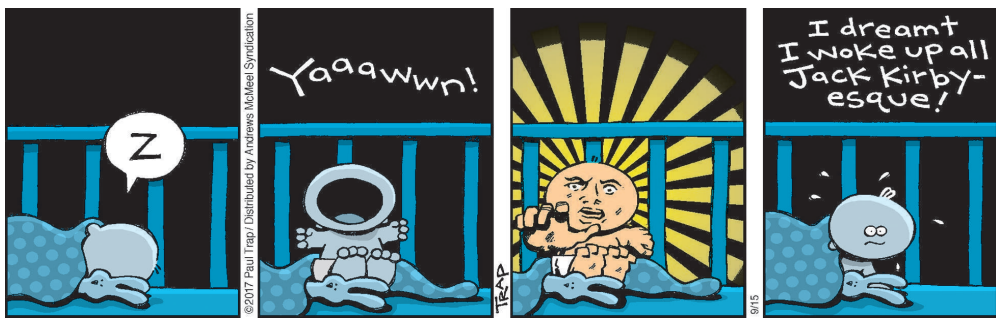


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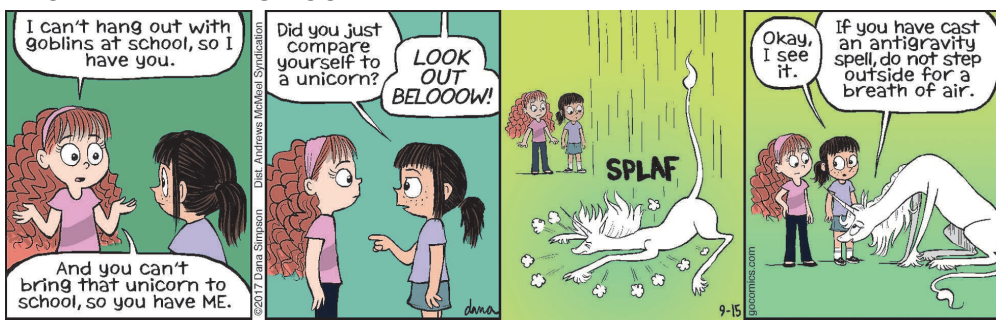
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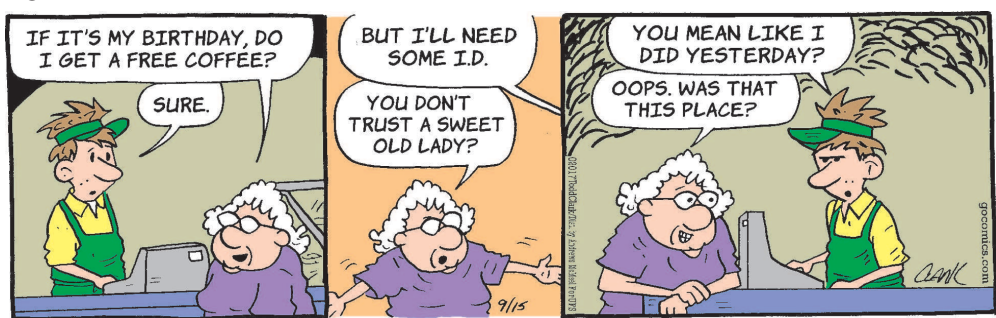
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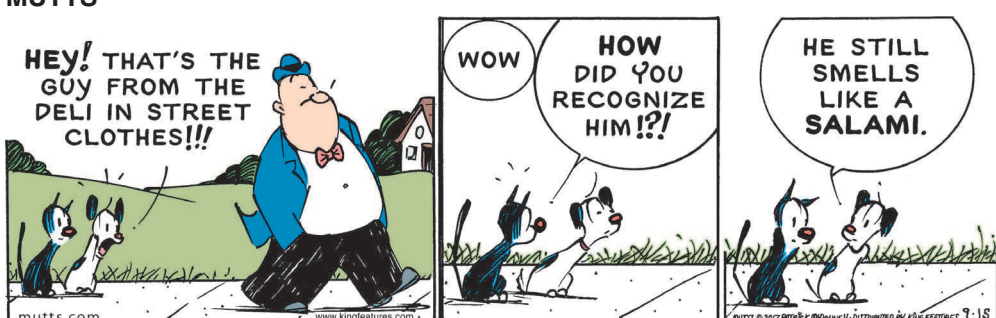
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## TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Theories need to be tested and proven before they can be properly understood and taught. Action — that's what's needed. Stop thinking about it and try it out.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You're an amazing team player when you're working with people who want to create something extremely interesting, specific, exciting and beautiful. You're not a good fit for people who just want to pass the time.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** We all have stories that we tell ourselves about ourselves. You'll consider whether one of yours needs an upgrade. You've earned your current more positive and mature perspective, so put it to work for you.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You'll have to involve others if you want to achieve your goal today, and you wouldn't have it any other way. You'll be especially compatible with earth signs: Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** "Ask little and give lots" is your motto. When you're the more generous one, you can always be proud of your contribution. Make an exception today. All will benefit from a more equitable arrangement.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** While you're usually up for the risk, there are certain aspects of your life that you shouldn't leave to chance today. Declare what's precious to you, and then treat it as such by protecting it.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** The theme will center on what true security is, where it comes from and what you'll do to have it. If there's an area of your life that could use a more grown-up approach, today brings a chance for serious "adulthood."

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** People wait in long lines at amusement parks for the most thrilling and dangerous rides and the chance to feel very afraid and yet safe at the same time. You'll do something similar in today's scenario.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Each person's chemistry is unique and therefore it creates unique reactions when mixed with yours. Today you'll be surprised at just how different you can be around certain people.

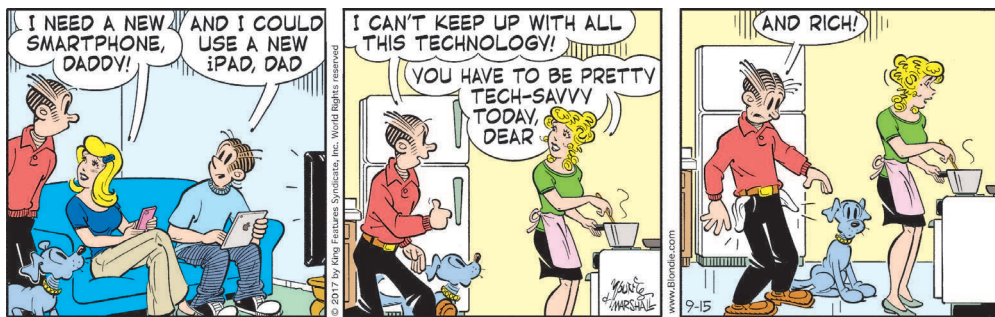
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** When you're absolutely certain about what your standards and preferences are, you won't even have to make a big deal out of asserting them. People can just tell what you're about today.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Those who doubt the validity of your information will thereby cause you to get more serious in your wording, more particular about your facts and more adamant in your stance.

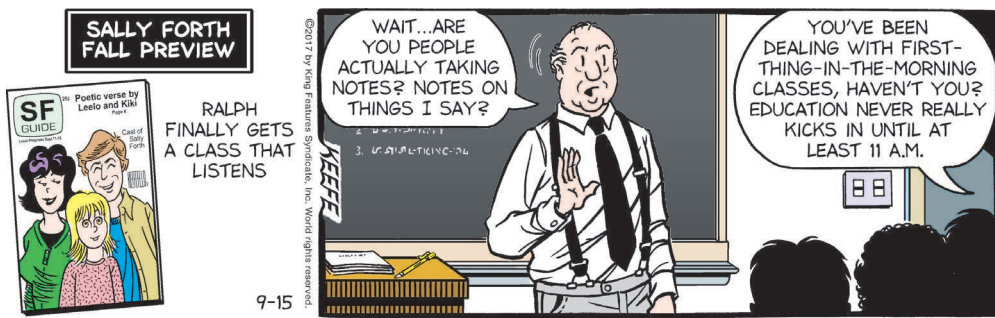
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Refrain from making a decision that will affect others. Put it off until you can get more input. You can't assume that what's good for you is good for another person, even if that person is very much like, or even related to, you.

**TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 16).** You have fans by the dozens, but you have to believe in yourself even more than they do to get your goal by the year's end. Have faith and keep moving! Your emotional bank account fills up over the course of this solar return as someone dear to you keeps making friendly, loving and generous deposits. Capricorn and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 30, 41, 20 and 15.

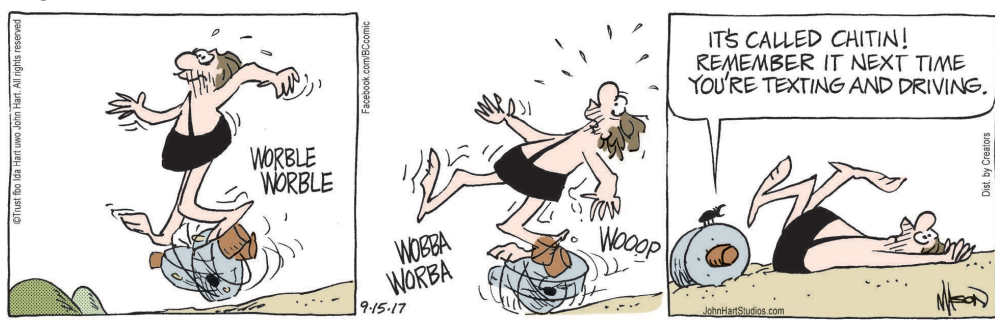
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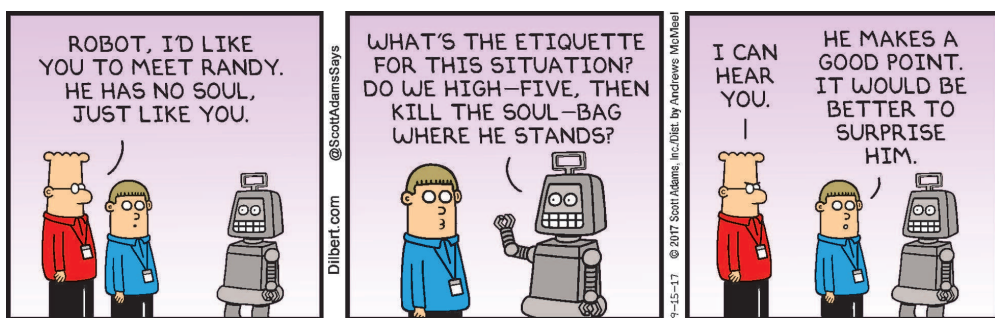
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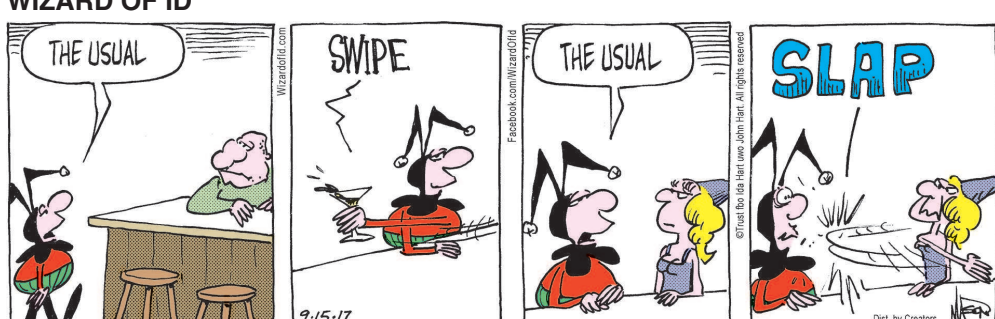
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