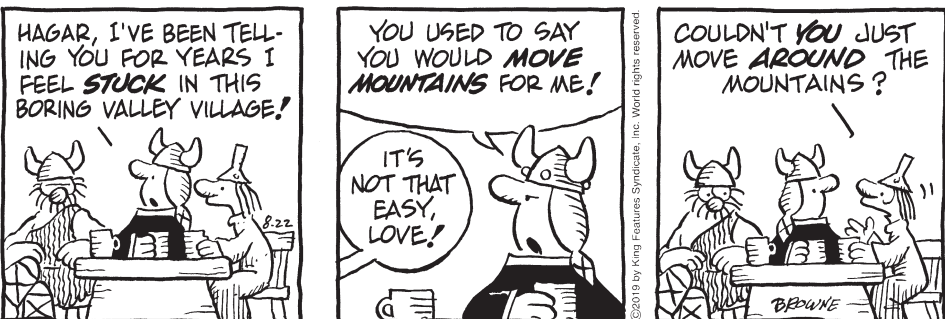


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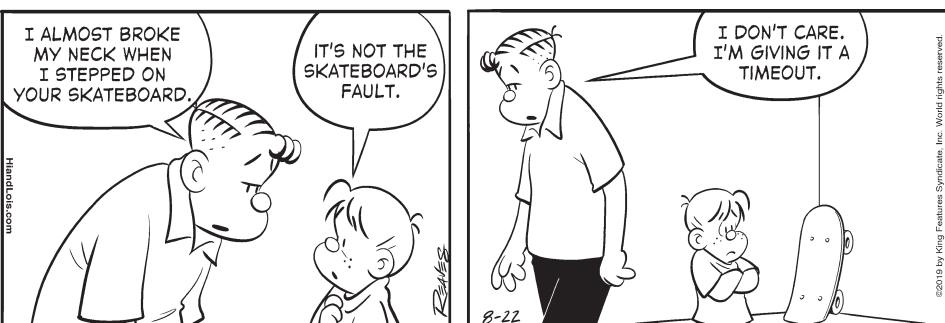
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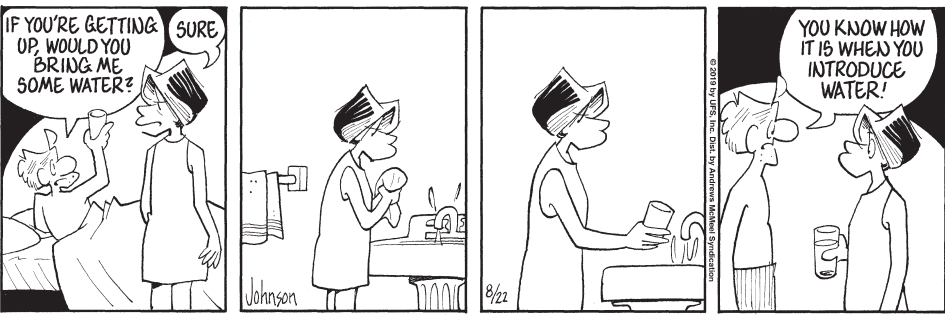
Hi and Lois



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Arlo and Janis



Your Birthday today:

Think about where you are headed and what would make you happy. Consider your connections, overhead and the changes you want to see happen. Look for solutions that will ease stress and free up time for you to focus on the things and people that bring you joy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - A snap decision made while under emotional pressure will cause anxiety. If you aren't sure about something or someone, trust your instincts and take a step back.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Live and learn. The experience and knowledge you receive interacting with people who have something to offer will be enlightening. A change is favored and romance is encouraged.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Be smart and take care of business on time. If you do your best, it won't matter if you can't please others. It's how you feel about what you do that counts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Take the plunge and make a change you've been considering for some time. Follow your creative instincts and turn your dream into reality. Romance will enhance your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Explore your options, test your knowledge and communicate with people who can offer insight into the dos and don'ts that will make your journey stress-free. Implement a healthier lifestyle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Home improvements will enhance your relationship with a loved one. Do as much of the work yourself as you can to save a bundle. A commitment will add to your security.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Refuse to let emotional instability take the reins. If you are uncertain, ask questions. If you feel left out, say so. If you want something, make a request.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Don't be fooled by the hype. If something sounds too good to be true, take the time to do some thorough research. Positive change is the result of hard work, discipline and practicality.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Take a moment to go over all the little details that could pose a problem if they're not implemented properly. Trust the facts, not what others try to lead you to believe.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Slow down and enjoy the moment. You have plenty to look forward to, so relax and lower your stress for now. Refuse to let anyone rile you up emotionally.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - You'll have a choice to make, but first consider the validity or source of the information you have been given. Keep your life simple and frugal, and surround yourself with trustworthy people.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - If you make a change, you'll make a difference. How you use your knowledge, experience and skills to help others will influence the way you are viewed. Earn respect and gain popularity.

DEAR ABBY

Advice written by
Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: My wife of 36 years has never introduced me to a restaurant, bought concert tickets or planned a vacation. She seldom suggests movies she wants to see or introduces me to any form of music. She claps her hands like a little girl when I say we are going out for ice cream, a walk or to a festival.

I have encouraged her repeatedly over the years to be a more active participant in our relationship and to be my partner. Nothing changes. If not for my encouragement, she would have never gotten her degree, gone to concerts or on vacations or experienced life. I plan everything. To her credit, she's willing to go anywhere and do almost anything, but I'm increasingly resentful that my wife acts more like a daughter than a partner. I have been trying desperately for years to accept this, but I'm sick of it. - TIRED OF IT IN OHIO

DEAR TIRED: Your wife appears to be a follower rather than a leader. You should have raised this issue a long time ago and included her when you were planning outings. Because the status quo is no longer working for you, you must tell her exactly what you have put in your letter. And while you are at it, show her HOW to do the research so she can suggest things to do, and things may improve. But do not blame her entirely because some of it may rest with you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are arguing about what college our son, "Wyatt," should go to next year. I think it should be our son's decision to choose the college with the degree program he wants. My husband disagrees. He wants our son to leave the nest, explore the world and become more independent. My husband says Wyatt is a "mama's boy" and too reliant on me.

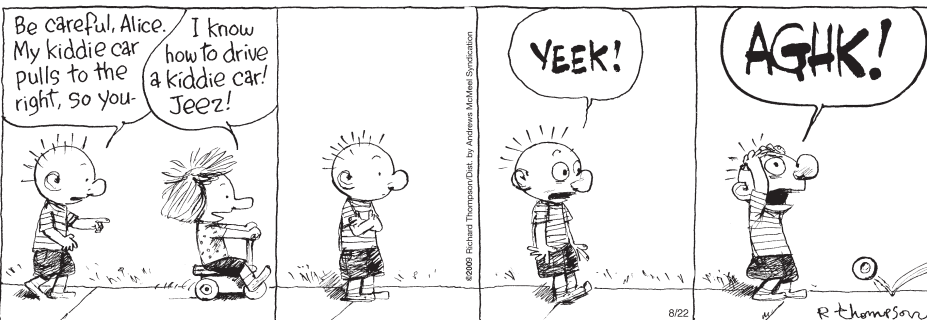
Wyatt wants to go to our local university, which offers the degree program he wants. He said: "I can go to the local school. You and Dad won't have to pay room and board or out-of-state tuition, and I can keep my job and help pay for groceries or help with tuition."

For some reason, that statement means nothing to my husband. He wants Wyatt out of the house. Should I let my husband duke it out with our son because I have already stated my opinion more than once, or keep arguing that Wyatt should pick the college? This whole thing is stressing our son out because he wants to please his father, and I'm tired of my husband coming down on me for how I raised our son. - CHALLENGED IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR CHALLENGED: I have to wonder if there is some other issue going on between your husband and your son that you didn't mention. Wyatt appears to be thinking logically. He's working and has offered to contribute to the household expenses. Many parents would be thrilled their son chose a school nearby. That your husband would label your son a "mama's boy" and toss him out of the house is not helpful; it is hostile. Criticizing you for the way Wyatt has been raised is a cheap shot.

Before making up your mind, talk to Wyatt's guidance counselor at school. If the person knows your son, it could prove helpful to hear his or her perspective.

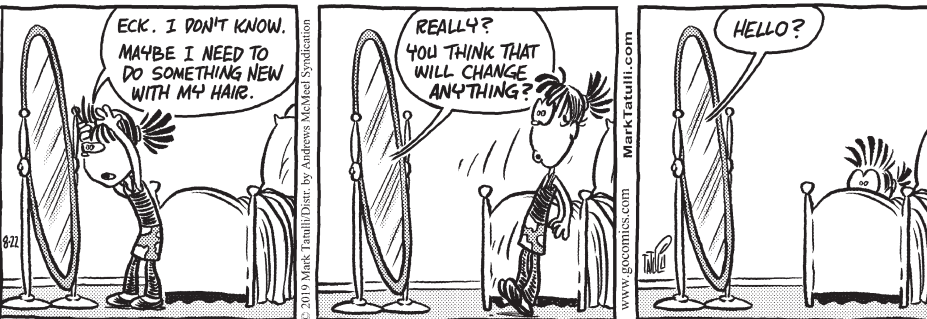
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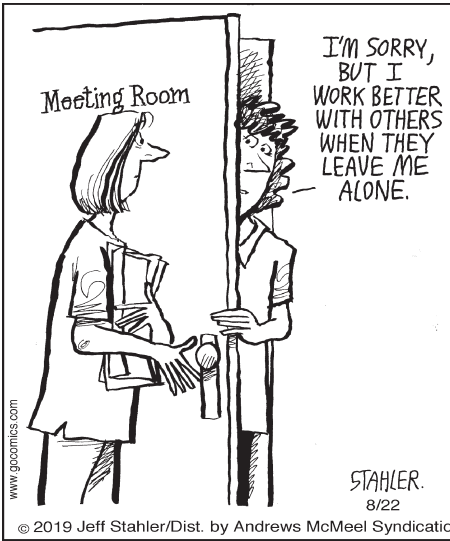
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Moderately Confused



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