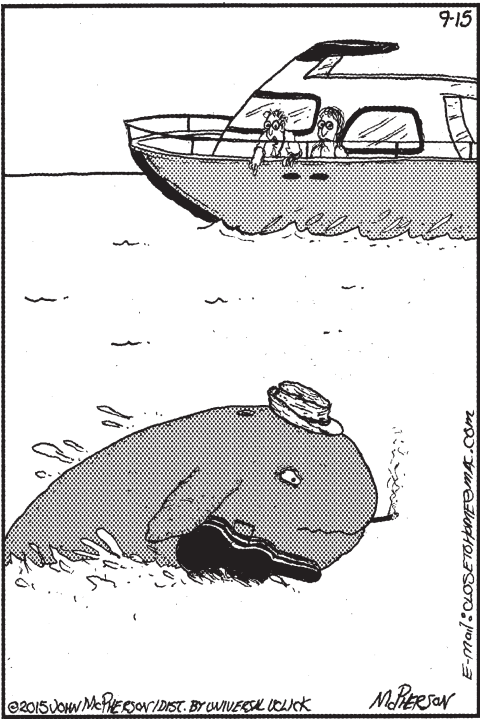


CLOSE TO HOME by John McPherson



"Look! It's a killer whale!"

# Man gives no support to pregnant wife

Dear Abby: I'm a few months pregnant and married to a man I love with all my heart. We have a young son together. For the last couple of months, I have had severe morning sickness, and my husband seems to resent me for it. He complains that I "don't do anything anymore," but I have been so ill that some days it's all I can do to get to work in the morning. I try to help out as much as I can, but it doesn't seem to be enough.

Lately he has shown no interest in me or the pregnancy. He won't go with me to doctors' appointments, and refuses even to discuss possible names for our new baby. I have been to the emergency room twice — once for dehydration and another time for a car accident. He showed up only after I begged him to come because I was scared. When my mom showed up, he couldn't get out of there fast enough.

He has been very secretive with his phone lately and has been working longer and later hours than usual. I don't know what to do.



JEANNE PHILLIPS  
DEAR ABBY

I'm scared that he doesn't want me anymore. Am I being a hormonal, paranoid wreck, or is something bad going on here? — *Emotional Mess in Ohio*

Dear Emotional Mess: You need to confront your husband with that question. His behavior is the opposite of supportive. Whether it is because he is immature or because he is seeing someone else is anybody's guess. But a change of behavior this drastic on so many levels is certainly cause for concern — and pretending you don't notice won't fix whatever is going on.

Dear Abby: My wife has children and two grandchildren from a previous marriage. Her granddaughter, "Jasmine," is 19. We were never close to her or her mother, but we tried to heal old wounds a few years ago.

Once Jasmine turned 17 she started getting tattoos. She now has them all over her body — thighs, chest, stomach. She has a full sleeve on one arm and a half-sleeve on the other. She has piercings in her ear lobes and has pierced her nipples.

At this point, I don't want her in my house

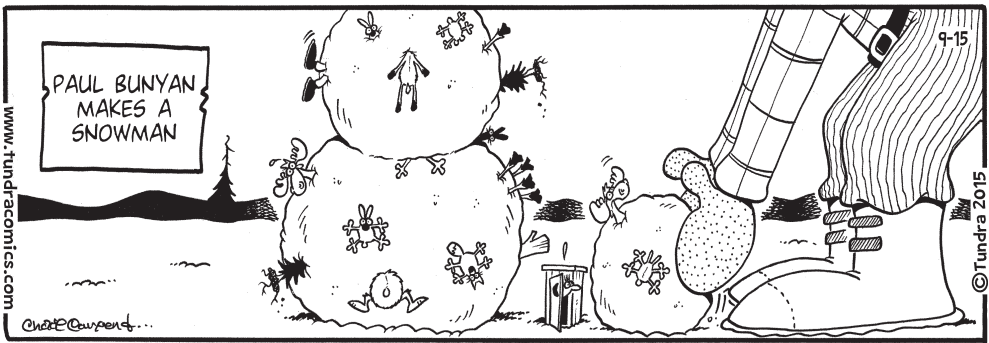
and neither does my wife. I don't want to be seen with her in public, and because her mother allowed her to do this, I would rather cut all ties with them. My wife agrees. I don't see us changing our minds. Your opinion, Abby? — *Grouchy Texan*

Dear Texan: I am glad you asked, because it appears you and your wife have forgotten that underneath those tattoos and piercings is a GRANDCHILD. I understand her body "art" may be off-putting, but I'm disappointed that nowhere in your letter did you express what kind of person Jasmine is.

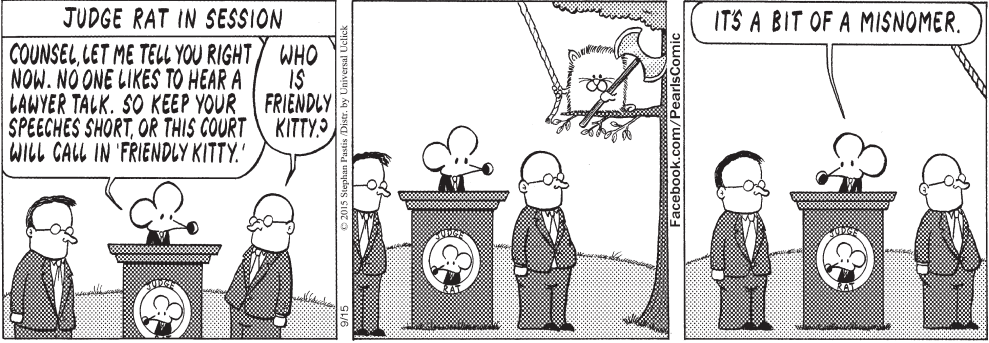
I'm sure that like most people, she has more to offer than what's on the surface. She may be a sensitive, loving, caring, talented and intelligent individual who would love a relationship with you and her grandmother, and be deeply hurt by the sentiments you have expressed. That said, unless you can look deeper and get to know and love Jasmine for the person she is, it would be better for her to avoid such shallow individuals as the two of you.

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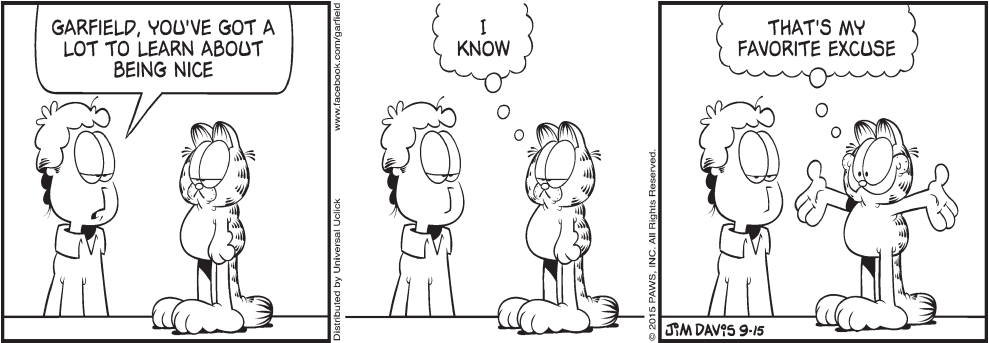
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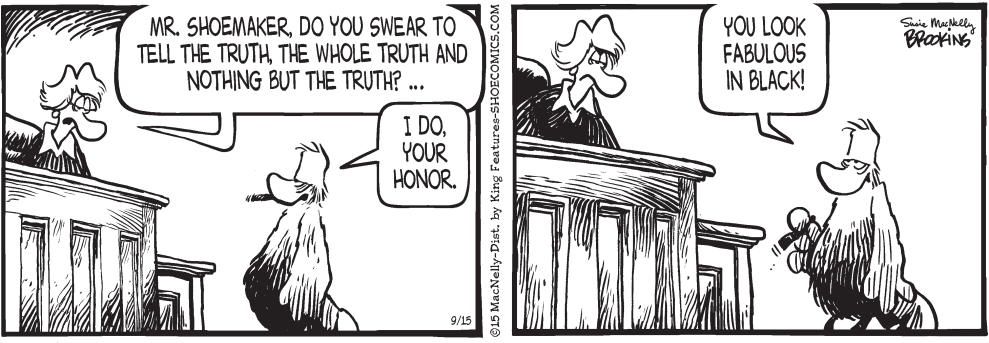
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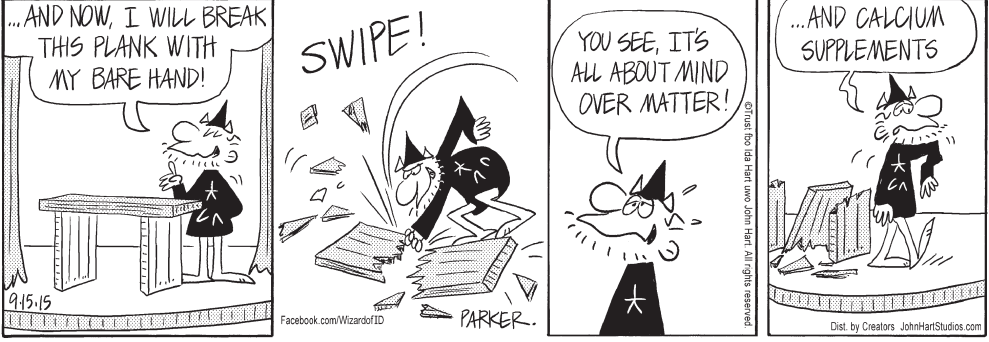
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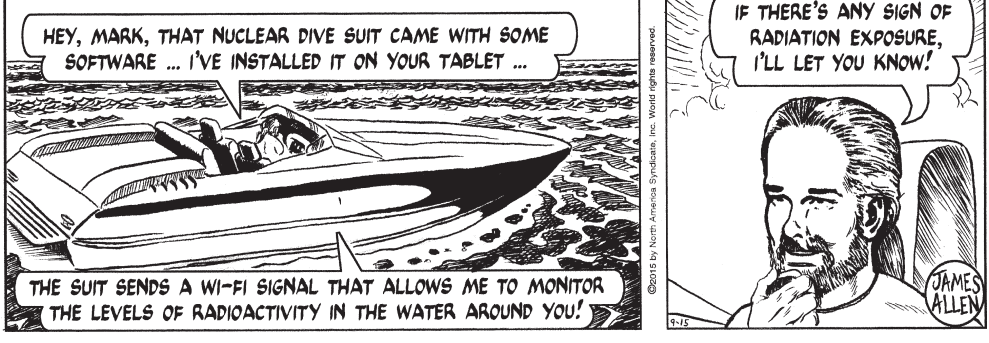
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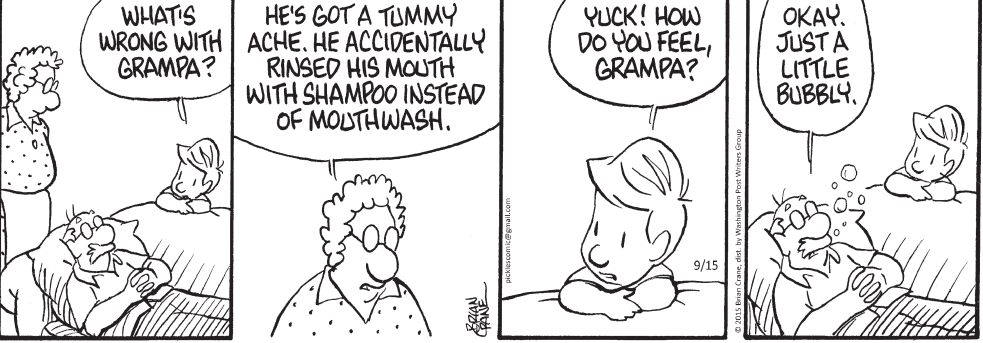
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## Daily Horoscope

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Your cosmic gift of the day will be an uncanny ability to identify people's strongest ideas while pinpointing their weakest notions without calling so much attention to the matter that it causes embarrassment.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Lies are often told with the aim of bringing people closer, but when they are uncovered, they do the opposite. And if not uncovered, lies eat away at the inside of relationships. It will be harder, but the truth will be worth it.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The No. 1 rule of crowd control, known by magicians and politicians alike, is: Control their focus. The crowd you'll be dealing with may be fairly small today, but the rule will apply to your situation.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Whether a person does the wrong thing, fails to do the right thing or does the right thing wrong, the result is the same: not good for anyone. Prevent mistakes with your vigilance, especially in regard to those you manage.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The process is complicated, and the stakes are high — a recipe for feelings of exhilaration, fright or any number of emotions in between. The main thing is to take it slow and keep a positive mindset.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** There are people in your immediate circle who know and love you but

who nonetheless can't possibly understand your depth, intelligence, humor and other choices.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You know that things can't bring you happiness, but when they don't work for what you want to do or who you want to be, they can sure cause you distress. It's a day for repairs, upkeep and upgrades.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** There are times when you have to slog through something miserable because it's the right thing to do, there's no alternative or for some other reason. Not now. If it's making you miserable, quitting could be a winning move.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Powdered creamer won't dissolve in lukewarm coffee. Some people are like that, too — they won't mix and blend into their environment unless it's heated. You'll make it exciting for someone.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** There are certain unavoidable pressures that have to do with your basic survival, identity and relationships. Your attitude: Bring it on. You're strong.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Small problems that occur independently in different parts of your life will ultimately interact with one another in stressful ways — unless you fix them early. Handle the small stuff ASAP.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** It's time for part two of that interesting connection you made last week. This is where the plot thickens: You learn a little more about each other and realize something intriguing that you have in common.



HOLIDAY MATHIS