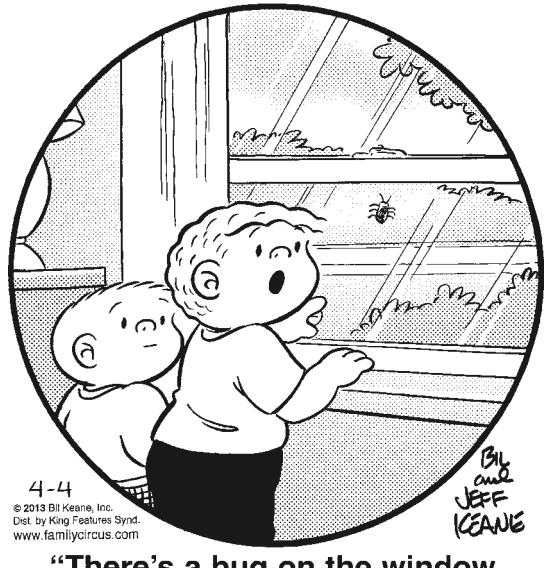


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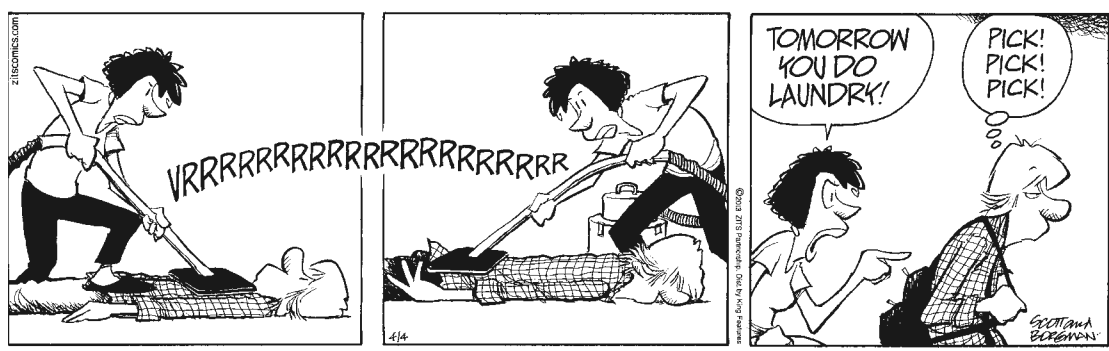
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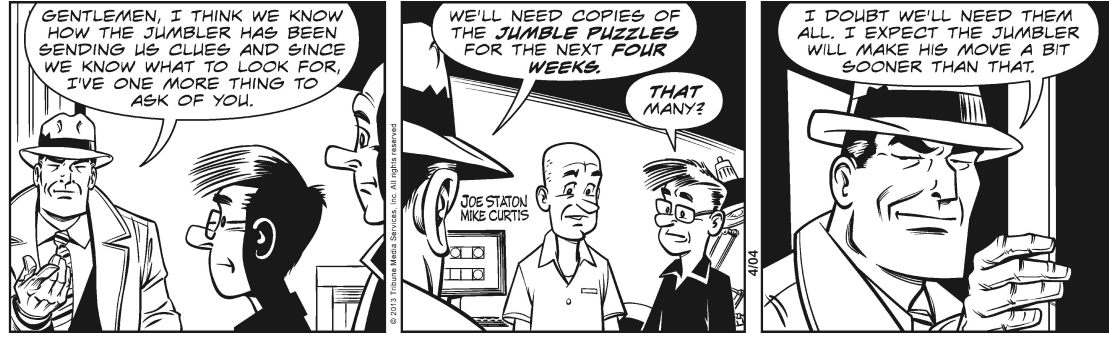
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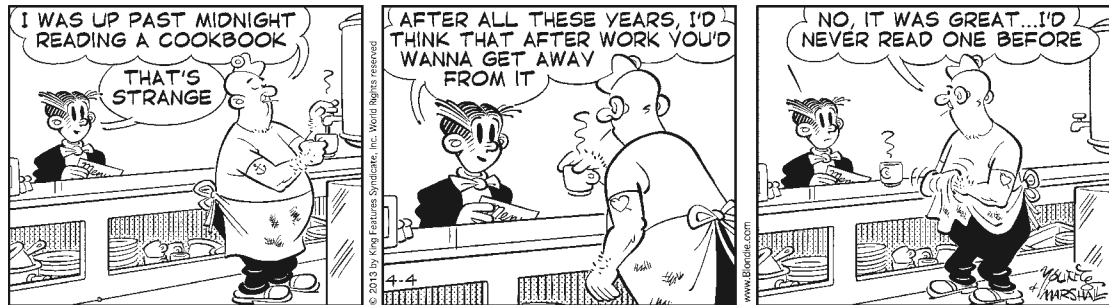
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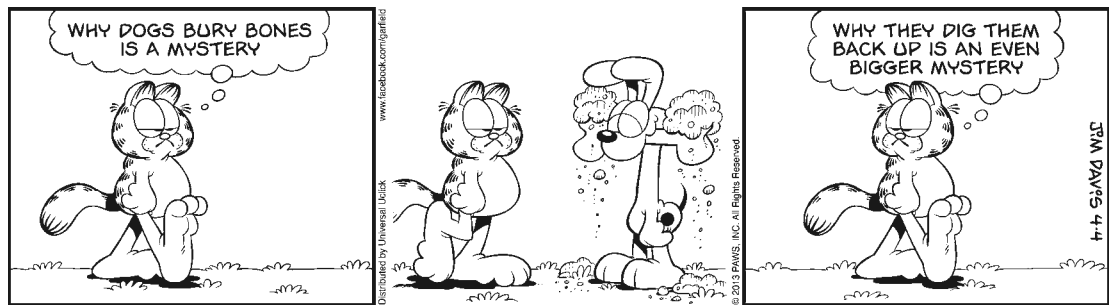
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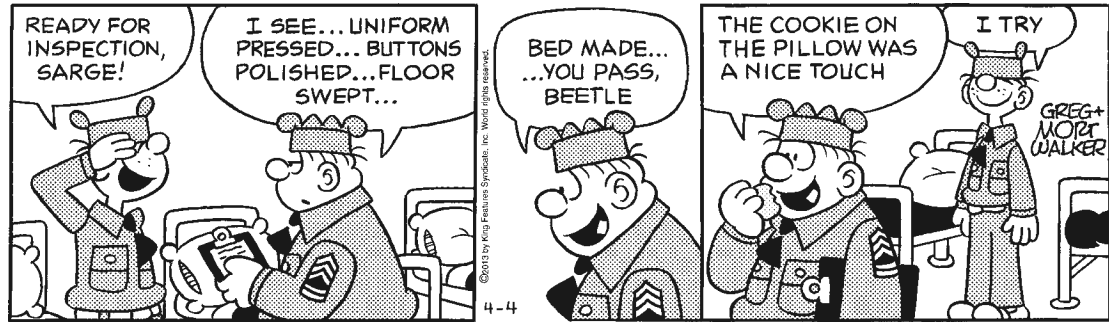
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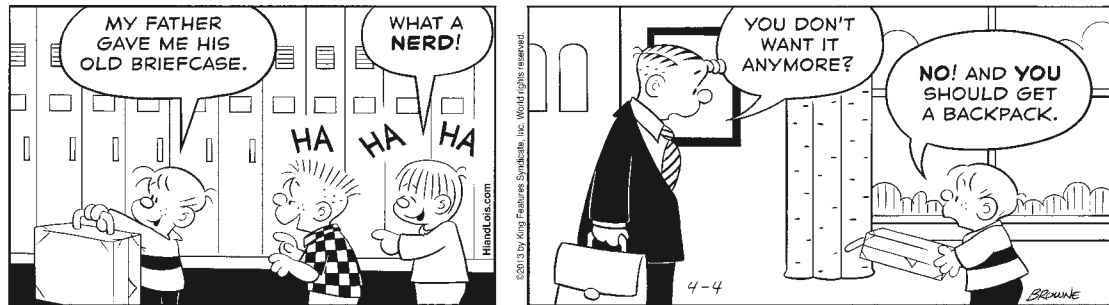
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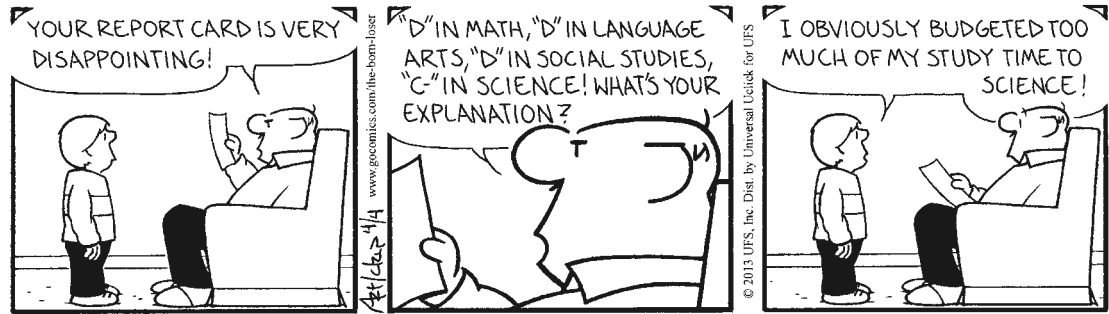
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Wife Sees Trouble In The Eyes Of Husband And Store Clerk

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Wade," and I went into a convenience store near our home that we frequent regularly. A new employee — a pretty, much younger girl — stared at Wade with an expression of recognition and surprise on her face. When I asked him what that was about, he laughed it off and said I was "imagining things." The next time we saw her, Wade acted nervous and started talking fast, as if trying to distract me. He seemed to be avoiding eye contact with her. She ignored me while obviously trying to lock eyes with Wade. The third time, she again ignored me but smirked and giggled while we were checking out. Then she shouted, "See ya later!" to my husband as we were walking out the door. When I turned, I caught Wade glaring at her.



DEAR ABBY

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ower as my son-in-law, but what term should I use when I introduce his new wife? She has two daughters from a previous marriage — sweet girls who call me "Granddad." Technically, they are not my granddaughters — but what are they?

These are just two examples of modern relationships that seem to require a new vocabulary. I have tried searching the Internet for answers without luck. Any suggestions? — FAMILY MAN IN TEXAS

DEAR FAMILY MAN: When introducing your late daughter's husband and his wife, try this: "This is my son-in-law 'Sam' and his wife, 'Virginia.'" If you're asked for clarification, which I doubt will happen, give more details. As to the woman's daughters who are not blood related to you, because they call you "Granddad," refer to them as your granddaughters and leave it at that.

DEAR ABBY: Where does the priest get the ashes for Ash Wednesday? — MARY IN VISTA, CALIF.

DEAR MARY: Traditionally, palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday are burned to create the ashes, and those ashes are retained for the next year's Ash Wednesday. Some people keep the palm fronds from the last Palm Sunday tucked behind a cross or a religious picture in their home and bring them to be burned. I have this on good authority. (When I told a priest I would have guessed they were left over from the Inquisition, he laughed.)

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Aries and a Moon in Aquarius if born after 1:41 a.m. (PDT). Before that time, the Moon is in Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2013:

This year many of your activities surround your friends. You also focus on making a long-term goal a reality. Your creativity often finds the unbeaten path. If you are single, you could find yourself in a sizzling romance. If you are attached, sometimes you act like new lovers. At the right station in life, a new addition to your family becomes possible. AQUARIUS is loyal to the very end.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19) \*\*\*\*\* You sense that a restriction might not be long term, even if the other party declares it so. A conversation lets you see beyond the obvious, which allows greater give-and-take. Know that optimistic thinking creates positive happenings. Tonight: Where friends can be found.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20) \*\*\*\*\* Pressure builds because someone you care about is quite difficult and demanding. You can do emotional somersaults, but nothing will make a difference until this person wants to change. Indulge yourself, and buy that item you have been coveting. Tonight: In the limelight.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20) \*\*\*\*\* Reach out to others, and make plans that seem copasetic for the weekend. You could be overwhelmed by what is happening. If you feel tired, take a break from the matter at hand. Trust yourself to make the right move. Tonight: All smiles. Make plans for the weekend.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22) \*\*\*\*\* You could be overwhelmed by what a partner dumps on you. Your creativity seems to be a function of interest at the moment, and you are not up for everything that is on your plate. Take a walk. Your enthusiasm will stimulate your energy. Tonight: Visit with a favorite person.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Defer to others in a situation that takes an unpredictable turn. You are overserious regarding a personal or domestic matter. Don't avoid a meeting or a get-to-

gether with a friend -- this person always seems to help you lighten up. Tonight: Start making some weekend plans.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Deal with a loved one who is so full of energy that he or she might exhaust you. Honor prior professional commitments, despite all of the pressure that is on you. Someone throws you a curveball, which makes you wonder which way to go. Tonight: Honor your priorities.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Know when enough is enough. You can achieve a lot of your goals if you relax. Think positively about a potentially difficult matter. You might end up breezing right through it, especially if you relax and detach from what triggers you. Tonight: Start the weekend early!

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Be honest with yourself. If you are tired or in a bad mood, you might want to take some time off. Another scenario might be to go off and do something not related to your normal day-to-day life. A change could revitalize you. Tonight: Know that you don't have to do anything.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21) \*\*\*\*\* You could discover that someone is not working with you, but against you. Be happy that you found out now, before there was any more damage. A partner or an associate who always has a positive outlook shares his or her opinions. Recognize your limits. Tonight: Join friends.

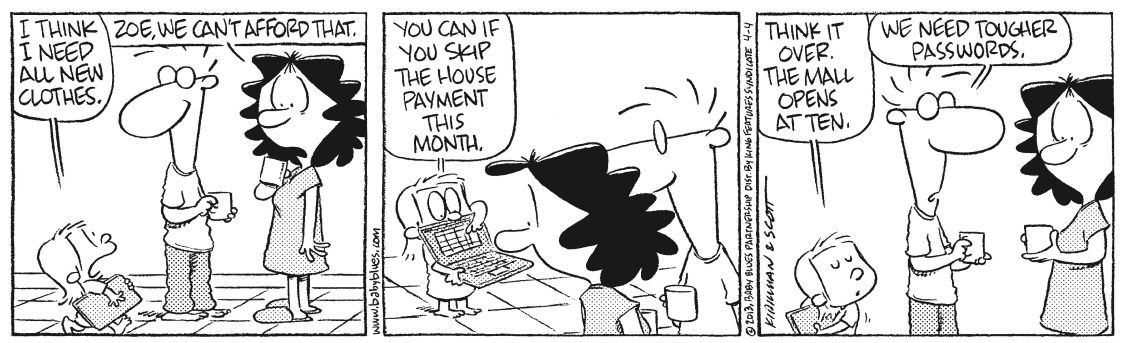
CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19) \*\*\*\*\* Recognize that a project might not deliver the desired results. You could be overwhelmed by your choices, especially as you predict their ultimate outcome. You also could be tired of juggling your finances to create what you want. Tonight: Buy a new item for your wardrobe.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18) \*\*\*\*\* You will bypass an authority figure's reticence without asking yourself if this is a wise move. In any case, your creativity and love of life will be enhanced by everything that is going on around you. A new friendship also could become more. Tonight: You call the shots.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20) \*\*\*\*\* Don't push where there is no give. Let go of that situation or person -- at least for now. You will find a more rewarding and positive experience closer to you. Do not settle for anything less than what you want. Use caution with your funds. Tonight: Do some shopping.

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