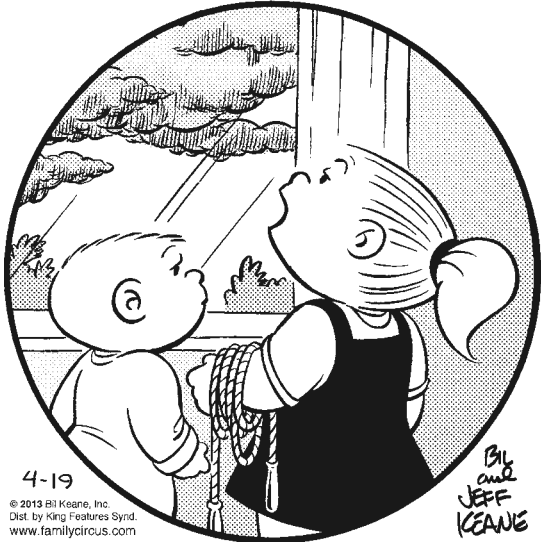


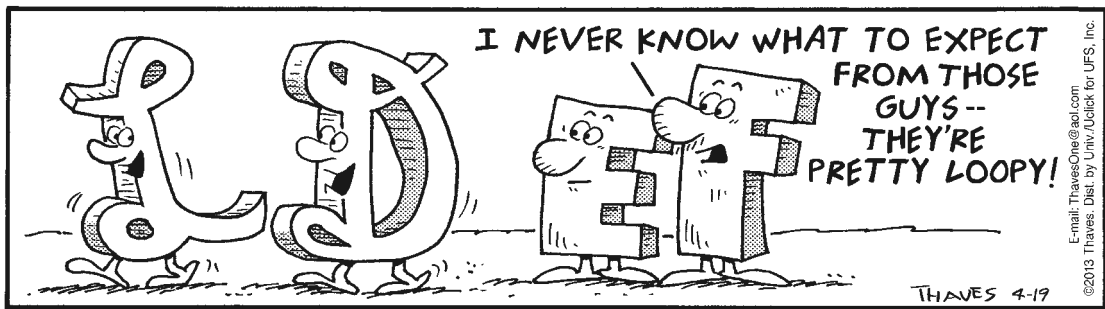
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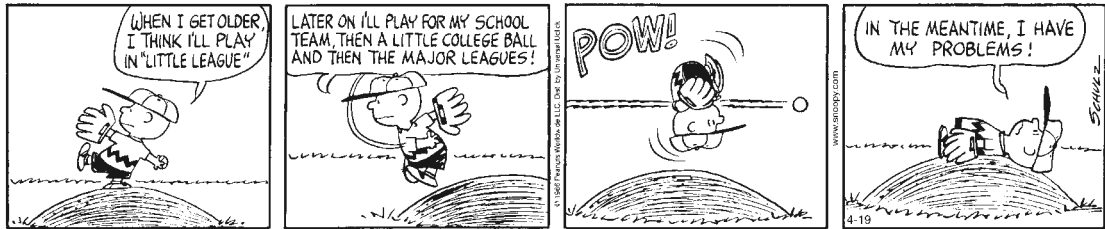
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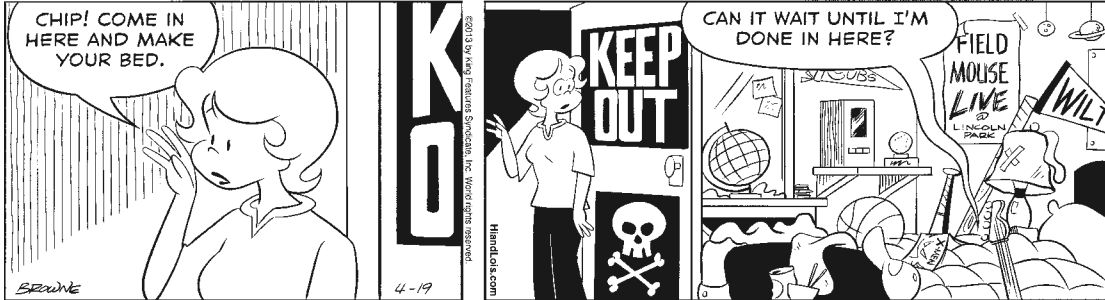
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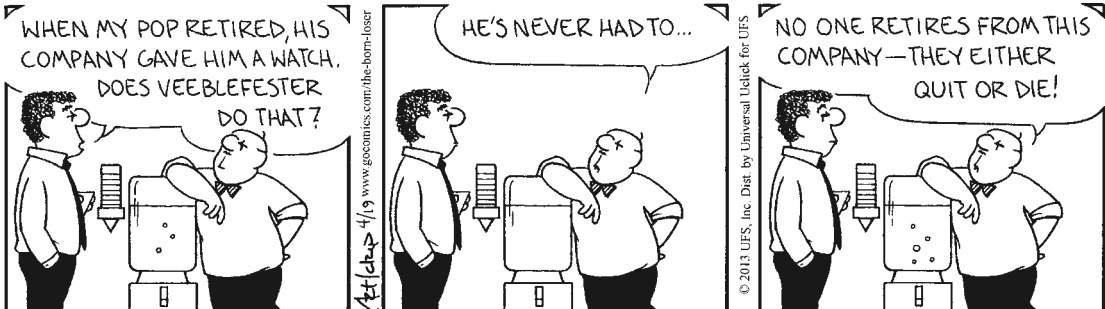
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The Harder Husband Works, The More His Wife Cheats

DEAR ABBY: I am a 47-year-old male, married for 26 years. I am hopelessly in love with my wife and still see her as the most beautiful woman in the world.

I have always been self-employed and have sometimes been at the extremes of feast or famine. During the bad times, I often worked 110-plus-hour weeks to save the ship.

Each time things have gotten really bad, my wife has had an affair to make up for the time, money and attention I can't provide her. I found out about her latest affair (her third) when I found a secret cellphone in her purse. For the last eight months, when she visited our daughter at college, she would check into a hotel with her lover.

I feel responsible for failing to meet her needs. She doesn't want a divorce, but admits she doubts she will ever fully stop dating, and says the effort she puts into deceiving me is proof she loves me and doesn't want to hurt my feelings.

I am amazed at the number of men willing to have sex with a married woman. My heart is broken, and I feel like a failure. Am I a fool to keep fighting for her? — HOPELESSLY IN LOVE

DEAR HOPELESSLY IN LOVE: I hope you realize that as "beautiful" as your wife may be, your relationship with her isn't a healthy one. Please go online and look up the definition of the word "codependency."

If your wife loved you, she would prove it by doing everything in her power to HELP you through the rough periods, including finding a job to help with the bills, not sneaking around with other men. That she would claim her deceit is "proof of her love," and that you would believe her, is amazing.

This woman has shown no remorse; she has told you she doesn't plan to be faithful in the future. Do not let her hoodwink you into believing her infidelity is your fault because you worked yourself nearly into a physical collapse trying to save your business and

provide for her. If you accept that, it WOULD be foolish.

DEAR ABBY: What is proper etiquette for someone who takes pictures at a funeral?

I am a recent widow who received a package from an out-of-town relative. In it were several envelopes for my family. One of them was for my sister, who lives 40 miles away. I gave my sister a call and told her it looked like it contained a stack of pictures. She said I should go ahead and open it.

Inside were photos taken at my husband's funeral — pictures of the funeral home, inside the church, the casket, and some of me and my daughter sitting at the gravesite. Abby, it was like going to the funeral all over again! The latter were particularly disturbing.

To me, it felt like voyeurism. Why would someone take pictures of such a sad event? I hope you print this and tell me and others what your opinion is so they may heed your advice — particularly my in-laws. — GRIEVING WIDOW IN INDIANA

DEAR GRIEVING: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your husband. I can only imagine the shock you experienced when you saw the photos. No one should take pictures at funerals without

first having received permission from the immediate survivors such as the widow, widower or children.

That said, the practice is not as uncommon as you might think. After a period of time, family members have been known to find comfort in having them. Short of asking your permission, your trauma could have been avoided had the relative who sent the pictures thought to label the envelopes or include a note explaining what was inside them. That way, you wouldn't have had to view them until you were ready — if ever — and were prepared emotionally.

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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 if born before 3:03 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Sun will be in Taurus. The Moon is in Leo all day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2013:

This year your energy is so high that you have difficulty keeping yourself contained. You will need to incorporate more physical activity into your life, or else your fuse will become shorter and shorter. If you are single, you will enjoy someone you meet after spring. This person likes to be active and is into sports. If you are attached, the two of you might take up a new hobby, sport or pastime together. LEO can be as demanding as you are!

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)

★★★★ Your zest for living comes out, no matter what you say or do. Your spontaneity even becomes childlike, which allows for great conversations and many laughs. Start doing some research on a new, passionate interest. Tonight: Make your choices colorful and exciting.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ Your instincts guide you, especially when dealing with a close family member. You could be put off by this person's attitude or habits. Let it go, as this characteristic is just a small part of their personality. By late afternoon, you'll start to perk up. Tonight: Celebrate the night.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You can be very charming to others, but do not coerce them into agreeing to something that they won't enjoy, especially regarding weekend plans. Your upbeat attitude tends to break down barriers. Everyone wants a little bit of what you've got. Tonight: You flirt!

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ Your moodiness allows you to become a victim of overindulging. Curb your spending, and stay within your budget. Choose restaurants that support your diet. Take better care of yourself. Others will start treating you with more respect as a result. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★★ You beam as you sense a change in the wind. Listen to what is being shared. A neighbor might have some interesting information to share with you.

Know that there is a nugget of truth in what you are hearing. Invitations and requests come in. Tonight: Be around a crowd.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★ If you're feeling out of sorts, take some much-needed personal time. You might want to find a trusted friend or relative to reach out to. This person makes an excellent confidant. Stop judging others — and yourself — so much. Tonight: Excuse yourself from festivities.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★★ Wherever you are, you can be found networking away among the crowds. You could make a surprising connection that you will value even more than you might realize. Touch base with someone you often think of but perhaps don't speak to. Tonight: Enjoy yourself.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ Fatigue or negativity could be casting some darkness on your life. A partner will go out of his or her way to cheer you up. Express your appreciation, but try to eliminate an overwhelming issue. Speak to someone who can help you. Tonight: Stay sensitive to a close loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★★ Your mind opts to wander while you are left trying to be efficient. Share your thoughts in order to get some feedback. Afterward, you will be more present. Run your errands, and get as much done possible. A last-minute detail could slow you down. Tonight: Time to be impulsive.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ A close friend pleads his or her case. Listen and respond accordingly. Allow more spontaneity into both your social and personal lives. You probably will enjoy yourself more once you relax. Life will be even more of an adventure! Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Others often challenge you. Though you don't really care, you'll listen to the criticism or issue and evaluate it in your time. This lack of an immediate response could trigger a negative reaction. You defuse naturally hidden agendas. Tonight: Only where people can be found.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★ You have a lot of ground to cover, both personally and professionally. Be realistic — you might need to ask for help. Understand that a certain call might not be returned. Be discreet when dealing with a difficult person. Tonight: Unwind without a whole lot of people around.

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