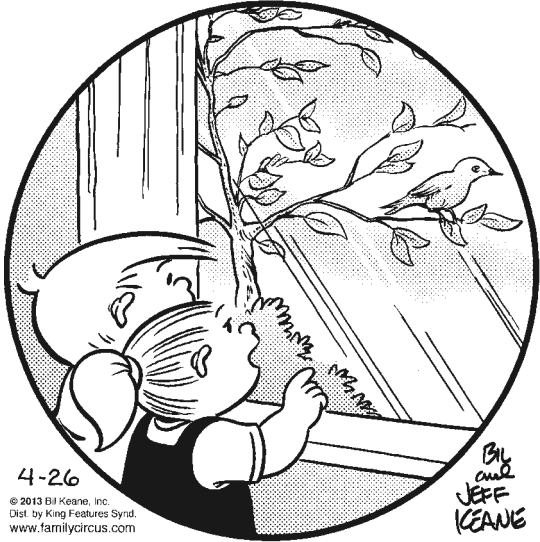


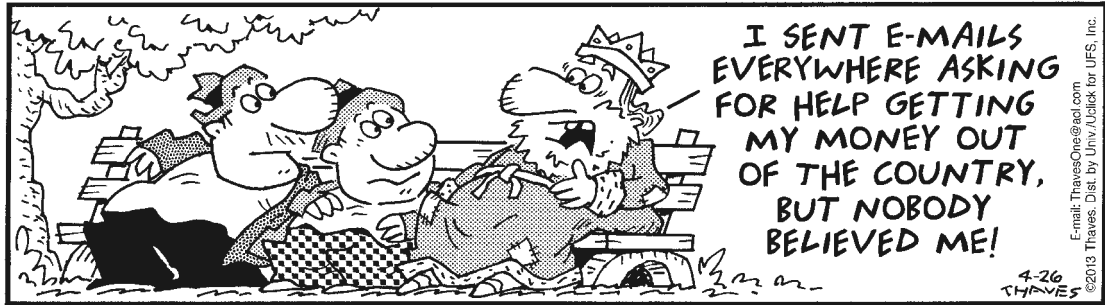
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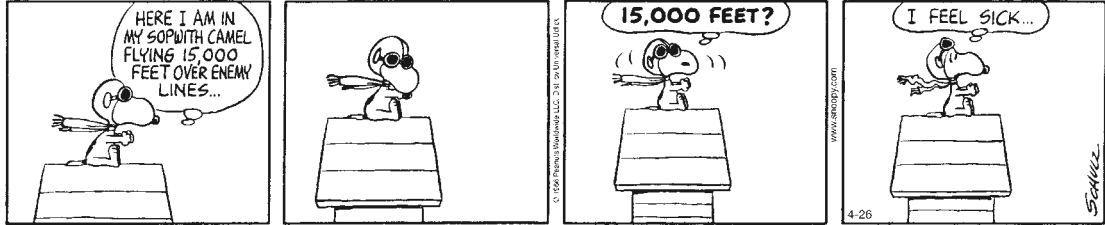
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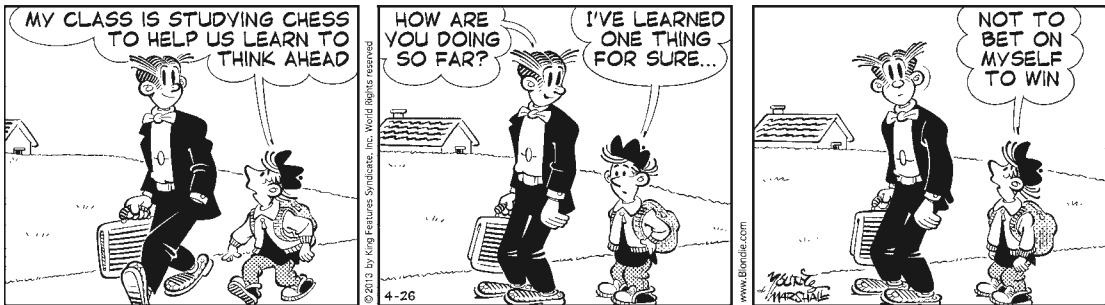
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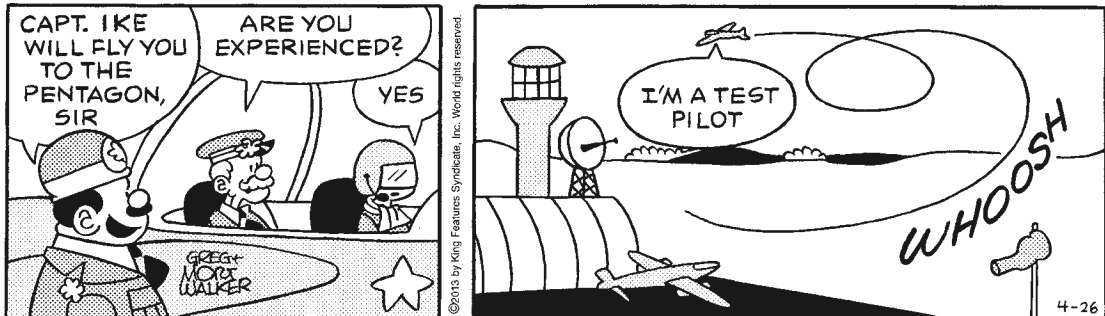
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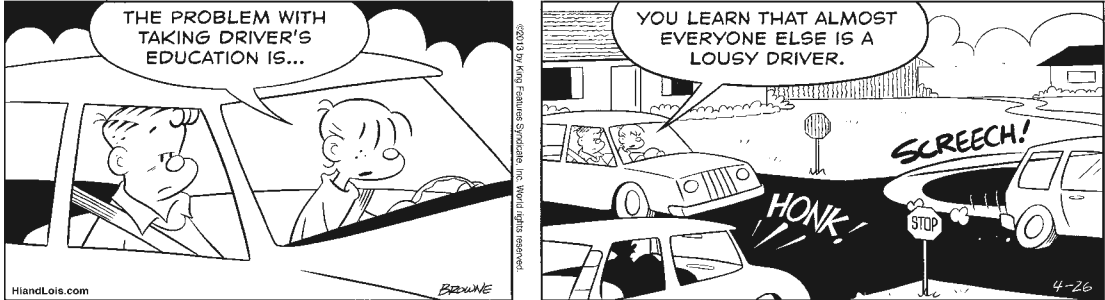
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Woman Who Married Young Wants Do-Over On Teen Years

DEAR ABBY: "Jake" and I have been married more than 20 years. I married before I was 18, and I'm not even 40 yet. Jake is seven years my senior. We have had our ups and downs, and although the last five years have been fine, I want more out of life than sitting home watching TV or hanging out with him.

We have two children. One is away at college and the other starting high school. When I talk to my husband about wanting to do things, he says I should have done them when I was younger. But I married him before I was even an adult!

Is it wrong to want to go out and do things I never got to do when I was a teenager? It makes me question whether or not I want to be married to him anymore. I still love him, but I have changed.

Jake insists we don't need counseling and I just need to get over it and accept that this is my life. What if I don't want to regret what I have never had a chance to do? — WANTS MORE OUT WEST

DEAR WANTS MORE: I'm sorry, but you can't relive your lost teenage years.

I wish you had been more specific about what it is you want to do. If it's go out and have some fun, perhaps some of your girlfriends would like to go with you. Instead of sitting home, you and Jake could socialize with other couples. If you're into sports, why not join a women's sports team? If you're not, how about a book club? You don't have to sit around and vegetate.

You also didn't mention whether you completed high school. If you didn't receive a diploma, you would be well-served to work on earning your GED, which could widen your horizons and opportunities considerably.

DEAR ABBY: I have two daughters, 11 and 14. They fight over many things, but what gets to me is the way they fight over what television shows to watch.

My younger daughter has nightmares if she watches even mildly dramatic cop/lawyer-type shows.

However, my older daughter loves them.

At home, I'd have one kid watch TV in one room and the other in the other room. However, when they're at the sitter's house, which has only one TV, they call me at work and fight over the phone over who watches what. They both accuse me of favoring the other.

How do I deal with this fairly without upsetting them? And how do I keep my younger daughter from having nightmares? — DOING MY BEST IN KENTUCKY

DEAR DOING: Because your younger daughter has nightmares after viewing shows that create anxiety, she shouldn't be forced to do it. When they are at their sitter's, they should alternate days when each has control of the remote control. When your older girl has it, the younger one should be encouraged to read a book of her choosing and/or listen to music. When the younger one gets to do the choosing, the older one should do the same.

DEAR ABBY: Christmas and birthday gifts I will never use have accumulated around my house. I'd like to have a yard sale, but many of the items came from close friends and family. I feel guilty getting rid of them because the people who gave them to me obviously meant well. Would selling them be wrong?

One gift was from my mother. I live at home, so she will notice if I stick it in the garage sale. I can't let this extra stuff sit around. It's taking up space and I need the money for a very expensive college. But I'm afraid of people finding out that I don't want their presents. What should I do? — DOWNSIZING IN NEW YORK

DEAR DOWNSIZING: Selling the items would not be wrong. Once a gift is given, it is yours to do with as you please. If you offer them for sale online, it will be less obvious and cause fewer hurt feelings.

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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 Taurus and a Moon in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013:

This year you have the opportunity to make an impression on others. Your very presence exudes a sense of compassion. You know what you need to do. Keep reaching out for new information and new experiences. If you are single, you could encounter a foreigner who opens you up to an entirely different lifestyle. If you are attached, the two of you will want to meet new people and make new friends. You also might want to revise your goals. SCORPIO is stubborn like you, but he or she can be more mysterious.

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)

★★★★ A serious approach does make a difference in everyone's response, and you are no exception. Anger comes up in a strange situation where it might not be justified. It could be difficult to tell where it is coming from. Tonight: Listen to a partner's feedback.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You might want to let a friend at a distance know how rough a situation has become. This person could have some interesting suggestions. Know what you want to do, and then he or she can give you meaningful options for how to proceed. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Understand that what is happening is serious. Realize that you might need to change direction. Your ability to state your case makes an impact on others. Listen to suggestions with more care. A boss could be a lot clearer than you are. Tonight: Go with the moment.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Listen to news with an open mind. Be willing to brainstorm in order to find solutions. Honor a change more carefully. You could feel as if someone is pushing hard to get his or her way. If this person goes too far, you could lose your patience. Tonight: Let your hair down.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You might want to move forward and try a different approach. Listen to your sixth sense with a situation involving your personal and/or domestic life. You

might need to change your environment in order to feel better, even if it's just for a few hours. Tonight: Make it easy.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ How you handle a personal matter could change greatly if you are not careful. Listen to news with greater awareness, as you might want to take action. Your caring will come through, even if you need to establish boundaries. Tonight: Say "yes" to a friend's suggestion.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

HHHH Your intuition is right on about a money matter; still, check out the investment carefully. Your creativity adds a lot to any situation. Don't allow anyone to interfere with your chosen direction. Tonight: You might go overboard, especially if you meet up with a friend.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You are a strong-willed sign. If you feel challenged, you sometimes will become defiant or even quiet. The good news is that, even if you're stressed, you could see an opportunity to be more chipper. Let go of seriousness for now. Tonight: Let the good times happen.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You'll want to review a situation more carefully. You might need some downtime or distance from a problem. At this point, you could feel somewhat negative. Detach if this is the case. Take a walk to clear your head. Tonight: Consider making it an early night.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You could be very difficult and somewhat testy without intending to do. Emphasize a goal, but do not give your power away. You don't need to be controlling -- you simply need to honor your boundaries. Reach out to someone at a distance. Tonight: You are in the midst of a change.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

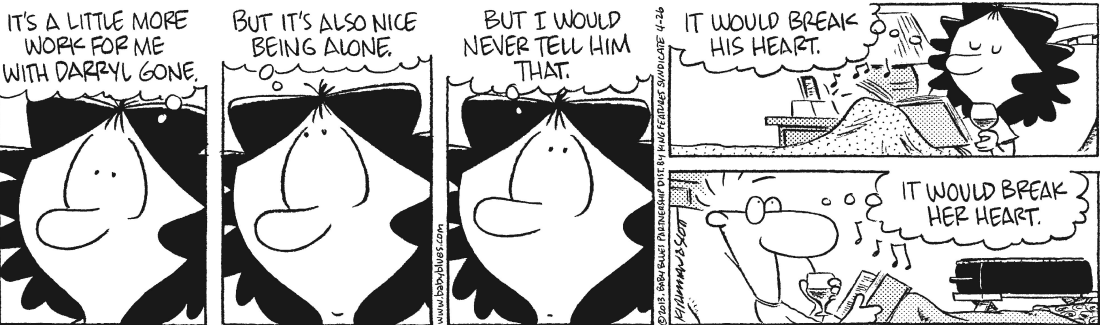
★★★★ Listen to news openly before making a final decision. More news is forthcoming. A serious situation demands your full attention. A boss or higher-up could be watching your performance. Listen to feedback. Tonight: A late meeting could turn into a fun happening.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You might want to be more understanding. By holding on to judgments, you will not be able to hear the true story. Imagine what it would be like to be the other person. You might get more insight as to where he or she is coming from. Tonight: Break past barriers.

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