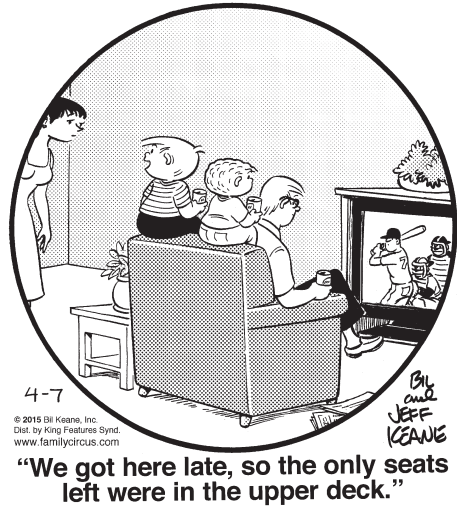


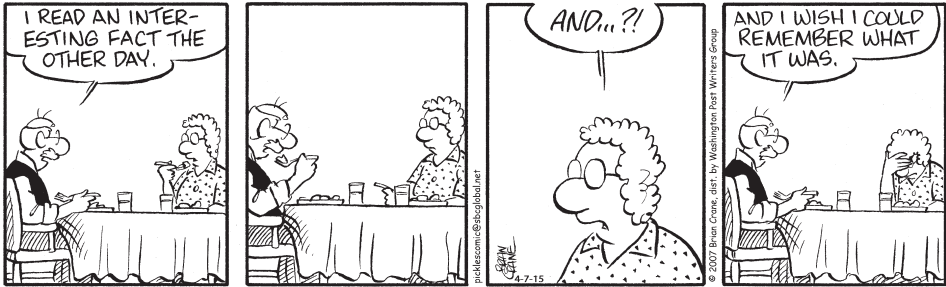
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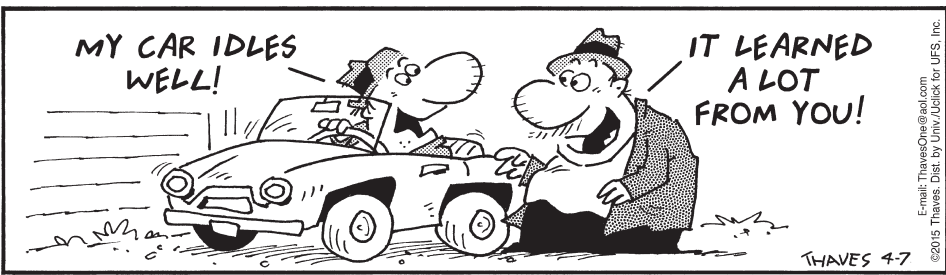
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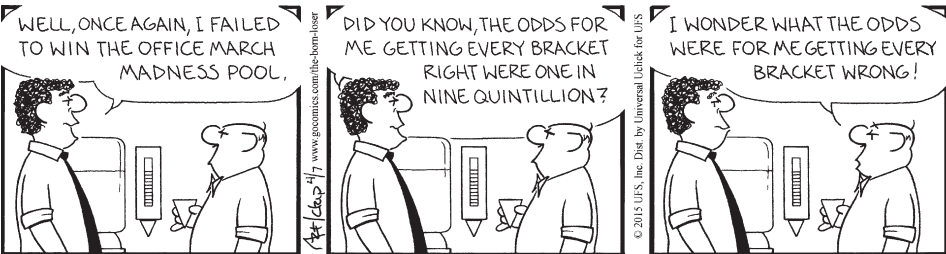
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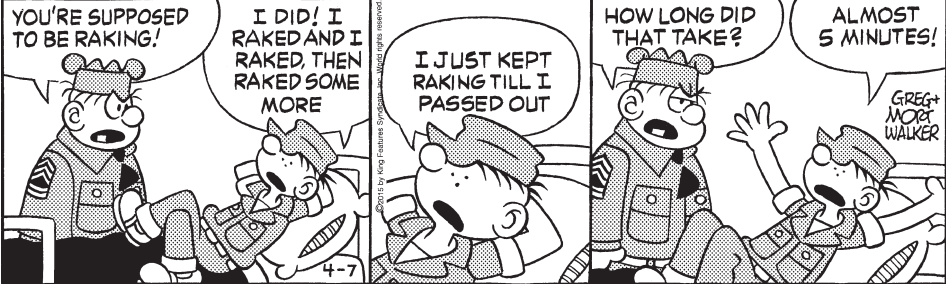
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## Man Who Doesn't Want Kids Should Look For Another Woman

DEAR ABBY: When I turned 25, after considering it for years, I went to my doctor and told him I wanted to become sterile. I got a vasectomy two months later. I haven't had any regrets, and now at 27, I'm still firmly convinced that I don't want children – ever.

I started dating a woman a year ago, “Anita,” who told me that if she never had kids, she could live with it. I felt lucky to have found someone who would be OK with no kids.

I have had a few issues with Anita. When she gets upset from time to time, she says that if she stays with me, she will never have kids. I know she cares for me deeply, but I also believe she feels conflicted about giving up the chance to be a mother.

Do you think it's fair for me to pursue this relationship and hope that eventually she'll come to terms with not having children with me? Or should I end the relationship so she can find someone who shares her desire to become a parent? I worry that if I end it, it may take years before I find someone who shares my wish to never be a parent. – NO KIDS IN COLORADO

DEAR NO KIDS: You have been upfront with Anita. She understands that you do not want children, and that you have taken steps to ensure it won't happen. She's correct that if she stays with you, she will never have any. For both your sakes, the two of you need to talk this through once and for all, because if Anita is ambivalent about forgoing motherhood, she does need to find another life partner. And you need to let her do that.

DEAR ABBY: It happened to me again yesterday. After I had been waiting patiently at the counter of a large department store, another woman came up and stood beside me. The clerk walked over and immediately began to ring up the other woman's purchase. I said, “I was here first!” Both the clerk and the woman apologized, but because the

sale had already begun, the salesclerk completed it and I was left waiting. I am angry about it. I feel stores should have a queue where you get in line in order, or clerks should be instructed to ask, “Who was here first?” I don't want to believe I was passed over because the other woman looked more prosperous than I do, but she was buying a very expensive handbag, while I was purchasing socks that were on clearance. How should that be handled in the future? – SHOPPER IN KENTUCKY

DEAR SHOPPER: If you have a complaint about service, it should be addressed to the store manager. A well-trained retail salesperson would have asked which of you was there first. The amount you were spending should have made no difference.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I travel with another couple. I furnish the vehicle and do all the driving. How should we share the expenses? – EASY RIDER IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR EASY RIDER: The other couple should pay for half the gas and their own meals and lodging.

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DEAR ABBY  
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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 Scorpio if born before 10:08 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Sagittarius.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015:

This year you have a lot of energy, and you enjoy relating to others more than ever. Financial matters are high priority. You even might be inspired to take a workshop to improve your investment skills. Know that you don't need to indulge loved ones with gifts; you can show your caring through other types of gestures. If you are single, you could meet someone quite special in the next six months. You will know without question when you meet this person. If you are attached, both of you will want more time to yourselves. Consider scheduling some weekends away together. SAGITTARIUS will encourage you to take more risks.

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 might feel awkward discussing a financial matter, especially with a key associate. Perhaps your ideas for investments and lifestyle adjustments could be very different. Postpone the talk until later, when both of you are more relaxed. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

#### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You might need to defer to someone else in order to go after what you want. You could be very excited about an upcoming get-together with a loved one. Understand that containing your good mood might be close to impossible. Tonight: Say “yes” to an unusual offer.

#### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ If you need to close the door in order to accomplish what is needed, do so. You like to socialize a little too much, and self-imposed distance might be necessary at times. A loved one or dear friend seeks you out, as he or she wants your company! Tonight: Make it early.

#### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You have an amazingly childlike side that tends to emerge when dealing with authority figures. You might want to rebel, but resist the urge. Look at the situation through adult eyes. Focus on getting what you want. Tonight: Act as if there were no tomorrow.

#### LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Sometimes opting to stay home instead

of joining others or going to work is a smart move. You also might have to handle a matter involving a potential trip. You will feel better once you do, though it could cause you to rearrange your schedule. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

#### VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You will say what is on your mind. Be careful, as the receiver of your words is likely to misinterpret what you say. This person could turn your statement into what he or she wants to hear. Take a stand if you feel that the interpretation poses a problem. Tonight: Out and about.

#### LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ Your possessive side emerges, which could cause some discomfort for a close friend. Be aware that you won't be able to satisfy this need to take control. Build your self-image, and be less uptight. Listen well when someone discusses a money matter. Tonight: Go to extremes.

#### SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You could be the source of your own problems because of your need to be right. You might note someone's discomfort at your response to justify this behavior. Communicate your needs in a less rigid way. Tonight: Use your imagination when making plans.

#### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ Be prepared to let your feelings flow, and don't hold back. Whether you choose to share them is a separate issue. You might see changes occur in a most unexpected way. A child or loved one could be the driving force here. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

#### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You might be focused on a project that you are determined to have play out a certain way. Be more forthright with your intentions. You might discover that there are many routes to the same point. Trust yourself to make the correct choice. Tonight: Follow a friend's lead.

#### AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ Take charge of a situation, as you will know what to do. You could discover a piece of information that forces you to rethink a judgment. Don't pull yourself too far away from a loved one; this person appreciates your presence more than you know. Tonight: On top of your game.

#### PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Your imagination allows you to distance yourself in order find a viable solution. You could be in a difficult situation without being able to control what is happening. Detach, and you will be OK. Try to understand how each person involved feels. Tonight: Make it your choice.

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