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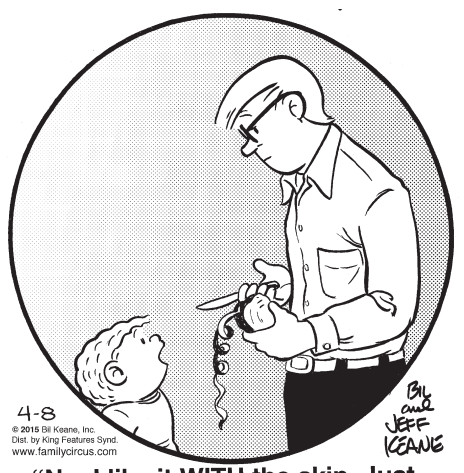

"No, I like it WITH the skin. Just wrap it back up for me, please."

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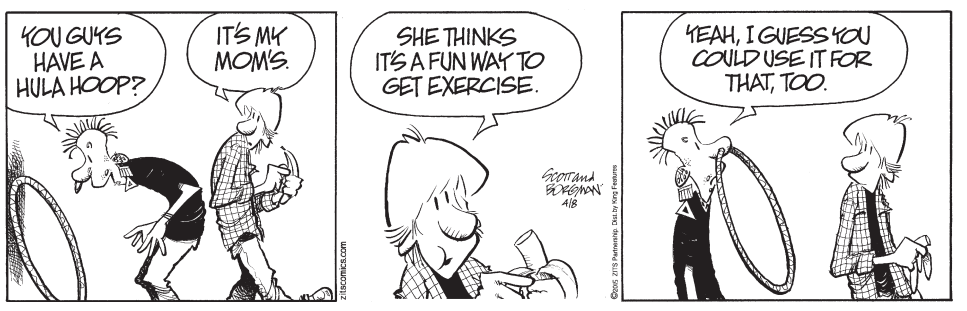

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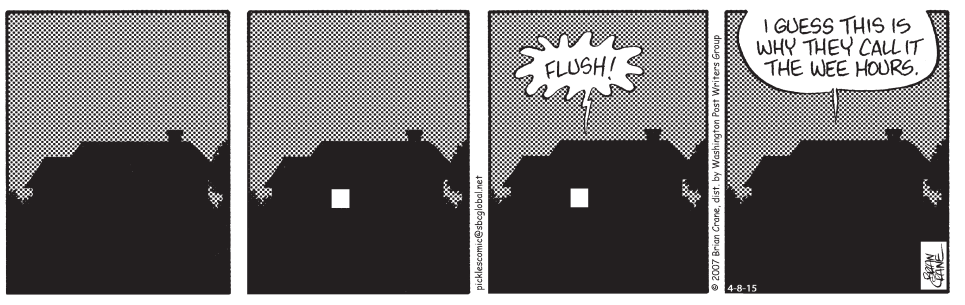

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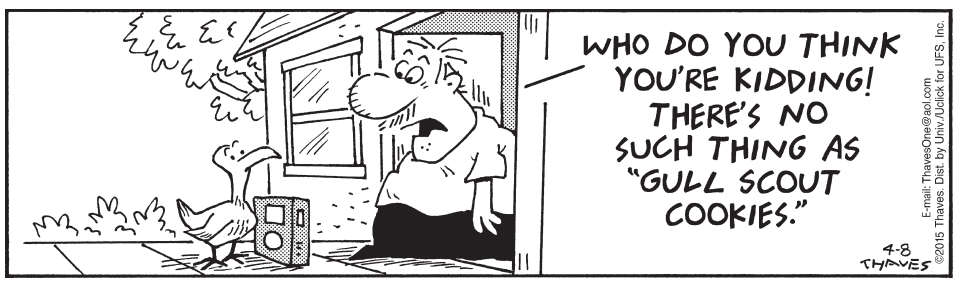

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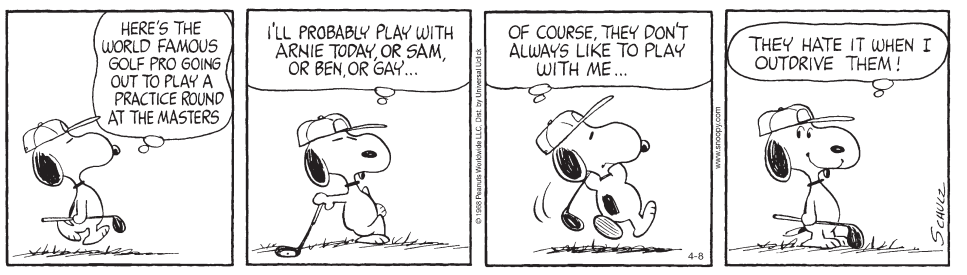

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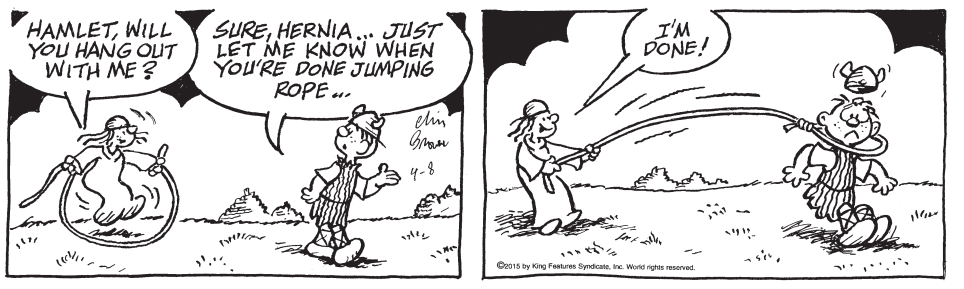

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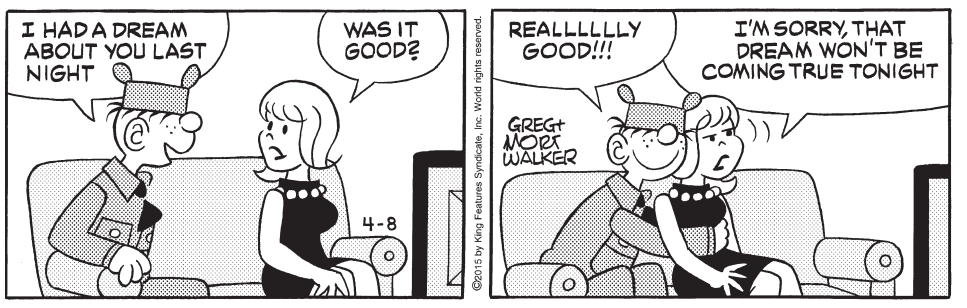

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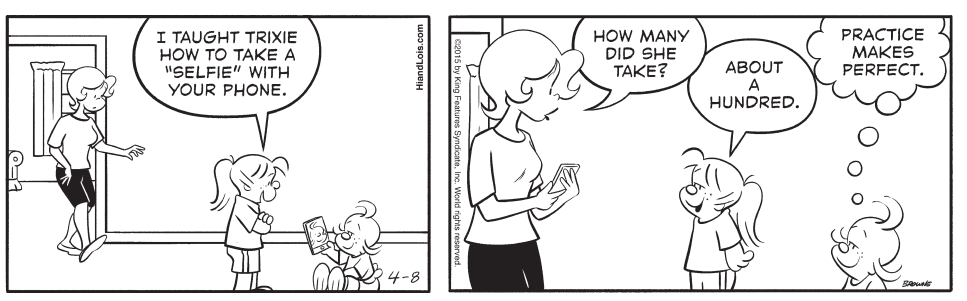

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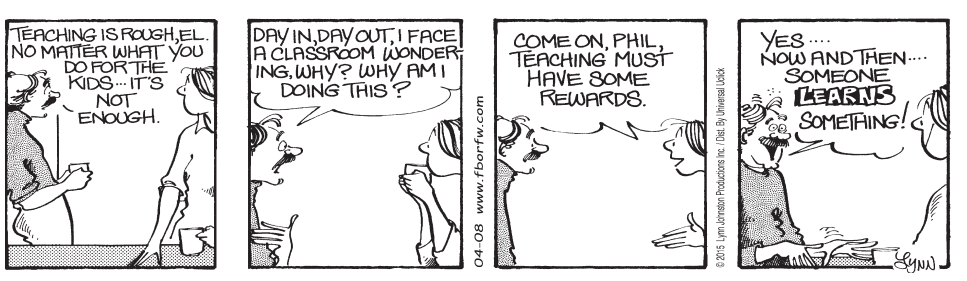

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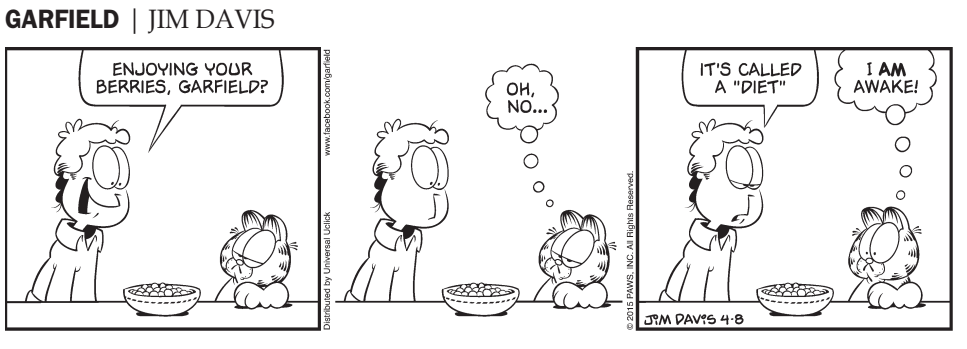

Father's Noisy Lovemaking Is Pain To His Daughter's Ears

DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm the mother of an 18-year-old daughter. Her dad and I are divorced and she lives with him. We were married 20 years and I know he's a good parent, except for one thing. My daughter has told me her father and his partner sometimes engage in very loud lovemaking when she's in her room, and it embarrasses her. She's shy to begin with, so she hasn't said anything to him.

I feel angry and frustrated because I don't know if I should say something to him about it. I have suggested she put on some loud music or use headphones if she can't bring this up with him. I think she wants me to intercede, but I don't feel it's my business to do so. Can these adults be that clueless? Please help. — CAROL ON THE EAST COAST

DEAR CAROL: Yes, adults can be that "clueless." Her father and his partner may not realize how much noise they make. Headphones and turning on loud music are good suggestions. But remember that clear communication is important in relationships both personal and professional.

At 18, your daughter is old enough to start speaking up for herself. Encourage her to talk about this problem privately with her father. But if she can't, then you should handle this for her.

DEAR ABBY: My husband had an affair 18 years ago. We worked through it and are doing well in our marriage.

My question concerns my mother-in-law and sister-in-law, both of whom continue to remain in contact with the "other woman." They still worship at the same church, bought her baby gifts, etc. I have mentioned how it hurts me that they are Facebook friends with her, but it has fallen on deaf ears. I know they have known her longer than me, but I am FAMILY.

Abby, I would like to know if I am crazy for letting this bother me. Should I let it go? I have forgiven my husband, but what they are doing makes it hard for me at times. What should I do? — MY HEART HURTS

DEAR HEART HURTS: By now you should have realized that you can't control your husband's mother or sister. That they chose to continue to maintain their relationship with this woman in spite of the fact that she nearly wrecked your marriage is regrettable.

But all this happened 18 years ago, and your marriage survived it. If you can let this go, I think you should. A wise person once said that we can be as happy as we choose to be. Lessen your emotional dependence on your in-laws, and I predict you will be happier.

DEAR ABBY: I find it difficult to lie. This trait suits me well except in one area. When friends or family share information about being ill, experiencing a death or any sort of tragedy, almost everyone else responds with, "You're in my prayers."

I am an atheist and do not claim I will pray for those individuals because that would be lying. So what is the proper response when prayer is off the table? — TEXAS READER

DEAR READER: A proper response would be, "I'm sorry for what you're going through," "I'll send positive thoughts for So-and-So's recovery," or, "How sad. I'm sorry to hear it."

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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 Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015:

This year you have the ability to look beyond the obvious. You see the implications of different ideas as well as their potential ramifications. As a result, your choices will become more solid. Often others will want to seek you out to get your feedback. If you are single, listen to your gut, and in the next few months, you could meet Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, the two of you often get into tiffs that really are meaningless. Remember that you will have different opinions, and you both will think you are right. SAGITTARIUS can be willful and adventuresome.

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 seem to be expressing unusual impulsiveness. Once this passes, you are likely to rein yourself in and decide not to repeat this behavior. Try to understand where the root of the issue is stemming from. Use your instincts with someone at a distance. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Deal with a child or loved one on a one-on-one level. You could feel as if you are off-kilter or not as sure of yourself as you would like to be. You might be in a situation where you can't make a decision. Know that more information is forthcoming. Tonight: Dinner for two.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★★ Defer to someone else with the understanding that this approach might be the only way to get this person involved with a project. You have the ability to charm others to go along with your point of view. Tonight: Sort through your many invitations first.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You might be at the end of a cycle that has been very draining. Someone you need to answer to could cause you a problem with his or her unpredictability. You also tend to personalize what people say. Don't. Tonight: Schedule a massage.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Put yourself 100 percent into whatever you are doing. You might find that surprising someone could reveal much more information about a certain situation. You have a lot to discuss. A key issue will throw you into the limelight. Tonight: Frolic away.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★ Tension builds as others close to you make their expectations clear, especially a roommate or family member. A loved one could surprise you by offering a whole different perspective. You seem to be able to land on your feet no matter what. Tonight: Mosey on home.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★★ Keep communication moving. You could get an unexpected response from someone you look up to. This person seems to be overly serious, and you might be seeing another side to his or her personality. Observe, but do not play into the situation. Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ Be aware of your actions and the financial implications involved. What you see coming down the path might not be in sync with what you thought would happen. Nevertheless, a partner will help you in weighing the pros and cons of the situation. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★★ You'll move quickly through a difficult situation. Be clear about what a friend or co-worker is doing, as this person has a way of adding chaos to your life. You know how to handle it. Reach out to an expert, if need be. Tonight: Your wish easily can be fulfilled. Just ask.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ You might want to step back and let others make the first move to present their ideas. At the same time, you'll free yourself up. Confusion could surround a talk, so be ready to back off some. Be aware of your limitations. Tonight: Sort through a lot of gossip.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Your words seem to get to the right person to produce the results you desire. Be more forthright about a difficult situation involving a friend. Clearly, you are not able to have a positive effect on this person. Tonight: Hang with the gang.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★ Be careful, as you could lose your wallet or be hit with an unexpected bill. Tensions are high, and it seems that, no matter what direction you turn, you feel challenged. You will have a lot of energy, so use it to get into a constructive project. Tonight: Stay on top of a situation.

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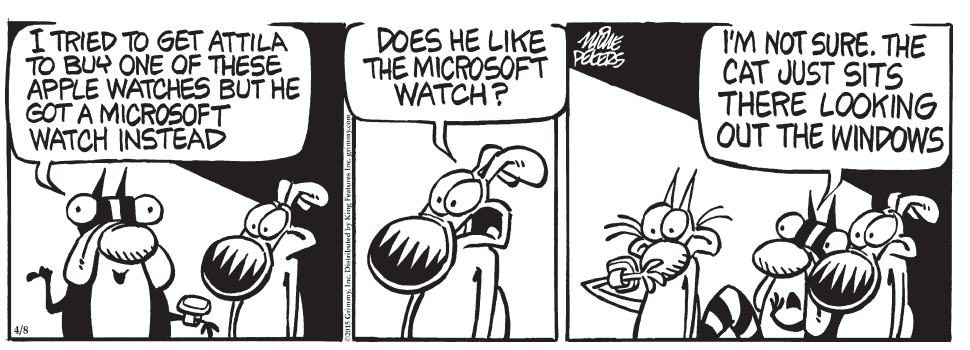
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