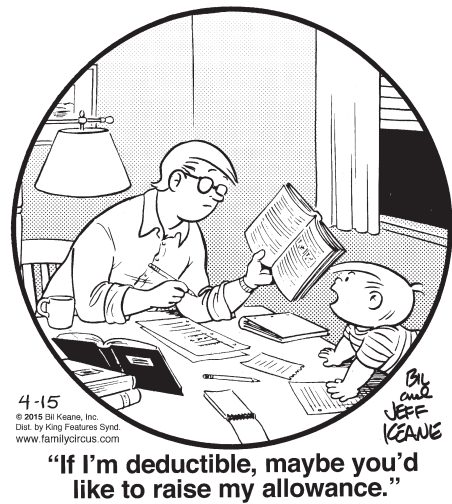


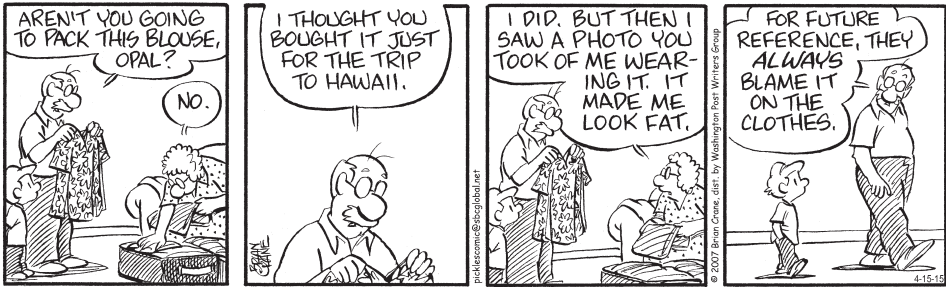
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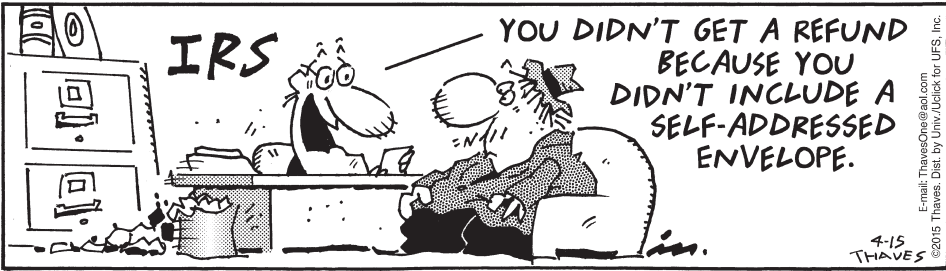
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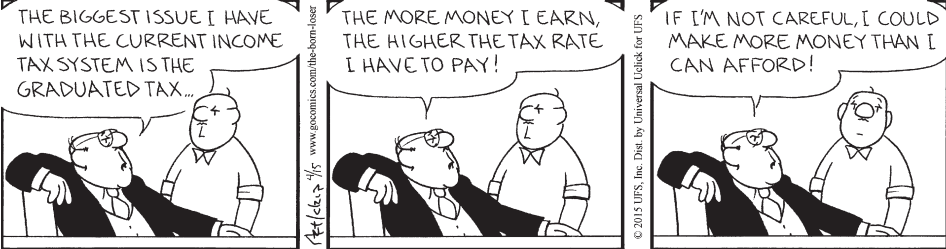
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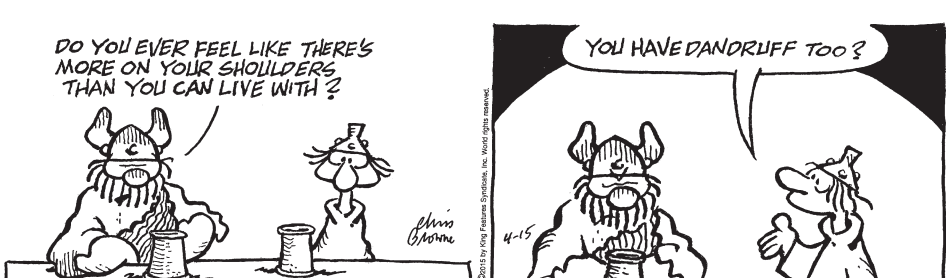
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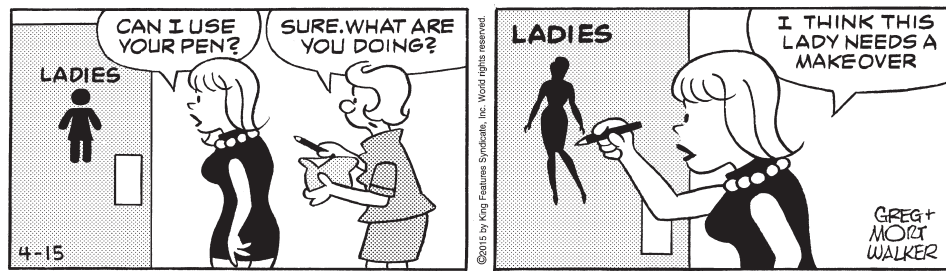
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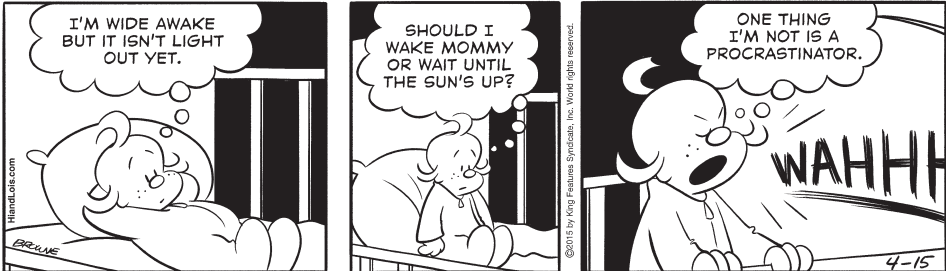
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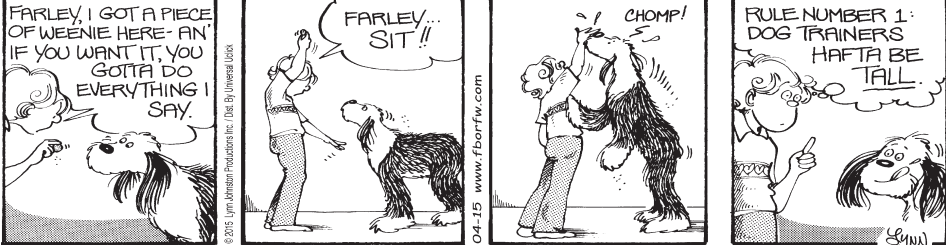
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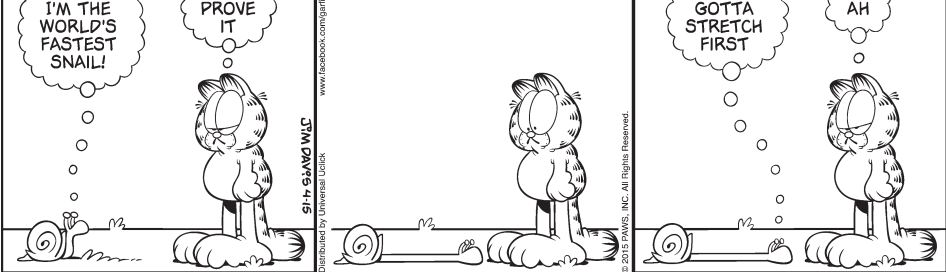
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Sexually Active Women Must Be Vigilant About Protection

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing to warn as many other young women as I can about the dangers of unprotected sex. I thought I had met the man of my dreams. I knew from the beginning he had a girlfriend in his hometown, but he assured me he was breaking it off, so I didn't think twice about starting a relationship.

Well, she moved here and found out about us. He swore to me that there was no one else besides her and me. We have now discovered a third girl - his roommate - with whom he was involved.

Abby, he used no protection with any of us. He swore to us all that he always used it and was regularly tested for STDs. Another lie.

Now his former girlfriend thinks she may have picked up an STD from him, and we all have to be tested to ensure we don't have one.

I now know you can't trust anything you're being told unless there's proof. Go with the guy to get tested and demand to be there for the results. If you suspect (or know) he's seeing someone else, always use protection and insist he be tested regularly.

All three of us could have saved our hearts, our bodies and a lot of turmoil if we hadn't been so trusting. This has left a lasting impression, and now we wonder whether we will be able to trust another man again. - AWAITING THE RESULTS

DEAR AWAITING: Your "boyfriend" was dishonest and irresponsible. You can't be blamed for feeling bitter. Now might be a good time to re-evaluate whether premarital sex is worth the headache and the heartache.

That said, I can't help but wonder how you intended to avoid infection if you and the man of your dreams were having unprotected sex.

Please take this sad experience as a wake-up call, and schedule an appointment with your doctor to discuss all of the consequences that may result from unprotected sex in the 21st century. There are many - and an inability to trust is among the least of them. If a man doesn't protect his partner, then it's up to her to protect herself - both from pregnancy and from sexually transmitted diseases, which are rampant.

DEAR ABBY: I recently bought a new cellphone and was assigned a number by the company that sold it to me. I have been receiving calls and messages for the person who had the number before it was given to me. While the number of the person calling or texting comes up, I do not know the numbers of all my friends and associates, so I have been accepting the calls or texts.

At first, I would let the caller or texter know that the person he/she was trying to reach no longer had this number. However, it takes up my expensive minutes to make those replies. Am I under any obligation to contact these folks, or can I just ignore their contacts? - POLITE IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR POLITE: No rule of etiquette "compels" you to respond to these callers and texters, so consider yourself off the hook.

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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 Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015:

This year you might opt to head in a different direction. You often overthink situations and replay certain scenarios time after time. At least when you make a decision, you know that you are sure. Your intuition will guide you; however, use care should you decide to take financial risks. You will have a tendency to overspend. If you are single, you are in a period where you could meet Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, the two of you often like spending time alone as a couple. These periods are an excellent time to bond on a deeper level. PISCES makes an excellent healer for you.

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 words do draw a response from someone you care about. Go within and acknowledge your feelings. Be aware of what is happening between the two of you. People might seem a little off later in the day, and someone is likely to change his or her tune. Tonight: Not to be found.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Be more forthright when dealing with others, and you will get a different reaction. You also could get a better understand of what is happening around you. Accept additional responsibility, as you will want to be in control of a project. Tonight: Find your friends.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You cannot stay in the world of your imagination forever. It's important is to take a stand and express your different thoughts and ideas. Be aware that the responsibility to carry them out also could fall into your lap. Are you ready to be even busier? Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ One-on-one relating touches others on a much deeper level. Even when dealing with associates you barely know, a direct gaze into someone's eyes will show that person that you're interested in what he or she has to say. Try to tame your mind! Tonight: Be near good music.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ A partner demands your attention. You

easily can fulfill this person's request, as long as you can concentrate. You might want to carefully assess your work schedule. If you're feeling pressured, just take a walk. Fresh air does wonders. Tonight: Count on being in demand.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Others will notice that you seem a bit spacy, and might see you in a new light. A friend will tap into your mindset and encourage you to continue in this vein of thinking. Allow your imagination to soar, and you will be amazed by what comes up. Tonight: Say "yes."

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You'll get a lot done quickly, as a partner might be demanding your time. Though you will want to go your own way, if you are smart, you will make time for this person. In the long run, it could prevent a crisis that results in a time-consuming issue. Tonight: Listen to a suggestion.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Relate to a loved one directly. Others seek you out, and you could feel a bit uptight. You might want to be responsive to everyone, but you need to be selective with your time. You will approach a situation very differently as a result. Tonight: Go with someone's suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You could find yourself in a situation that you would prefer not to be in. A matter involving your domestic life demands a lot of attention. You could feel pushed and become testy. Say "no" rather than put yourself in a tizzy. Tonight: Observe a tendency to close down.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Initiate a conversation with someone who does not listen well. Try to cut the judgments about this person. Be more open and forthright about where you are coming from. Ask questions. Return calls, as you'll need to hear from a key person. Tonight: Be more serious.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ How you see a money matter might be quite different from how someone else sees it. You will be able to gain more understanding if you can tap into his or her thinking. Sometimes the issue is the same, even if the approach is different. Tonight: Let someone else treat.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ People gravitate toward you and make the impossible possible. Someone whom you've wanted to have a conversation with suddenly might become available. You could see some closing down or withdrawal if this person is not ready. Tonight: Dream it up.

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