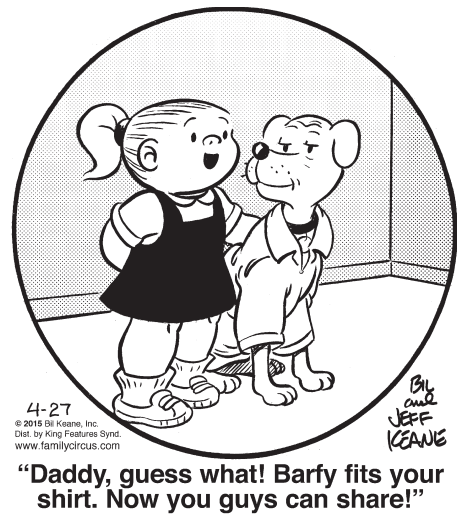
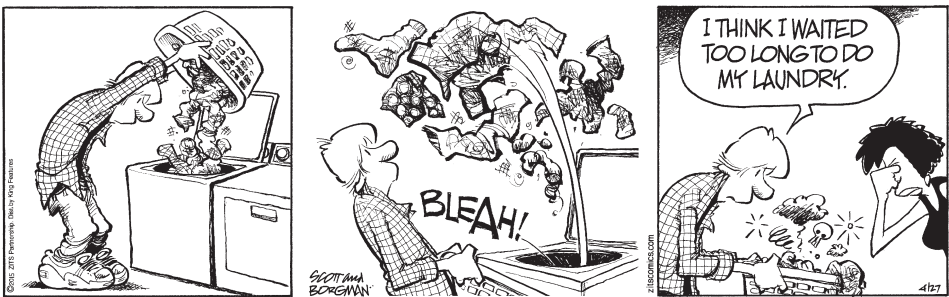


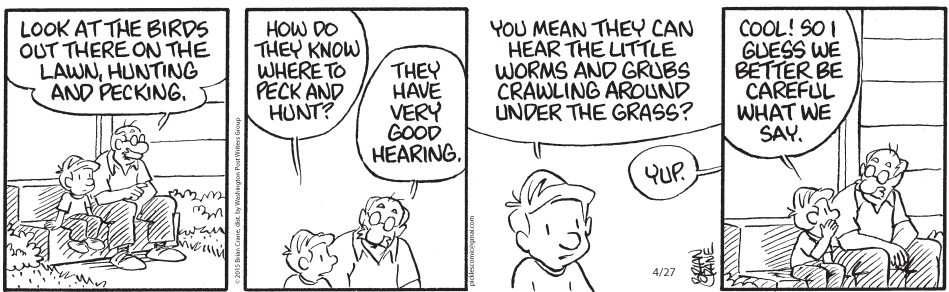
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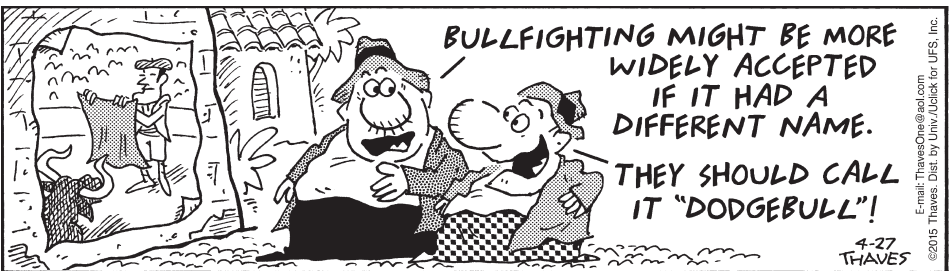
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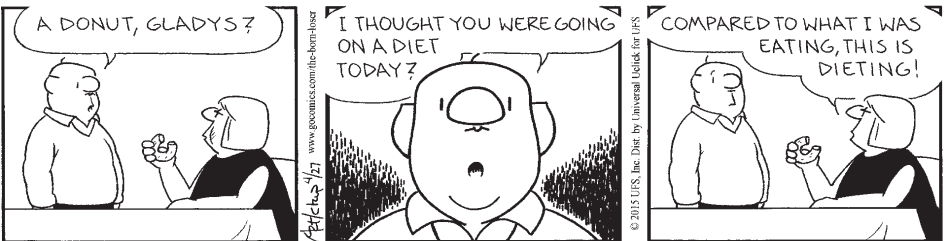
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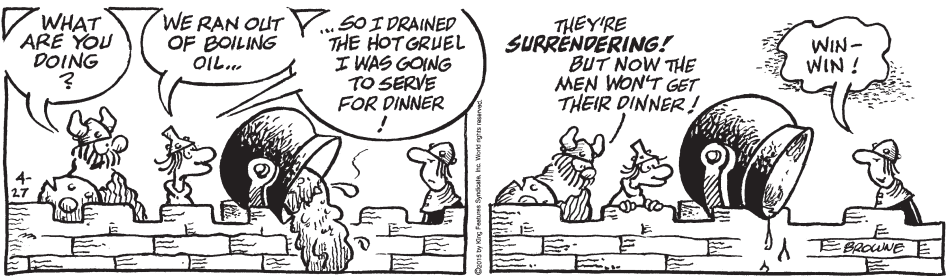
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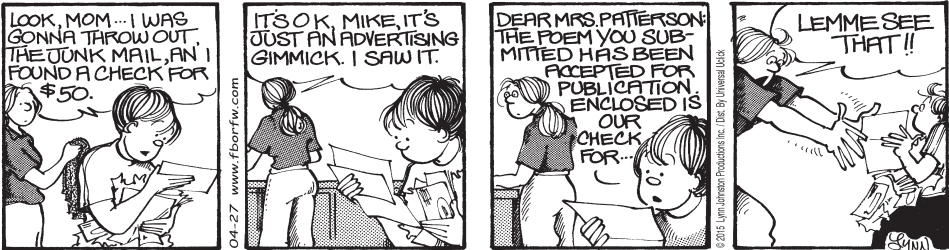
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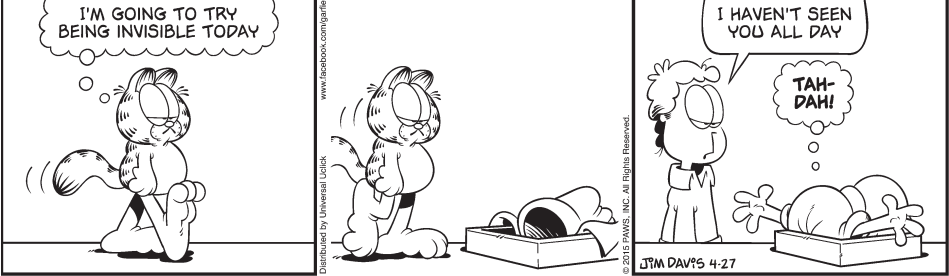
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# Brother With Repeat Offenses Doesn't Merit Sister's Support

DEAR ABBY: My brother is older than I am and has been in and out of prison. He has stolen my things and pawned them.

I am married, and my husband and I are expecting our first child. We live in a time zone several hours behind the one my family is in. I am now receiving phone calls at 4 o'clock in the morning from collection agencies on the hunt for my brother. He has been writing bad checks and leaving my phone number as a contact number.

I have managed to determine who his probation officer is, and I'm on the fence about whether I should tell her what he is up to. My dad is furious with me for even considering it since "brothers and sisters don't do that to each other."

Honestly, I am fed up with this "blood is thicker than water" mentality when it comes to my brother's wrongdoings. He is now including my family in his schemes, and I won't stand for it any longer. What should I do? — LITTLE SIS IN THE USA

DEAR LITTLE SIS: There are no excuses for what your brother has done. If his father had given him a dose of tough love while he was a minor, he might have stayed on the straight and narrow instead of landing in the pokey.

Do not allow anyone to make you feel guilty for protecting yourself and your family. Blood isn't thicker than water when abuse is involved, and your brother's behavior qualifies. Contact his probation officer. With luck, when the collection agency calls again, you will be able to give them your brother's "cell" number.

DEAR ABBY: Last year I had bariatric surgery. Since the surgery I have lost a significant amount of weight and still have a lot to go before I reach my goal weight. In the

beginning, my husband was supportive and seemed proud of my weight loss. But he is no longer as physically interested in me now as he was when I was considerably larger.

I recently discovered several photos of larger women on our computer. Now I'm wondering if he's looking for my replacement or just has a "thing" for bigger women. Should I say something to him about this apparent desire for larger women? — SLIMMING DOWN IN WASHINGTON

DEAR SLIMMING DOWN: If you feel your weight loss may have negatively affected your marriage, you should absolutely talk with your husband about it. Frankly, HE should have discussed it with you before you made the decision. Bariatric surgery is a major operation. It is life-changing and should not be taken lightly.

As I see it, you have taken a giant step in a positive direction healthwise, and I hope nothing will interfere with it. If you and your husband have trouble discussing this, please do it with the help of your doctor or a licensed marriage counselor.

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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 Leo if born before 6:02 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Virgo.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015:

This year you open up to different ideas. Others often challenge you. Be willing to look at where you are coming from. Understand that everyone comes from a different perspective. As a result, you will be less judgmental. If you are single, you will meet someone after this summer. This person could play a remarkable role in your life. If you are attached, the two of you might enjoy staying home together more. You value your relationship, and you'll make sure it gets some needed private time. VIRGO can be very picky.

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 need to cocoon a bit in order to figure out what the current confusion is all about. The issue could be related to communication, or perhaps your finances are involved. Your perspective will change later in the day. Still, use care. Tonight: Let your guard down.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ Allow security and domestic matters to play out. You might not be sure about what would be the best way to proceed. A friend's reaction could seem a bit off-the-wall. Perhaps this person has misinterpreted the implications of your words. Tonight: Hang close to home.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You might want to have a long-overdue chat that could point you down a new path. Your sense of direction seems to revolve around the quality of your communication. Listen to what is being said by all parties involved. Then ask questions. Tonight: A conversation is easy.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You might not understand where someone else is coming from. Finances likely will be involved, and a misunderstanding could be brewing. Communication will point you toward a different solution. Money could be at the heart of this confusion. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

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

★★★★ You could be at your wits' end and

wondering what is going on. Be more flexible and upbeat. If someone else shares something that doesn't make sense to you, ask nonintrusive questions. Be aware of the costs of providing as you have been. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

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

★★★★ You could be a bit out of sorts right now. You might want to rethink a decision you have made. What is important is figuring out how you came to that decision in the first place. Have a long-overdue discussion with a friend later in the day. Tonight: Open up to the moment.

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

★★★★ Emphasize the pluses rather than the minuses. You need to be more trusting of your own thought process and also of those around you. Understand what is happening between you and someone else. Think before you act. Tonight: You need some downtime.

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

★★★ Tension builds during the day. You might question your choices and the reasons behind them. Slow down and listen to feedback, because the results will be much better if you do. The late afternoon will lead to an important discussion. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

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

★★★★ Reach out for more information and greet a loved one's feedback positively. You might not agree, but more insight always helps to solidify your ideas or plans. Tension is likely to build later in the day; perhaps, you feel as if you have not done enough. Tonight: Out late.

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

★★★★ A one-on-one conversation will lead you down a different path. How you deal with someone's responses could change after this talk. You might not agree with this person, but you will understand him or her better as a result. Detach if possible. Tonight: Relax to music.

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

★★★★ You don't have trouble making the first move, but others might want to step up first. They could get difficult if you try to bypass them. You seem to be reviewing a matter in your head that revolves around your personal life. Tonight: Sort through invitations, then choose.

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

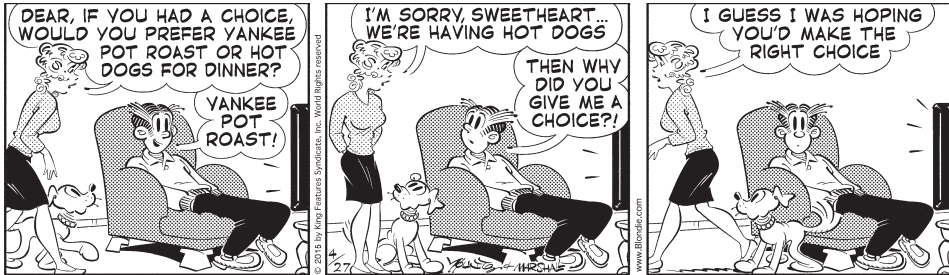
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that is happening around you. Your words, though well-intended, might fall flat. Verbalize the same statement in different ways until you make some headway. Clear out as much as you can. Tonight: Return calls, then decide.

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