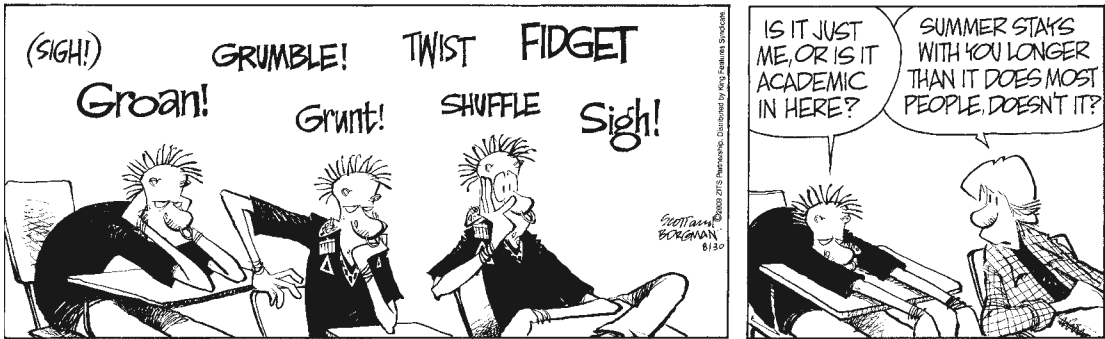


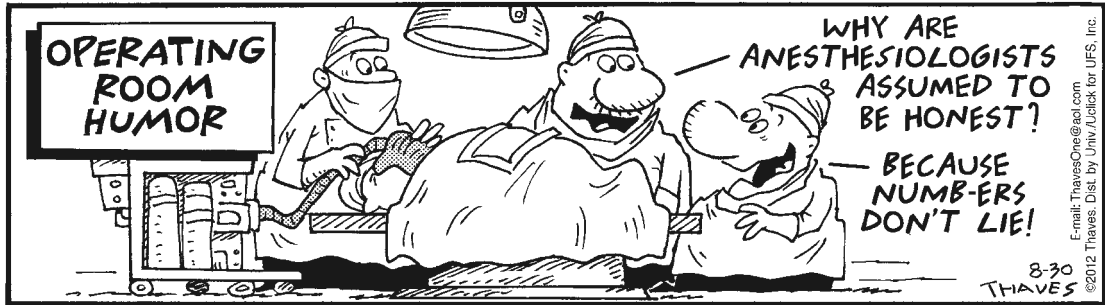
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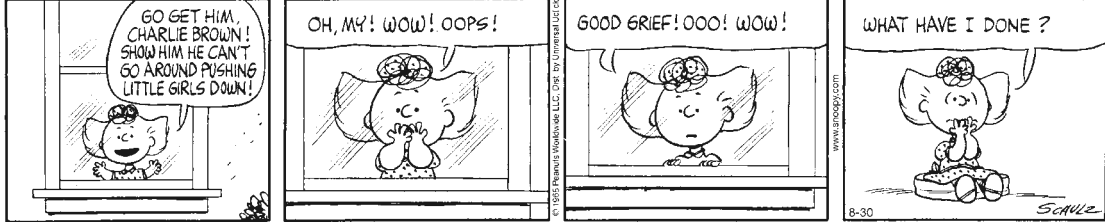
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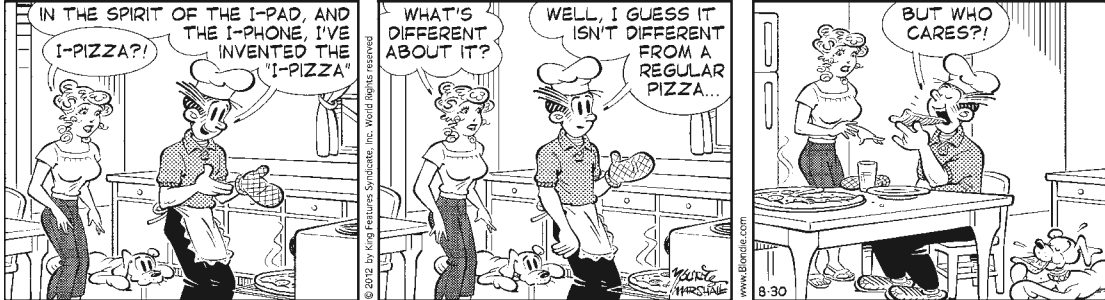
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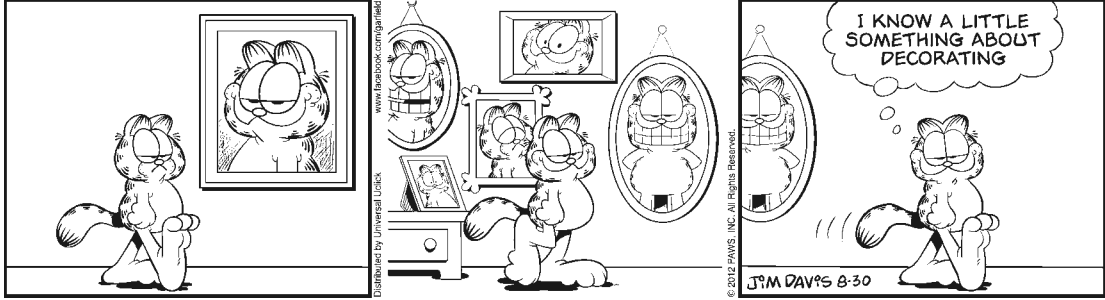
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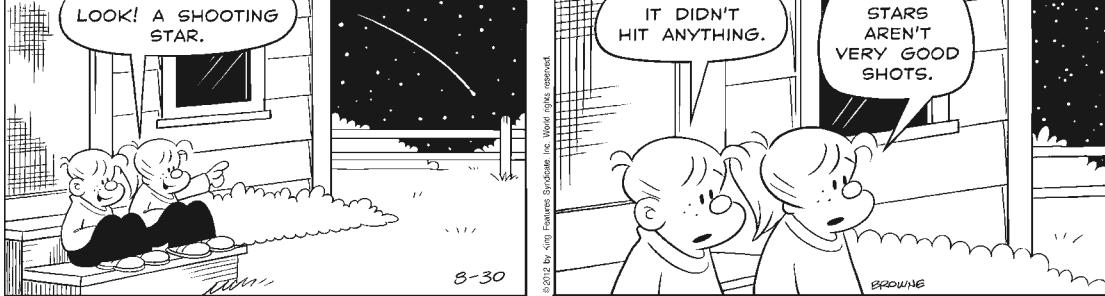
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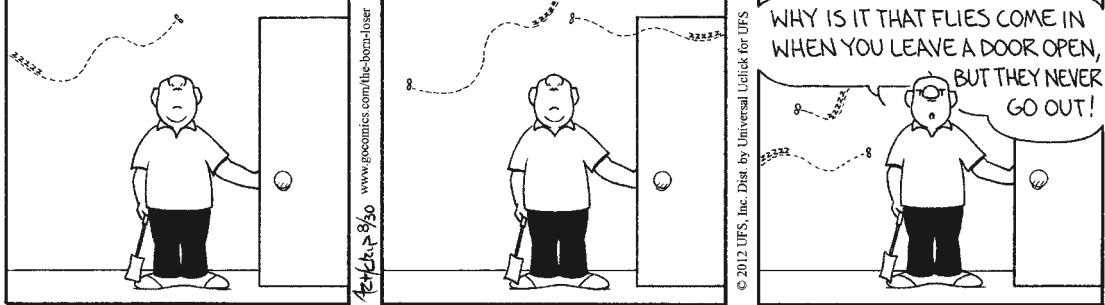
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# Wife Can't Stop Her Man's Habitual Skirt-Chasing

DEAR ABBY: I am 20 years younger than my husband. I am also attractive and sexually available to him. We have a great relationship except for one thing. I can't trust him! I have caught him emailing women he met at work, inviting our neighbor to go with him on a motorcycle ride and heard many stories about him asking women on dates.

But the worst was when I found out he was calling a woman every day and going to her house when I was at work. When I confronted him he said nothing sexual happened, but he moved out for a month.

Why does he feel he has to have other women? I really believe some men are cheaters no matter what. Oh, yeah — I'm his fourth wife. He cheated on the others, too. How can I make him want only me? — CHEATED ON IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR CHEATED ON: You can't. It may give you some comfort to know that the behavior you have described has nothing to do with you or your level of desirability. It is COMPULSIVE. You were naive to think if you married a serial cheater that he would be a faithful husband to you. The only person who can "make" him think differently is him, and before that can happen, he will have to realize he needs to change.

DEAR ABBY: I have been a single mother for seven years raising a wonderful 16-year-old daughter. She is an honor student, works part-time and is very mature. I am dating an older man, "Gary," who has grown children.

Gary feels my daughter is old enough to spend a couple of nights a week alone in our house, while I spend the night with him. His house is 14 miles away. I live in a safe neighborhood, but the idea of leaving her alone makes me very uncomfortable. This is causing a rift between Gary and me. He feels I am

having a hard time "cutting the apron strings." Is he right? — SINGLE MOM IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR SINGLE MOM: Inform Gary you are not ready to "cut the apron strings" because you don't want your relationship with your daughter to turn to shreds. Although you say your daughter is mature, you are responsible for her safety and welfare until she turns 18. And that includes setting a good example for her.

DEAR ABBY: I'm expecting my first child in three months and I am definitely showing. I work in a retirement community, and every day one or more of the residents makes it his or her business to tell me I'm "just getting SOOO BIG!" and then asks if I'm sure "there aren't twins in there." I find their comments rude.

What's the appropriate response to people who make unwelcome comments about my size? I want to tell them that stating the obvious is unnecessary. They wouldn't comment about someone's size who wasn't pregnant, so why is it acceptable in my case? — EXPECTING IN MARYLAND

DEAR EXPECTING: Although you find the comments unwelcome, I'm sure the residents are only trying to be friendly and join in the excitement of another life coming into the world. They are not meant to be insulting and you shouldn't regard them in that light. All you should do is smile, pat your tummy and say, "Not according to the sonogram!" and move on.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more sociable person, order "How to Be Popular." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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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 Virgo and a Moon in Aquarius if born before 3:31 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Pisces.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, AUG. 30, 2012:

You alternate between being coldly rational and practical to being delightfully expressive and fun. Can you understand why some of your close friends could be confused by you at times? If you are single, you could attract someone who responds to one side of your personality and not the other. Go for broke. Look for places to mingle in summer 2013. If you are attached, your sweetie could be highly responsive to your ability to greet change with ease. As a result, your relationship will evolve to a new level.

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 friendship defines a relationship, especially as the other party initially is not as enthusiastic as you are. A tendency of yours to go overboard comes out. Perhaps you need to relax more. Make plans to start the weekend as early as possible. Tonight: Not to be found.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Understand your role, which could change rapidly during the day. An associate finally opens up because of your efforts, and you'll take the lead in moving a situation forward. You easily could go to extremes if you are not careful. Accept a call from a friend. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You have an opportunity to break a pattern and head in a different direction once you understand the limitations of the course you are on. You might not want to share all the possibilities that come forward. Tonight: Be a statesman of sorts.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★★ Deal with a key person or friend in your life directly. Your sensitivity comes out in the way you respond to someone's offer. Take in the possibilities here, as well as what is being proposed in the discussion. You might be taken aback. Tonight: Let your imagination drift with music.

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

★★★★★ You know when to defer to others. Such an occasion emerges today. A partner or loved one could be

demanding. As a result, your perspective will change. You might want to rethink a particular situation. Lots of talking helps iron out a problem. Tonight: With that favorite person.

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

★★★ You might be more easygoing than in the past. Still, you need to adapt, not only to a changing financial situation, but also to a transformation involving a friend or loved one. Just relax -- it will be easy. Let someone else take the lead. Tonight: Go with a different choice.

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

★★★★ You are as frisky as can be. You might wonder why you are heading in a direction that has a dead end. Perhaps it is the process you enjoy more than the end results. Be open to a positive change and new opportunities. Tonight: Squeeze in a walk or some other form of exercise.

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

★★★★ Pressure builds from the morning into the afternoon. You might feel as if you cannot handle what is on your plate until you get a wonderful idea for a solution. Relax, and weigh the pros and cons. Use your imagination. Tonight: Incorporate new information.

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

★★★★ You might want to continue an irritating conversation to fully understand where someone is coming from. You could be overtired or dragged down by your own thoughts. Express your imagination and sense of determination. Tonight: Happy to go home.

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

★★★ Handle financial matters early on in the day. You could be subject to drifting thoughts in the afternoon, though there might be a great idea embedded in those daydreams. Follow your instincts with a much-needed conversation with a sibling or neighbor. Tonight: Take a relaxing walk.

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

★★★★ Use the morning to the max, when you are at your prime. Communication among friends or associates reveals some nuggets of information you will want to hear. You might decide to check out those facts, or you could invest some time in a project. Tonight: Your treat.

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

★★★★ As the day goes on, you feel better and better. Use the morning for quieter activities, like doing research or reading the paper. Your perspective on a trip or possible heartfelt venture opens up. Tonight: Do absolutely what you want.

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