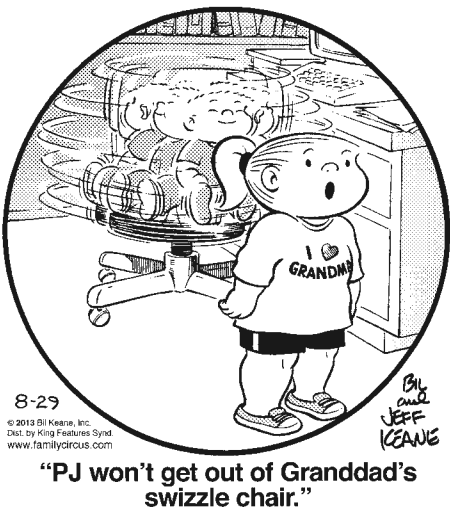
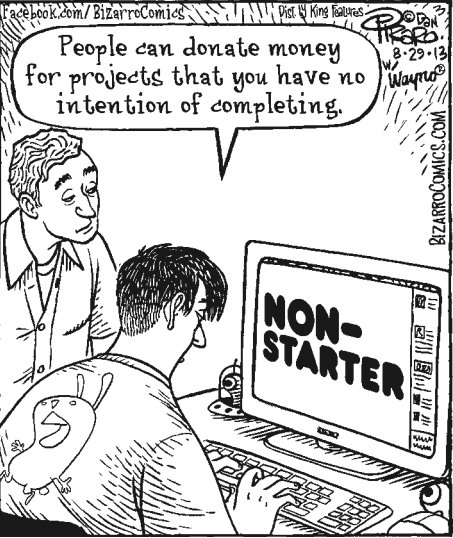


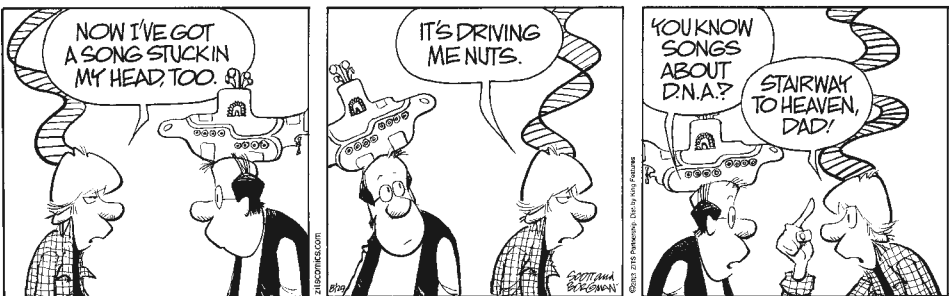
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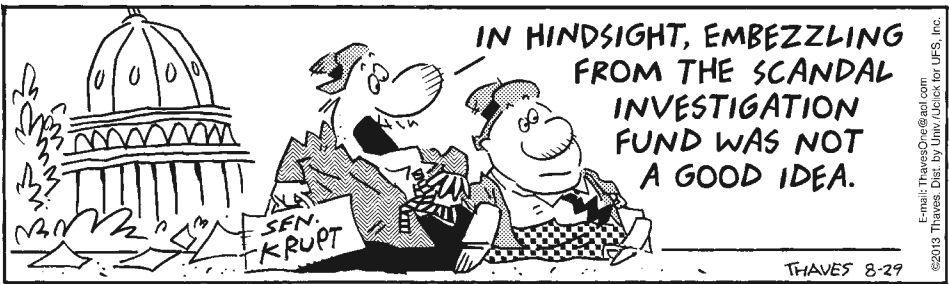
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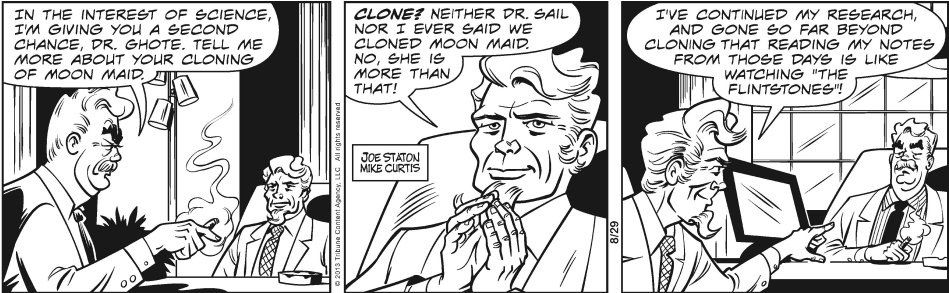
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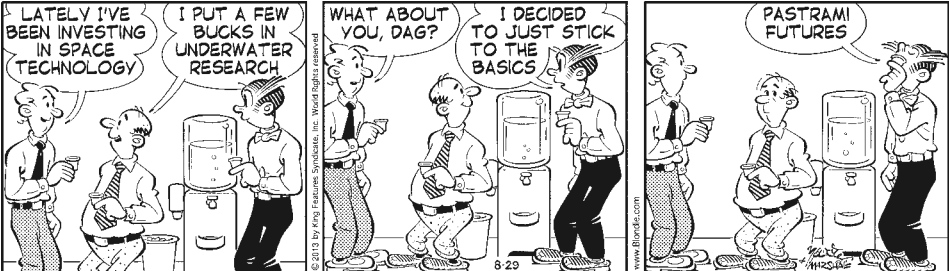
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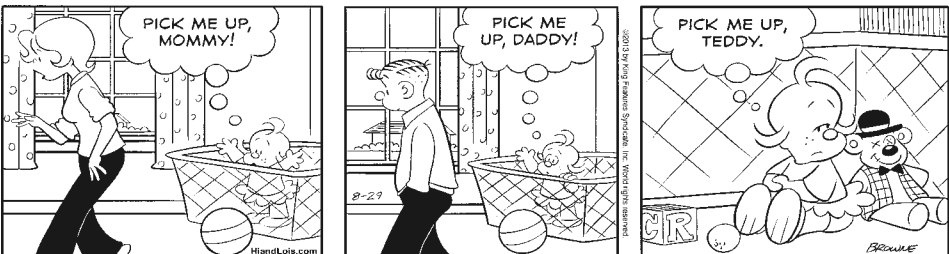
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# Calls To Old Girlfriend Put Wife On Full Alert

DEAR ABBY: While I was out of town, my husband, "Miles," ran into his high school girlfriend at a party hosted by good friends of ours. She has been through a bad divorce, and Miles insists his desire to keep in touch with her is merely concern for a dear friend. Until I put a stop to it, he was calling her every night, talking with her for at least an hour at a time. He said there was nothing more to it.

I have now insisted that he call her only once a week and in my presence. He's complying, but it distresses me to hear him enjoy the conversation so much. Miles truly cares about her and she makes him laugh. He says he loves only me and will never leave me. He's a good man and I believe him, but ...

How should I handle this? I don't want to forbid him to talk to her, but I am feeling very insecure. Am I foolish to let their contact continue? We have been married 30 years. — THREATENED IN KENTUCKY

DEAR THREATENED: Tell your husband you know he loves you, has good morals and would never leave you, but that you feel intimidated by his renewed relationship with his high school sweetheart. Tell him you know he is kindhearted, but for YOUR mental health to please consider winding down these conversations. And it would be a kindness for him to recommend a counselor to his friend to help her resolve her issues.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 27 and the mother of a 6-year-old boy. I kiss him on the mouth and never thought twice about it until today, when my husband told me it's "creepy" that I do it at my son's age.

In my family we have always kissed on the mouth, and I still kiss my mother this

way. Is it "weird" or inappropriate? I didn't think so, but now I'm concerned. — "SMOOCHY" IN TACOMA, WASH.

DEAR "SMOOCHY": Did you also kiss your father on the mouth? Different families have different customs, and if your husband spent much time around your family he should have noticed that. I don't see anything weird or inappropriate about the way you kiss your child. If your son reaches an age where it makes him uncomfortable, I'm sure he'll let you know.



## DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I work in customer service and have noticed that more than half the people who write in abruptly end their emails with "Please advise."

To me, it seems rude and demanding. I feel that if a question has already been asked, there is no need to follow up with this phrase. What is the proper etiquette for using this phrase? — OFFENDED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR OFFENDED: There is no rule of etiquette pertaining to the use of the phrase "please advise." Many individuals who write to me for advice end their letters that way. It's not offensive; it simply means the person is asking for a reply.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Wedding 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 Gemini all day.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, AUG. 29, 2013:

This year you experience a bit of stress as a result of having to distinguish your public image from your natural self. You might not feel as free as you might like in public, and therefore you often are withdrawn in conversations. If you are single, you could encounter someone who likes just one side of your personality. Keep dating until you find someone who accepts all of you. If you are attached, the two of you sometimes encounter rigidity between you. Recognize that neither person wants to hurt the other. Count on GEMINI to overwhelm you with ideas.

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)

Keep in mind that trying to establish an agreement could be futile in this present atmosphere. As much as you might receive several "yeses" in several days, the conversation will need to be repeated. Work with the existing situation. Tonight: Think weekend plans.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You'll be looking for an opportunity to discuss a financial investment with an associate. It might seem like a good time, but any agreement or conversation you have now will be like quicksand, as it will vanish and be forgotten very soon. Tonight: Make it your treat.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

You are all smiles because you see an open period entering your life when you will have more time for yourself. Be willing to go along with someone else's efforts and have a serious conversation. You might be too tired or cranky to open up, but try anyway. Tonight: Order in.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Reach out to someone you care about. Listen to news more openly than you have in the past. You might feel hurt by someone's comment. Let it go, as you might be oversensitive right now. Let your creativity flow when interacting with others. Tonight: Not to be found.

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

You know what you want. You could be rather overwhelmed by a situation that is exhausting. Your ability to make a difference allows you to

make the right choices. Others might be slightly envious of how stable you are. Tonight: Zero in on what needs to happen.

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

Touch base with a friend. You might need to take the lead and handle a personal matter. Listen to what is being said by someone you look up to. The pressure might be very difficult to handle, as this person could have high expectations of you. Tonight: Take a stand.

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

Keep reaching out to someone whom you care a lot about. You seem to have left this person alone for too long. Read between the lines, and honor what is happening within you. Be willing to put yourself on the line. Tonight: Try to see beyond the obvious.

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

Observe what is happening within your circle of friends and how they might be affected by a recent situation. It would be wise to eliminate an irritant. Consider your options carefully, yet look at the whole picture and not just at the individuals involved. Tonight: Foster a better relationship.

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

Others continue to seek you out; they have an offer that is too good to refuse. Do not lose sight of your priorities. You need to act like the strong person you are, who knows how to lead. Someone can't get seem to get away from how appealing you are. Tonight: Say "yes."

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

You might want to approach a personal matter very differently. You have wisdom on your side. The only mistake you could make would be to defer to someone else. You know what is good for you, and someone else can't make the choice for you. Tonight: Run some errands.

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

You clearly are in weekend mode, which is fine -- if you're on vacation. However, if you're not, you could have an adverse effect on an associate. If at work, try for some semblance of interest in what others are doing. A boss still might see through you. Tonight: Ever playful.

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

You might be very concerned about a personal or domestic issue. Being present will take self-discipline. You also might have difficulty looking at the long-term implications of a decision at the moment. Tonight: Head home, and perhaps run an errand or two along the way.

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