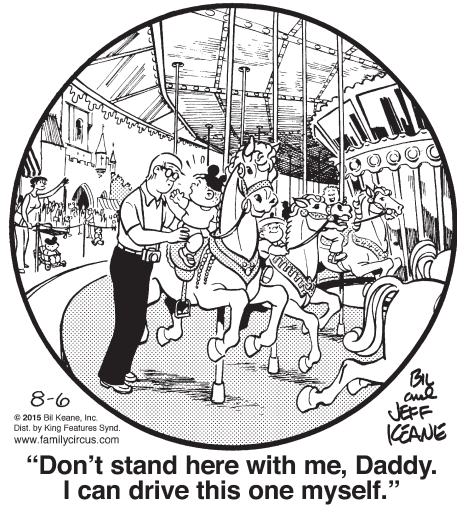
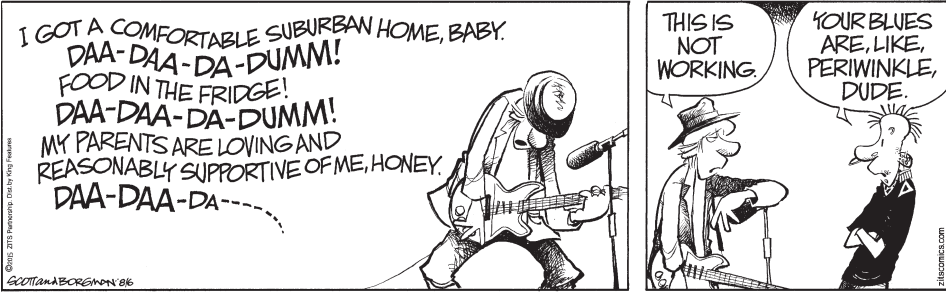


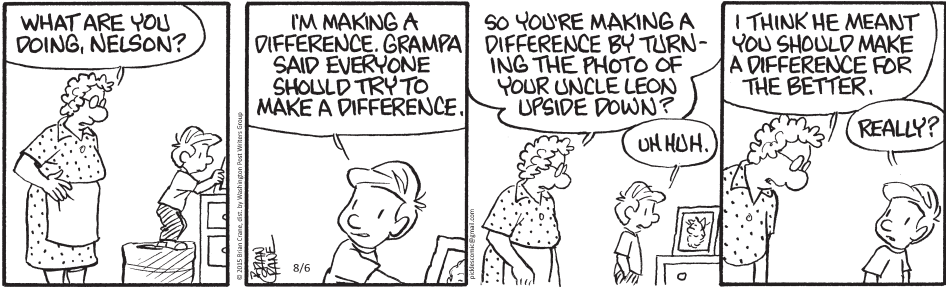
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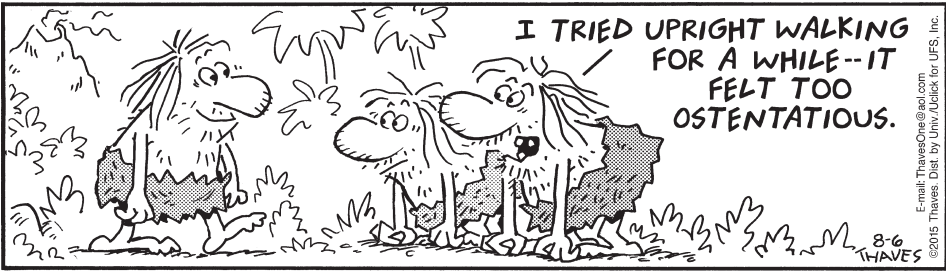
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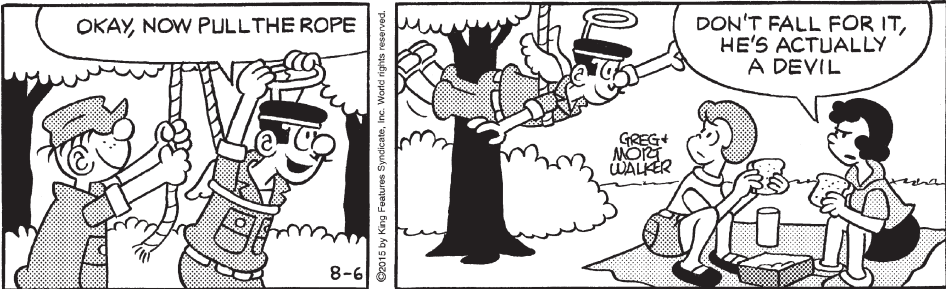
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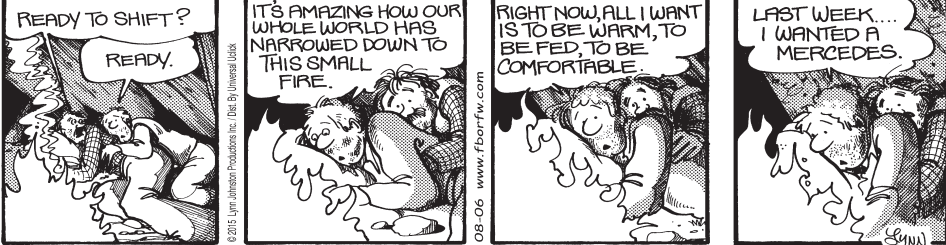
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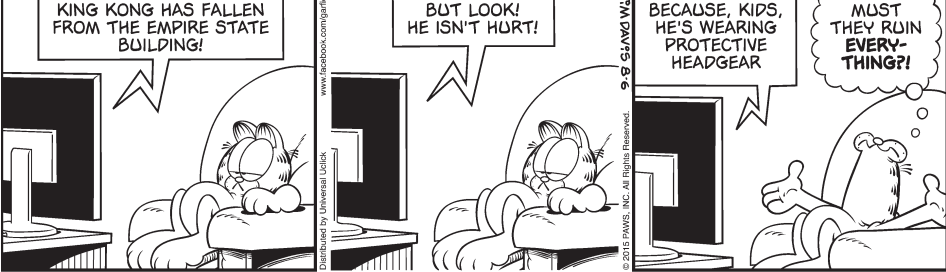
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# Wife Suffers Increasing Pain From Man's Verbal Attacks

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "Ken" for 10 years. He is a successful business owner. It has been a struggle to stay married to him because he has control issues and when he doesn't get his way, he begins a verbal assault on his victim – usually me. He has no friends because he runs them off, claiming they did him wrong (not true), and his employees don't like him and talk badly about him behind his back. They stay because he pays well. He uses his money to control people. I love Ken, and life can be normal at times, but once he thinks I'm getting out from under his thumb, his destructive behavior begins. He treats me like his worst enemy. The pain is becoming unbearable. One minute he tells me he loves me, and the next he is punishing me for not coming home from the store on time. I researched online and learned he has many of the traits of a narcissist. It scares me because he doesn't know he has a problem. He thinks the rest of the world is messed up instead of him. How can I approach him in a way that won't send him over the edge? When I say anything to him he thinks is an attack, he comes back at me viciously. I don't know whether to stay, hoping he'll see the light one day, or get out before I'm emotionally damaged beyond repair. – BROKEN IN TEXAS

DEAR BROKEN: Your husband may have a personality disorder, but YOU are a victim of emotional and financial abuse. Much as you might want to, you can't "fix" him because he appears to be comfortably in denial about having a problem. It is important, however, that you get some help for yourself. Contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline and talk to someone there about what has been going on (thehotline.org, (800) 799-7233). They can help you formulate a safe plan of escape, should you need one. Next, consult a lawyer about what your



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

rights are as a wife in the great state of Texas. If you can find out what the marital assets are, do that as well – but do it quietly, because if your husband realizes, he will likely try to move/hide them or retaliate to get you back under his control. I don't have to tell you how unhealthy his behavior is, but it may take your leaving to make him take a look at himself.

DEAR ABBY: A bus station I was waiting in had two clearly marked men's and women's single restrooms. What do you say or do when the women's bathroom is occupied and there are two women waiting ahead of a man to use the men's restroom? Who has priority for the men's room in this case? The two women ahead of me in line, or me, the male who came after them? I'd like to point out that they were young women who were clearly not in an emergency. – WAITING IN LINE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WAITING: The person whose gender matches the sign on the door should take precedence – although a gentleman probably wouldn't insist upon it if a lady seemed to be in distress.

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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 Leo and a Moon in Taurus.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, AUG. 6, 2015:

This year you make waves just by being yourself. You have a tendency to get stuck in situations that are reflective of a fixed attitude. Sometimes even your own thoughts contradict each other. If you are single, when dating, these conflicting perspectives will emerge in your interactions. Some people love your diversity; others might be scared off by it. Choose the person who supports your authenticity. If you are attached, the two of have been working toward making a major purchase that could affect the quality of your life. Use good sense in this purchase. TAURUS can be controlling. 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 feel awkward in a conversation with a dear friend when you reveal a certain amount of knowledge about a situation that he or she is unaware of. Avoid revealing your opinions; just state the facts. Tonight: Make it your treat.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You have what others lack, and your energy remains high. Where you choose to direct your focus might surprise some people. You might be more concerned about a family matter than you let on. Tonight: Share a special wish.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Go within yourself to get the answers you want. Sometimes, playing it low-key is crucial. Do a better job of listening and getting to the bottom of a problem. What you hear could trigger a lot of thoughts. Tonight: Not to be found.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Meetings will point you toward the path for fulfilling a long-term goal. Avoid discouraging a loved one who is feeling a bit off, as this person might have difficulty anchoring in. Tonight: Get some errands done first.

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

★★★★ You might want to make an effort to

get past someone's resistance. This person seems to have control over you, or perhaps you feel as if you need to answer to him or her. Know that you can do what you want. Tonight: Out late.

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

★★★★ Don't hesitate to seek out someone who is relatively tuned in to your lifestyle. Though you don't want to get involved in a problem, you might find yourself in one anyway. Honor a change of pace. Tonight: Be more forthright.

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

★★★★ Be aware of the role money plays in your mind. You will be able to get past this issue if you can recognize why it is so important. Honor a change of plans, even if you are skeptical about it. Tonight: Listen to a family member.

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

★★★★ You could be in a situation where you will need to reach out to your friends for help. Your efforts will make a difference. You have a way of drawing others in. Nevertheless, the interactions can be difficult. Tonight: Say "yes" to living it up!

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

★★★★ Your even pace helps get the job done. A friend could make a strong point that affects your thoughts about your home life. Know that you might be taking a negative slant on nearly everything. It is simply a phase. Tonight: Take a walk.

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

★★★★ Remain playful and creative with someone who tends to be too serious and withdrawn. Know that you do make a difference, but you must work with others' energy levels. Reach out to a close friend. Tonight: Add more fun into your day.

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

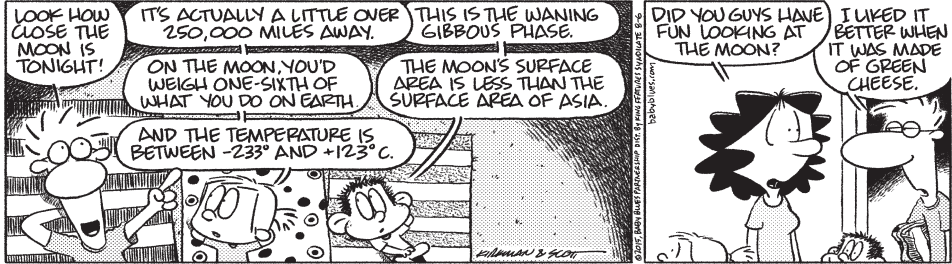
★★★★ Understand where someone else is coming from. It might be difficult to identify with this person, as you come from such different backgrounds. An older friend might want some distance. Make this OK for now. Tonight: Mosey on home.

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

★★★★ You could make an error or wish someone had done something differently. You also recognize that you can't change the situation. Understand that others do care what happens. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

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