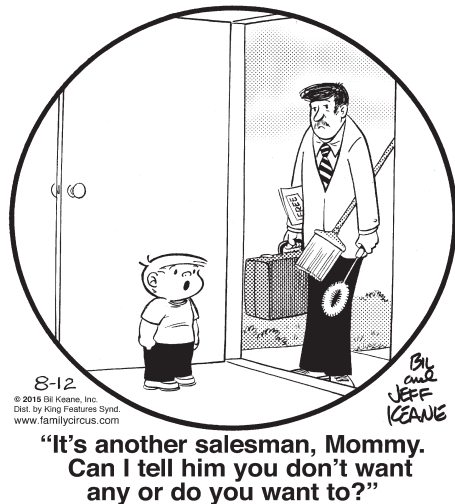
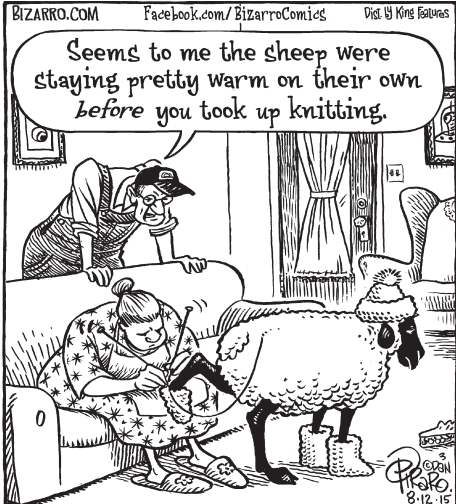


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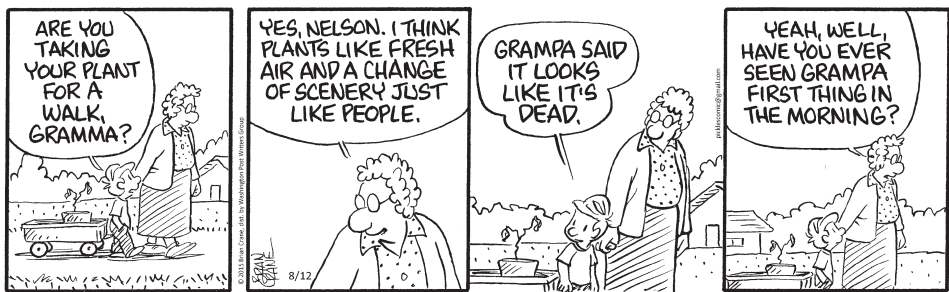
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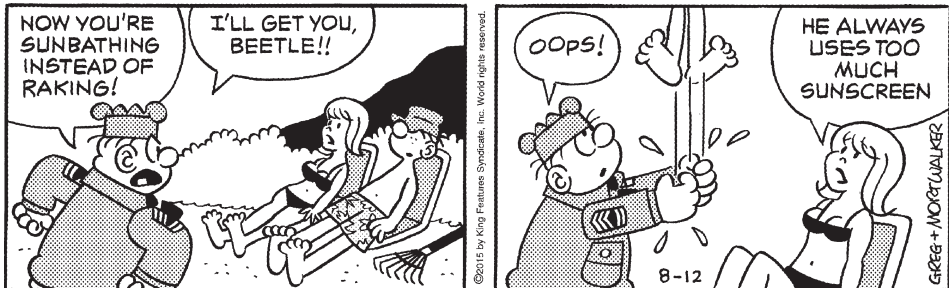
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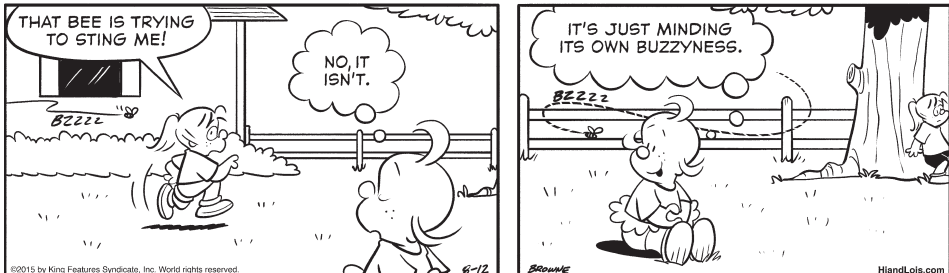
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Husband Embraces Online Contact All Too Eagerly

DEAR ABBY: Are senior citizens having more affairs these days? I used to laugh at the "old couples' sex letters" I'd see in your column – until it hit home.

My husband (age 68) ran into a 38-year-old ex-waitress friend. They had lunch, which led to emails and texts, which led to sexts and then a full-blown affair. I believe these personal/secretive forms of communication make going from texting to sexting much too easy.

Our generation didn't have much sexual freedom growing up. I think men of that generation have a "go for it before it's too late" mentality, and the combination of the Internet and Viagra is making it possible.

Should every couple insist on access to their spouse's devices? How do you broach the subject? I wish I had seen the number of texts being sent early on. Then this whole ugly affair might have been averted. Now my trust, my respect and our marriage are all in crisis. – SHARON IN NAPLES, FLA.

DEAR SHARON: Technology and medicine are extending the sex lives of many seniors these days. However, I don't think it's necessary for couples to check each other's electronic devices if there is no cause for suspicion. In your case, because of your husband's infidelity, you do have that right – and the way to broach the subject is to tackle it head on. And if you haven't already, insist that your husband join you in marriage counseling.

DEAR ABBY: I am dating a guy (seriously) who is fantastic. "Kyle" is smart, trustworthy, kind – and incredibly gorgeous. The problem is, he has two Boston terriers who drive me crazy – one in particular whose breathing is so loud all the time that we can't even hear a TV program or each other speak. That dog is super hyper and has destroyed numerous

things in my house. Kyle's house reeks of doggy odor, and the dogs also have horrible gas and vomit often.

If we are staying over at my place, his dogs come with him. I hate it! It is the weirdest thing, but I notice my anxiety level rises when the dogs are here, running around and snorting uncontrollably. There are other issues, but I don't want to write a novel.

I am trying to live in the moment and not let it bother me. But in this moment, it is intrusive and annoying. What can I do? – BRYAN IN CHICAGO

DEAR BRYAN: Kyle may be gorgeous, but he doesn't appear to be a very responsible pet owner. He should have asked his veterinarian to check his dogs when he realized they were having repeated gastrointestinal upsets. As to the poor animals' breathing, it may be because short-faced dogs are prone to breathing problems.

It's possible that Kyle is so used to the doggy odor in his house that he no longer smells it. That's why it couldn't hurt to tell him YOU have noticed it, that it's overwhelming, and it's time to get a professional cleaning crew in there.

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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 Cancer if born before 4:52 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12, 2015:

This year you could experience a new beginning in at least one area of your life. Many of you will see greater creativity emerge that will affect your day-to-day routine. Financial gain will result from your dynamic attitude and hard work. If you are single, you seem to push away your many admirers. Don't be so critical. Somewhere around you waits a potential sweetie. If you are attached, the two of you seem more drawn to each other than usual. Avoid a tendency to be me-oriented. Remember both of you are part of the whole, and need to be treated as such. A fellow LEO often challenges you without intending to.

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 pressured to find a solution to a personal matter. You would benefit from speaking to an adviser whom you trust. The ideas will flow naturally in a brainstorming session. As a result, you will see the right path to follow. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Your playfulness comes out when dealing with a loved one. Your focus will be on your personal life. You might wonder which would be the best way to move forward. A discussion with a close friend will offer you some solutions. Tonight: Make it easy -- order in.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Your concerns can easily be handled with a little self-discipline and a lot of energy. Once you grasp the power of your inner strength, you will be able to deal with an issue concerning your daily life. A conversation could be very important. Tonight: Out at a favorite spot.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You could be at your wits' end when dealing with an inquisitive person in your life. You might want to establish a stronger budget or tap into your self-discipline when going shopping. Be more direct with those around you. Tonight: Positive vibes flow.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You might be slow to rise in the morn-

ing, but by the afternoon, the Lion within you will wake up and put you back in control. Postpone as much as you can. Financial extremes could make you uncomfortable. Be ready to say "no" to a request. Tonight: Ask for what you want.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might have to deal with someone who has caused you a great deal of pain. Stay on top of what you must get done. Don't let this situation affect you in a negative way. Your creativity is likely to emerge when dealing with this matter. Tonight: Take some time off just for you.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Take your time researching a key question. What you find out could point you in a new direction. A meeting could prove to be important, as it allows you to test out several ideas. A discussion with a friend will help you consolidate a plan. Tonight: Follow a friend's suggestion.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You might feel overtired and withdrawn later in the day. Unfortunately, you are likely to be called upon by others to offer your knowledge. Slow down and take a break around lunch if you can. You will be happier as a result. Tonight: A must acceptance.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Deal with a close child or loved one directly. The conversation you have might be confidential, and it could make the other party feel vulnerable. Remain sensitive and deal with others on an individual level. You know what you need to do. Tonight: Relax to a good movie.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ One-on-one relating will cause you to question certain decisions that you recently have made. Honor a change of pace, and know where you are going. Once you accept your personal goals, your decisions could change substantially. Tonight: Where others are.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

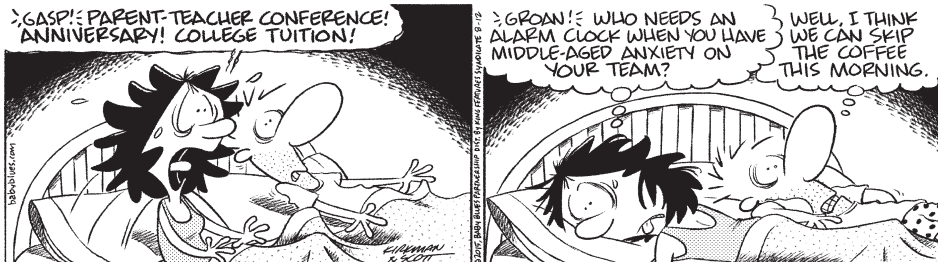
★★★★ Emphasize what you can complete in the morning. Sometime in the afternoon, others are likely to encourage you to take a break or to network, depending on what the situation is. You will flourish with a change of pace. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

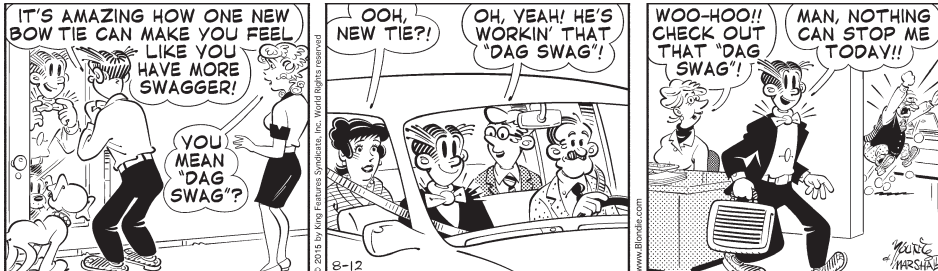
★★★ Tap into your creativity for solutions in the morning. You might want to pay more attention to this sector of your life. By midafternoon, you will re-energize and be willing to spend more time on your work and other responsibilities. Tonight: Take a personal night.

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