

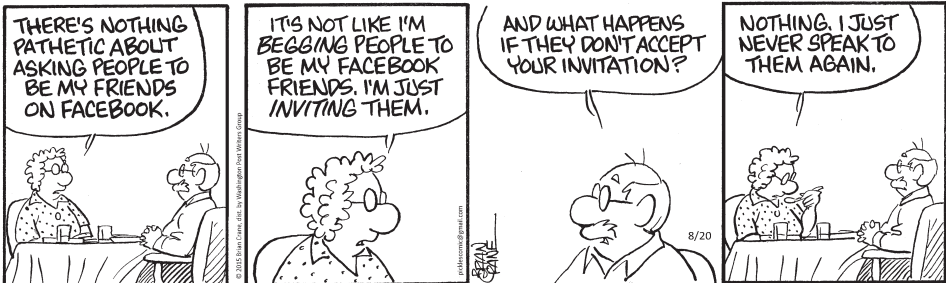
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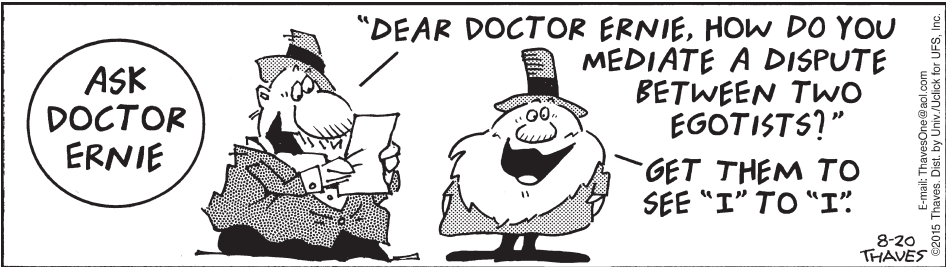
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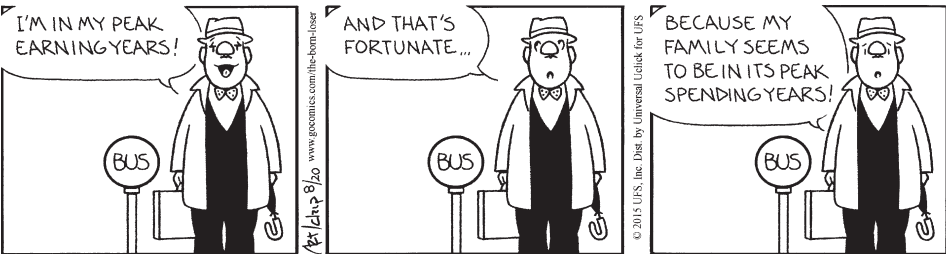
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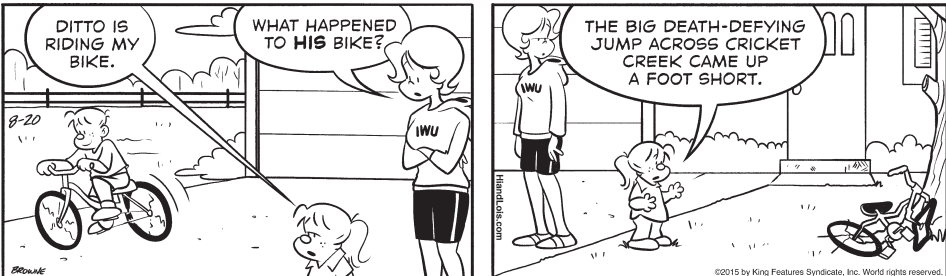
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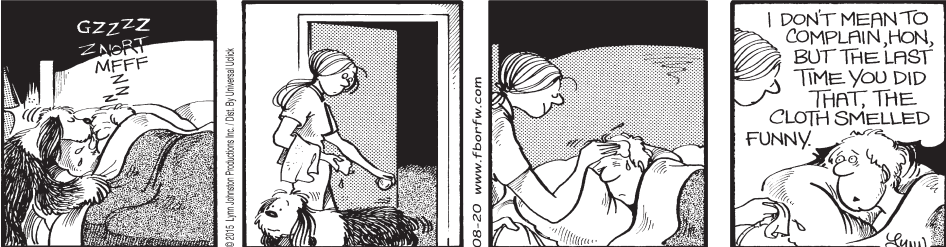
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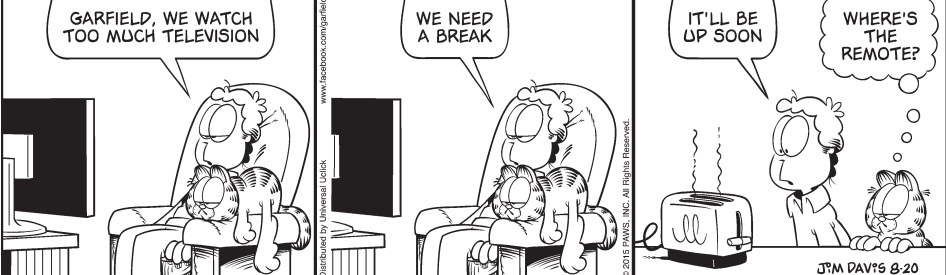
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Teenage Boys Need Reliable Advice About Contraception

DEAR ABBY: In my family alone, three young women have – by their own admission – gotten pregnant on purpose to get their boyfriends to marry and support them. None of these marriages worked out. The horrible relationships were and still are hurtful and damaging, not only to the children, but also to the rest of the family. I'm aware of several other women who have admitted to entrapping their baby daddy by "forgetting to take their pills," so I know this isn't just happening in my family.

Contraceptive measures for boys are limited and fallible, and I am concerned. My nephews' mother entrapped their now-absent father, so I doubt she'll mention this to them. How and when does a relative talk to soon-to-be teen boys about entrapment? – ANONYMOUS RELATIVE

DEAR RELATIVE: The subject of contraception should be part of an ongoing, age-appropriate conversation about sex and reproduction. Boys and girls mature physically earlier than they did decades ago, and because of the Internet they are often exposed to a wide variety of information.

I do think a warning is in order because of your regrettable family situation. However, you should be aware that no law dictates that a man "has" to marry a woman (or girl) he has gotten pregnant. If a paternity test proves he is the father of the baby, he is required to support his child until the child is no longer a minor.

DEAR ABBY: My widowed mother-in-law began dating a man a few months ago. My husband and I are happy for her because he seems to be a good person. She really seems to enjoy spending time with him.

We live in Michigan and she lives in South Carolina. She told me she has asked him to come with her the next time she visits us. I have no problem with this, but I do not want them to share a room in my home because

they're not married. I have boys who are 10 and 13, and I think it would send the wrong message.

Yes, I know I'm old-fashioned. Talk about role reversal! How do I handle this? – STICKING TO IT

DEAR STICKING TO IT: Handle it by offering to make reservations for your mother-in-law and her gentleman friend at a nearby hotel or motel. And if she asks you why, explain it to her as you explained it to me.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have neighbors whose house I go to in order to see pay-per-view fights. I split the cost of the fights and food with them. The problem is, if anyone else comes over, they don't pitch in. Also, they eat the food I just paid half of. Another issue is I eat for one and they eat for five, yet we split the cost down the middle. How do I resolve this? – SHORT END OF THE DEAL IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SHORT END: You could try duking it out, but the most effective way would be for you to discuss it with your neighbors, because I agree what's happening doesn't seem fair to you.

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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 Libra if born before 5:24 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, AUG. 20, 2015:

This year your passion runs high and sometimes points you in different directions. You like to be sunny and open-minded, but sometimes you discover that you have a haziness around you. Keep communicating your diverse feelings. If you are single, you are likely to develop a very important relationship. If you are attached, your sweetheart can be found trying to figure out which of your different moods you are exhibiting. No matter what, he or she will not be bored. SCORPIO encourages you to be more open about your intensity.

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)

★★★★ Gossip or a call in the morning could trigger strong feelings. Reach out to someone in the know for more information, and you will be able to bypass a problem. Nevertheless, someone could decide to be argumentative. Walk away from what is happening. Tonight: Say "yes."

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ You could be easily irritated by what is happening behind the scenes. A family member might be disruptive, which could affect another relationship. Ask for more of what you need from a loved one. Tonight: Find your friends and make dinner plans.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ What occurs in the morning will have very little to do with what goes on later in the day. Let go of frustration quickly when dealing with each matter. Take a walk if you feel your temper surfacing. You might need to slow down. Tonight: Be careful with mechanical equipment.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ What you hear in the morning won't be representative of how the day goes. Many people have different approaches to different problems. You are flexible and because of the trait, you have the ability to find solutions. Tonight: Laugh and lighten up the moment.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ You might have noticed how hot-tem-

pered you have been as of late. Often you are triggered by personal matters. How you express your feelings will be reflective of how your message is received. Do your best to communicate your issues. Tonight: Head home early.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Keep communication flowing so you can get to the bottom of a problem. You might be swallowing some anger and causing yourself a problem. Try to clear up a disagreeable situation by having a discussion. Others will be highly responsive. Tonight: Hang out and make plans.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ You can worry a lot about a problem and still not succeed in getting the matter under control. Only when you decide to use some self-discipline and get control of what is going will you see the situation differently. Look within for answers. Tonight: Pay bills first.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You are on top of your game, yet someone cannot resist criticizing and being difficult with you. Normally you would toss this situation out of your life. However, it would be wise to just smile and tap into your inner strength and resourcefulness. Tonight: As you like it.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ You would be best off not getting involved in any tumultuous situations right now. Someone cares about you a lot, but at the moment, detaching from all interaction might be best. You'll see the situation from a new perspective as a result. Tonight: Get some R and R.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You have the advantage of seeing situations for what they are. A meeting will prove to be worth your time, as it is likely to clear up many problems. You might see a situation differently from how others see it, but in a way that is worthwhile. Tonight: Where the action is.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ There are ways to hide, and you might have that inclination right now, as a boss, parent or someone you need to answer to becomes very demanding. A relationship could be suffering as a result of someone else's bad mood. Do what you must. Tonight: Vanish ASAP.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

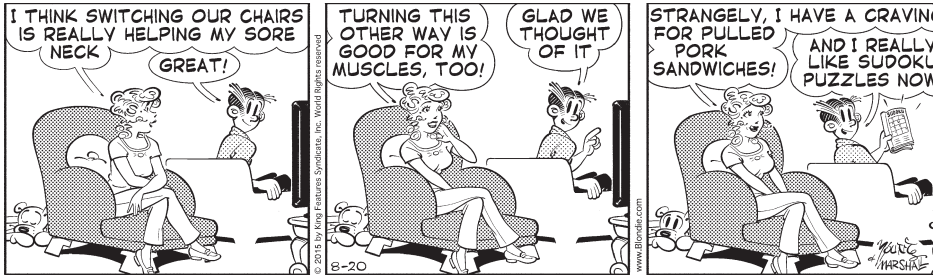
★★★★ You are more emotional than you realize. Be aware of someone who might be subtly agitating you and causing you a problem. Try to relax and keep your eye on the big picture. How you handle a personal matter could change. Tonight: Think about making weekend plans.

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