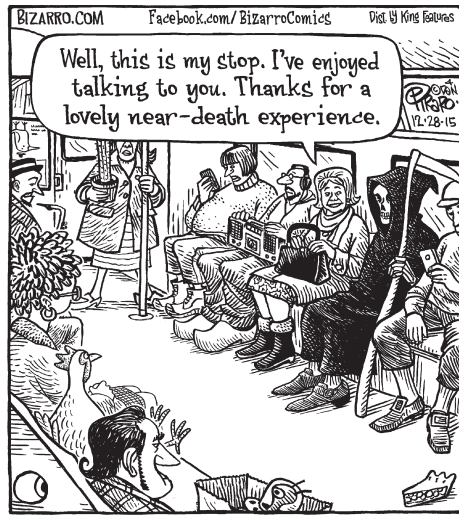


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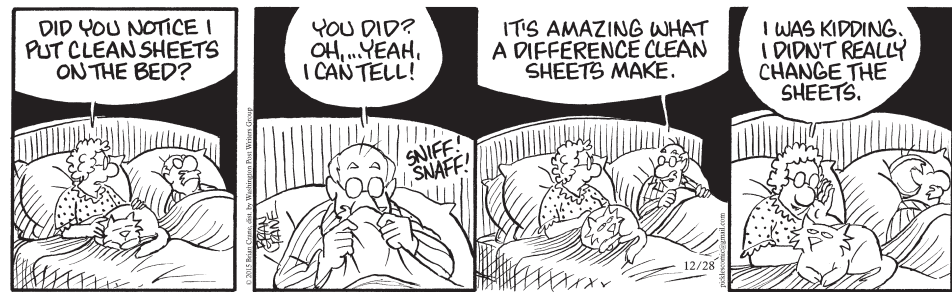


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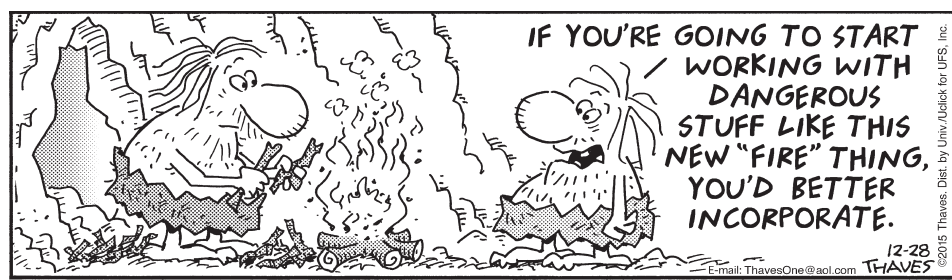
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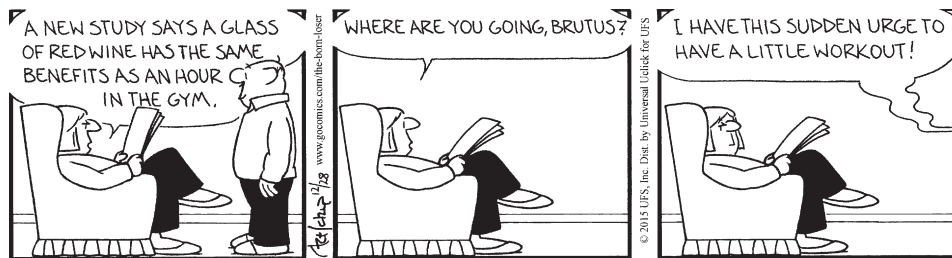
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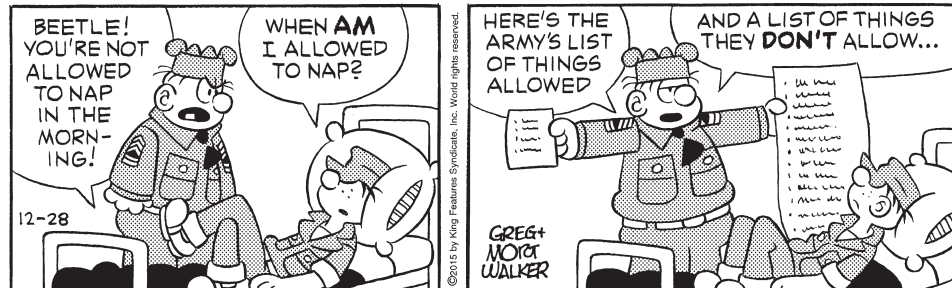
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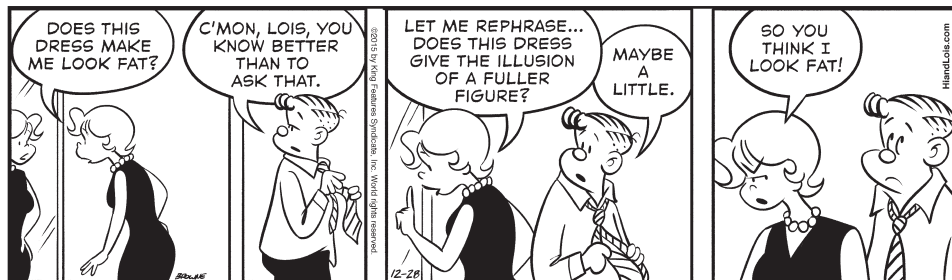
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# Young Couple Needs A Break To See If They Fit Together

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a 20-year-old college student. I have never dated anyone besides my current boyfriend, "Cody." He's my first-ever boyfriend. I met him in high school, but we ran into each other in college and quickly began a relationship. We're now into our third year together.

We have professed our love for each other. He never said "I love you" to any of his past girlfriends, and I'm happy he said it to me.

My concern is that we talk like we'll be together forever. I think I'd be happy, but should I worry that I'll never know if there may be other guys I feel a stronger connection to? Or if I have enough experience to know what love is? — JUST THINKING IN FLORIDA

**DEAR JUST THINKING:** If you're writing to me, you ARE worrying. While for many couples their first love is also their last one, for many others it isn't, which may be why there are so many exes in this world.

My advice is to tell Cody that while you care for him, you feel it would be better for both of you to take a break and see other people. In some cases, it can cement a relationship. In others, it can destroy it. Going that route can be risky, but if either partner is having any doubts, that's the road to take.

**DEAR ABBY:** My father died last month. He'd had a massive stroke and was incapacitated for the last 10 days of his life and was on life support.

After I arrived at the hospital, I received a call from a woman who informed me that she is my half-sister. It was upsetting, to say the least. Not only was I losing my father, but

I never thought he could keep a secret of this magnitude from me. Because I was angry, I wasn't friendly toward her.

Should I initiate a relationship with this woman? I'm 38. My siblings and I were born during my parents' marriage. This woman's mother is someone he had an affair with before, during and after his marriage. I have mixed emotions because I feel loyal to my mother, and I'm devastated by my father's deception regarding this child. — UPSET IN GEORGIA

**DEAR UPSET:** I doubt your mother will welcome this person's presence in her life, so at least for now, I think reaching out would be a mistake. Your mother might perceive it as almost as much of a betrayal as your father's was with his girlfriend. Before going further, the question you need to ask yourself is, "Would the benefit outweigh the cost?" Until you can answer that, my advice is to do nothing.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

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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 Capricorn and a Moon in Leo.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, DEC. 28, 2015:

This year you will make a difference if you can get past a need to stick with the tried and true. If you choose to be more in sync with the inner you, a sense of liberation will result. Other times, the comfort of the status quo encourages you to stay in your groove. The voice you decide to listen to could define this year. If you are single, don't commit until you are very sure of yourself and your feelings. You are likely to be enchanted by a new person you meet. If you are attached, the two of you decide to explore a new facet of your bond. LEO understands what is going on much more than you realize.

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 have been mulling over a good idea in your mind for a while. Your ability to develop a workable, dynamic solution emerges. Your idea is likely to please nearly everyone you share it with. You might be surprised by people's reactions. Tonight: Act as if there were no tomorrow.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Stay anchored, and know what is needed to make you feel cared about and productive. A partner has been reticent about what he or she feels, and scarcely expresses anything but negative feedback. Follow a trusted pal's solid advice. Tonight: If you want to take a walk, do so.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You have worked hard to create much more of what you need and desire. A loved one could be very difficult and cold. You might need to redefine your relationship with this person. If you do, you will come out with a more viable partnership. Tonight: Visit with a pal.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ Make a point of handling a money matter quickly. You can't seem to get around it, nor do you really want to. Someone you look up to will act in a most unpredictable way. You might decide to rethink how much you relate to this person. Tonight: Time for indulging yourself.

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

★★★★ Your creative ability emerges. You seem to be able to transform a high-priority area

of your life by making just a minor adjustment. Your ability to change and revive your day-to-day life leaves many speechless and enviousness. Tonight: Get into some new technology.

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

★★★ You might be holding back strong feelings. Others could be taken aback by what happens within a partnership or an agreement in which you are involved. Know what needs to occur for you within your immediate circle. Tonight: Spend some thoughtful time at home.

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

★★★★ You could be hesitant to reach out to someone who seems cold or withdrawn. You might need to make a bigger effort to handle the unexpected in a new way. Listen to what is being shared by those whom you depend on for new insights. Tonight: Hunker down for the evening.

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

★★★★ You might want to have an overdue conversation with a loved one. However, uproar in a facet of your day-to-day life could take over the moment. To postpone this talk does not mean you are avoiding the situation; it means you have priorities. Tonight: Rethink an expenditure.

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

★★★★ Your fellow fire signs will get carried away with their high energy, but you'll put on the brakes. Use caution, but consider taking more risks. Try letting go, and let the fire within you blaze bright. Tonight: Surprises happen if you are heading in the right direction.

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

★★★★ You could be in the mood to explore a new alternative. Your spontaneity might floor others, kind of like an unexpected volcanic eruption. You have held back sharing your thoughts, but your actions will say what you can't seem to verbalize. Tonight: Happy at home.

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

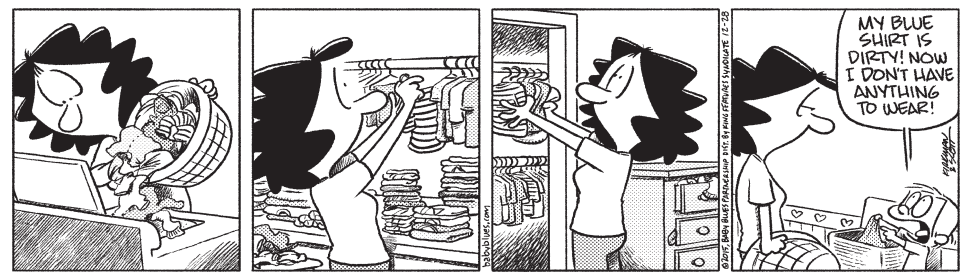
★★★★ You might be trying to move in a different direction, and quickly at that. Your ability to move on a concept in a concrete and creative way could be challenged by others. A loved one supports you in carrying out a somewhat divisive action. Tonight: Go with the unexpected.

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

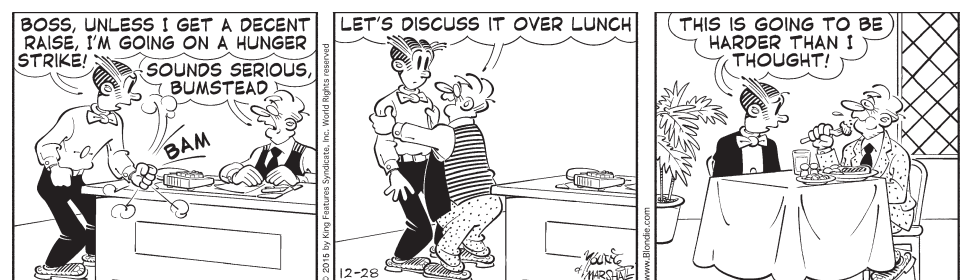
★★★★ Listen to news and how it overcomes a higher-up. Watch a touch of skepticism take over. You might decide to let go of your typically good judgment and go for whatever you want. You could be delighted by the freedom of following through with this. Tonight: A must happening.

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