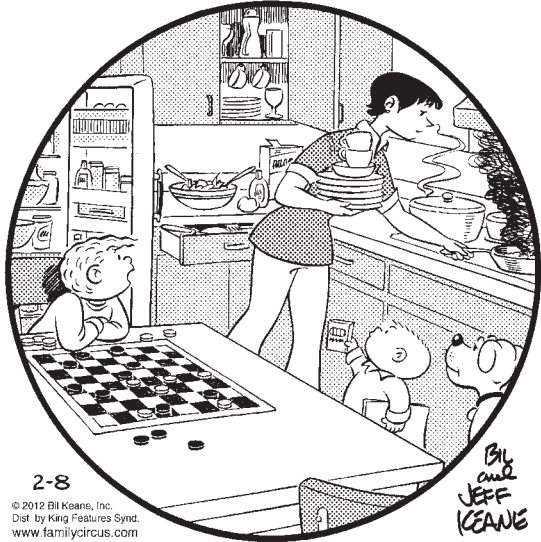
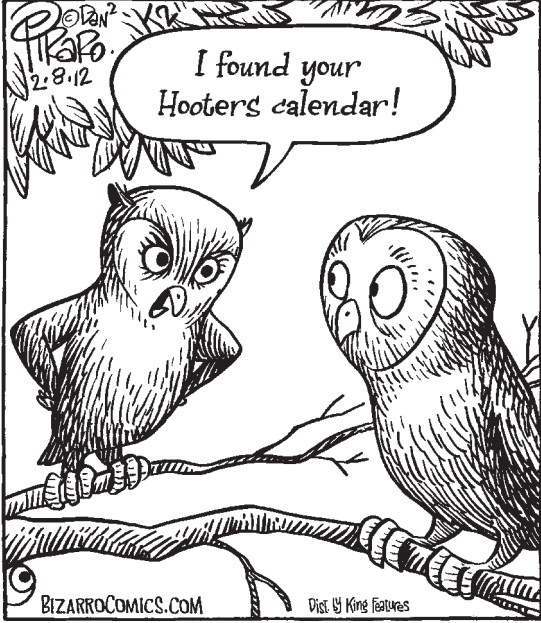


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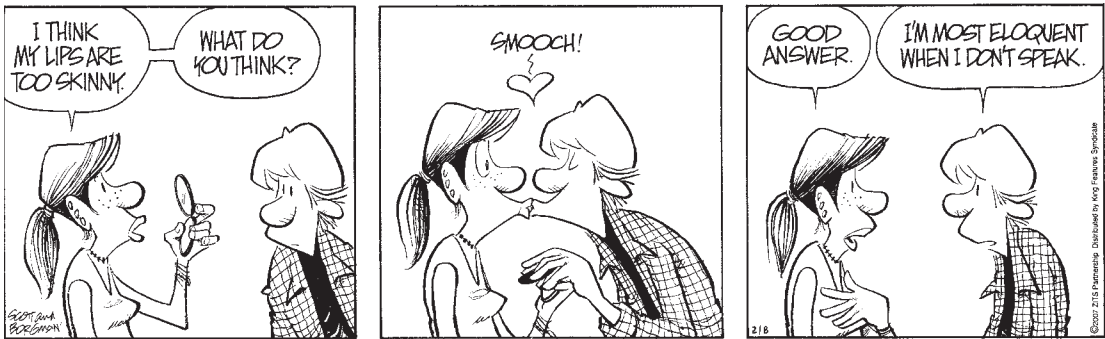
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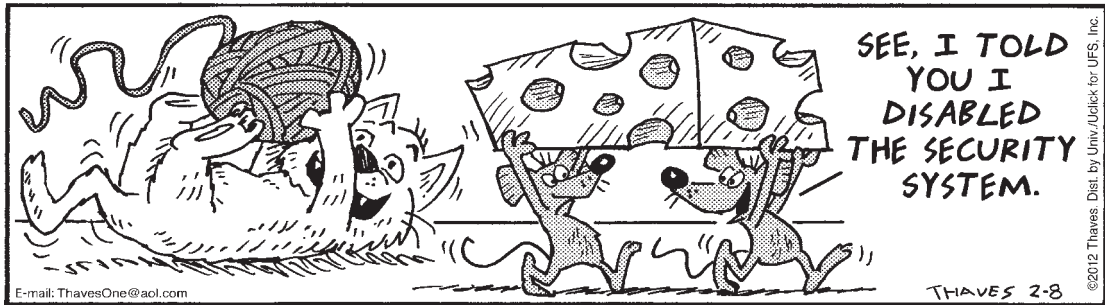


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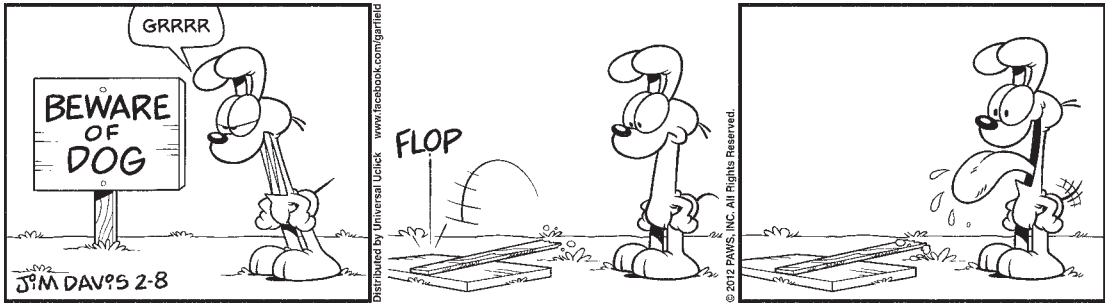
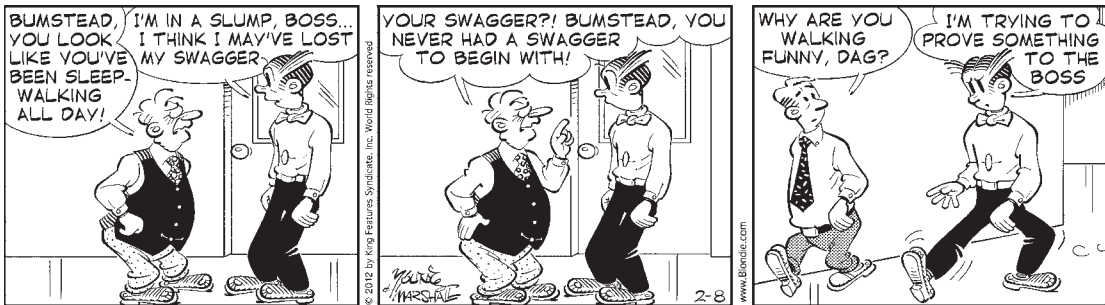
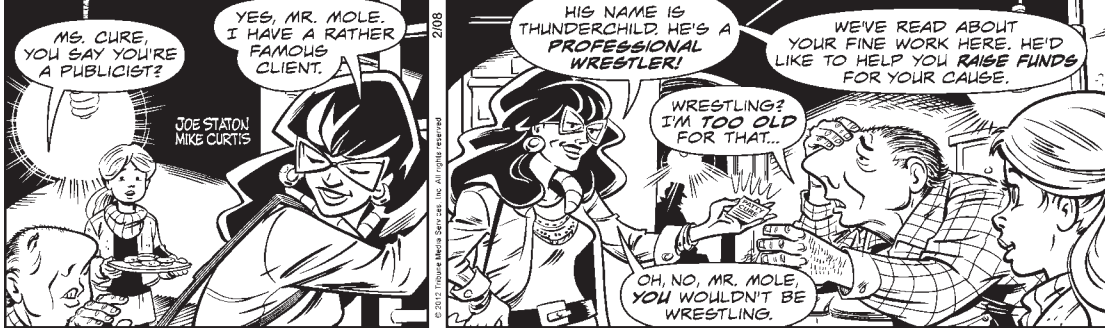
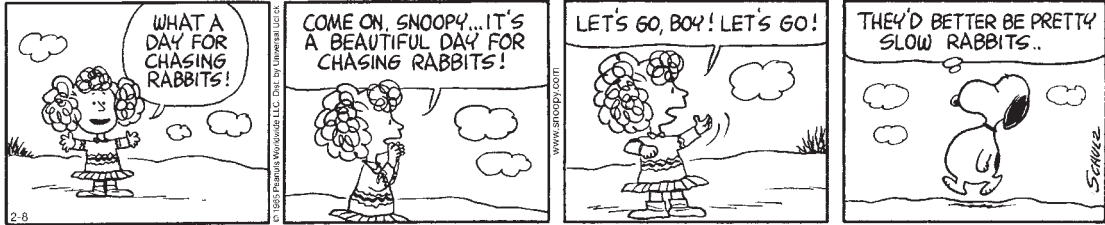
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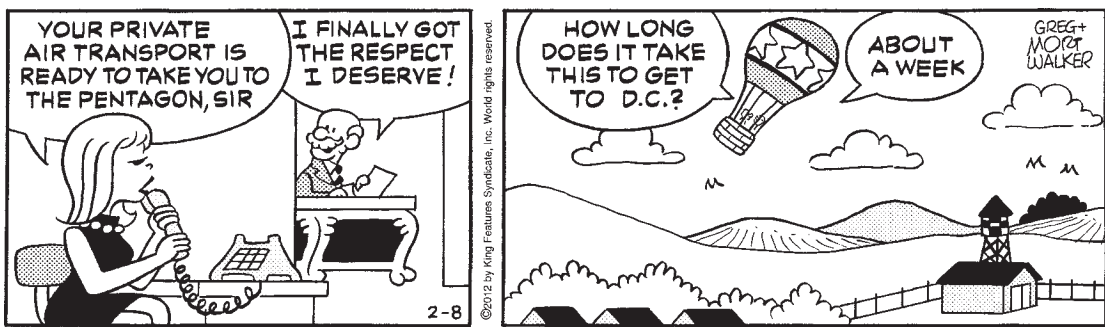
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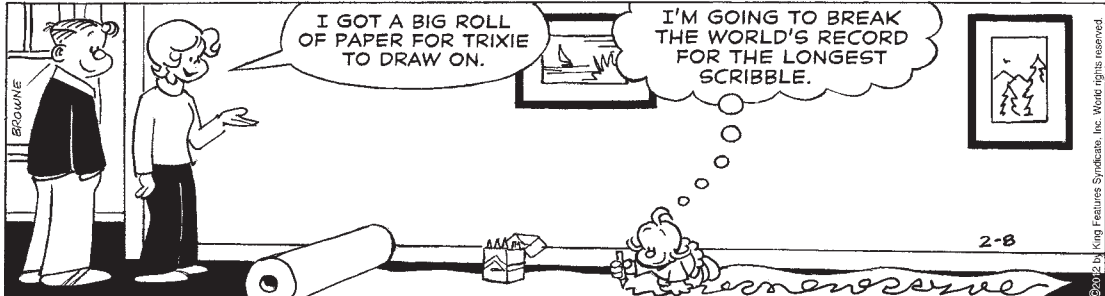
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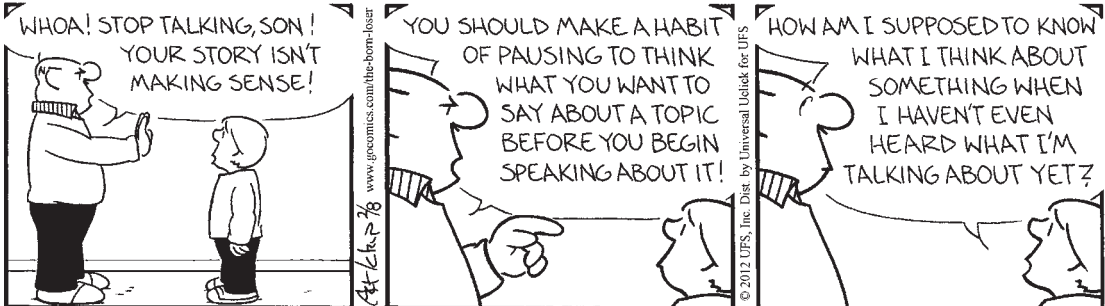
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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Brady," broke up with me in November. Five weeks later he became engaged to someone else. I found out after that I have genital warts. My yearly exams never showed any problems before, so I know I got them from Brady. I'm getting treatment now, but I'll be contagious for the rest of my life.

I have been unable to tell Brady about this because he won't respond to my attempts to contact him. I'm now trying to decide if I should tell his fiancée. I know he wants children, and this disease can have some serious repercussions if she gets pregnant. Do I leave this woman in the dark, or should I give her the medical information she and her doctors should have? — NEEDS TO DO THE RIGHT THING IN NEW YORK

DEAR NEEDS TO DO THE RIGHT THING: Five weeks into a relationship is a whirlwind courtship, unless Brady was cheating on you with his fiancée before your breakup. If that's the case, she may be the person who infected Brady. Since he won't respond to you, send him a registered letter informing him of your diagnosis, and any other information about genital warts you feel is relevant. If you're worried that the fiancée is in the dark about this, send her a copy — also by registered mail. That way you'll know it was received.

DEAR ABBY: I am the product of an interracial relationship from the late '60s. My maternal grandmother wanted nothing to do with me and made my teenage mother give me up for adoption. Before my biological mother passed away a few years ago, her dying wish was for my grandmother and me to form a relationship. She didn't want her mother to be alone in her final years. I made an attempt to forge a relationship with my

grandmother only to be told that she didn't like me because of the color of my skin. Since then, I have been having bad dreams of my mother being disappointed in me because I didn't fulfill her wish. Please advise me on what I should do. — UN-ACCEPTED IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR UNACCEPTED: It takes two people to form a relationship. By reaching out to your grandmother, you did the best you could to fulfill your mother's wish — which, from your description of your grandmother, was an unfair burden to try to place on you. There's no reason for you to court another round of rejection and, for your sake, I'm advising you not to.

It may help to write a letter to your mother, explaining to her what happened when you reached out to your grandmother and how it felt, then read it at her grave. But please, stop blaming yourself for your grandmother's inability to love.

DEAR ABBY: While going through pictures on my girlfriend's computer, I discovered that she had posed nude for a drawing by her artist daughter. For some reason, I am really bothered by her posing nude and doing it for her daughter. How can I bring this up, which will let her know that I was snooping on her computer? — SAW WAY TOO MUCH IN KENTUCKY

DEAR SAW WAY TOO MUCH: Why would you be "really bothered" by a mother posing nude for her daughter who is an artist? Most mothers and daughters have seen each other in states of undress and there is nothing shocking about it. My advice is to first figure out what you think is "wrong" with it, then admit that you snooped so you can talk it out. After that, she can determine if she wants to continue being involved with a man who is as nosy and prudish as you appear to be.

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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 Aquarius and a Moon in Virgo if born after 9:32 a.m. (PST). Before then the Moon is in Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8, 2012:

This year you unravel a long-term issue by remaining gentle and caring. Others feel safer with you, no matter what type of relationship you have. Openness nearly becomes a way of life. If you are single, you might see a change in a major relationship, waving on more of what you want. If you are attached, don't test your sweetie's patience. Let him or her have his or her way more often. VIRGO understands you perhaps far too well.

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)

★★★★ Of course effort counts, but having some charisma on your side can only help. Show your concern as well when dealing with an associate who might not be doing what you want. Listen to your sixth sense with a friend. You might not be completely right, but you have a strong sense of direction. Tonight: As you like.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ The only mistake you can make is holding yourself back. You know what works well for you. Let your imagination come forward. The ideas that follow -- yours and others' -- are quite unusual. Do test them out. Romance could get spicy. Tonight: Some matters are best kept a secret.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Understand what is happening within your immediate domestic circle. You hear news that doesn't feel quite complete. You don't need to comment -- the less said the more that will come forward. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Keep conversations moving, and realize where you want to go with a situation. Others might not be as grounded as you would like. You might have to go over certain points, not once, but several times. Stay centered, if possible. Tonight: Meet up with a friend.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Curb a need to be possessive or to overspend. You will be a lot happier if you use some self-discipline.

plene. Detach and try to understand where another person is coming from. Tonight: Relax with friends.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ The way you perk up in another person's company makes this person feel great. Relating to another person as well takes you to a new level of mutuality. Discuss a long-term desire. You could be delighted by the end results. Tonight: Make sure a favorite piece of music is on.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★ You might want to express a certain amount of consternation about a situation but then decide otherwise. Others don't appear to be receptive to a conversation of this nature, or of any nature, for that matter. Tonight: Be yourself.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ A meeting helps you realize just what is needed to have a situation manifest as you might like. You have a lot of fun within this group or with a key person. Someone makes you an offer that you barely can say no to. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ Your softer side emerges with a child or loved one. You express your dynamic energy and upbeat manner in a conversation. When you hear a vague statement, try to build on it. You find an associate upbeat and cooperative. Seize the moment. Tonight: Highly visible.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Keep reaching out for others. Share an unusually mellow mood. Some of you might opt to stay close to home. Use care with your finances, as a mistake can happen all too easily, especially in the next few weeks. Recognize your limitations while honoring who you are. Your creativity and confidence grow. Tonight: Touch base with a loved one at a distance.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Remain sensitive to a partner or associate. Relate one-on-one with key people if you want to make an impact. Keep reaching out for someone at a distance who might be closed off. You cannot change this person, but you can encourage him or her to look at his or her behavior. Tonight: Visit over a meal.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Let others show their hand. You might wonder which is the best way to handle a key issue. Listen to opinions. If you don't feel comfortable with what you hear, hold off on making a decision. Find a respected adviser first. Tonight: The only answer is yes.

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