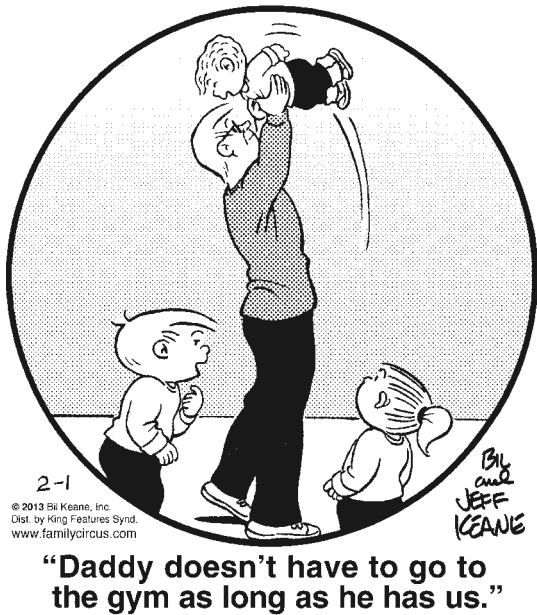


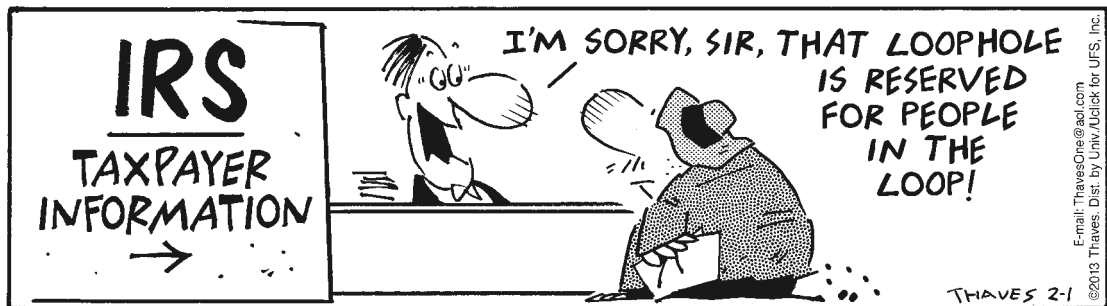
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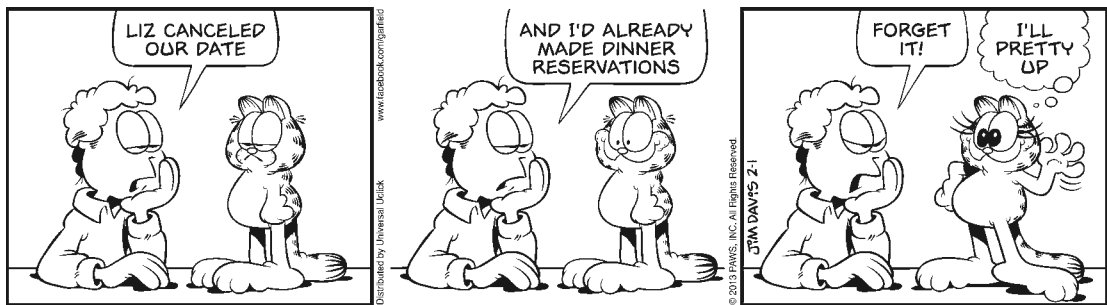
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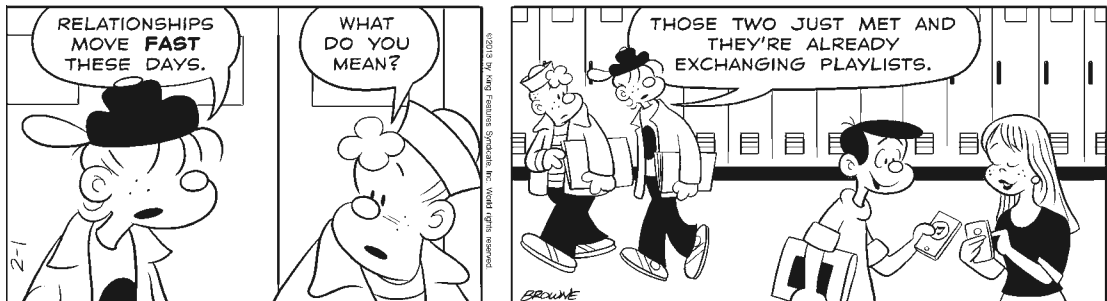
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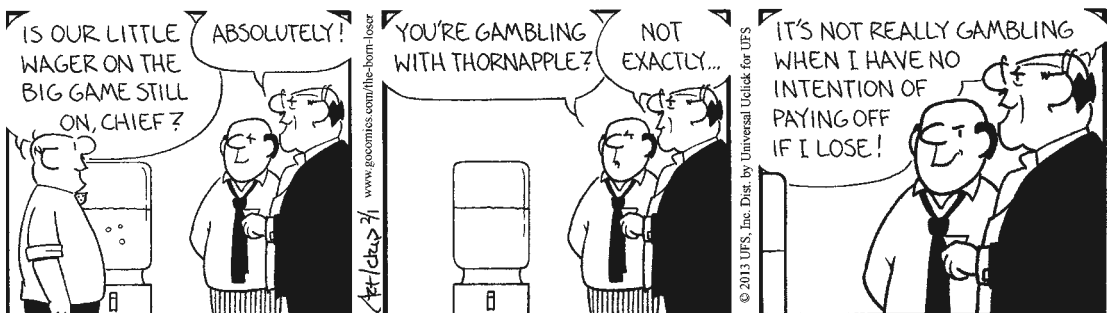
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Romantic's Heart Is Bruised By
The End Of Long Relationship

DEAR ABBY: A great man once said, "A life without love is no life at all." So many people find love in so many ways, either through arranged marriages or at social events, school or college.

I have always been a hopeless romantic, but since the end of my eight-year relationship, my heart no longer feels the same. I feel as though love will never find me.

I know people say when it happens you will know, but my question is: How do you really KNOW? And when that time does ever come, how do you prepare your heart for love after a tragic loss? — TRY-ING TO GO ON

DEAR TRYING: I'm sorry for your loss and heartache. But unless your lover was wrenched from you by death, you should do what people of both sexes must when a romance ends — ask yourself why and what you have learned from it.

The failure of a romance doesn't mean that love will never happen again. You will know you have found love when you meet someone who makes you feel strong instead of dependent, who appreciates you for the person you are and isn't threatened by your successes, who supports you when you're down, takes pride in your accomplishments, and will hug you even after a difficult day. And it shouldn't take "preparation," just a willingness to risk putting yourself out there and a little good luck.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I live more than 1,000 miles away from our family. When our relatives fly out to visit us, should we feel obligated to let them use one of our cars to travel/tour while they are here? (Money is not an issue.) In most cases, they may be on the other side of the state for several days, leaving my husband and me to share a car. It is an inconvenience because my husband and I leave for work at different times.

However, this isn't my only concern. Will insurance cover our car if they have an accident in it?

When we visit them, we drive their car within city limits only, and when it's convenient for them. Please reply ASAP because they're coming here soon. — STRESSED OUT IN COLORADO

DEAR STRESSED OUT: Because money is not an issue, I assume that your relatives can afford to rent a car during their visit. The same rules should apply to them that apply to you in a similar situation. Your car should be for your own convenience, since you and your husband need transportation to work.

As to the insurance liability should someone have an accident while driving your vehicle, the person to ask is your insurance broker.



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Jeanne Phillips

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DEAR ABBY: I have a dear friend who recently remarried. He has always said that what he and his late wife worked for should go to their children. However, I have just learned that his prenup wasn't signed until AFTER their marriage. Also, it was drawn up by an accountant, not a lawyer.

I always thought that a prenup was an agreement to specific conditions BEFORE a marriage. Am I right, and is a prenup valid if it is signed after the wedding? — CURIOUS IN KANSAS CITY

DEAR CURIOUS: A document like the one you have described is called a

POSTnuptial agreement. It should have been drafted by your friend's attorney, then reviewed by an attorney representing the wife to be sure she fully understood what she was signing. If she did not, then it may not be legal and enforceable.

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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 Libra

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, FEB. 1, 2013:

This year you have your share of admirers. You are capable of having a fun time with nearly anyone, but you really appreciate intellectual conversations and challenges. If you are single, you are likely to attract a more cultured type of personality. You will experience many fun and interesting exchanges. If you are attached, the two of you will benefit from a special vacation together. Getting away will reinvigorate your bond. Try to schedule some week-ends to relax, as well. LIBRA has a tendency to overindulge.

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)

★★★★ Others make efforts to head in the direction you want; however, something that's been said or done could be getting under your skin. Until you know what is ailing you, do yourself a favor and say little. Others are only too happy to run the show. Tonight: Defer to others.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Listen to everything that is going on behind the scenes. You might opt to ignore the obvious -- for now, at least. A friend or loved one pushes you hard. Honor whatever responsibilities you must take care of first. Compliments come your way. Tonight: TGIF.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ A compliment or kind message makes you smile. Understanding will evolve if you stay open and avoid making a judgment. A boss or someone you look up to might start demanding more. Make a careful choice as to how to respond. Tonight: Time to romp and enjoy yourself.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Observe, but do not commit to anything. Your major focus needs to be your own well-being. Money could play into discussions. Reach out to someone at a distance. Do not be surprised if this person seems to have an attitude. Tonight: Accept an interesting invitation.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ How you verbalize what you need will make a difference as to how the message is received. Others find

you engaging and are disposed to go along with your ideas, though one person might differentiate him- or herself as a critic. Tonight: Happiest sharing news.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You could be very tired and withdrawn. You know what is necessary to do. Complete what you must now, and leave what you can do later for "another day." A loved one and/or a close associate could be irritable. Tonight: Your treat. Try to soften up a loved one.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Don't hesitate to beam in more of what you want. Realize what is happening with a child or loved one. This person adores you, so make time to get together with him or her. Plan on taking a walk or doing a different type of stressbuster. Tonight: With a favorite person.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ If you feel as if you would like to avoid some people, do so. If they could get even a sense of your mood, they would want to avoid you as well. Tap into your imagination and your creativity for solutions and better ideas. Tonight: Talk to someone who understands you.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Meetings punctuate the day. If you can, schedule the most fun gathering for the end of the afternoon. You not only will participate in this meeting, but you also might witness its transformation into a fun evening get-together. Tonight: Continue as you would like.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ Stay on top of your obligations. If you do, you could be more responsive to those around you. You have a way of showing your compassion through actions that means a lot to others. Make a point of inviting a friend to join you. Tonight: A discussion could become too animated.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Reach out to someone you care about. You have not been your responsive self to this person as of late. Discuss your anger, but be sensitive, too. Maintain some detachment as you try to figure out what to do. Use caution when spending. Tonight: Only where there is music.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

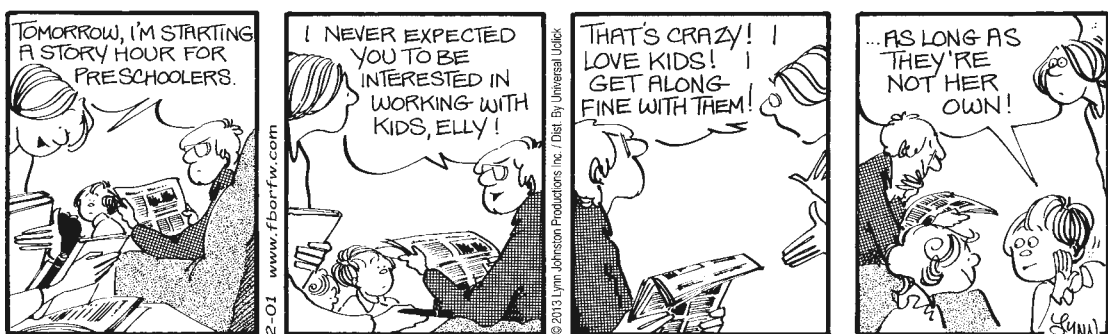
★★★★ Deal with others directly. Though one person might be outrageous in his or her interactions, know that you have the wherewithal to handle this issue. Establish appropriate boundaries. Use caution with someone you meet today. Tonight: Dinner with a loved one.

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