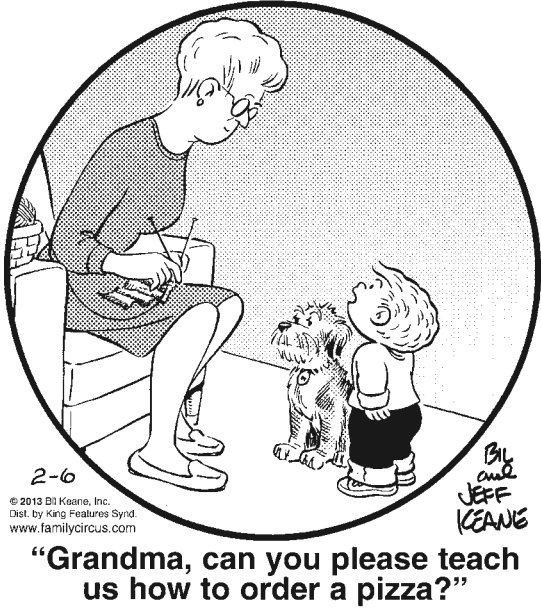


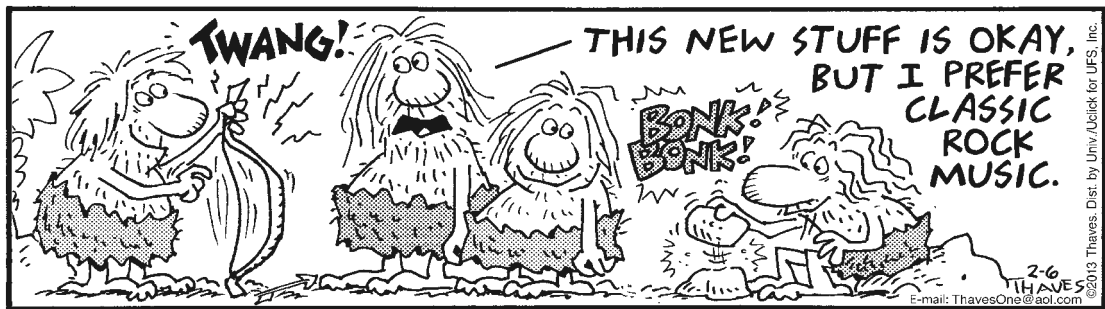
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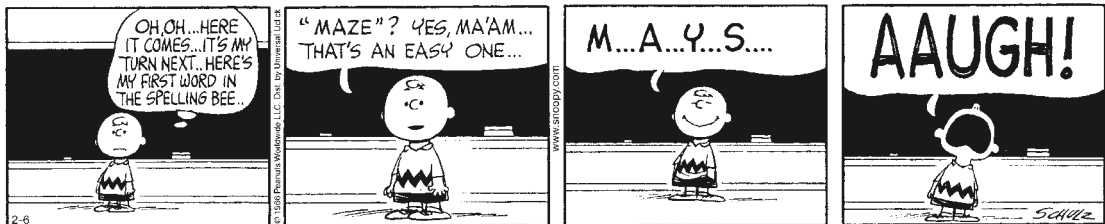
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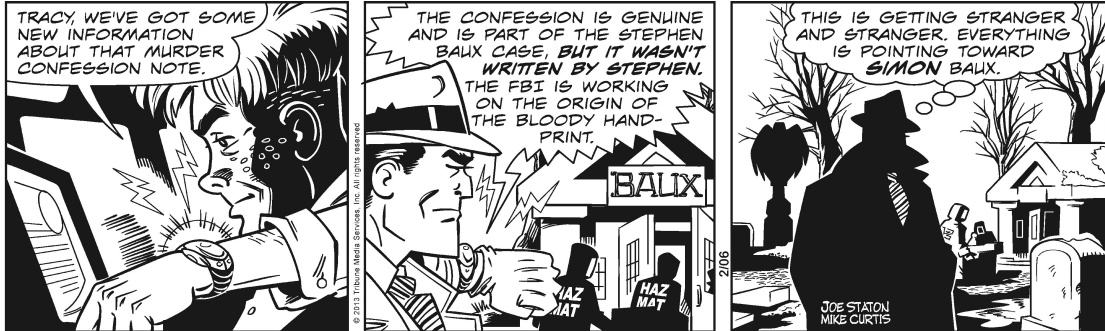
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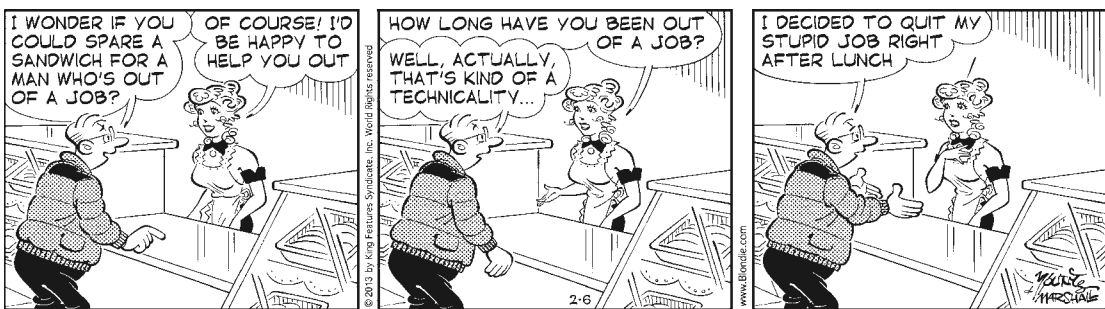
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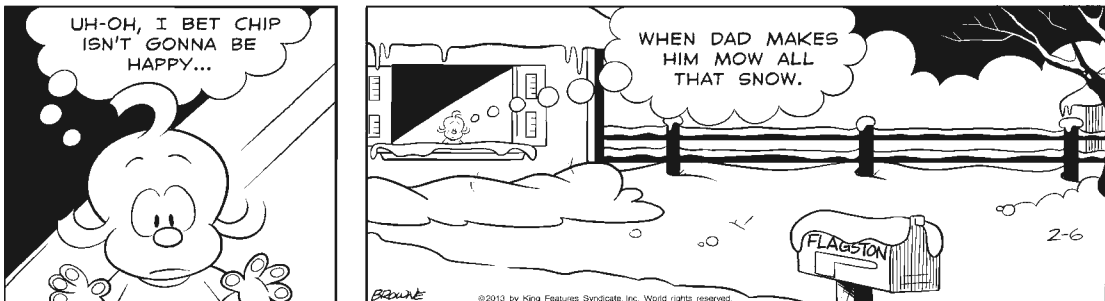
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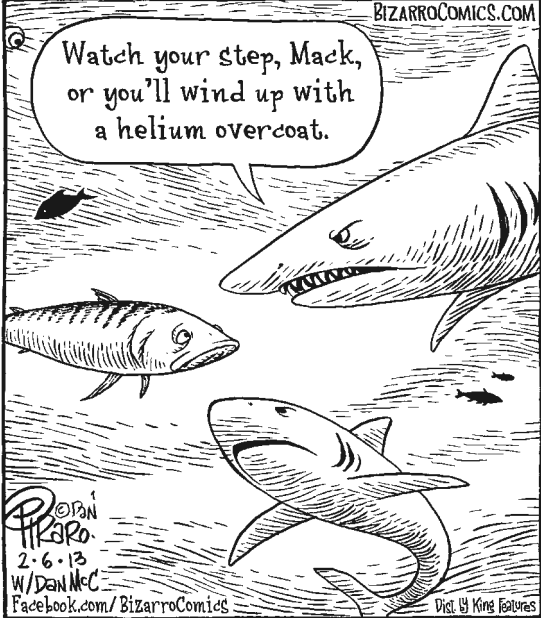
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# Couple's Lack Of Intimacy Is Relationship's Only Flaw

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been seeing each other for about a year. He was a virgin when we met. Three months into the relationship we had sex. I am 18 and he is 21.

We used to have sex often, but now he is completely uninterested in anything sexual. I feel like he isn't attracted to me anymore, although I haven't changed much since we started dating.

Other than sex, we have a great relationship. We haven't had a single fight, but it hurts my feelings that he doesn't want to have sex with me anymore. What's the solution to our problem? — TEEN IN ST. GEORGE, UTAH

DEAR TEEN: Have a frank, non-confrontational talk with your boyfriend and ask him what has changed. It may be that the novelty wore off. He may have a low sex drive, or he may be interested in women only as friends. But you will never know until you ask him. When you do, let him know that whatever his answer is, you care about him and you hope he feels the same way about you.

DEAR ABBY: My 31-year-old daughter, "Layla," is beautiful, accomplished and earns a good living. She has a lot of friends and always has a boyfriend. She has had both long-term and short-term relationships.

Layla isn't married and hopes to meet the right person. I'm very anxious about it, but this is her life and her choice. People constantly ask, "How's your daughter? Is she seeing anyone?" And when I meet someone for the first time who asks about my children, the second question they ask is, "Is she married?" (They don't ask that about my son.)

This is painful for me. What should I say in response to this omnipresent question? — LAYLA'S MOM

DEAR MOM: All you have to do is smile and say: "My daughter is single, loves her job and is quite successful. Now tell me about YOUR children."

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for eight years. My daughter is learning how to drive. In her mother's car, while under her mother's supervision, she hit their garage door.

My ex believes I should pay half the cost of the new garage door. Also, she did a total upgrade, turning the entrance to the garage into one large door instead of two. I say I shouldn't have to pay. She says if it was someone else's house we would pay. I agree, but it is not, and my ex-wife was in the car — not me. — WHO PAYS? IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WHO PAYS?: She pays. It should not be your responsibility to foot half the bill for an upgrade to your ex's garage door, particularly because she was the one who was with your daughter when the accident occurred. Don't let her bamboozle you.

DEAR ABBY: I'm not too tall or too short. I'm not overweight or too thin. I never receive comments about my appearance that cause me to be sensitive. My husband doesn't drink, abuse me or stray. I have had no problems through the years with family members, neighbors or co-workers. My grown children are thoughtful, considerate and loving. Even my in-laws love me.

So tell me, did you ever receive a letter such as this? — JOY IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR JOY: Not in recent history. And it's probably because people regard my column as a place to dump their troubles rather than share their many blessings, as you have done today.

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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 Sagittarius if born before 9:55 a.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Capricorn.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6, 2013:

This year you forge a new path. You also often stop and reflect. This combination proves to be very effective in your day-to-day life. Recognize the need to spend more time alone in order to ground yourself. If you are single, your friends or colleagues might prove instrumental in introducing you to someone who intrigues you. Be careful when meeting this person, as he or she might not be everything he or she seems to be. If you are attached, spend several weekends together as a couple; it will nurture your relationship. You will see the results quickly. CAPRICORN reads you cold

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)

★★★★ Your willingness to look at the bigger picture impresses a higher-up. This person notes your ability to impart knowledge swiftly. Your softer side emerges when dealing with a child. Your protective nature is very admirable. Tonight: Put in some extra hours.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★★ Follow the advice of a well-meaning associate or partner, as shocked as you might be by this person's insights. Even if you don't think that you have all the facts, stay kind and supportive. Ignoring the issue can only cause a problem. Tonight: Make weekend plans.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Others could be challenging beyond any level you might have thought possible. Understanding emerges from your ability to come to terms with someone you care a lot about. You will discover the value in saying little. Tonight: Catch up on a loved one's news.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ You will get a lot done ... and quite efficiently, at that. Be careful when making plans in advance, because you might need to cancel them, as you will today. You might be surprised by an older person's useful insight. Listen carefully. Tonight: Go with a different choice.

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

★★★ Make time to visit with a child. You might not be

sure what your expectations are with a professional matter. Your positive attitude and willingness to pitch in can only win you friends. Funnel your energy toward completing a project. Tonight: Get some exercise first.

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

★★★★ Understanding what is expected of you might be difficult. You could be quite exhausted from trying to switch gears. Listen to news carefully, especially if it is coming from a key person. He or she will share information that could shock you. Tonight: Follow someone else's lead.

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

★★★ Do not underestimate the liabilities involved in a work relationship. It might be best to keep things professional, no matter what the cost. What you might believe to be a mutual understanding could be a hot volcano that is on the verge of erupting. Tonight: Take a long walk.

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

★★★★ Be sensitive to how much you have spent as of late. A little self-discipline in the fiscal area will feel much better in the long run. Quit worrying about a potential problem. Understand what is happening with a child or new friend. Tonight: Add some mischief to the moment.

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

★★★★ Handle a problem first thing in the morning. Key associates or loved ones could come into a meeting with some interesting news. Carefully evaluate what you hear before launching into action. Do not be surprised if a key person decides to act up. Tonight: Your treat.

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

★★★★ By midday, you'll feel energized. Know that information you might be keeping from a close loved one or roommate is fine. Some matters are best kept to yourself. An unexpected revelation could shake you up. Do your best to stay calm. Tonight: Time for a midweek break.

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

★★★★ Your efforts don't go unnoticed, even if you feel that way. Recognize that your hunches have more validity than you'd originally thought. Follow-through counts, especially when dealing with a money matter. Don't forget to count your change. Tonight: Vanish if you want.

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

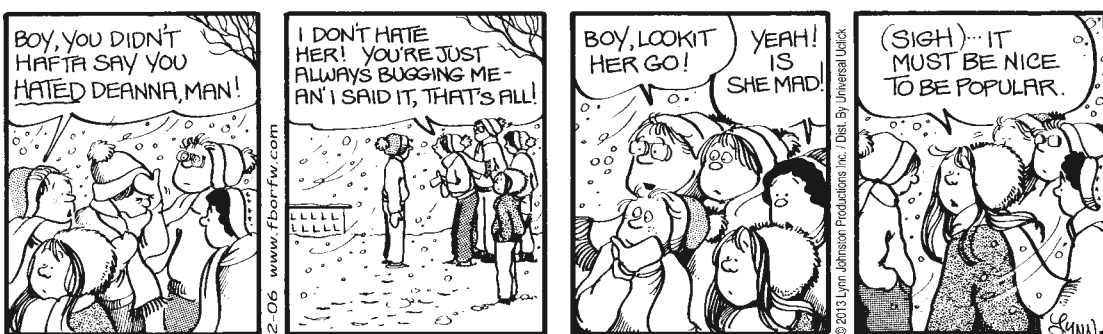
★★★★★ Your playfulness might not be appreciated by a boss or older relative, but the friends in your immediate circle love your sense of humor. Be selective in what you choose to share with others. Someone reads you far better than you think. Tonight: Where all the fun is.

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