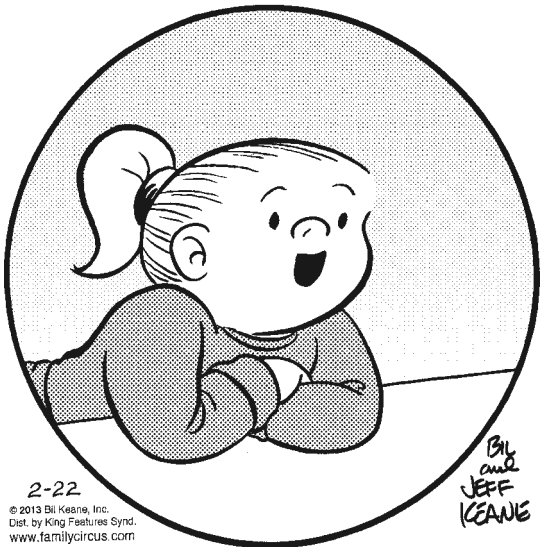
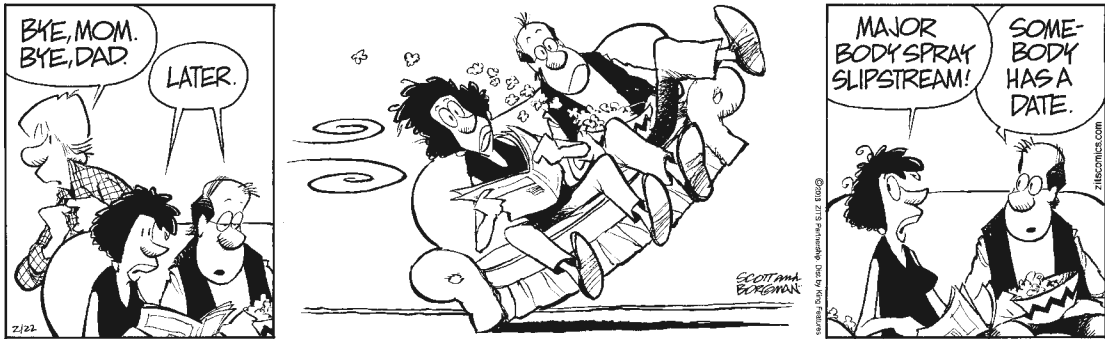


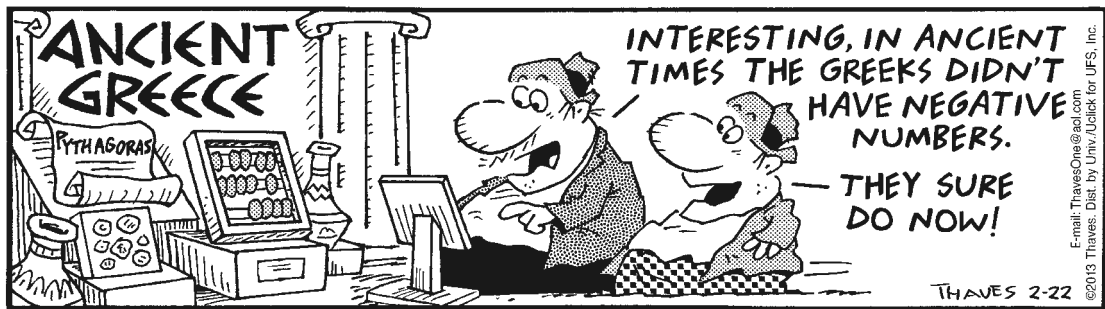
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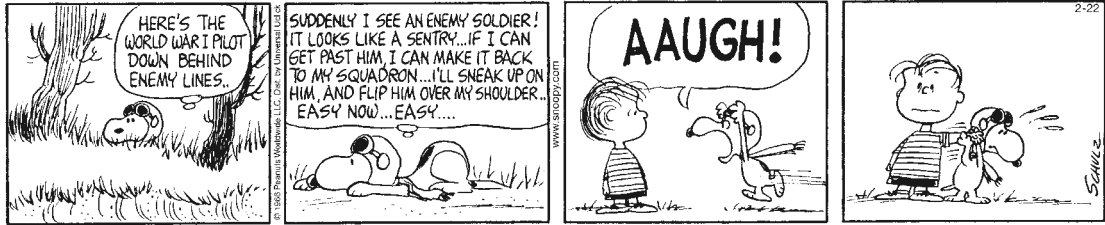
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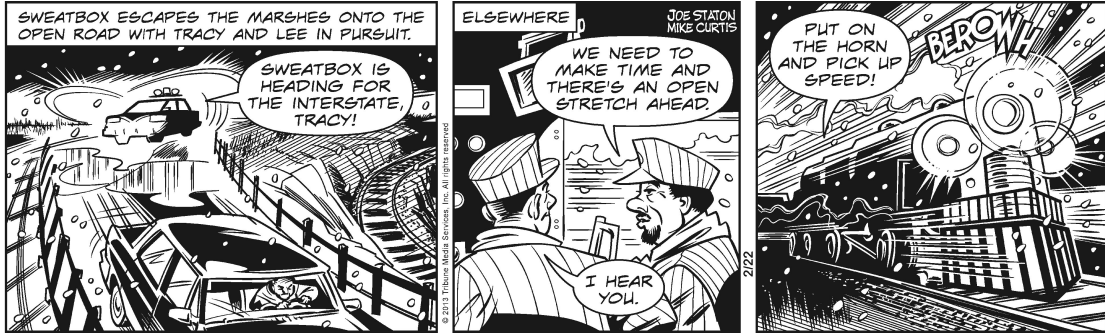
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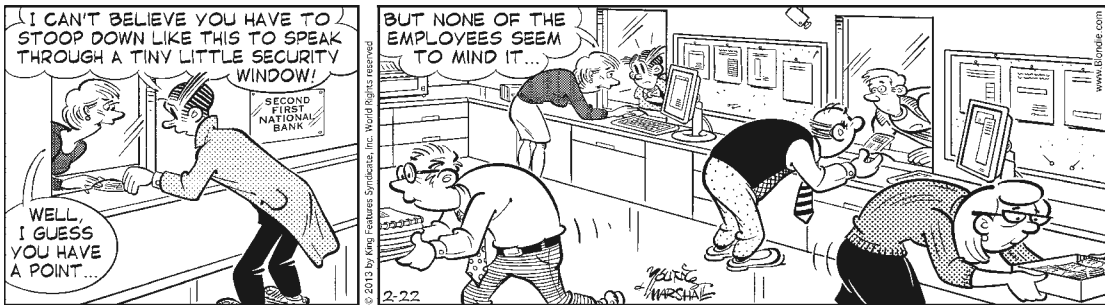
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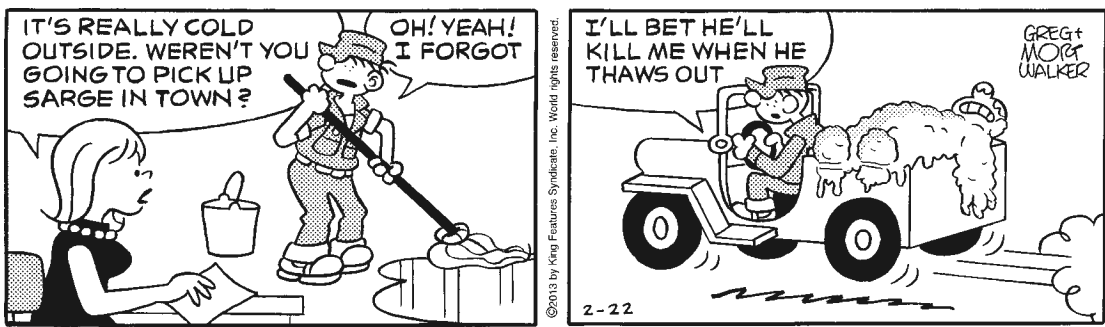
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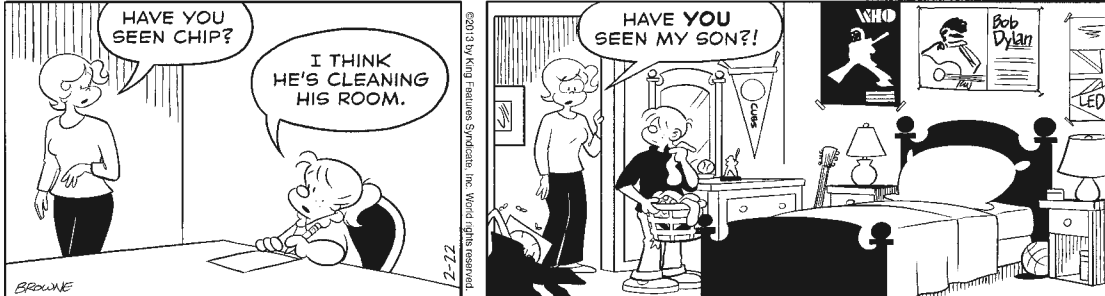
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# Fraud Investigator Is Mortified By His Wife's Arrest For Fraud

DEAR ABBY: My wife of six years was recently arrested for wire fraud, involving the receipt of unemployment benefits. She was receiving money when she should not have been. I knew she had applied for benefits since she was laid off; however, I was not aware that she was falsifying documents in order to receive the benefits.

I feel hurt, betrayed and offended. I am a retired law enforcement officer and currently an independent fraud investigator. Our relationship had been on the rocks for some time prior to this humiliating event. How do I handle this mess? — BETRAYED IN FLORIDA

DEAR BETRAYED: The first thing to do is realize that your wife's indiscretions are a reflection only on her character, not yours. Then let the law take its course, and once you have cooled off, decide rationally if you want to continue a marriage that has been "on the rocks for some time."

DEAR ABBY: Before my daughter turned 18, she followed the court's visitation specifics, as her brother does. Now that she's 18, she doesn't call or come over at all. She won't answer phone calls, so I text her. She'll respond with one-word answers — "yes," "no," "maybe."

It doesn't bother me that she chooses to live this way. She's an adult. I sent her money for her birthday. She didn't acknowledge it. If I text invitations to her, I still don't hear from her.

She doesn't go to college, doesn't drive, doesn't have a job and lives off her enabling mother. According to her brother, she plays video games all night and sleeps all day.

After her birthday silence, should I continue sending her money for occasions? The lack of respect makes me think not, but my love for her says I should. Is there a lesson to be taught, or do I con-

tinue dropping a check in the mail twice a year? The money is insignificant. Learning respect, I believe, is important. — DAD IN BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

DEAR DAD: It doesn't bother you that your daughter chooses to live this way? That she doesn't work, doesn't go to school, plays video games all night and sleeps all day? Is she on drugs? Suffering from severe depression?

Your daughter's behavior is not normal. You have described a young woman in serious need of counseling to bring her back to reality. If you love your daughter, forget the etiquette lesson and help her to get the psychological help she needs.



## DEAR ABBY

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something vague about how we have known each other for a long time, but some people continue to press. Neither of us wants to advertise that we spent time in a psych ward. How can we gracefully sidestep the question? — DODGING THE QUESTION IN THE U.S.A.

DEAR DODGING: It is difficult to sidestep a question that is asked so frequently in the course of conversation — especially if a couple seems compatible. Because you would rather not be specific, just say you met in a teen counseling group a few years ago. It's the truth — you were being counseled.

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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 Pisces and a Moon in Leo if born after 2:12 p.m. (PST). Before that time, the Moon is in Cancer.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, FEB. 22, 2013:

This year others find you to be alluring and nearly magical. You have a flair for the dramatic. It is a given that you will be noticed. Romance ranks high in your life, as you are unusually passionate this year. If you are single, you could encounter one great person after another. Go with what feels 100 percent right. If you are attached, the two of you will spice up your relationship in many ways. Do something very special for your sweetie this year. LEO might not show it, but he or she often gets jealous. 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 switch gears with ease. You also put a lot of emphasis on your priorities, and you tend to break down self-imposed barriers. By dusk, others clearly receive your message: It is time for a change of pace. Even workaholics would benefit from this advice. Tonight: Life becomes fun.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You are able to say what you want, but it might appear as if your message isn't well-received. Don't be surprised if you have to repeat this discussion at least two more times; there might be something that the other party isn't getting. Tonight: Head on home.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Return all of your phone calls and clear your desk in the morning. Come midafternoon, you will want some time for yourself. A meeting could go far longer than you thought. Relax and go with the flow. This, too, shall pass. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Follow through on key matters as you wish, and keep an eye on the change of pace as the weekend draws near. You will need to clear up a miscommunication or a problem with someone at a distance. Tonight: Time to go off and treat yourself to that long-desired item.

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

★★★★ You could feel a little off in the morning, but later you'll feel as if nothing can stop you. The difference

is not only remarkable to you, but also to others. If you have been postponing an important discussion, the time to have it is now. Tonight: You are the top dog.

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

★★★ Understand what is happening behind the scenes. Ask questions if you feel that you are missing some details. Realize that you need more information, and refrain from taking action for a while. You could develop a different opinion as a result. Tonight: Not to be found.

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

★★★★ You have taken on more responsibility than you would have liked to with a project. Complete it, if possible, and you will feel much better. Also, work on saying "no" more often. An afternoon meeting could develop into a get-together. Tonight: A must appearance.

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

★★★★ Finish some research and make some calls in order to get to the root of what is going on. You could feel as if no one is giving you all the facts. Details keep slipping, no matter who you speak to. Try a different approach, if need be. Tonight: In the limelight.

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

★★★★ Someone really needs your time and attention. Make it your pleasure to be his or her voice of reason and/or a source of advice. Imagine what it might be like to be this person, and know that you might need to repeat this conversation again. Tonight: Do something different.

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

★★★★ Others seek you out. Be receptive, but resist taking on someone else's responsibilities. You will be a lot happier in the long run. Many invitations head your way. Sort through them, and you could find the right one for you. Tonight: Make plans to be with a special friend.

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

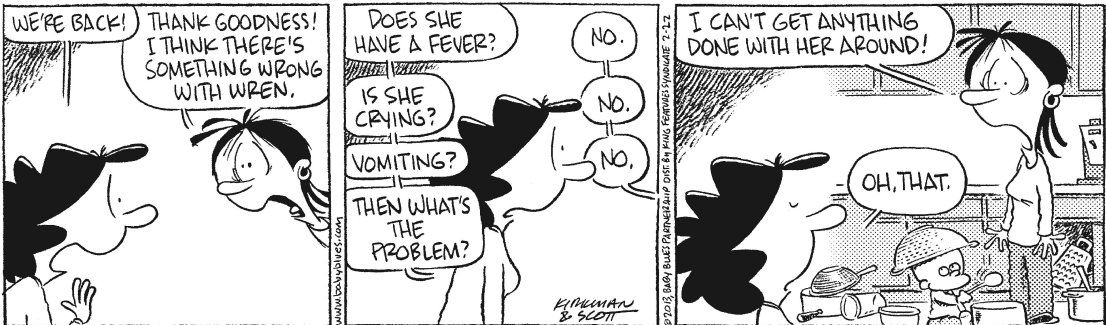
★★★★ Focus on accomplishing what you need to get done. Also, take time to schedule some personal appointments that you have let go for far too long. Your sense of humor helps dispel some tension. Make time later in the day for friends. Tonight: Accept an invitation

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

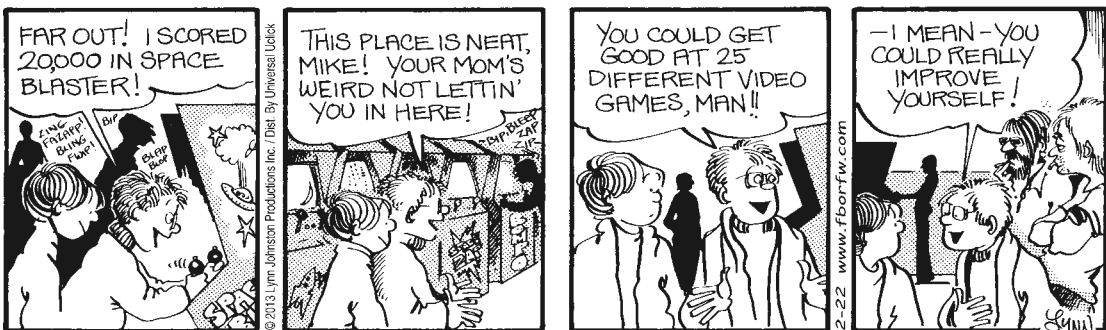
★★★★ Your imagination takes over and forces you to concentrate. This is effective, as it helps you get through important tasks and complete your to-do list. You'll see an end to all this extra effort, so lighten up. Tonight: Join a friend for munchies, but don't make it a late night.

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