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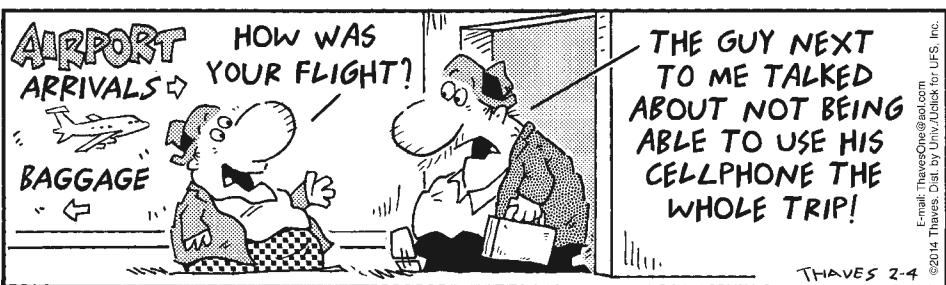
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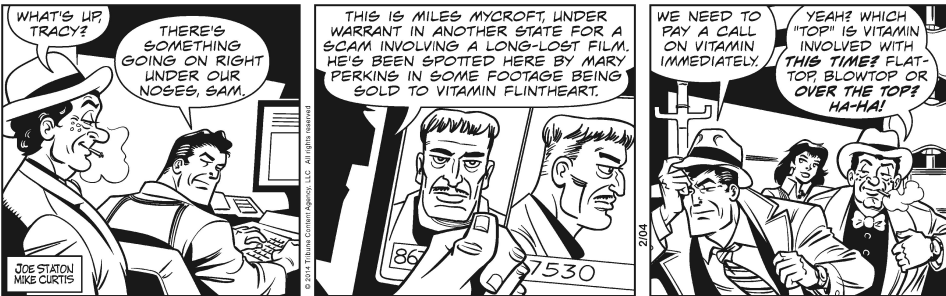
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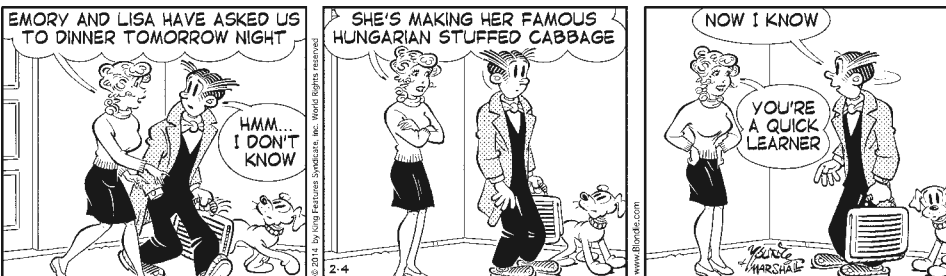
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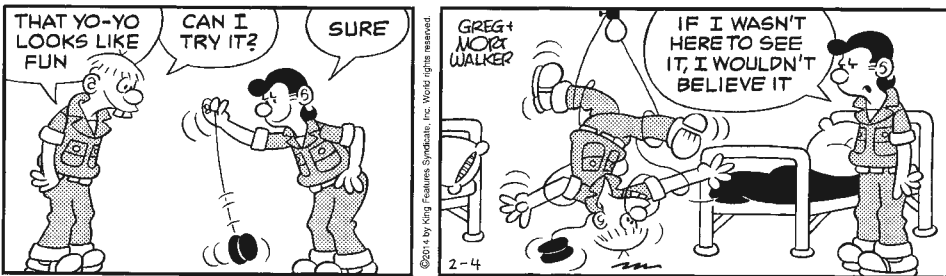
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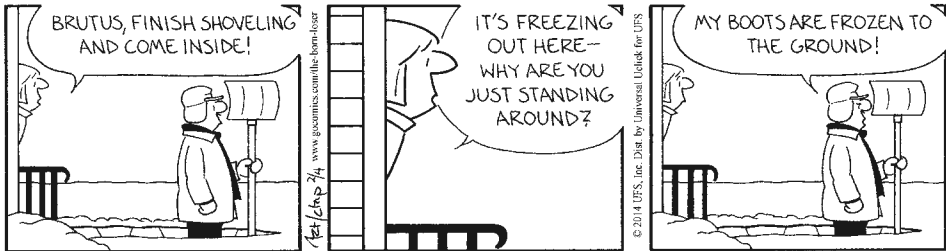
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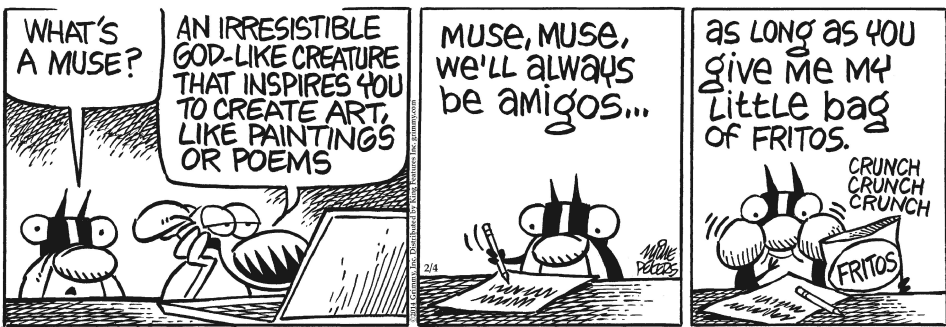
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## TO OUR READERS:

The PRESS & DAKOTAN is currently conducting a two-week test run of the popular comic strip “Take It From the Tinkersons” by Bill Bettwy. To accommodate the strip, we will be pre-empting “For Better or For Worse” from Jan. 27-Feb. 8. During this test run, we’d love to hear your feedback on the “Tinkersons” strip. We’d also like you to tell us what are your three favorite strips and three least-favorite strips currently offered in the P&D. Feel free to add other comments. Send your feedback to Kelly Hertz at [kelly.hertz@yankton.net](mailto:kelly.hertz@yankton.net). or mail them to: Press & Dakotan, c/o Comics Survey, 319 Walnut, Yankton, SD 57078. The survey will end Saturday, Feb. 8.

### Dear Abby

## Wives Banished From Men’s Club Should Start Own Club

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I live in a 55-plus retirement community. We do many things together, but we also do things independently. One resident decided to form two men’s clubs. One meets every week for breakfast, and the other twice a month at night. The members go to each other’s homes for the evening meetings. Abby, the man who started these clubs is chauvinistic. He made a rule that women are not allowed in their own homes when their husbands host a meeting — “no skirts allowed.” Therefore, even though the wife prepares everything for her husband’s meeting, she’s told to slip out of the house before anyone arrives. My husband agrees that this is ridiculous and is considering quitting the club, but he has formed friendships with some of the men. The guys are bamboozled by the leader and tell their wives that anything said at a meeting is “confidential.”

The obvious solution would be to meet at a coffee shop, but the man in charge says the homes provide a more intimate setting. My husband feels bad about it, and I don’t want him to quit a group he enjoys. Any suggestions? — GOOD LITTLE VEGAS WIFE

DEAR GOOD LITTLE WIFE: It appears the founder of the clubs has his head stuck firmly in the 1950s. And while we can’t change that, I do have some suggestions.

The first is that the wives stop preparing anything and let the “bachelors” do it themselves or order takeout or deli for their meetings. The second is that the “widows” join together for an evening of fun while the men are having their meetings. Of course, nothing that happens during these ladies’ evenings of fun should be shared with the husbands — including what they did or what clubs they may have visited.

P.S. Because your husband feels bad about how the women are being treated, perhaps he

should consider attending only the breakfast get-togethers and seeing those men in the evening group he has bonded with independently.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend loses her keys, wallet, credit cards or iPad every day. I have suggested ways to avoid losing her keys. For example — always use the same pocket in her purse or put them in a bowl by the door. She doesn’t do it. I think it is to spite me.

She has now become resentful that I have become impatient about it. I’m frustrated because this is something that can easily be fixed, and I’m tired of searching for 20 minutes for whatever she has misplaced. What can I do? — BEYOND FRUSTRATED IN L.A.

DEAR BEYOND FRUSTRATED: The first thing you should do is understand that your girlfriend isn’t doing this to upset you, and it’s possible that she becomes as upset as you do when it happens. While I agree that part of the problem is that she’s disorganized, it could also be that her thinking is scattered. When she puts something down, she isn’t fully in the moment. Her thoughts may be on something else.

Frankly, there isn’t anything you can do about it. If there is a solution to your girlfriend’s problem, it’s that she should slow down and think about EXACTLY what she’s doing when she’s doing it, which is sometimes easier said than done.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order “How to Have a Lovely Wedding.” Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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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.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, FEB. 4, 2014:

This year you have the opportunity to clear up a problem that affects your community and your professional image. You will feel like a different person. Your efforts seem to draw excellent results at work. If you are single, you could be overwhelmed by your many choices of suitors. More than one person seems suitable, but only you can decide what kind of relationship you want. If you are attached, the two of you act like newlyweds from mid-July on. Consider going on a special vacation that you often have discussed. ARIES can be testy and irritable.

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)

★★★★ A situation involving money might add to an existing feeling of vulnerability. A hostile remark could trigger words and events that you will wish had never happened. Try to relax. You are in control of your feelings. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

#### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Remain sure of yourself, and honor what is going on within you. You could be more irritable than you think, as you are maintaining a hectic pace. Your demeanor might change later in the day, when you sense someone’s implied demands. Tonight: Make it easy.

#### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You could find it difficult to hold back, as you’ll want to run with an idea or a solution. Friends might encourage you to slow down. This suggestion will seem off to you. Refuse to get into a fight, or you could cause your own delay. Tonight: Allow your energy to flow.

#### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You might feel frustrated when dealing with a parent or supervisor. Your creativity seems off at this point, and you might find that you need to take a different approach in order to get your point heard. You could wind up in an argument, so try to avoid that. Tonight: A must show.

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

★★★★ If you can detach, you will see a situation in a new light. You might feel torn, as you see and un-

derstand the different sides of an argument. Be smart, and say little around a hot-headed person in your life. Your words easily could be misconstrued. Tonight: Hang in there.

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

★★★★ Focus on getting the best results. The key is to maintain one-on-one contact with those who are instrumental. You could feel as if you need to pull back and evaluate what is happening. You can do this quickly while still keeping your present pace. Tonight: Dinner for two.

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

★★★★ You have been very active lately, which seems to have caused you a problem. Many might wish that you would return to your charming, diplomatic self. Perhaps you’ve been sitting on uncomfortable feelings for too long. Tonight: Go along with someone else’s wishes, if you can.

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

★★★★ Get plenty of exercise, and know full well that you need it on many levels. Tension and stress will lessen as a result. You could feel uncomfortable in your day-to-day life. Make a point of moving a situation forward. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

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

★★★★ Allow your creativity to make a stronger project or plan if you feel that the present one is weak. Rather than lull around with a sense of dissatisfaction, take action; it will prove to be the best way to handle a budding problem. Tonight: Something spontaneous works.

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

★★★★ A friend might not intend to give you bad advice, but that appears to be what you receive. Clear out quickly, rather than becoming more enmeshed in the present situation. Try to establish stronger foundations and a better sense of direction. Tonight: Order in.

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

★★★★ Keep conversations moving. You might hit a snafu with a boss who cares a lot about you. Nevertheless, a situation could become problematic. Your ability to brainstorm and come up with solutions will pull through. Tonight: Make a point of catching up on a neighbor’s news.

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

★★★★ Your intuition comes through for you, especially regarding your finances. As a result, you will be heading down an interesting path. Not all financial situations are logical; sometimes they are more complicated than you think. Emotions could come into play. Tonight: Your treat.

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### BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



### TAKE IT FROM THE TINKERSONS | BILL BETTWY

