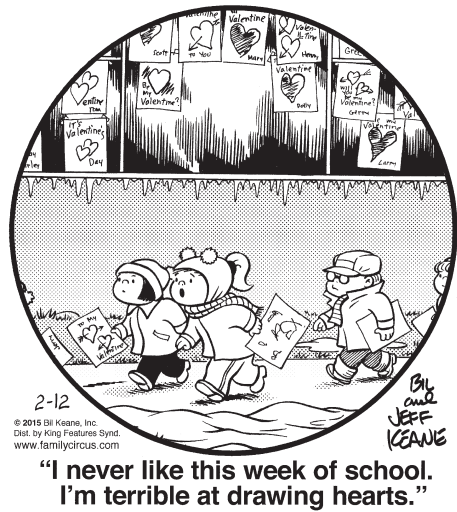


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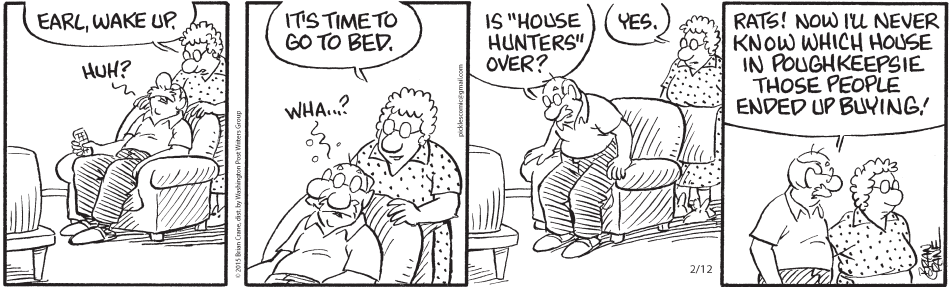
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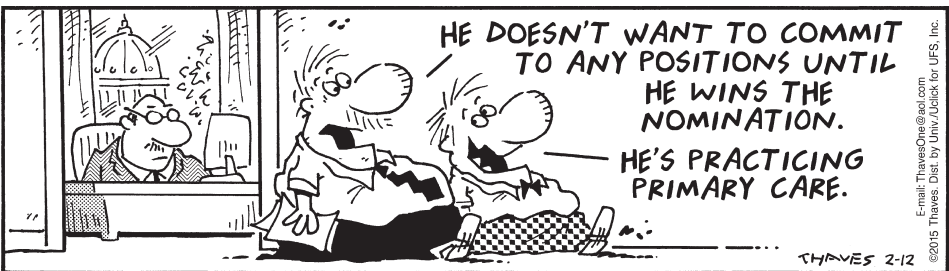
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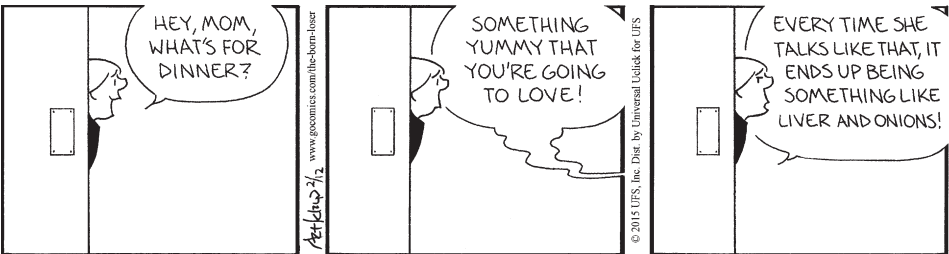
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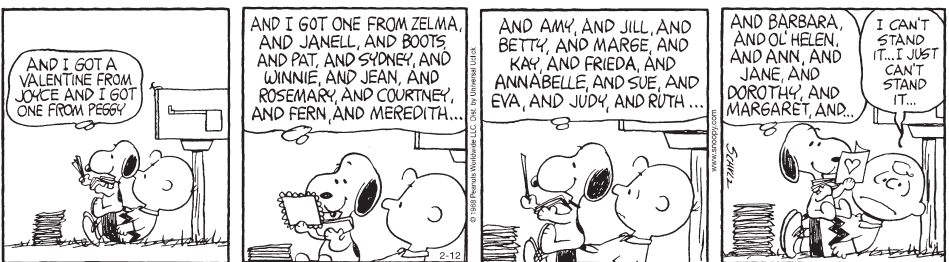
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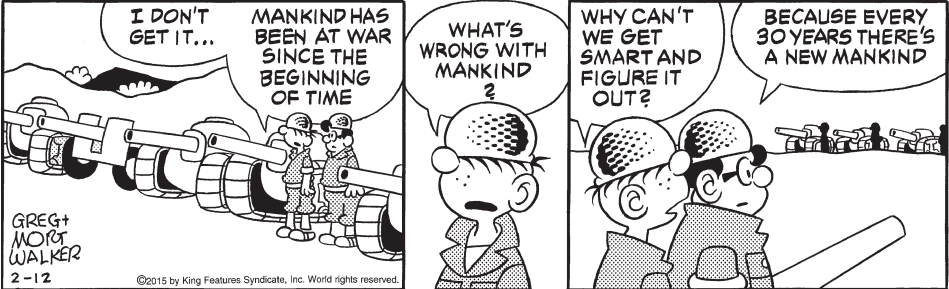
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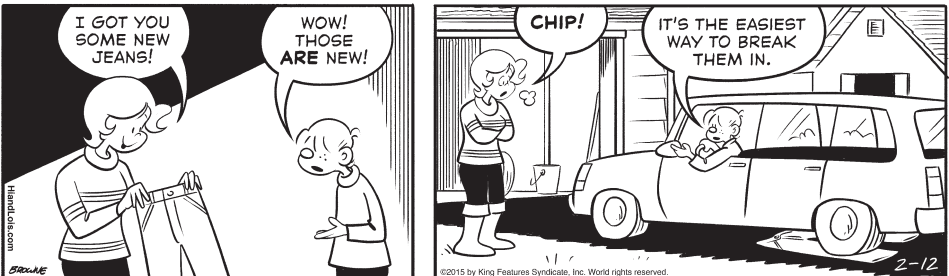
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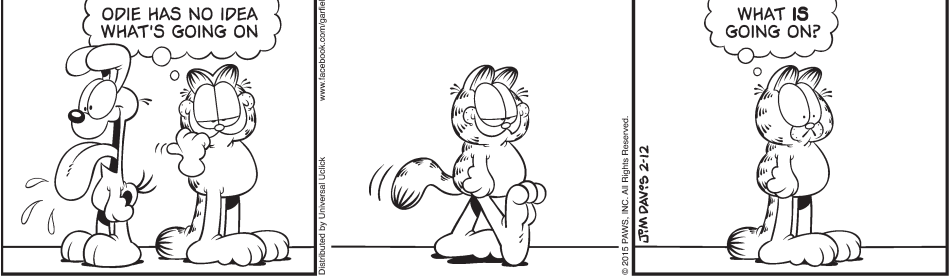
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Couple Tries To Pretend All Is Well For Daughter's Sake

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Mason," and I have been married for 10 years. We have a beautiful 7-year-old daughter and have just found out we are having another girl. The day we learned her gender, Mason dropped a bomb on me. He said he's not in love with me anymore, and it has been eating at him for a while. He said he was too scared to tell me sooner.

He won't talk to anyone and doesn't seem to want to fix it. We both came from broken homes and had always agreed not to do that to our kids. But I can't act like everything is normal under the same roof.

He says he'll stay at his brother's place at night after our daughter goes to sleep. He's at work before she's up for school anyway. We agreed that if she wakes up at night and calls out for him, I should tell her he got "called in to work." Please give me some advice.

— BROKEN IN NEVADA

DEAR BROKEN: By the age of 7, your daughter is old enough to recognize tension between her parents. She is also aware enough to comprehend that her father is no longer living there if he's spending his nights elsewhere, particularly if he intends to carry on this charade for any length of time.

You say your husband "won't talk to anyone," but he owes YOU some straight answers. If he hasn't been in love with you "for a while," he shouldn't have fathered a second child with you.

Would his feelings be different if the baby you're carrying was a boy? Could there be another woman involved? Your husband owes it to you and those children to act responsibly and at least try to save his marriage. Running away is not the answer.

In the meantime, my advice is to talk to a lawyer and take your cues from her or him about protecting yourself and your children financially. Doing so does not mean you "must" file divorce papers, but you will have someone who isn't emotionally involved looking out for your interests.

DEAR ABBY: What should a single, straight

woman do if she is attracted to and interested in a man she is "pretty sure" is gay? What should she do in the same situation if he is openly gay? Should she ignore her feelings? Tell him? — ATTRACTED TO HIM IN WASHINGTON

DEAR ATTRACTED: If the woman tells her gay friend how she feels, he may be flattered, or it may make him uncomfortable. That's the risk she takes. As to whether she should ignore her feelings, if she wants a romantic partner who can reciprocate her physical attraction, she will have to concentrate on finding someone who is straight. Trust me on that.

DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine, "Fran," died nine years ago. Prior to her death, I had little interaction with her husband, "Dexter." As a matter of fact, when I met Fran, she was divorced, but she and Dexter re-united.

Dexter and I are now in love and are planning to marry. He is 66 and I am 61. A lot of people feel it is wrong for us to be together. Your thoughts, please? — GOING FOR HAPPINESS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR GOING: "A lot of people" are unhappy in their lives and judgmental. They sometimes poke their noses into matters that are none of their business. If you and Dexter want to be happy, avoid the naysayers as if they have a virus — because the kind of ill will they spread is contagious.

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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 Scorpio if born before 8:40 a.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, FEB. 12, 2015:

This year you will focus on your image and your long-term plans. Your career could be a key issue, as you will demand growth and more financial benefits. When you concentrate on an objective or desire, you tend to hit a home run. If you are single, someone comes strolling into your life and puts a big smile on your face. This year could mark the beginning of a serious relationship, if you are open to it. If you are attached, the two of you often sound and act like two lovebirds. Your sweetie might seem almost perfect to you, and vice versa. SAGITTARIUS makes a great friend and is likely to act on some of your more adventurous ideas!

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'll have a strong sense of where a partner is coming from. Once you engage in a conversation, you might feel as if this person is too set in his or her ways for you to continue down the same path. On some level, you might feel locked. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Others seek you out in the morning, and you might feel overwhelmed. Decide whom you want to spend your time with, and go about making it happen. Know when to establish stronger boundaries. Tonight: Tap into your imagination when making weekend plans.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You'll seek out others as you attempt to get a better grasp on a situation. You could get a lot of information, but you still might feel as if someone close to you is not revealing everything he or she knows. Find out why. Tonight: An older person triggers many thoughts.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Prepare to do what you want, but expect to get some impromptu questions and demands. Stay steady, and figure out where you want to focus your energy. Recognize your limits. You might need to say "no" to someone you can't help. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You might want to give in to your fun

yet spontaneous personality. Perhaps you are not as sure of yourself as you would like to be when dealing with a loved one. You seem to be withdrawn. Relax, and know that you are well cared for. Tonight: A friend inspires you.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might want to understand what is happening with someone who is instrumental in helping you maintain your well-being. This person might be depressed or holding back. Make a point of finding out what is going on with him or her. Tonight: Make it easy, and order in.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You could be somewhat withdrawn as you see what goes on around you. Someone with whom you need to speak also might seem distant. Don't push too hard; let this person have some space. Schedule a massage or join a yoga class. Tonight: Catch up on emails.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ You might want to straighten out a money issue before it becomes unmanageable. You know what is possible and what you desire from a situation. Convincing someone who is involved in your finances could be a different story. Tonight: Let your imagination speak.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You could be pushing someone away without realizing how you are coming off. Get feedback from several people who know you well. Try to eliminate whatever seems to be holding you back. Tonight: Respond to an offer that is too good to be true.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Try to maintain better contact with friends and loved ones. There could be some confusion or a misunderstanding about plans. You might want to confirm meetings, plans and anything of significance; you will be a lot happier as a result. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

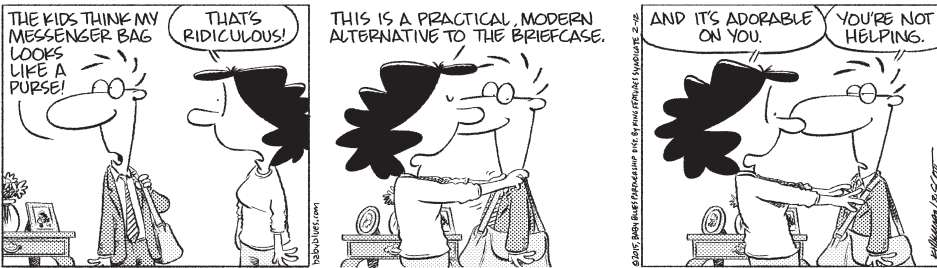
★★★★ You could be taken aback by a meeting or get-together with a friend. Work on being positive about a long-term goal. Your endurance will count. Understand that you might not get there overnight, but your goal is achievable. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You could have a difficult time listening to a boss or parent. Your mind seems to be drifting from one interest to another. Be aware of your limits when dealing with others. Leave any difficult or demanding situation for a different day. Tonight: Do what you want.

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