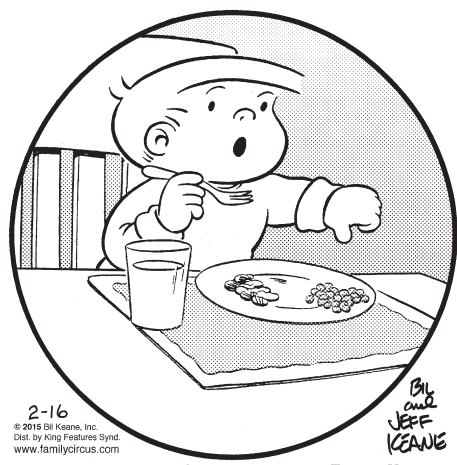


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"In honor of Presidents Day, I'm gonna veto these vegetables."

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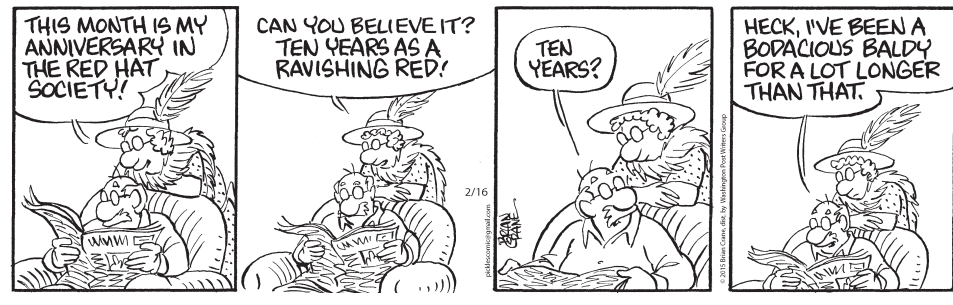
Good lord! We've crashed on a planet RULED BY APES!  
But we crashed during takeoff, sir. We never left Earth.  
Exactly.

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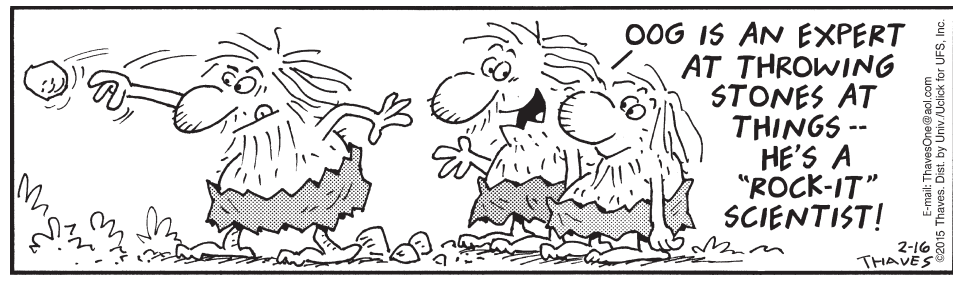
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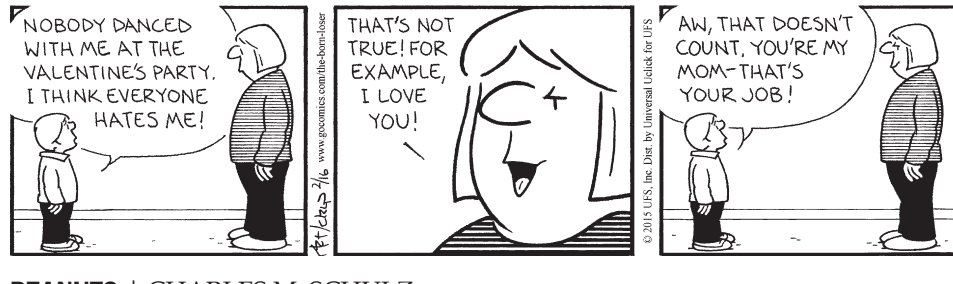
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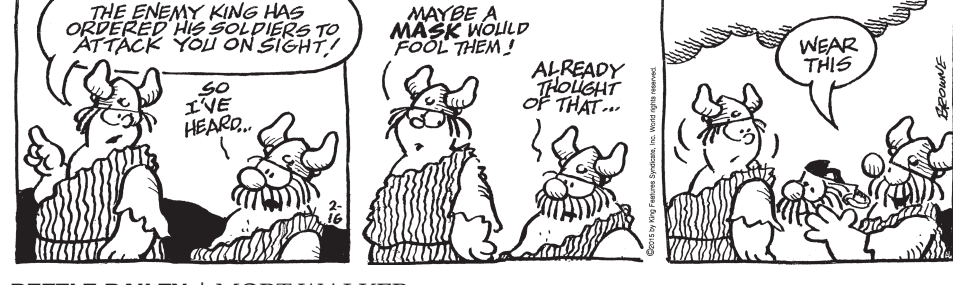
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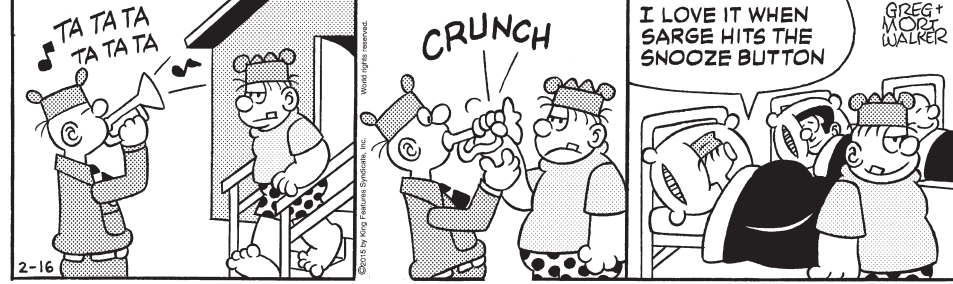
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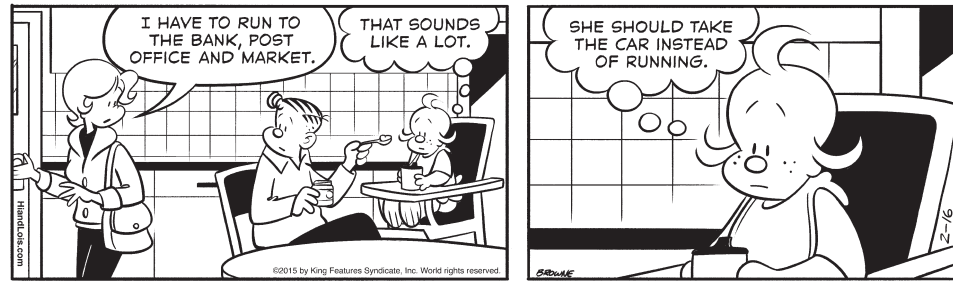
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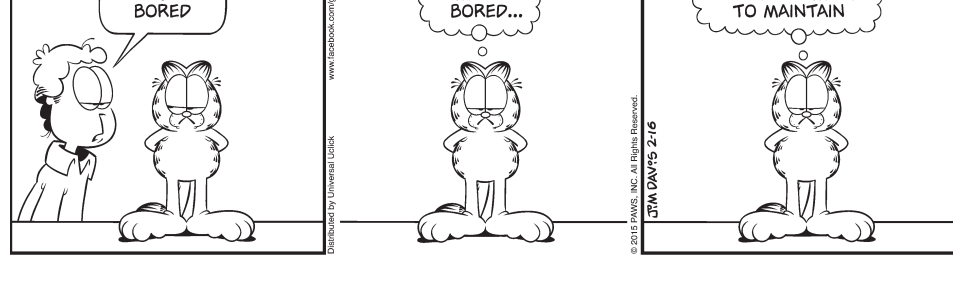
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# Traumatic Breakup Leaves Teen Looking For A Lifeline

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 17-year-old girl who recently broke up with my boyfriend of 2 1/2 years. During the time we were together we shared many experiences, including a miscarriage. Now he wants to be alone. He doesn't want to date or have any relationship because he says he feels "love is different now."

I'm having a difficult time coping. I feel like I have been thrown away. I didn't ask for such a serious commitment, but he made me believe.

I am scared, depressed, anxious and no longer want to date because I don't want to have any casual flings. My loyalty is literally killing me. I don't know if I should change my preferences in life or learn to love me. I'm too young for this, right? - TEEN IN NEW YORK

DEAR TEEN: No one is "old enough" to experience what you have and not come out of it without emotional bruises. Not knowing your former boyfriend, I'm reluctant to guess whether he is grieving the loss of the baby, or relieved that he isn't going to have fatherhood thrust upon him and has run for the hills. But at least for the present, accept that the relationship is over and don't blame yourself.

You over benefit from talking to a counselor about everything you have been through. I agree you are not ready to date right now and, frankly, you shouldn't until you are more healed emotionally. If you have older, experienced women in your life with whom you can talk, it's important that you do. The feelings you are experiencing are normal under the circumstances, including your loss of self-esteem. I'm glad you have the insight to realize that you need to learn to love yourself again before re-entering the dating scene.

DEAR ABBY: My 30-year-old daughter and 8-year-old granddaughter have moved back

home. The house now holds four generations. It's hard to keep everyone happy.

My father and I are both years-long smokers, which is causing major problems. Neither of us wishes to quit, and we feel it is our right to do as we please in our own home. My daughter is constantly telling her daughter to tell us she doesn't want to live here anymore because of the smoke.

Abby, they asked to move in here. She lives here for nothing, and pays nothing for food or transportation. God forbid I ask her to do something around here to help out. Who's right? - SMOKER IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR SMOKER: Let me put it this way. Your daughter is lucky to be living with you, thanks to your generosity. If she has a bone to pick with you, she should do it directly - not through her child.

That said, because secondhand smoke isn't healthy for children, out of love and consideration for your granddaughter, you and your father should consider designating a smoking room in your home and lighting up there, or smoking outside.

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Jeanne Phillips

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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 Capricorn if born before 8:31 p.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aquarius.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, FEB. 16, 2015:

This year you develop a strong drive to fulfill a long-term goal. If you remain focused and can endure some ups and downs, you are likely to get to that desired point. You enjoy downtime away from people, as your life tends to be somewhat hectic. If you are single, you could meet someone very special. Don't commit until you are sure you have met the right person. If you are attached, you could seem more distant to your sweetie than you have in past years. Be aware that he or she might feel left out. Any efforts you make will be received well. A fellow AQUARIUS can be unusually wifull.

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 have get-up-and-go. You know what you need to accomplish, and despite a pleasant distraction or two, you will do just that. Take a hard look at your patterns and your direction. Tonight: Break out of the mold; choose to do what you want.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Make the most of what appears to be a calm day. Catch up on calls and visit with different people. You might be surprised by what a male friend or associate decides to share. Hold off on agreeing to any offers for the moment. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You have the ability to handle problems well, as you understand that you cannot charm your way out of all of them. You could get a brilliant idea later in the day. Pursue it, and see if it works out. You might need to make some adjustments. Tonight: A partner is overly serious.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Touch base with a key person on various important matters. You might feel as if you do not have the capacity to cover all the bases. Be willing to ask a partner or friend to pitch in; this person is likely to say "yes." Tonight: Relax and visit with a loved one.

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

★★★ You have good intentions, and will dive

right into tackling your to-do list. A loved one who has been withdrawn could go on the warpath. Be willing to listen to what this person has to say without making judgments. Tonight: Go along with the program.

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

★★★★ Your imagination will help you clear away some bumps on the road of life. Someone around you could be switching back and forth from one mood to another. Observe rather than trigger. A conversation will be needed. Tonight: Head home after you visit with a pal.

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

★★★★ You might discover that outside elements seem to be adding a new dimension of change to your personal life. If you're considering a home office, hold off for now. Be sure to establish boundaries if others are creating pressure. Tonight: Act as if there were no tomorrow.

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

★★★★ Return calls, initiate talks and answer emails as you try to schedule your week. Others seem highly responsive at this moment. Make a point of having a long-overdue conversation; the other party finally seems ready to talk. Tonight: You need some time away from it all.

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

★★★★ A change in your perspective could make all the difference in your finances. You often have a devil-may-care attitude with money. Opt for more responsibility. Be aware of how much you have withdrawn from a relationship. Tonight: Make an important call.

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

★★★★ Listen to a loved one who seems to be demanding your attention. You might need to hold off on making any comments for now. Try to let this person do all the talking. Given some time to reflect, you could see a change in your response. Tonight: Make your budget.

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

★★★ You will be out of sorts as you attempt to address a problem around you. Listen to your instincts rather than your desires with a money-related matter. A friend might be overly serious, but the issue very well could have nothing to do with you. Tonight: Spontaneity works.

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

★★★★ The daylight hours could cause you to rethink a decision. You are likely to get more information from a friend, and might realize that you didn't have all the facts. Make time your ally and give yourself extra time to figure out the best path. Tonight: Get some R and R.

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