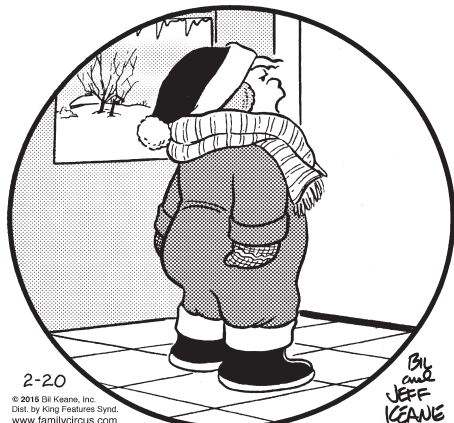


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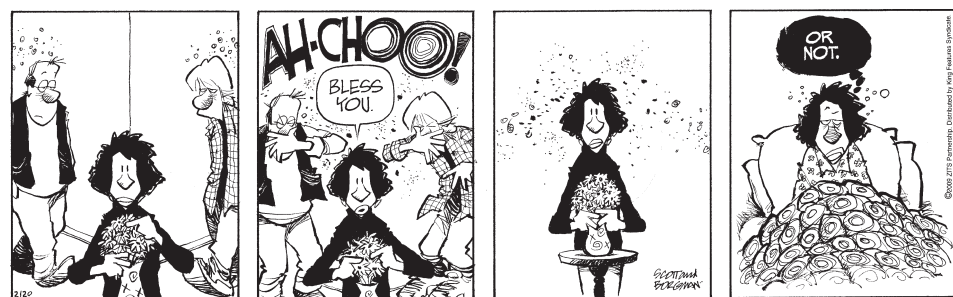
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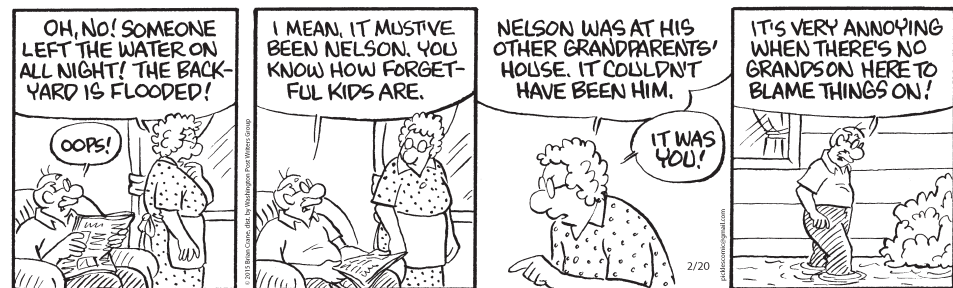
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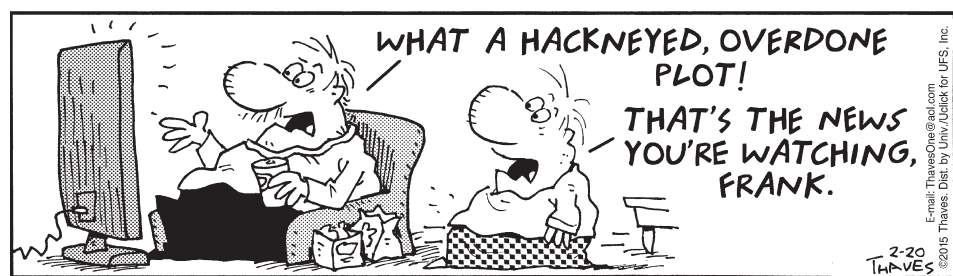
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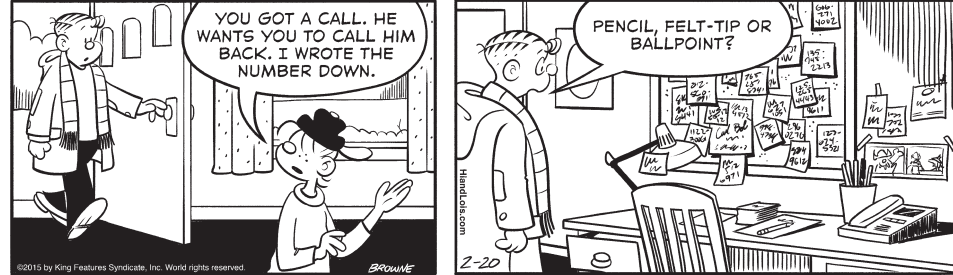
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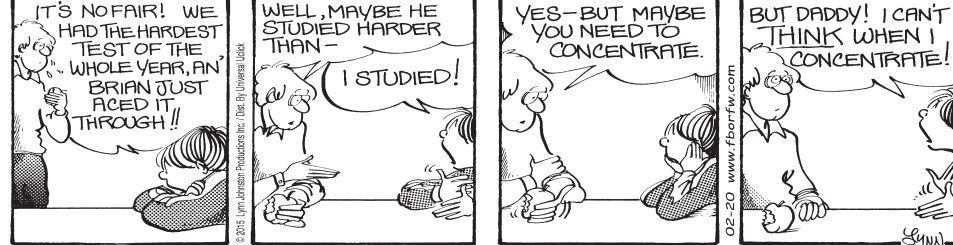
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Curious Wife Finds A Surprise In Husband's Medical Records

DEAR ABBY: I recently started working at the hospital where my husband receives his primary care. One afternoon, out of curiosity, I accessed his medical records. In his file it was noted that he is high risk for STDs. In fact, he was treated for two different ones some years back.

pened to you (and the man's former wife) won't also happen to her. Please don't waste your time being angry. You are lucky to be rid of your abuser and should be grateful you realized he was one before he caused you physical harm.

I have been tested for STDs during all my annual physicals, and the results were always negative. I think it's because we often go for weeks without any sexual contact.

What should I do with this information? How do I talk to him about it without letting him know that I'm aware of his medical history? - CONCERNED IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR CONCERNED: Unless you claim to be clairvoyant, I don't see how you can discuss this without admitting you accessed his medical records, which is against the law. Be prepared for him to be irate, because the best defense is a strong offense. You are lucky your husband hasn't given you an STD.

By all means talk with him about this, if only to find out whether you have sex so infrequently because he's having relations with other people. Now that you know what has been going on, you have some serious thinking to do about staying in this marriage.

DEAR ABBY: I had an abusive boyfriend who, I realized later, had abused his wife and children. After we broke up, my close friend and neighbor asked me if I'd mind if she went out with him. I initially said no, but after thinking about it, I thought how could she? She knew how he had treated me, pushing, shoving and isolating me from my friends.

I had words with her about it, and she said she wasn't there, so she didn't know if it really happened. What kind of a woman wouldn't support me?

He is over there often, and I live right next door. I am furious with her. Do I have a right to be? - ALICE IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR ALICE: Your friend must be desperate for male companionship, or incredibly naive in failing to recognize that what hap-



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: A woman I know has a husband who is deployed. I would like to send her a card offering support and love, to tell her how thankful I am for both of their sacrifices in the service of our country.

Can you assist with wording and other ideas on how I can be supportive? She lives far away, so this will all be long distance. I don't want to come across wrong or say something that could offend. I ran across an article the other day on what NOT to say to military wives, and I'm afraid I may have committed a faux pas and don't want to do it again. - CIVILIAN IN IOWA

DEAR CIVILIAN: If you think you "may" have committed a breach of etiquette, pick up the phone, call the woman and offer an apology. Explain that you read an article about what not to say to military wives, and hope you didn't offend her. Offer to stay in touch - if that's what she would like - so you can let her know she and her husband are in your thoughts, and let her suggest other ways you might be helpful even though you are geographically distant.

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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 and Moon in Pisces if born before 3:13 a.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, FEB. 20, 2015:

This year you tell it like it is, and tend to get strong reactions as a result. You don't do anything halfway -- it is all or nothing. Passions run high no matter what your status is; however, if you try to sit on your feelings, you could experience a backfire. If you are single, look toward the end of summer and beyond to meet someone who gives you a case of the butterflies. This relationship will be important. If you are attached, the two of you often have arguments about how much you put into this or that. Why argue? Accept each other rather than criticize. ARIES often stirs up strong feelings.

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)

★★★★ The planets will encourage you to return to the friendly yet direct Aries who everyone knows and likes. You feel most comfortable when you're being straightforward. A conversation with someone at a distance could have you rethinking a matter. Tonight: Out and about.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ You'll want to express what is on your mind, but a certain vulnerability could stop you. Understand that you will miss an opportunity if you are not clear. On the other hand, you might be more content keeping your feelings to yourself. Tonight: Vanish.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You are more visible than you realize. Wherever you go, you make a strong impression. Some people will instantly trust you, whereas others can't seem to get away from you quick enough. Stay where you are best accepted. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You might feel as if you are on top of a problem. However, someone else could tell you in no uncertain terms that he or she thinks you are on the wrong path. Listen to this person's comments and slow down. Ask others for their feedback. Tonight: Take the lead.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Your fiery ways add flair to whatever

you do, especially this afternoon. Know that the dramatic way in which you present yourself will have an effect on others. Today you will be able to see beyond the here and now when making an important choice. Tonight: TGIF!

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You could feel guilty for not having met a partner halfway. As uncomfortable as it might be, take advantage of an opportunity to clear the air. This person has a very strong sense of what he or she wants and expects from you. Tonight: Join friends to welcome the weekend.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You know that you need to have an important conversation. If you don't move quickly, the other party will be the one to initiate this chat. Listen to how much this person has to offer and pay attention to how composed he or she is. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ Your mind is likely to drift to different thoughts. By midafternoon, you'll realize what you need to do. What you can accomplish could be beyond what you originally had thought. Eliminate all your internal chatter, and you'll have much more free time. Tonight: Join a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Your fiery personality is likely to take a back seat, as you have been practicing self-discipline as of late. A child or loved one's actions will make you smile and encourage you to go with the flow. Do yourself a favor and don't overthink it. Tonight: Be a little wild.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You could find that your interest now points you in the direction of security, real estate and your domestic life. You might try to calm down or mitigate a disagreement. Know that there are deep feelings on both sides about the matter at hand. Tonight: Try something cozy.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

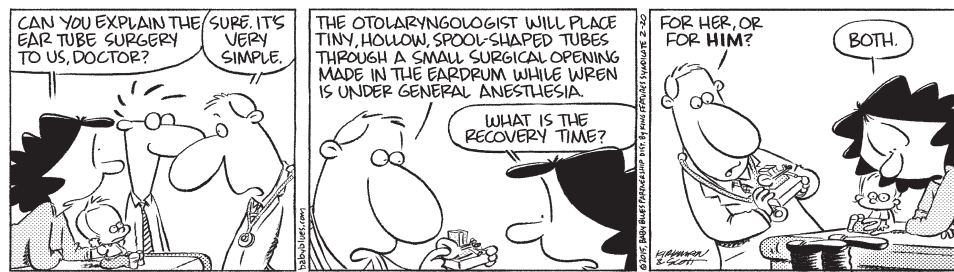
★★★★ You'll be direct with others. Be careful, as you could be met with a very powerful response. How you see what is going on might change as a result of an intense conversation. Do not push others away just because you are angry right now. Tonight: Hang out.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★ Weigh the pros and cons of a financial agreement. You might be pushed to commit before you are ready. Ask questions and talk to someone who has been in a similar situation before agreeing to anything. Tonight: Treat a friend to munchies.

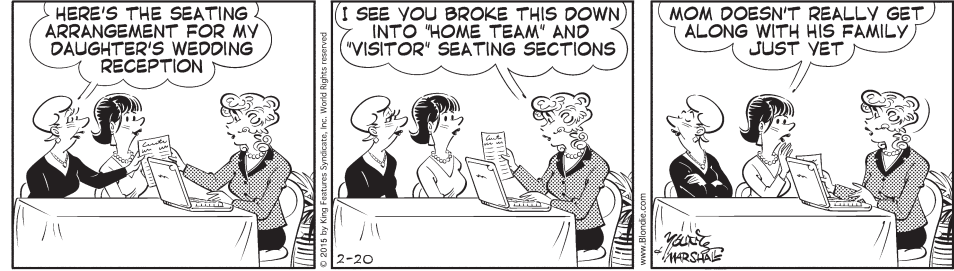
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