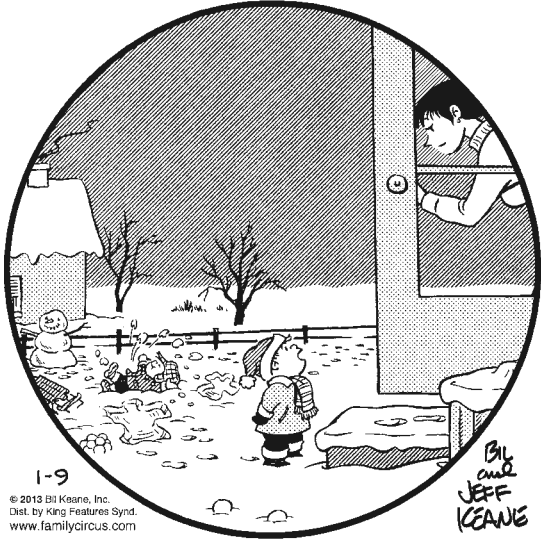
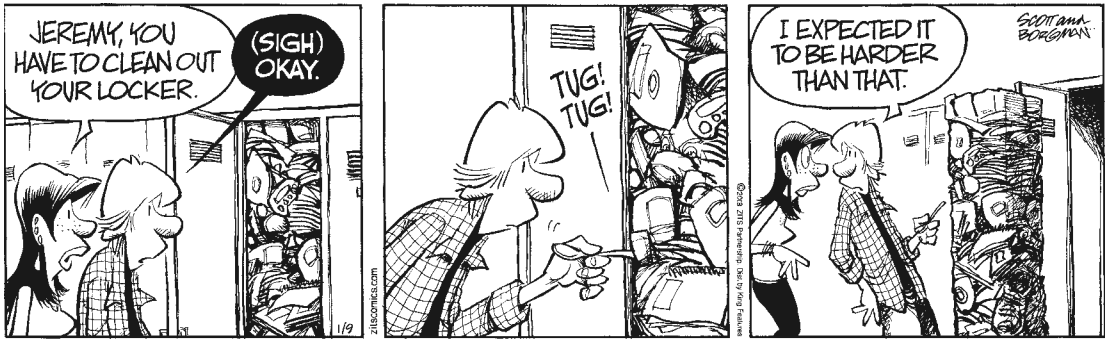


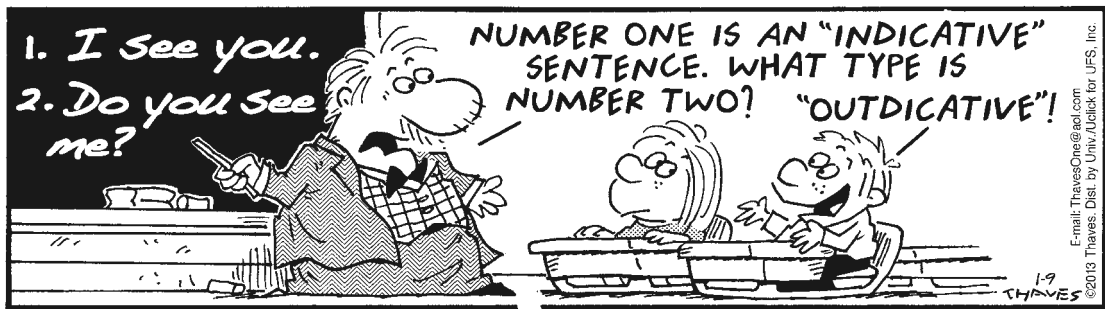
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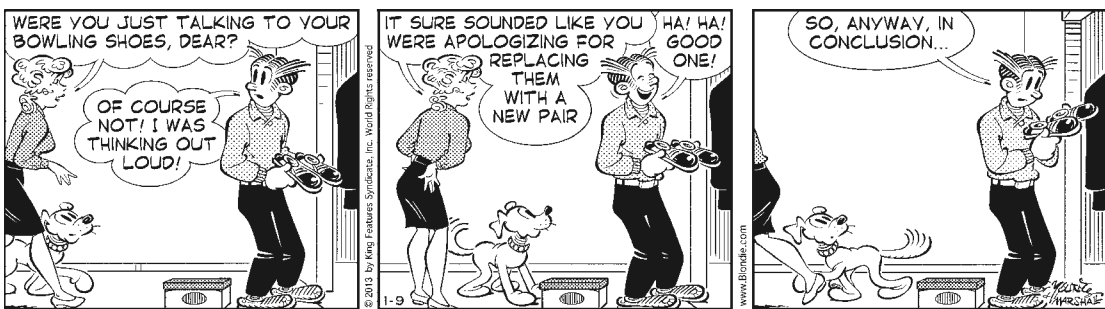
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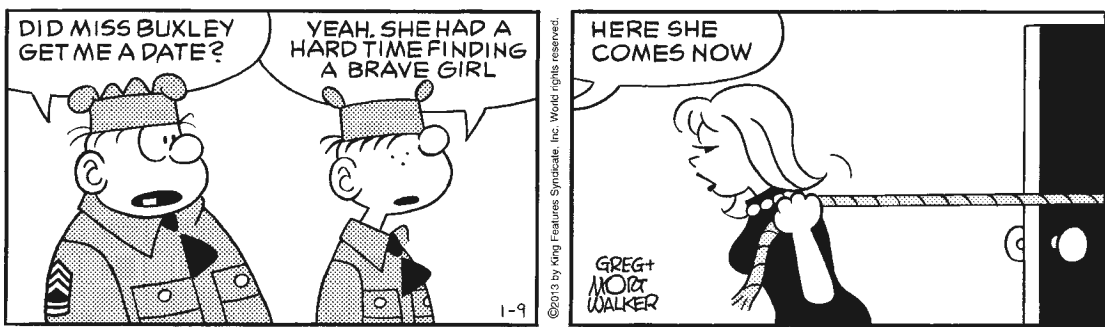
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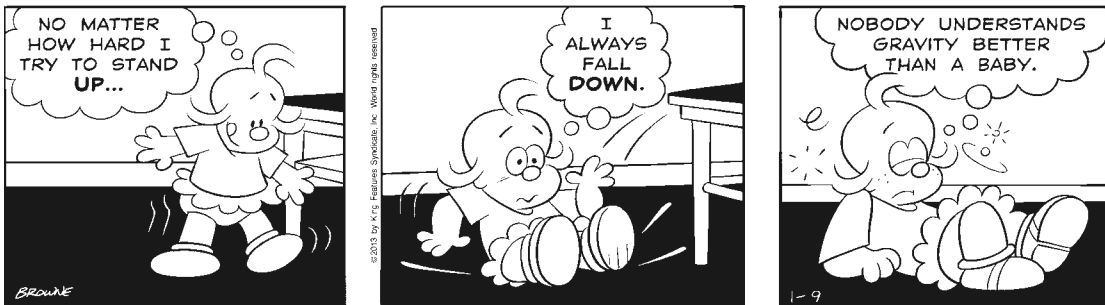
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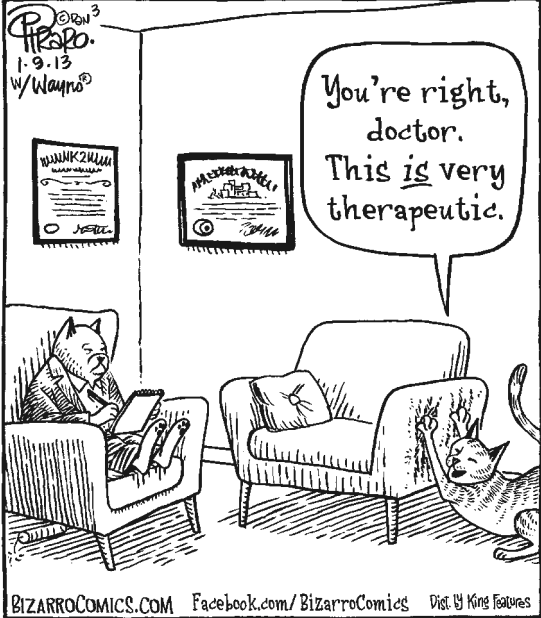
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Online Affairs With Pupils Put Teacher's Job At Risk

DEAR ABBY: My husband is now involved in his third computer affair. He's a teacher, and his first one was with a student. He was almost fired over it. He apologized to me and to his supervisor, said it was an "error in judgment" and promised it would never happen again.

Last week I found an email he had sent to another former student, and the things he said to her were disgusting. The current one is a student, too.

I have a nice home and my husband is good to me except for his wandering eye. He gives me anything I want and takes me with him whenever he travels. But he is a Jekyll and Hyde when it comes to a computer and young girls — all younger than his daughter, I might add.

I know if this gets back to his boss he'll be fired. He's a brilliant man and an excellent teacher. So what do I do? I have considered doing nothing, and if he gets caught let him suffer the consequences. Or, I can confront him and try to get him to see a counselor before he ruins his career, and makes me a laughingstock of the community.

We're financially comfortable and I hate to give it up, but I don't want to live the rest of my life like this, either. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

— NOT LAUGHING IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR NOT LAUGHING: Your husband has a serious problem. He is playing Russian roulette with his career — and it's only a matter of time until he acts inappropriately with the wrong student.

If you love him at all, confront him and insist that he talk to a counselor and learn to strengthen his impulse control. When his activities become public knowledge, as is sure to happen, you won't be the laughingstock of the community, but your husband WILL be scorned and jobless. If you want to protect your lifestyle as well as your husband's female students, insist he get professional help NOW.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a divorced "empty nester" who would like to meet a nice man to spend time with. I'm attractive, slim and active.

A year and a half ago I was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. I have excellent medical care and my doctor is optimistic. She told me she has treated many women who have survived 10 years and are still doing fine. I intend to do everything in my power to be one of those women.

I have tried meeting men on the Internet or through groups I belong to. I explain on the first date about my health issues because I don't want anyone to think I'm dishonest. Unfortunately, several men I would have liked to see again told me flat-out that they "can't deal with the cancer thing."

I don't want to spend the rest of my life — however long it may be — alone. Should I wait to tell a man about my illness until we've seen each other a few times? Or should I continue as I have, and hope I eventually find someone with enough compassion willing to take the chance? — HEALTHY NOW IN WISCONSIN

DEAR HEALTHY NOW: Compassion? How about someone intelligent enough to grasp that nobody has a guarantee about how long someone will live — including him? The appropriate time to discuss your medical history is after you have gotten to know someone well enough that you can talk frankly about it, and the relationship is beyond casual. First dates do not fall into that category.

No man who cares about you would ever walk away. And any man who would isn't worth having, so consider yourself lucky.

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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 Capricorn and a Moon in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9, 2013:

This year you often are inspired to live out your dreams. Verbalizing these desires will be the first step toward making them become a reality. Others give you their caring support. If you are single, nearly every person you date this year could feel as if he or she is the right one for you. Roll with the moment, and give this process time. If you are attached, you feel more in harmony with each other than you have in many years. Enjoy all the good vibes between you. SAGITTARIUS understands you perhaps too well.

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)

★★★★ Your feelings drive you. You might be seeing a new situation evolve. Know that the less said the better. A superior might not express his or her appreciation and approval, but trust that it is there. Tonight: Try a new scene. You have little to lose, and you just might like what you find.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Deal with one person directly who means a lot not only to you but also to a key situation. This person might not always seem present, but it's most likely because his or her imagination has no limits and is working overtime. Tonight: Visit with friends over dinner and a movie.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You could be amazed by what develops between you and someone else. You might feel pushed or misunderstood by a boss. Remember, this person has the power. Know when to flex, and know full well what choices you have. Tonight: A long-overdue discussion.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You know exactly what to focus on. As determined as you are to walk a set path, you will be distracted by others. Realize that they simply don't have the same level of commitment you do. Break past rigid thinking. See how you can accomplish errands. Tonight: To the wee hours.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Your creativity and ability to move past a personal matter might surprise some people. Clearly, you don't waste any time once you make a decision. Be aware

that this attitude might be the reason why a loved one is keeping a matter in limbo. Tonight: Let your worries vanish.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Deferring to someone else might be the only way to proceed. Your knowledge very well could take a discussion to a new level. You know what to do, and you know when to do it. Think positively, and your creativity will open up new opportunities. Tonight: In the moment.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ As dicey as a situation might seem, you'll want to think through a decision with greater care and understanding. Acknowledge the fact that there is a cloud of uncertainty around the situation that you cannot eliminate. Know what your priorities are. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ How you handle a matter and the choices you make could create more options for you to explore. Someone could have a strong reaction to this, yet you might not be able to grasp this person's reasoning. Respond with kindness and caring. Tonight: Let the festivities begin.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You smile, and someone reacts. Your ability to come to terms with a difficult issue marks a choice you've made. Having a greater understanding will help you eliminate any problem. It is quite obvious that not everyone thinks as you do. Tonight: Pretend it is Friday night.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ Pulling back seems to be the wise choice. You can't always draw the reaction you would like. Remember, everyone is different. Your instincts will clue you into someone's hidden agenda. Tonight: Opt to get a solid night of sleep rather than figure out an emotional puzzle.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Honor a friendship, yet be willing to say "no" to any financial involvement with this person; otherwise, you could hit a problem. Laughter might seem out of place, but it attracts an appropriate response. Stay focused on what's relevant. Tonight: Where your friends are.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

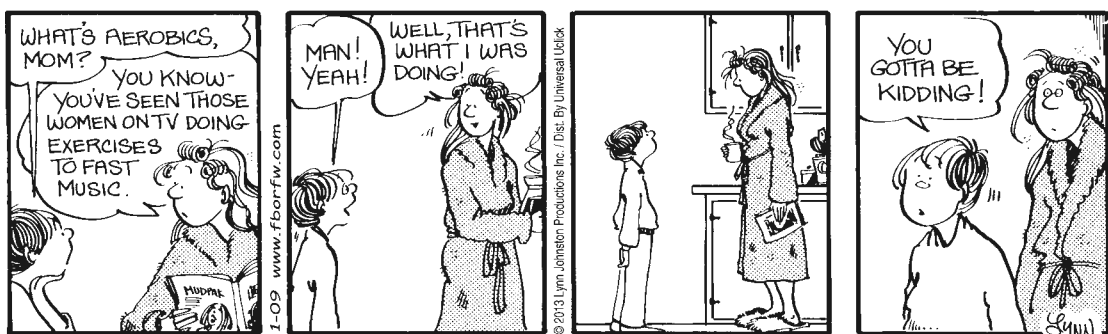
★★★★ You seem to understand what works best for you. Be forthright when making a decision, even though you might not be clear about its implications. It appears as if no one is really sure. Loosen up, and do more sharing. Tonight: Hang out with your best friend.

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