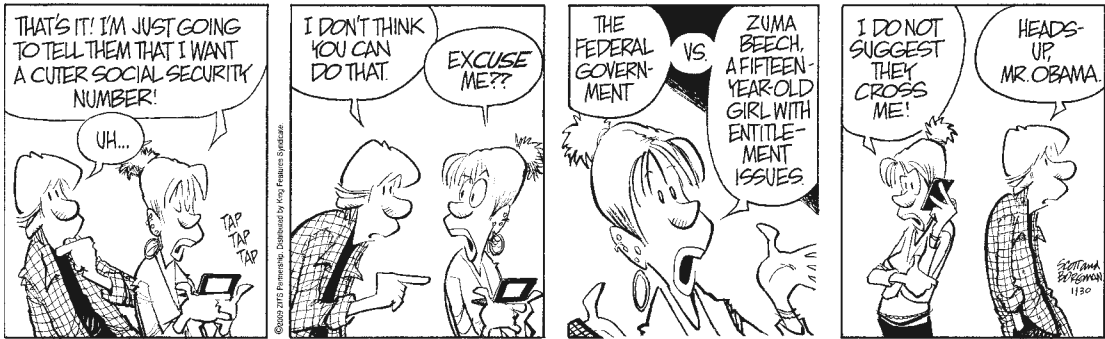


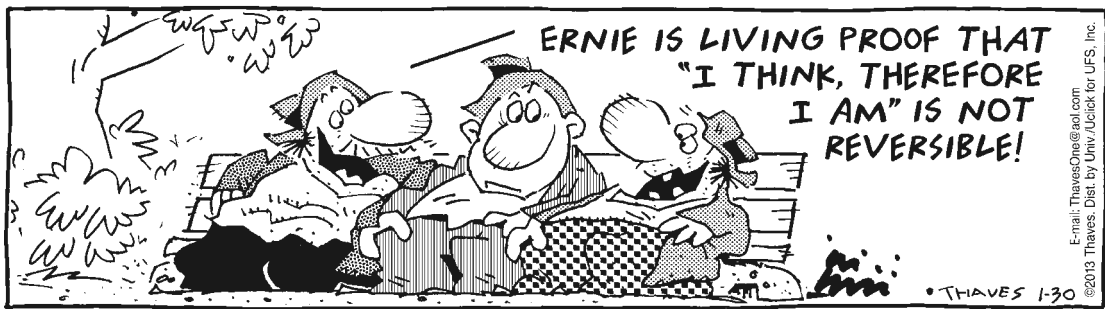
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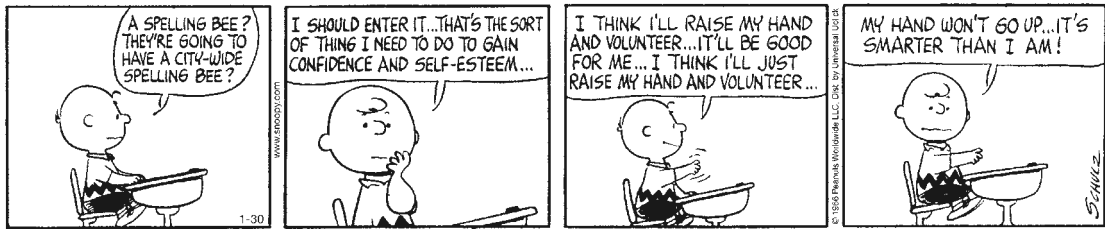
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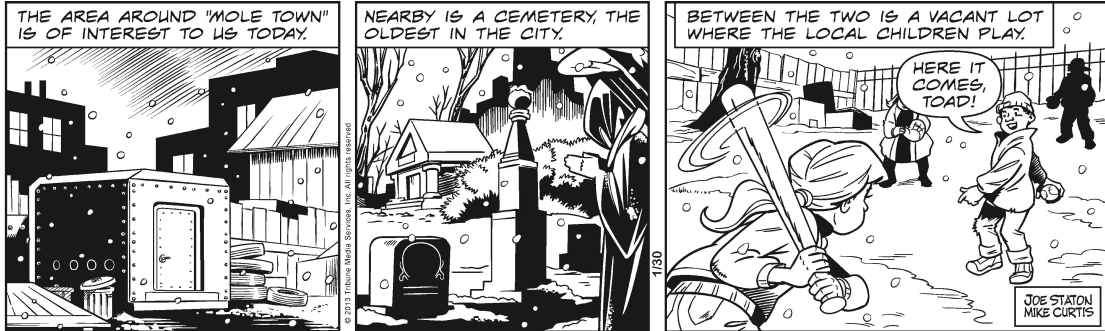
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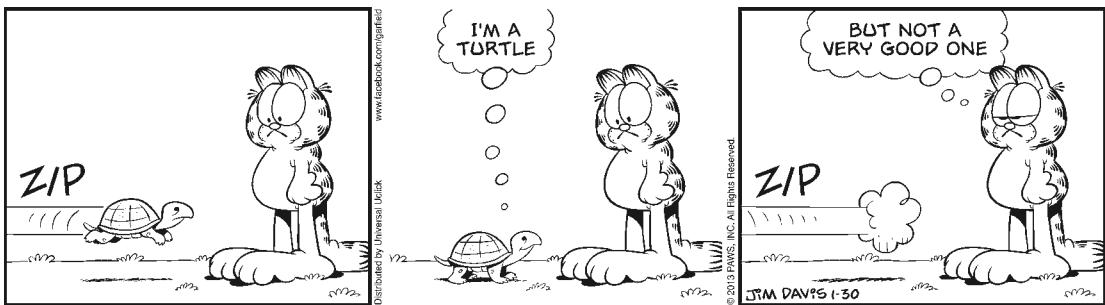
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# Man Wants Wife Along For Ride To Take The Reins And Lead

DEAR ABBY: Do women ever initiate sex with men, or must they always be wooed, cajoled, begged or persuaded? I have a fairly good physical relationship with my wife, but it happens only when I make the overtures. I am left with the conclusion that either the physical act isn't that enjoyable or I am not very desirable.

If every encounter must start with me, and my wife can take it or leave it, is she just doing me a favor? Must sex always start with the guy, or can women demonstrate more overt interest? — UNDERSEXED IN OHIO

DEAR UNDERSEXED: Many women — but not all — initiate sex with their partner. If your wife doesn't, it may be she isn't comfortable being the aggressor, her hormone levels have changed, sex may have become painful for her, or she never got much out of it in the first place.

Not knowing her, I can't explain why she never makes the first move. But this I AM sure of — until you have a frank and honest discussion with her about it, nothing is going to change, and it may need to happen with the help of a marriage counselor.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to 'Richard' for three years, but we have lived together for 10. I was Richard's first and only girlfriend. He's very shy and reserved, while I have always been the outgoing, rebellious type. I have been communicating with another man, 'Drew,' for about a year. It started out as me just having a little fun, but now I'm seriously considering leaving Richard. Although Drew and I have never met in person, we're romantically involved and both of us believe we're in love.

I love Richard, but I just don't feel 'in love' anymore. We have lost our connection. We have talked about our communication problems, and he knows about Drew. Despite my explaining what the problems were, I feel he has ignored the issues.



## DEAR ABBY

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We have been trying to get pregnant for years and it hasn't happened. I'm starting to believe it is a sign that I should move on. Should I follow my heart and be with Drew or stay with Richard despite my feelings?

Please help. — DISTRAUGHT IN TEXAS  
DEAR DISTRAUGHT: I'm willing to wager that if you devoted just a fraction of the energy you have spent on your extracurricular relationship to your husband, your marriage would be in better shape. With the help of a marriage counselor you might even be able to address those issues you feel have been ignored and re-establish your 'connection.'

But for you to throw away your marriage for someone you haven't met in person would be a serious mistake. Be glad that you haven't gotten pregnant and dragged a child into this. It would have broken your husband's heart, not only because you abandoned him but also because he would have been separated from the child he loved.

DEAR ABBY: A year ago I gave my brother-in-law a framed print that had belonged to my late husband. Some time afterward, out of curiosity, I researched it and found that it is worth far more than I realized — several thousand dollars.

I haven't mentioned this to my brother-in-law. I would never ask for the print back, but would it be OK to let him know the value and mention that if he ever decides not to keep it, I might like it returned? (I would sell it and put the money in my daughter's college fund.) — GAVE MORE THAN I THOUGHT

DEAR GAVE: Level with your brother-in-law about having researched the print and ask him to return it. When you do, tell him you need the money for your daughter's college fund. Offer to exchange it for an item with sentimental value. Honesty is the best policy, and he may agree.

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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 Virgo if born before 10:38 p.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Libra.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30, 2013:

This year you merge innovative thinking and efficiency. This powerful combination sometimes gets stunning reactions, but for the most part, it encourages creativity within your immediate circle. If you are single, romance will head your way ... perhaps with an intensity that you find both exciting and difficult. If you are attached, take up a new hobby with your significant other in order to reduce stress. You will become a happier couple as a result. LIBRA might be charming, but he or she does not think outside of the box.

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)

★★★★ Finally, your communication style makes a breakthrough. You could wonder what you need to do in order to change what is going on. You have thought long and hard about this. Trust your intuition, and you will make the right choice. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You might want to think through a decision more carefully. Financial matters come forward that you might want to review. Your ability to move past a difficult situation emerges. Part of this skill is your caring perspective. Tonight: Time for some fun.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★★ Recognize that you finally are achieving long-desired results. You have reason for celebration; invite friends to join you. A sense of negativity surrounds a long-term project. Do not let this thought dominate. Abolish it. Tonight: Share some news with a family member.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You could be surprised at everything that is occurring in your daily life. Your creativity and desire to move forth emerge. You have a lot going on that you have yet to acknowledge. You might want to keep less to yourself and start sharing. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

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

★★★ You have an unusual possessive streak that comes out. Though you often are insightful, you might not

understand or see the damage that this behavior could bring. Attempt to hold back, and try not to get caught up in acting on a feeling. Tonight: Pay bills, then decide.

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

★★★★ Your energy attracts many people, and you'll be acknowledged for everything you do. You could feel rewarded for many hours of hard work. Accept an offer that sounds too good to be true. Communicate the extent of your feelings to a loved one. Tonight: Do what you want!

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

★★★★ You sense that you are on the verge of a new beginning. You don't have full knowledge of this opportunity yet, but you soon will. Take today to catch up on errands, but use caution when spending. Try not to invest any funds, especially in real estate. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

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

★★★★ Zero in on priorities. A meeting or a get-together with friends might be more important than you think. You are on the verge of getting an offer or benefiting financially from a different source. Play bingo or buy a lottery ticket. Tonight: Call it an early night.

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

★★★★ A loved one starts revealing much more of his or her inner thoughts. Enjoy this process, yet know that it could go on for several months. You might want to handle a career matter or a situation involving an older friend or relative sooner rather than later. Tonight: In the limelight.

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

★★★★ You might have had plans to take off and do some research, but good news could have you rethinking your plans. An opportunity presents itself that might be too good to be true. A somewhat stoic friend plays a large role in decision-making. Tonight: Take in a movie.

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

★★★★★ Deal with a close associate in a more direct manner. You also can express more of your unconventional thoughts at this point in time. Use discretion with someone you meet today. This person might not be everything that he or she projects to be. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

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

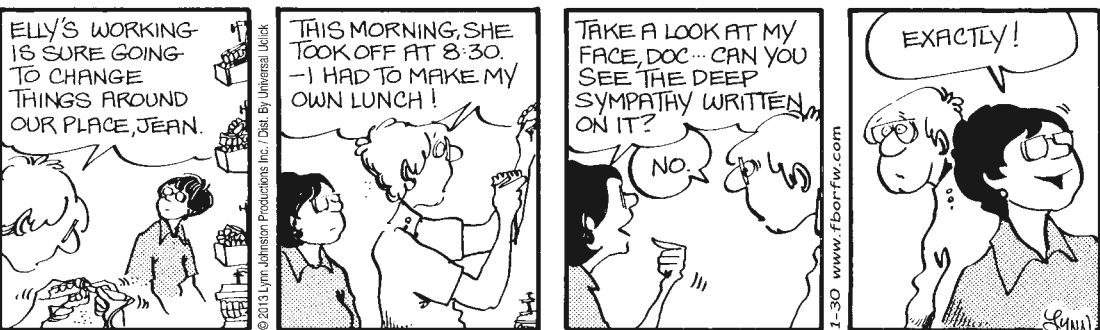
★★★★ You can't help but share good news that is forthcoming. A partner or dear friend could be just as excited as you are. A family matter could involve expansion or the purchase of a new home. Real estate remains fairly solid as an investment. Tonight: Order in.

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