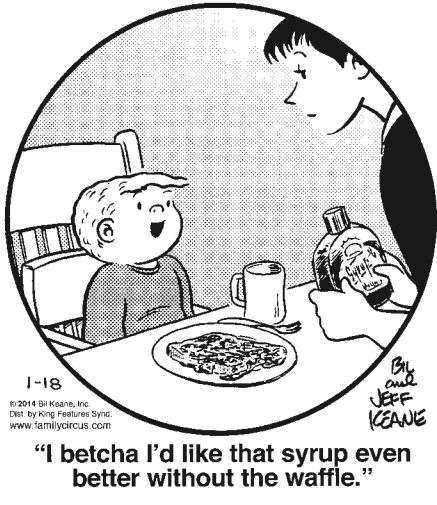
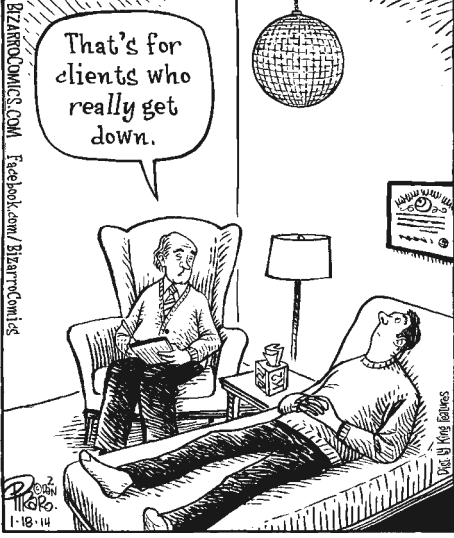


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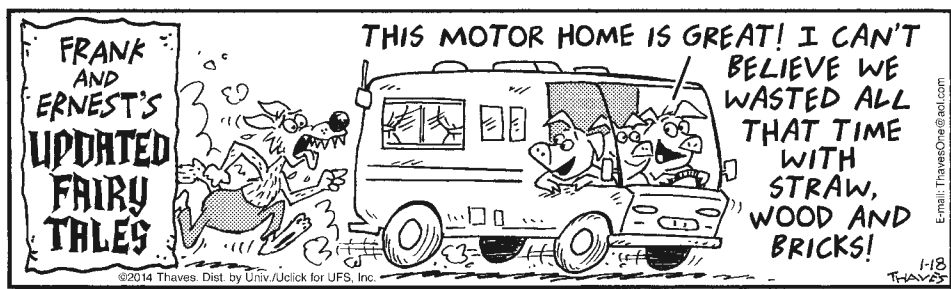


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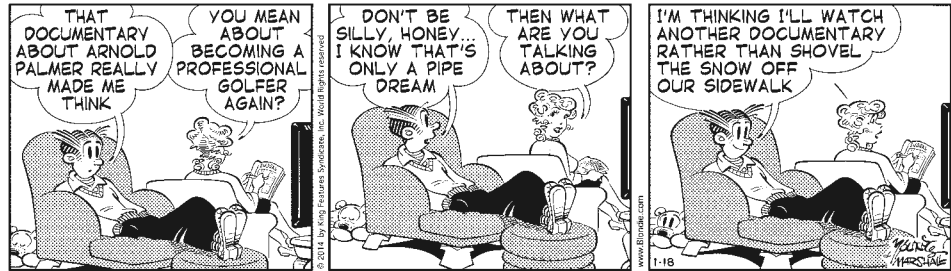
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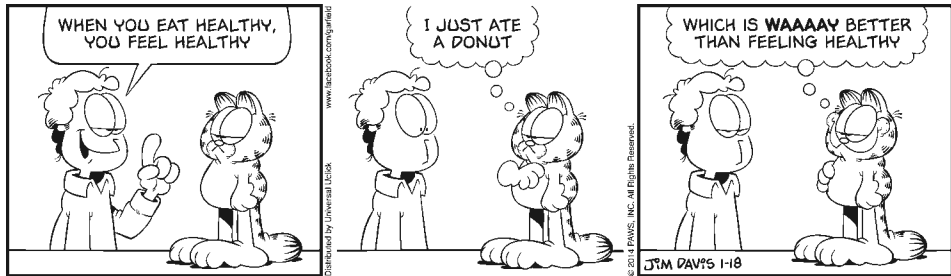
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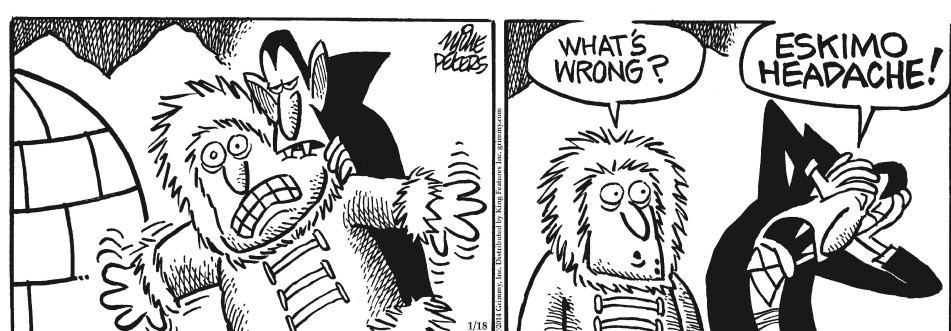
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Long Relationship Suffers After Man Makes A Pass At Neighbor

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Two months ago, the husband hit on me, really pushing the issue for me to have sex with him. Then he apologized like it was nothing. I was upset, scared, shocked and told my husband because I was concerned. My husband was not happy about it.

We have not been able to look at him or his wife (my friend) since then. We are all middle-aged. Should I tell her why we have been absent, or can you help me figure out what to do? — BADLY IN NEED OF ADVICE

DEAR BADLY IN NEED: Make other plans for your dog when you travel, change the locks on your doors, and if your friend asks why you have been "absent," tell her why. She may not like to hear it, but she should know that if your friendship with her is going to continue, it will have to be without her husband being included. (She should have herself checked for STDs in case her husband has managed to get lucky with a neighbor who WAS willing.)

that he thinks this is a normal way to live. Counseling might help you get through to him, but I wouldn't bet on it.

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DEAR CONFUSED GIRL: I don't know what your mother told you, but here's my advice: At 10, you're too young to be in an exclusive relationship with anyone. Because you regret saying yes to your crush, tell him your mother disapproves and you cannot go against her wishes.

DEAR ABBY: Can you please tell me the proper way to eat a taco salad? Do you crunch up the taco bowl, eat everything out of it and then eat the taco bowl? I asked my husband, and he said to ask you. — TRACI IN AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

DEAR TRACI: There are no rules of etiquette governing how to eat a taco salad. However, when I order one, I usually eat the contents of the bowl, then chip off pieces of the tortilla if I still have enough room to nibble. I have also seen diners order the salad and ask that it be served on a salad plate ("Hold the taco!") in order to save a few calories.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm 31 and have been married to my husband for 2 1/2 years. He wants a baby in the worst way. I don't, and I have been clear about it.

Abby, my husband helps with nothing. I'm constantly cleaning, doing the laundry and cooking meals. That's OK, but I'd like some help. I have asked him many times to do things before football comes on or to take a break from Netflix and get something done. It never happens. I have been nice about it, and I have been angry.

We agreed to buy a bigger house and then have a baby, but at this rate, I already have one — MY HUSBAND! Is there any hope? — MAMA ALREADY

DEAR MAMA ALREADY: No, I don't think so. You married a man who is lazy, or passive aggressive and angry at your refusal to have a baby, or has been so spoiled by his mother

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 Leo if born before 8:23 p.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, JAN. 18, 2014:

This year you create drama and energy wherever you go. Others can't help but be drawn to you. Your magnetism soars. If you are single, you will have to work on maintaining that status. If you are serious about relating and having a significant relationship, a special person could walk into your life at any given moment. Stay open until you meet Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, the two of you might become very serious about a goal. You will be happiest alone together. Make it happen, and take long weekends away together. VIRGO helps you detach and see the big picture.

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 to juggle various situations in order to make others happy. Your good intentions could fall to the wayside, as an older friend or relative might make a request that forces a schedule adjustment. Make this a priority. Tonight: Have some fun.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

If you opt to hang out at home, you will not be disappointed. In fact, you might enjoy some time where you are unaccountable. Listen to news with a touch of skepticism. You can be sure there is some exaggeration going on. Ask questions if need be. Tonight: Let the party begin.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

You could be surprised by a phone call that comes in from out of left field. This person might be in an unusually serious mood. Listen to his or her concerns, yet be aware of your limits. You can do only so much. You might need some downtime. Tonight: It is your call!

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

You might decide that you need a new look. For some, this "sprucing up" could look like a gym membership; for others, it could be a hair appointment. Try to keep tags on new items. You could change your mind before you know it! Tonight: Hang out with friends.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Consider the fact that a change is needed. Only you can judge what would be best

for you, despite a handful of advisers who seem to think they know more. Be diplomatic and grateful, but do your own thing. Trust your judgment. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Chill out, and let go of recent stress. Whether you're all curled up in front of the fireplace or indulging in a favorite winter sport, you will feel rejuvenated. A message from a younger person or loved one might intrigue you. Ask for more information. Tonight: Plan on going out.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Join some friends who might be off at a game or a movie. You will enjoy being around people -- the more, the merrier. Don't get too uptight about the cost of a get-together. You will find a way to handle any extra costs. Tonight: Make it early, if possible.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

You could be overwhelmed by someone who demands your respect. You rarely feel like your power is draining, but you might feel that way now. You are used to being in control, but accept that you won't be on center stage this time. Tonight: Join your friends. Let a party happen.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Take the time to understand where a friend is coming from. You might feel as if someone is pressuring you beyond what is acceptable. Try to ignore all the pressure, and remember that you only need to answer for yourself. Tonight: Wherever you are, it will be a late night.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

You will deal in a direct and firm manner with a loved one. This person might be demanding, so you might want to move up plans with a friend. Both of you will feel more relaxed because of how you worked out this problem. Tonight: Let the party go on.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

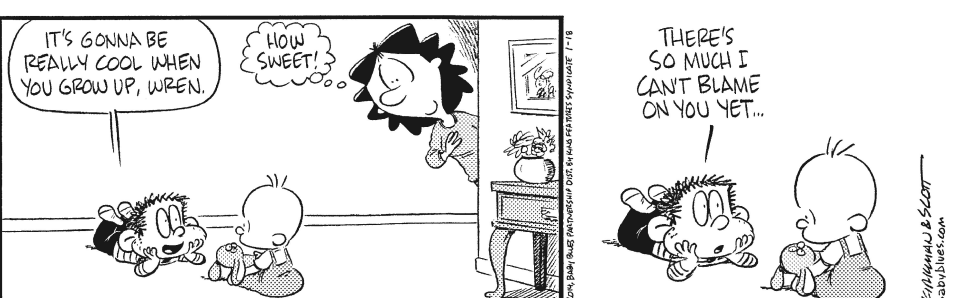
You might want to cancel plans, as someone you care about comes forward and finally opens up. Even if you do not talk about this change, you will enjoy being with this person. Make sure that you listen carefully as he or she speaks. Tonight: Out on the town.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Whether you are cleaning closets or still finishing up thank-you notes from the holidays, you will be focused on wrapping up a project. You could be more than ready to join friends later on, once you feel unburdened. Tonight: Accept an invitation from friends.

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