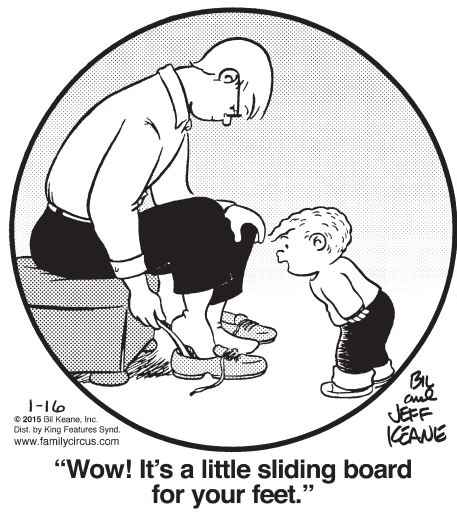


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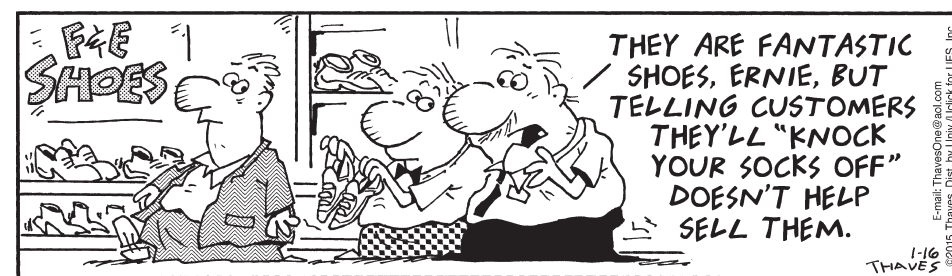
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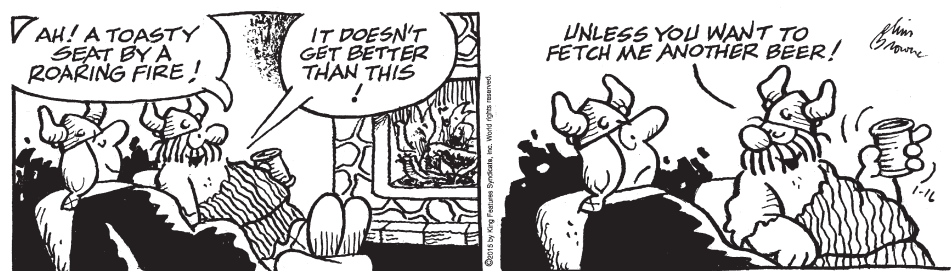
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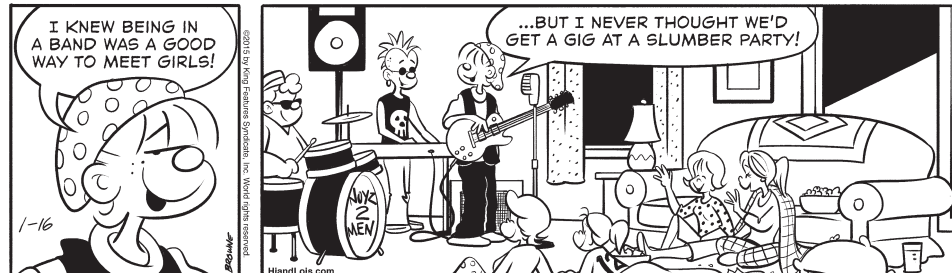
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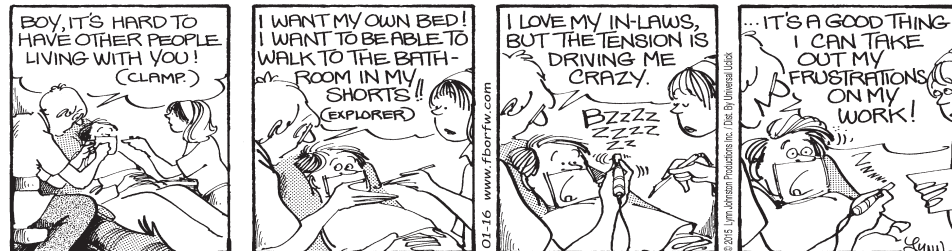
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# Losing A Lung Is No Deterrent For Man Addicted To Smoking

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Fred," lost a lung to cancer 14 years ago due to smoking. He is one of the lucky ones to survive a deadly cancer.

Even though he has only one lung, he continues to smoke "secretly." I have begged, offered in-house treatment, anything to get him to stop, to no avail. What is troublesome is that Fred is in denial. For the last several weeks, he has blamed his coughing and wheezing on "allergies." He also chews nicotine gum nonstop. It's expensive, but he uses it to get his nicotine fix when he's around me, our family and friends.

I am angry, frustrated and sad that Fred has chosen cigarettes over having a chance to live, enjoy his grandchildren and grow old with me. Sometimes I think he doesn't deserve to still be on this earth because he disregards his health after nearly dying from complications after his lung surgery.

Fred is loving, warm, caring and intelligent — except when it comes to his health. What can I do short of leaving him? — MISERABLE IN MINNESOTA

DEAR MISERABLE: There is nothing more you can do. Your husband is hopelessly addicted to nicotine and he's incapable of getting away from it.

I doubt you are serious about leaving him, and I wouldn't suggest it anyway. Try to enjoy the time you have with him, and understand that many smokers go to their graves begging for cigarettes while on their deathbeds. It's not that he doesn't love you or that he loves his cigarettes more. He's HOOKED.

DEAR ABBY: I am a rent-paying adult tenant who lives at home with my mother. Mom gave a house key to my sister and brother to be used in the event of an emergency. On several occasions they have used their key to

enter the house unannounced, startling both me and Mom.

I have asked them to please either knock or use the doorbell and wait to be let in when dropping by unannounced like anyone else would do. My brother has graciously honored my request. My sister thinks that because she was given a key she has the right to unlock the door and come into our home whenever she wants to.

I find what she's doing intrusive and upsetting. How can I get her to respect my wishes and honor my privacy in my own home? Mom agrees with me, but is reluctant to ask my sister to return the key. — ADULT TENANT IN CALIFORNIA  
DEAR ADULT TENANT: Your sister may feel that because the house technically belongs to your mother (in spite of the fact that you are paying rent) that she doesn't have to respect your wishes. Unless your mother is willing to assert herself and tell your sister she feels the same way you do, and if it happens again she wants her house key returned, the problem will continue. At this point, the ball is in Mom's court.



DEAR ABBY  
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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 Scorpio if born before 1:01 a.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Sagittarius.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, JAN. 16, 2015:

This year you could find that you don't like spending time alone. Your personal life is changing, and for the better. As an element of the unexpected runs through your life, you often might feel stressed. Know that this is helping you to eliminate the frivolous aspects of your life. If you are single, the person you choose now might not be who you're with a year from now. Your interests are likely to wane. If you are attached, the two of you will opt to make a major lifestyle change. You will feel far more liberated as a result. SAGITTARIUS understands you very 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)

★★★★ You could be combative as soon as you wake up. Whether you are responding to your dreams or just letting go of suppressed feelings, your reaction will take you by surprise. Understand that not every idea you come up with is a good one. Tonight: Be a free spirit.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ A partner could feel challenged by you and shut down. Try to be more understanding of this person's sensitivity. A friend might push you hard to follow his or her chosen path. You'll gain some insight into this person if you refuse to commit. Tonight: Head out to happy hour!

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Others could be challenging, as they seem to want to head their own way. You will find yourself in a grumpy mood if you don't let this go. You might be disillusioned by a person you look up to. Consider who put him or her on pedestal. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ Remain focused on getting the job done. You'll be all smiles when you complete your to-do list. Be more nurturing to someone in your immediate environment. You will laugh, and someone else is likely to respond in kind. Tonight: Check out new information carefully.

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

★★★★ Get past some anger involving a partnership or an agreement. This dissatisfaction

tion could surround a past association. Allow your mind to drift, and tap into your imagination when dealing with a creative project. Spontaneity brings surprises. Tonight: Let your inner child out.

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

★★★ You suddenly might want to say less and listen more. Pressure continues to come from a loved one who seems to feel as though he or she knows more about a key matter than you do. You could witness an unexpected change in someone close to you. Tonight: Head home early.

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

★★★★ You seem to say the right words and touch a key person in your life. Many times, you stand back and watch what others do. Toss yourself into the moment, and worry less about a project left undone. Tonight: Let your hair down, and paint the town red.

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

★★★★ You could be in a situation that allows greater give-and-take. Do not let a family member nudge you into doing something totally unexpected and problematic. Honor a loved one's request, even if you are a bit peeved with him or her. Tonight: Use caution with your funds.

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

★★★★ You might feel a sudden change in your mood. Know that you don't need to explain this sudden optimism. Someone close to you might be very difficult, and dealing with this person could be problematic. Allow yourself to be more spontaneous. Tonight: TGIF!

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

★★★★ You know that you are fortunate to have a close relationship with someone who gives you extra energy just by being him- or herself. You might decide to make an assessment of your other friendships as a result. Tonight: Mysteriously vanish.

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

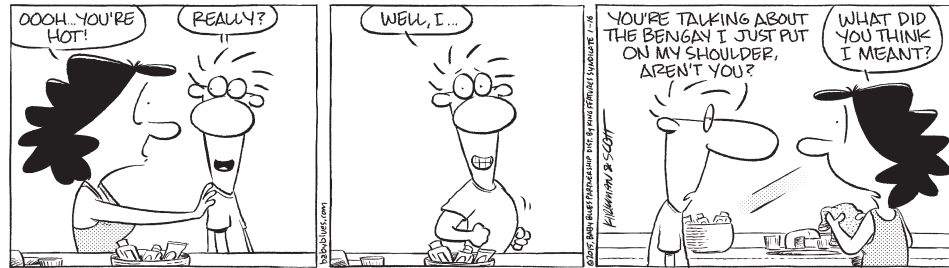
★★★ Do not get yourself worked up about a money matter. You might not be sure which way to go with an assertive and/or demanding personality in your life. Relax, and reach out to your friends for support. You'll enjoy being among the crowds. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

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

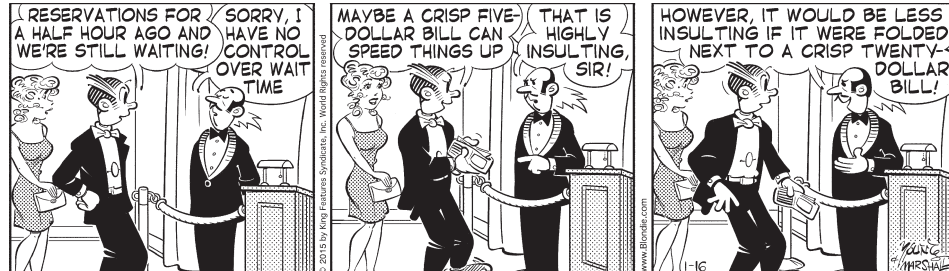
★★★★ You will want to understand more of what is happening with an older relative or friend. You recently might have seen some swift changes occur with this person. An offer could be too good to resist. Stay on top of your to-do list. Tonight: Resist being negative.

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