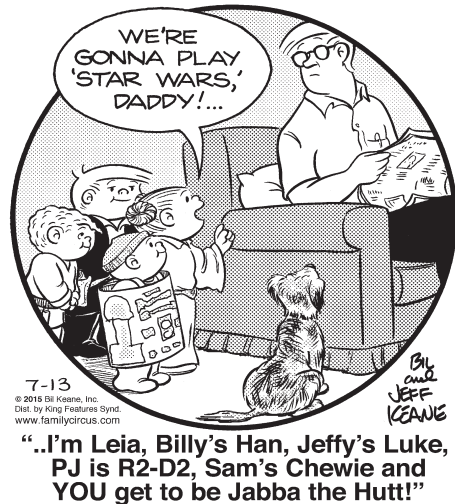
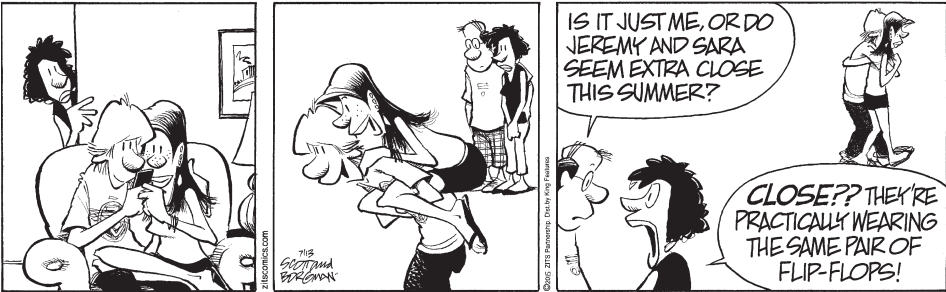


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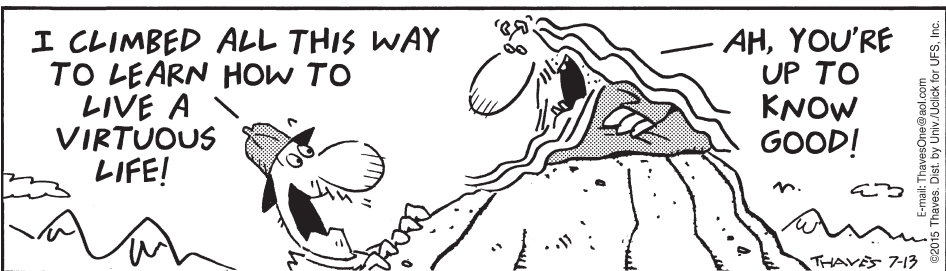
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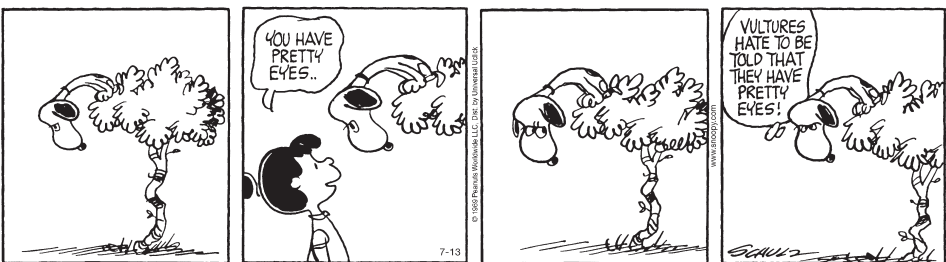
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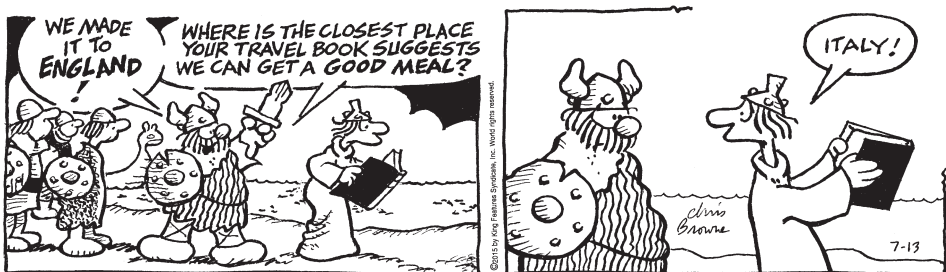
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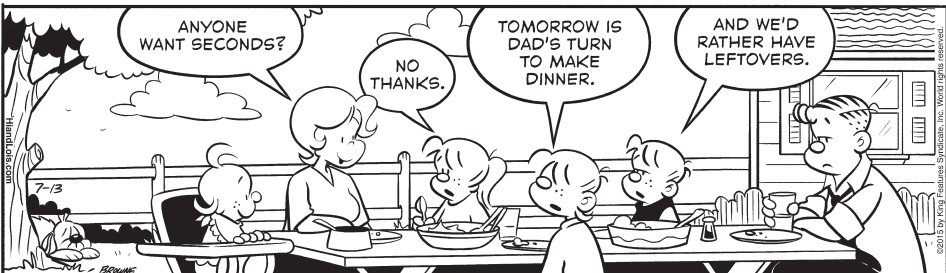
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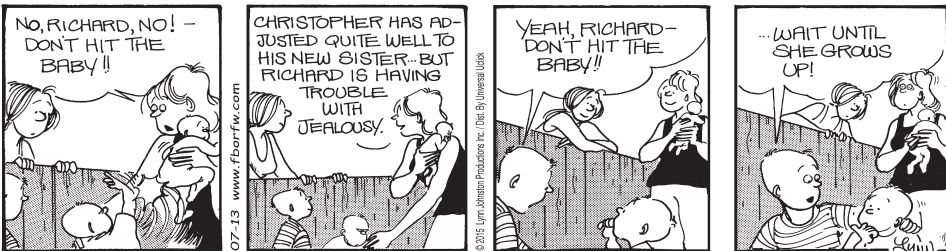
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Couple Deep In Tax Hole Need Help In Climbing Out

DEAR ABBY: I have just learned that my sister's husband of 35 years (I'll call him George) hasn't filed their personal income taxes going back a number of years. This has caused a lot of stress and anxiety for my sister, who recently underwent breast cancer treatment. Apparently, he hasn't filed because of his inability to organize. (His family has denial issues.)

Their professional tax preparer has met with both of them and tried to work out a step-by-step program, but George consistently fails to meet the deadlines. I love my sister and want to be as supportive as possible, but I'm unsure what I can do. I have advised her to seek therapy. She has copies of business-related documents relating to the unfiled tax periods, but not enough information to file on her own.

On top of everything else, she has several relationship issues with her children that are causing her grief. What else can I do? — HELPLESS BIG BROTHER

DEAR BROTHER: Failure to file one's taxes is a federal crime that could land your brother-in-law and sister in the slammer. That's why you should urge your sister to do something she should have done years ago — take over the family finances.

She and her husband may need more help than their CPA has been able to give them. A group that I have mentioned in my column before is the National Association of Enrolled Agents (NAEA). These are tax specialists — some of whom are attorneys and CPAs — who are SPECIFICALLY licensed by the Department of the Treasury. Tell your sister to contact an enrolled agent by visiting www.naea.org. TODAY.

DEAR ABBY: I recently moved in with my boyfriend, "Teddy." We are both in our 20s. Five years ago, he married his high school sweetheart. Two years later, she cheated on him and left. Teddy and I have talked about the situation countless times. I know he doesn't love her anymore and cares for me a lot.

Abby, I lose sleep over their relationship. I can't stop thinking about how she left him — not the other way around — and if he hadn't caught her cheating they would still be together. I Google her to see if I can find out anything about them. I check her social media sites multiple times a day. I know I'm being ridiculous, but I'm obsessed with her!

Teddy is such a caring man, he tells me everything I want to know, but my obsession with her and their relationship is starting to get to him. I don't want to lose him, but at the same time I wonder if I will have to leave because I can't get over their marriage. What should I do? — OBSESSED IN OHIO

DEAR OBSESSED: There's an old saying that applies to your situation: One man's trash is another man's treasure. Your boyfriend's ex didn't recognize what a prize she

had, fouled the nest and threw him away. How lucky for you that she did.

I can understand your being curious about her; what I can't understand is your compulsion to stalk her online. What she's doing these days has no effect on you or your relationship with Teddy. If you keep this up, you will drive him away. If you can't stop, find a licensed mental health professional who can give you the tools to overcome your insecurity. It will be money well spent.

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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 Cancer and a Moon in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015:

This year you often will feel the need to regroup. Don't worry; your instincts will carry through moments when you are not feeling sure of yourself. If you are single, you will meet someone who has the values you are looking for in a potential sweetie. You are likely to meet this person of significance sometime after summer but before your next birthday. If you are attached, observe a tendency for the two of you to get into power struggles. Let go of a need to be right, and just love the one you are with. GEMINI makes statements that you feel are quite hurtful!

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 ideas come from much thought and experience. When you verbalize a concept, people listen because they sense the intelligence that comes with the idea. A matter that deals with your home might arise. Don't worry -- you will land well. Tonight: Catch up on news.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ You might want to be more aware of what is going on around you. Financial matters remain important. You have more support than you realize. Ask questions. You will gain more insight by being observant. Let others know that you are concerned. Tonight: Avoid a power play.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You are full of energy, and your mind is working overtime. A conversation regarding your funds and professional status could be very significant. You might feel awkward asking certain questions, especially with co-workers and higher-ups. Tonight: A partner pushes you.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Consider rethinking a personal matter. You will find that getting a better balance through openness is important. You might not want to make the first move. A partner or associate will be demanding no matter what you do. Tonight: Get some much-needed personal time.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Your intuition encourages you to lean on someone you trust. Understand that not every-

one has the same goals as you. Nevertheless, your caring will get a welcome response. You might not be able to make a move as quickly as you'd like. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might feel unusually tense, as others expect a lot from you. A partner cheers you on, and friends prove to be great supporters. Just the same, you could hit some awkward moments when having a discussion. Just don't play into a power play. Tonight: Be nice at all costs.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Look at the big picture rather than allow yourself to get triggered. You want to avoid someone who insists upon having his or her way at any cost. You know that you don't want to get into a power play with this person. Tonight: Note that people could be out of sorts.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You might sense a heaviness around you that emerges when relating on a one-on-one basis with others. Communication can be difficult if you don't know what to say. Until you are sure of yourself, you would be wise to stay mum. Tonight: Avoid a disagreement.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You will want to understand what is going on within you. You might react strongly to an associate, friend or loved one who seems to edge his or her way past your normal boundaries. Remember, you can say "no" nicely. Tonight: Smile and say "yes" to an invitation.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Your focus is on accomplishing what you need to get done. You could hit several snafus along the way. A loved one might be giving you a lot of flak at the last minute. Your intuition helps you read between the lines. You will be able to end a conflict. Tonight: Know when to call it.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

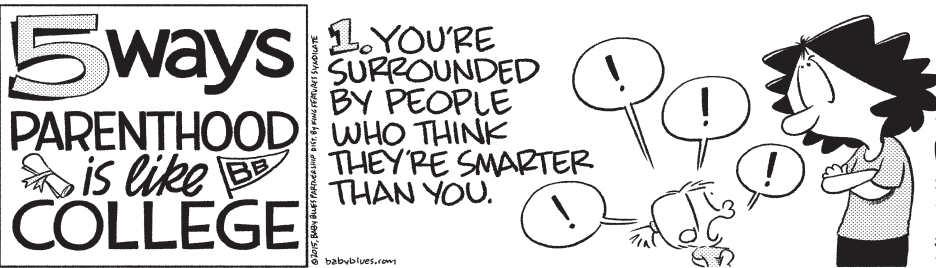
★★★ You might note that many people around you seem to be full of themselves; power plays seem to be a theme. You'll want to pull back. You could opt to take a walk on the wild side and enjoy yourself to the max. As a result, you will run into kindred spirits. Tonight: As you like it.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★ A domestic issue might make you feel uncomfortable. You can't run away; the only way to handle the problem is to face it head-on. You have the energy to get past a problem with ease. Don't worry if someone doesn't get what you are saying right now. Tonight: Happy at home.

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