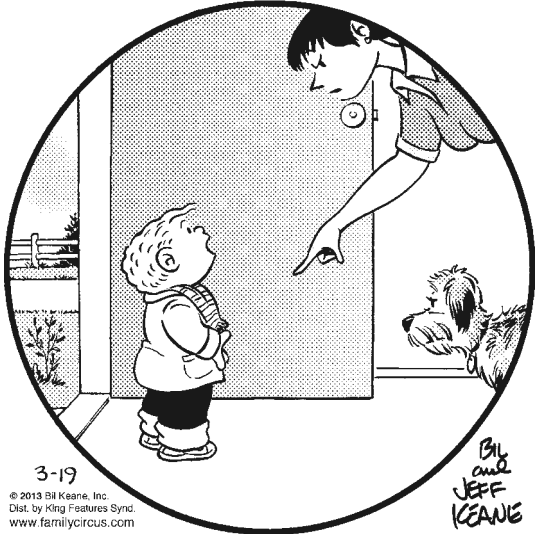


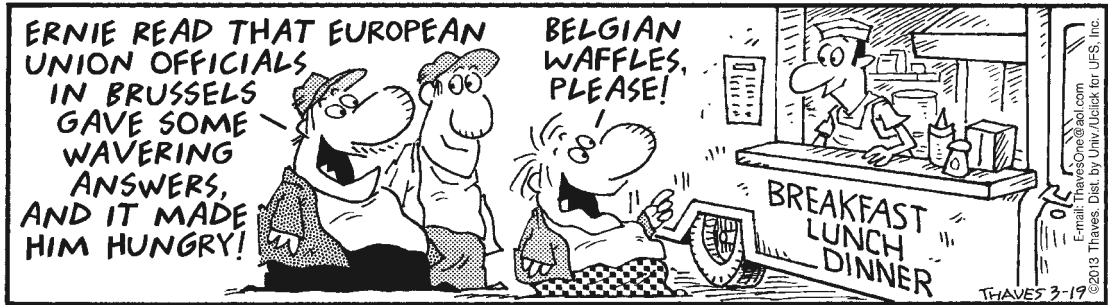
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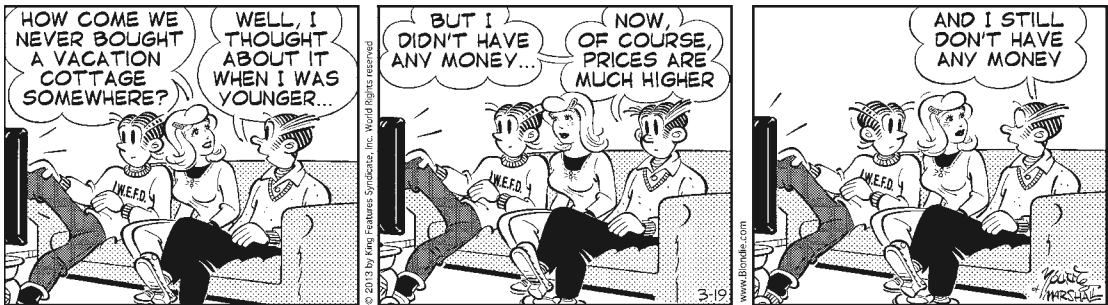
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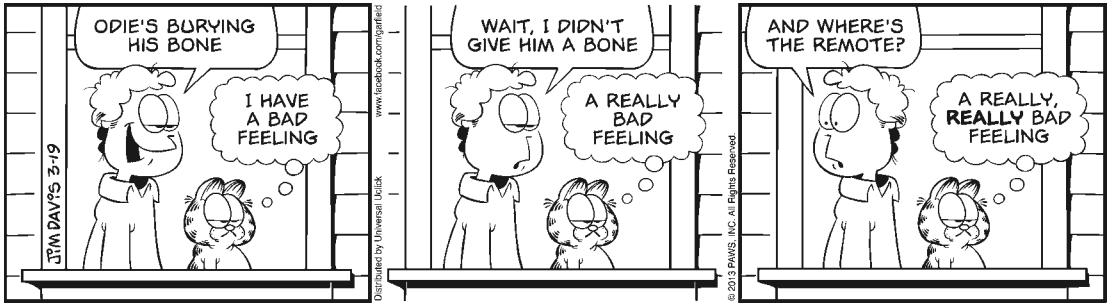
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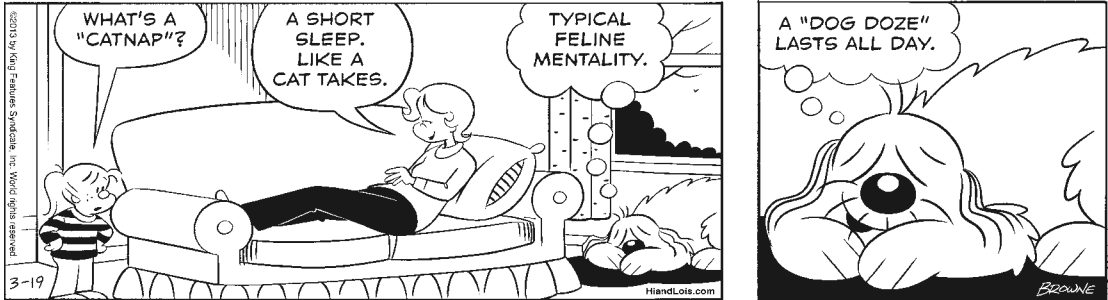
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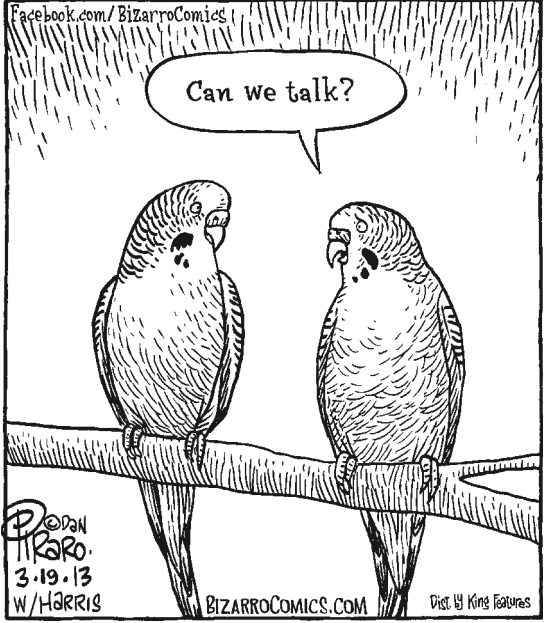
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Sisters Trying To Get Pregnant May Share The Same Problem

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my early 20s, happily married and financially secure. My husband and I have been discussing having children. My problem is my sister has been trying to start a family for three years, to no avail because she has infertility issues.

These issues run in our family, and there is a 75 percent chance that I will have the same problem. Should I talk to my sister about my trying to get pregnant, or wait until I'm pregnant and break the news to her then? Since I may have the same problem she's having, I don't want to discuss something with her that may never happen. Any thoughts? — DON'T WANT TO HURT HER

DEAR DON'T WANT TO HURT HER: "Springing" news that you are pregnant would be more of a jolt to her than hearing that you're trying. I see no reason to keep this a secret from your sister. Because problems conceiving run in your family, talking about it might be helpful to both of you. If you do become pregnant, she may want to consult your doctor. If it doesn't happen, the two of you can emotionally support each other.

DEAR ABBY: After 20 years of marriage, I am now again in the dating world — and wow, have things ever changed! What happened to the days when men would open doors, kiss your cheek, or try to impress you by sending flowers, complimenting you and chasing you to go out with them? Nowadays, the guys expect me to impress them, call them first, etc.

What are your thoughts on this? I have been on numerous dates, and out of all of them only one man acted like an old-school gentleman. Unfortunately, he was only 30. I'm in my mid-40s.

I'm not super-rich, but I have a stable job, good benefits and two well-behaved boys. What's wrong with me? — NEW TO THE DATING WORLD

DEAR NEW: Nothing is "wrong" with you. In fact, if men still chased you, complimented you and didn't ex-

pect to drag you to bed in the late '80s and early '90s, you were lucky! Old-fashioned romance started dying out in the late 1960s and early '70s. As women became more aggressive, men became more passive.

If you like the way the 30-year-old man treats you, please don't let the age difference get in the way. Grab him, because his kind is now a rarity.

DEAR ABBY: On Feb. 5 you referred to someone as a "controlling, slave-driving witch." A lot of people in the Wiccan community, practitioners of Wicca, use the term "witch" with positive connotations. There are several slur words that I heard growing up that I would never dream of using these days because of how society has changed. Please help to spread the word.

It took years of fighting the system, but we are now recognized by the VA and included on headstones with other religious symbols.

And by the way, in our religion, the word "warlock" is an insult that means "oath breaker." "Witch" is a gender-neutral name. — PROUD MALE WITCH AND VETERAN

DEAR PROUD MALE WITCH AND VETERAN: I hope that you and other members of the Wiccan religion will forgive my lapse, which was made out of ignorance. I used the term "witch" as a substitute for the word I wanted to use because my editors told me that referring to a woman in that way is not acceptable in family newspapers.

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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 Pisces and Moon in Gemini if born before 11:25 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013:

This year you often swing from being a recluse to a wildly creative person. You spend a lot of time thinking about who you are and what you want. Evaluate your experiences. If you are single, you will express an unusual interest in romance this year. Others will respond in kind, and you will have many potential suitors to choose from. If you are attached, the two of you will enter a new phase in your relationship. Your bond will strengthen as a result. CANCER makes your imagination soar.

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 go from being efficient to reflective in no time. Those around you might wonder what's going on. Your intentions will come through as you seek a resolution. The responsibility to take the lead will land on you. Listen to feedback. Tonight: Speak your mind.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You keep going back to the same point as before. Understand your limitations, and go forward with an idea. Your mind is heading in a new direction. Ask someone to pitch in, if need be. Hopefully, he or she will fill in where you are not strong. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Do what is most important in the morning. You will find a solution easily if you relax. What seems like an inspiring idea might be far from it. In fact, take your time checking it out. If there is a suspicious element, pull back. Tonight: Treat yourself to a new item for your wardrobe.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Draw in more of what you want. Listen to feedback from someone close to you. You know what works, but weigh your options first. Your ability to read between the lines will help you decide who you can work with. Make your choice soon. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Get as much done as possible in the morning. By midafternoon, you might want to handle a personal matter in a craftier manner. Being nonresponsive might be

OK for a while. Listen to a partner about finances, as this person has many different ideas. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Tension might be high in the morning, but once you see the possibility of success, you'll be able to relax. A partner will share some special moments with you. Understand how to handle a particular person or idea. Your creativity is enormously high. Tonight: Go for something fun.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ The more you detach, the more you understand. Your role in a personal dilemma needs to be assessed, as you are partially responsible for the outcome. Your imagination helps sort through ideas. Listen to what is being shared. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Share more of your ideas with someone you care a lot about. Together, you'll make a great team. Understand what is happening behind the scenes as well. You need to get more feedback. Add more inspiration to a special relationship. Tonight: On top of your game.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You might find that others don't understand where you are coming from, and they are too busy to listen. Stay patient. Discussions will become more possible later in the day. Be aware that a relationship could be changing right in front of your eyes. Tonight: Go with the moment.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Use the morning to complete tasks, as the afternoon will take on a social tone. Schedule meetings for later today. You could be very busy and exhausted by your impending social life. Schedule some personal time between appointments. Tonight: Choose what and when.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ You have a chance to do something very different, and you probably can't resist saying "yes" to this offer. You often dream of situations like this, so why not act on it? Take the time in the next few days to consider your options. Tonight: Do something special just for you.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

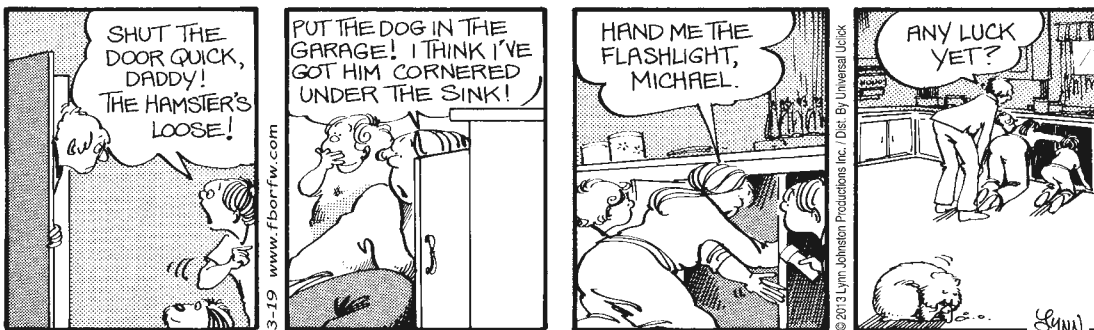
★★★ Domestic matters take priority right now. You might want to straighten out a problem. Stay open to new possibilities. Your creativity abilities come forward when speaking to a child. A new friend also could evoke a similar response. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.

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