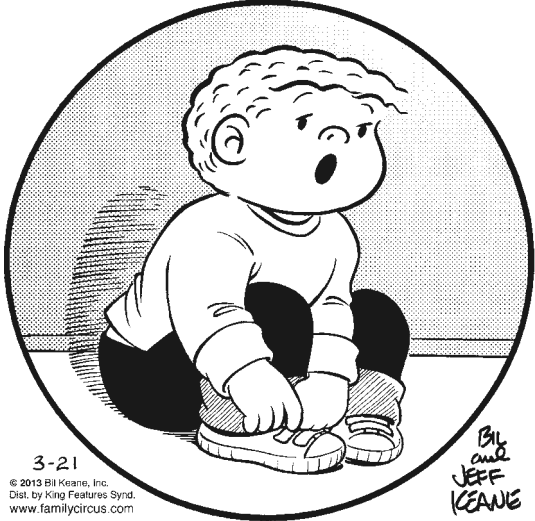


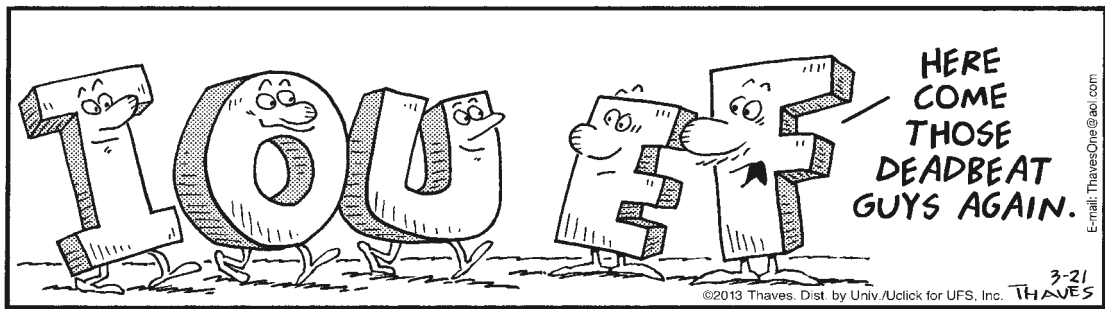
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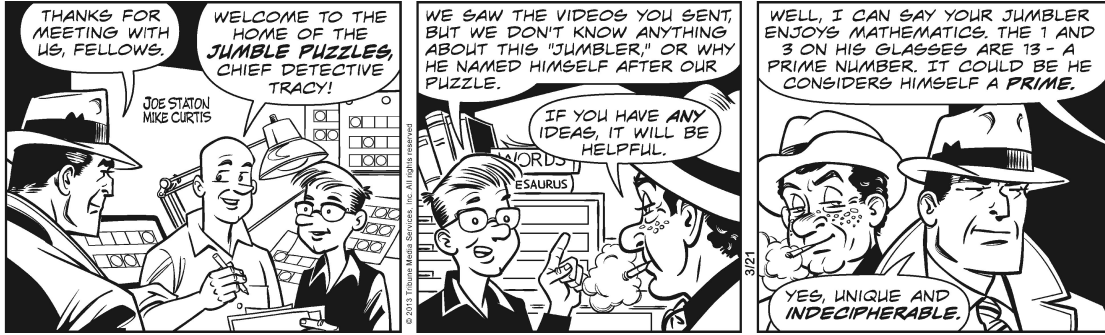
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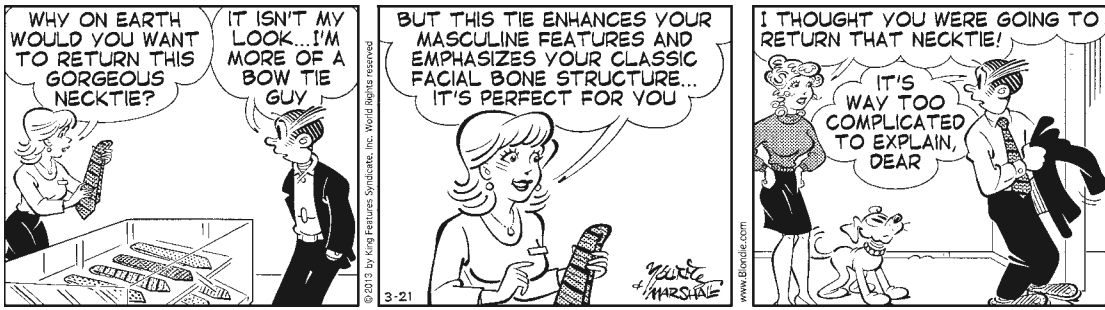
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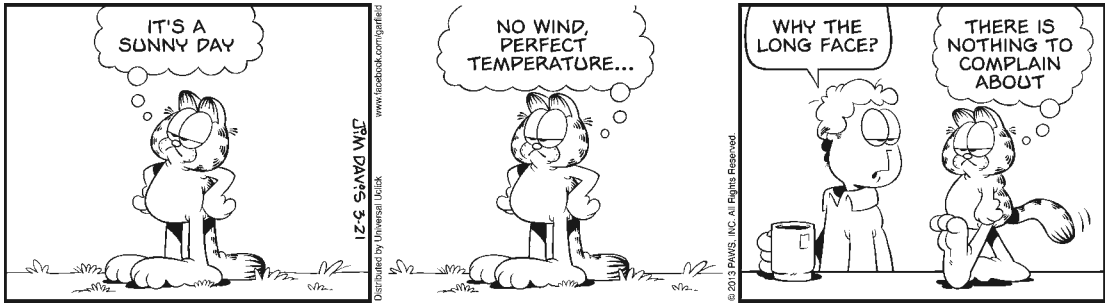
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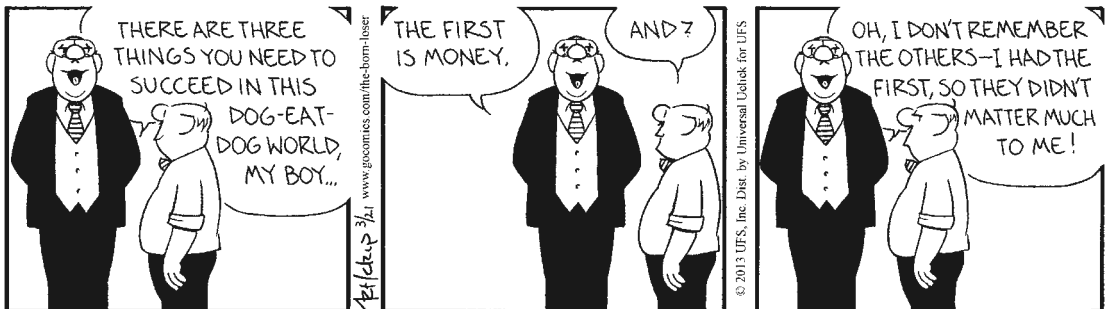
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# Daughter's Decision To End Pregnancy Torments Mother

DEAR ABBY: My 22-year-old daughter became pregnant from a guy she had dated only a few months, but never seriously. After weeks of wondering what she was going to do, she decided that terminating her pregnancy was the best thing to do considering she has limited income and still lives with me. I, however, am pro-life, although I do feel that in cases of rape or incest it is acceptable. My daughter knows how I feel about this. I supported her in her decision, but did not agree with it.

Abby, I have taken this really hard. I have cried every day since she had the abortion, and I'm torturing myself thinking this is my fault because I went against everything I believe in when I supported her in her decision.

Why am I beating myself up about this? Is it because she's my daughter, because I am pro-life or both? How can I stop blaming myself for her decision? — TORTURED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR TORTURED: The decision about whether or not to terminate the pregnancy wasn't yours to make; it was your daughter's. Being pro-life, you have your own convictions, but you acted as a loving parent should — you supported your child. If you feel you could benefit from counseling to help you through this, ask your doctor for a referral.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are having a disagreement and I'm wondering if you could weigh in. We keep a handgun hidden in a locked safe in our bedroom. (An access code is required to open it.) We also have a 1 1/2-year-old daughter.

On the recommendations of a co-worker, we recently hired a baby sitter whom we used for an evening while we attended a party. She seemed like a nice young lady.

My problem is, when she arrived, my husband immediately announced that we had a gun upstairs. He

felt it was her "right" to know. I think, because the gun isn't accessible, the information was useless to her and actually may have put our family in danger. How do we know she won't mention it to someone who will target us for a break-in in order to steal it?

To me, having a (SECURED) firearm in our house is no one else's business but ours. What do you think? — NOT THE WILD WEST

DEAR NOT THE WILD WEST: I think you are correct. This is a subject that should have been discussed before the young woman was hired. Your husband exhibited poor judgment by sharing what should have been confidential information.

DEAR ABBY: My colleagues and I are concerned about a close friend and co-worker. He insists that it's not against the law to read books while driving. He says he does it only on highways because everyone is going the same speed and direction and you only need peripheral vision.

In every other aspect of his life, this man follows the rules to the letter and is a highly respected teacher. Is it true that this is legal? — CONCERNED IN OHIO

DEAR CONCERNED: Of course not! A distracted driver who is reading books is at least as dangerous as one who is eating, texting, applying makeup, shaving or talking on a cellphone. This "highly respected" teacher doesn't have my respect; he's a menace on the highway.

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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 Aries and a Moon in Cancer.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013:

This year you are sensitive yet assertive. You often experience conflicts regarding what you want to do and what you should do. Remember, the word "should" carries with it a moral obligation. Learn which voice guides you toward the right path and brings the best results. If you are single, you will attract quite a list of suitors. Have fun choosing. If you are attached, your domestic life is key to every other part of your existence. CANCER can and will drag you down. Handle this association with care.

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 immediate circle might be confused by your recent temper and rough edges. With the planet of love entering your sign, you will express more softness and caring. Do not be surprised if you see some of your friends rubber-necking. Tonight: Make a gesture to keep the peace.

#### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You express yourself without hesitation or thought. Do notice a tendency to personalize what others are saying, and avoid making mountains out of mole hills. You easily might take a comment the wrong way. Listen to what someone else is sharing. Tonight: Speak your mind.

#### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Listen to news carefully, as it likely will have relevance to you. You will discover a different path to the same point. Listen to your sixth sense on this matter. A loved one feeds you a lot of information. Check the facts — he or she might be off. Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner.

#### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ A compliment could make your day. You might not be yourself right now, and others could be wondering what is going on with you. Investigate a new possibility with care, and be willing to accept responsibility if the option interests you. Tonight: It is your call.

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

★★★ Don't worry if you feel as if you are dragging your feet and have no energy. This, too, will pass. A call from someone at a distance might surprise you. Thoughts about a future visit and perhaps a more interesting situation come forward. Tonight: Get some much-needed sleep.

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

★★★★ You might want to head in a new direction. Your concerns about what responsibilities you can pass on in order to lighten your load will be significant. You will discover more options, given detachment and time. Tonight: A partner lets you know how much he or she cares.

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

★★★★ Someone looks to you as a person who can be counted on. You could discover how interested you are in how this person handles him- or herself. If you are attached, your partner will capture your attention. Realize what is happening. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

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

★★★★ You are a sign that is known to be creative. Today, you'll revel in others' acknowledgment of your originality. If you are single, you could meet someone quite unique. The love temperature heats up, no matter what your status is. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

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

★★★★ Know that you do make a difference, no matter how you look at a personal matter. You might be considering an investment that seems too good to be true. If this deal involves your family, you are more likely to be successful. Tonight: Invite a special person over.

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

★★★★ You express yourself with a precision that is quite unique. How you feel when in the company of others adds to your desirability. Who can resist someone with an ear-to-ear grin? People become more accommodating when you are like this. Tonight: Ask, and you shall receive.

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

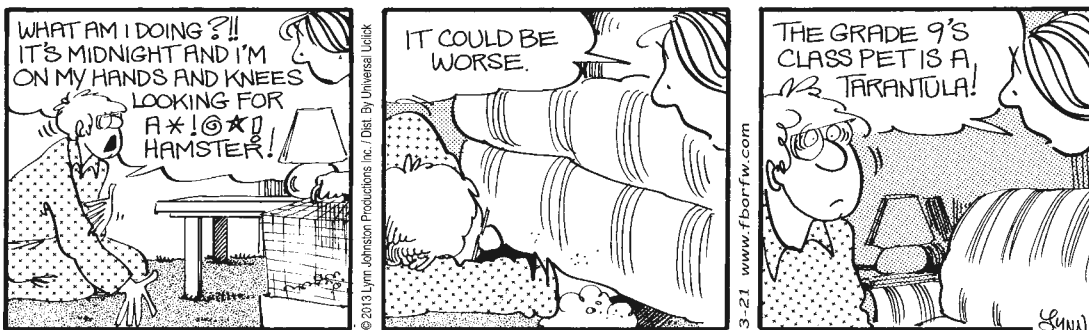
★★★★ Listen to your inner voice about a purchase; otherwise, you could go a bit overboard. You have no idea how much your attention is appreciated. Someone might offer you a deal that he or she thinks you can't resist, but you might want to consider resisting. Tonight: Your treat.

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