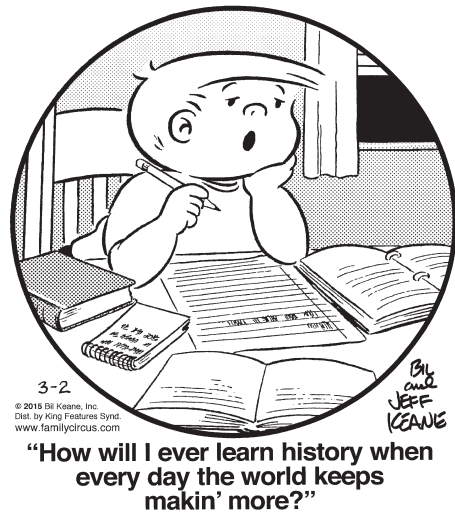
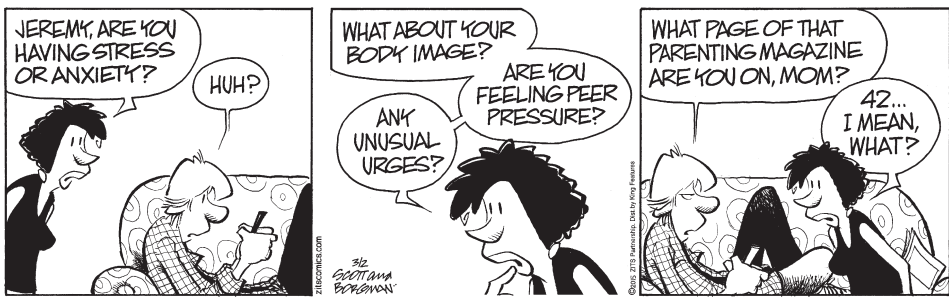


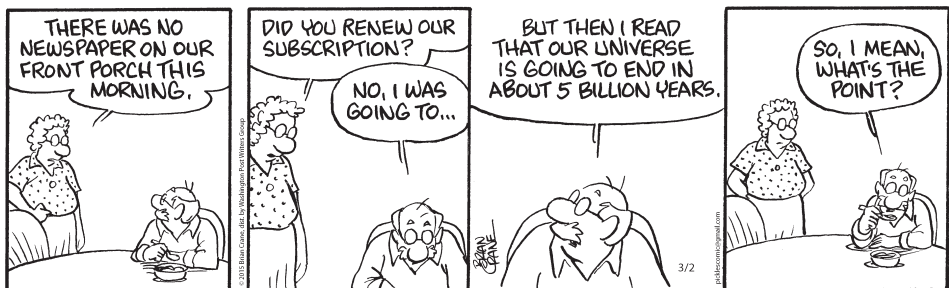
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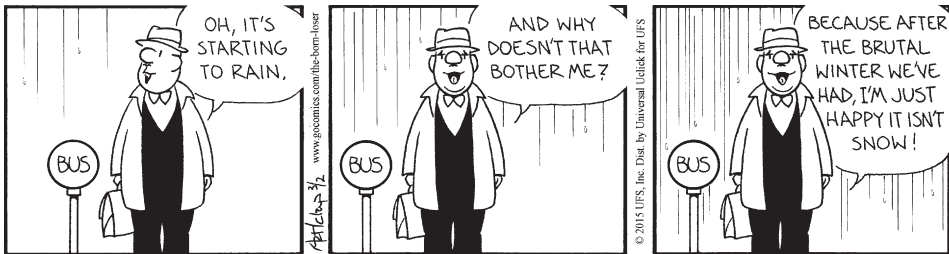
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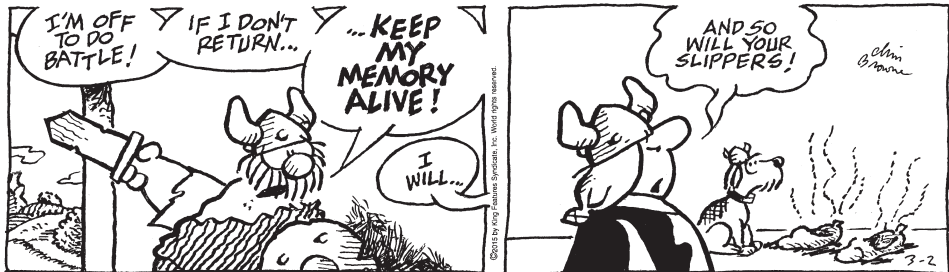
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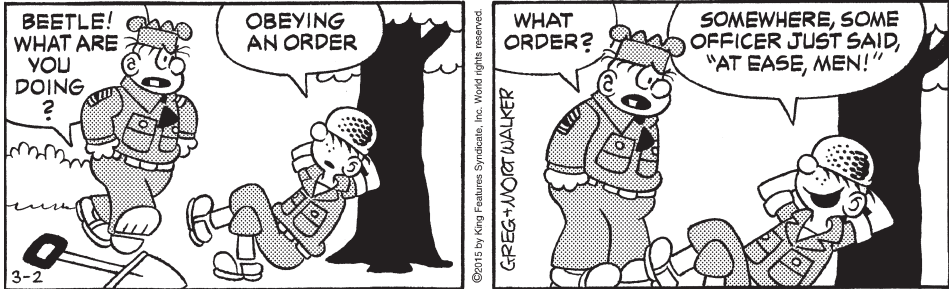
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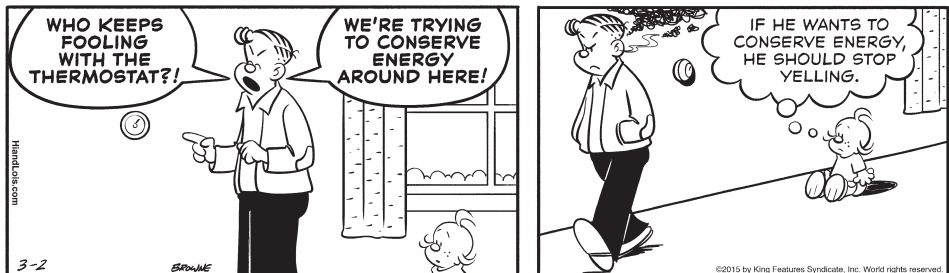
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## Woman Misses The Affection That Fiance Shows Her Pets

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Bubba," and I have a small disagreement that I would love your take on. He constantly complains that he's too tired, or annoyed or busy, to show me romantic or friendly affection and attention. But he goes out of his way to snuggle and play with our two dogs and cat.

I get jealous when he kisses our dogs over and over again, or stays up later to play with the cat. He thinks I am overreacting.

Am I being petty, or am I justified in thinking that if he has the time and energy to give affection and love to our animals, he should do the same for the woman he's about to make his wife? — INSULTED IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR INSULTED: You're not overreacting or being petty. Perhaps when Bubba is cuddling the animals, you should remind him that humans need to feel loved in the same way they do. Bubba appears to be extremely insensitive. Please reconsider your engagement, because if you marry Bubba, you may end up starving for affection for as long as the marriage lasts.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law is now in a nursing home. When my husband's birthday came around, he was depressed by the fact that it was the first time in his life he hadn't gotten a birthday card from her.

So, after struggling to think of a Christmas present for her, I went to the dollar store and bought four Christmas cards and four birthday cards (one for each of her children). I took them to her and had her sign and add a personal note to each one.

I addressed, stamped and mailed the Christmas cards. I will mail the birthday ones at the appropriate times during the year. It was an inexpensive gift, and kind of fun! — SENDING LOVE IN CEDAR RAPIDS

DEAR SENDING LOVE: It may have been an inexpensive gift, but I'm sure it was precious not only to her but also for each of the recipients. Your idea was lovely, and thank

you for sharing it with my readers. Some of them may want to emulate it for other holidays or special occasions.

DEAR ABBY: Three years ago, our son, who is in his 50s, cut off all communication with us and our side of the family. He is self-employed, a hard worker and has three siblings.

He wanted us to co-sign on a loan for a house in another state. The payments would have run us out of money in three years, which would have meant putting our own home up for sale.

Our reason for refusing was we didn't want to risk becoming a burden on our children. My husband and I had to help our own parents, so we have been frugal and never lived above our means.

I send postcards to my son to let him know our love is constant. Should I stop and just leave him alone, as he has asked? — FORGOTTEN MOM IN ARKANSAS

DEAR MOM: Your son should not have expected you to do anything at this stage of your lives that could jeopardize your remaining years. But if it brings you comfort, I see nothing wrong with sending him the occasional postcard.

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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 a Moon in Leo.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015:

This year many opportunities open up that could change the quality of your life. Choosing which path you would like to follow might be difficult. Time will be your friend. Use caution with money, as you seem to pull the wild card here. If you are single, you have far more magnetism than you realize. After mid-August, you will attract quite a few potential sweeties, and one of them could be perfect for you. If you are attached, the two of you are likely to make a big purchase this year. Make sure you don't go overboard. You also might develop a hobby together. LEO always makes you smile.

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 are likely to wake up with extra energy. You might be taken aback by others' responsiveness. Use this moment to complete a project that is near and dear to your heart. The unexpected will work out in your favor. Tonight: Act as if there were no tomorrow!

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

★★★★ You will want to find out what is ailing a loved one. Understand that this person could have difficulty verbalizing what the issue is, as he or she might not even know what it is. Demonstrate patience when trying to root out the source of the problem. Tonight: Create fun.

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

★★★★ You might be confused about which direction to head in. Return calls before you initiate a set of plans. What you hear could color your choices. The unexpected is likely to be in your favor, even if you doubt it. Opportunities could present themselves. Tonight: Full of fun.

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

★★★★ You see a situation very differently from how the majority of people see it. You could have difficulty convincing others of your perceptions. Use caution when dealing with your finances. Avoid risk-taking, and work with the unexpected. Tonight: Pay bills first.

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

★★★★ You feel empowered and will need to act like it as well. Use your high energy to straight-

en out a problem with a key associate or partner. This issue could revolve around money. You might be stunned by where this person is coming from. Tonight: As you like it.

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

★★★★ Reflect before making a choice or scheduling your day. You might feel as if you don't want to deal with a contentious associate. Try to look at the issue from a different perspective. The situation could remind you of a similar one in your past. Tonight: Do something just for you.

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

★★★★ Focus on your goals, but remain attentive to a friend who means a lot to you. Bringing this person into a project might be your solution, but it probably won't be good for him or her in the long run. Try to understand what this individual feels. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

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

★★★★ You might want to change directions and understand what is happening with someone whom you must answer to. Your responsiveness will be remembered in the long run. Be willing to chip in as much as needed, but don't run over another person. Tonight: In the limelight.

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

★★★★ You will see events in a new light. You might feel motivated to go for what you want, yet others' aggravation could present an obstacle. An unanticipated call could open the door to a different approach. Tonight: Enjoy brainstorming with a friend who has a clear vision.

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

★★★★ You'll want some quality time with one person. You know what a difference those one-on-one encounters will make. You also might want to consider initiating this type of interaction with other key individuals in your life. Tonight: Set the mood for an important chat.

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

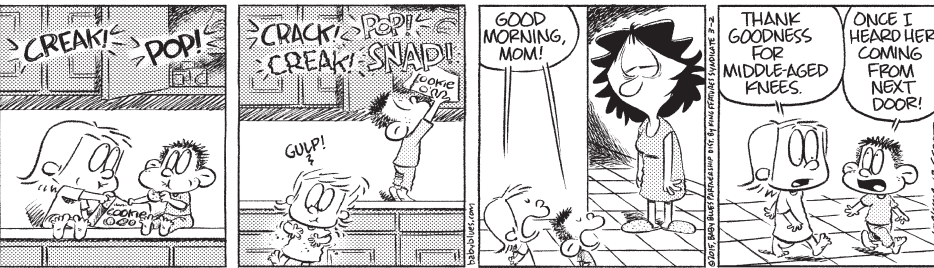
★★★★ You might believe that your plans are set, but you quickly will find out otherwise. Unexpected developments open the door to change. You could see a personal matter very differently, given some time. Meanwhile, be responsive to calls. Tonight: With favorite people.

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

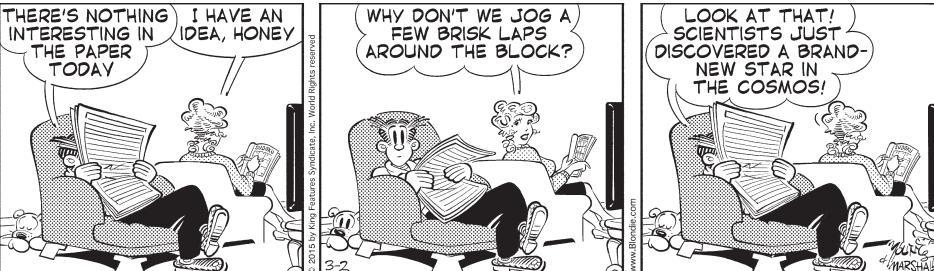
★★★★ You'll want to start a conversation, but you might find it difficult. An unexpected situation will open up many possibilities for you. Be careful when dealing with your personal finances. Try not to be so willing to say "yes" immediately. Tonight: Beam in more of what you want.

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