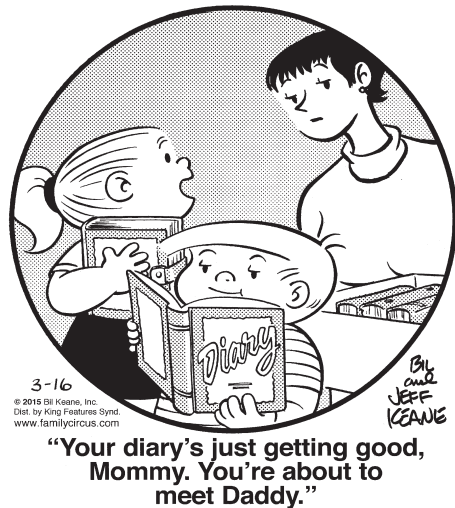


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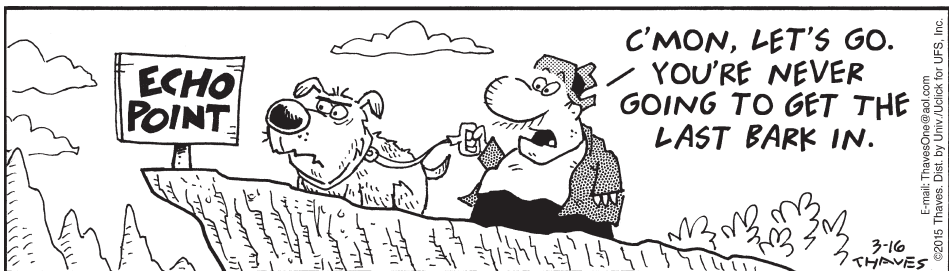
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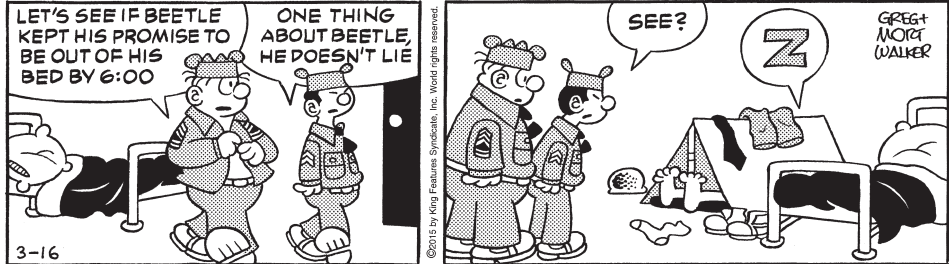
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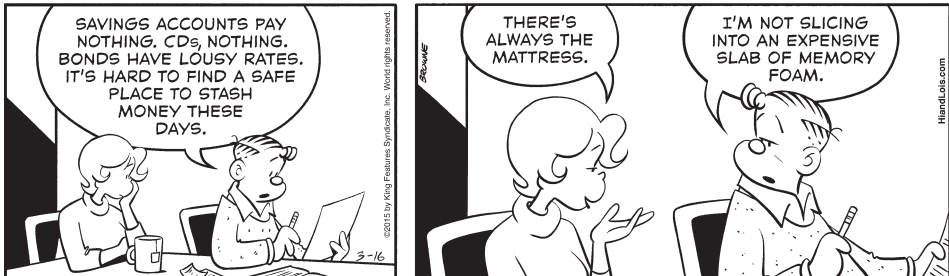
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GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS



## Ridicule Of Mother-In-Law Is Not A Laughing Matter

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Barb," and I have been married for 21 years, and like any married couple, we've had our ups and downs. We recently visited my mom, a widow in her 80s. Barb caught a cold while we were there and needed to stay in bed while Mom and I visited family.

I noticed Mom was letting the cleanliness of her bathroom go, but Barb and I never discussed it. When we got home, our good neighbor friends told me that Barb had texted them a photo of Mom's bathroom while we were away. I was shocked and embarrassed. I feel like my wife was talking about me and my family behind my back. Barb insisted she was just poking fun at the situation. If that was the case, I should have been involved in the "fun."

This isn't the first time something like this has happened. I feel like my trust and friendship have been violated. Am I overreacting? — LEFT OUT IN INDIANA

DEAR LEFT OUT: Because this isn't the first time your wife has done something like this, and I presume you have let her know how you felt about it, I don't think you're overreacting.

Talk to your mother to see if there's a reason she's unable to keep up with her housework. She may need to be evaluated by her doctor to make sure she's OK. If something is wrong with her, it is not the least bit "funny." In fact, for your wife to subject your mother to ridicule is hostile. It's time to find out what's at the root of your wife's antics.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my 30-year-old boyfriend, "Jonah," for a year. He seems to be obsessively addicted to a computer video game he has played for five years. He plays many hours a day — first thing in the morning, last thing at night and all his free time in between — although he willingly goes on outings with me when I ask.

Even when Jonah isn't on his computer playing the game, he reads the discussion forums online with his mobile device. It's affecting our relationship. It also doesn't help that he recently lost his job.

I don't like seeing him waste his time on this and his lack of ambition about the important things in life. What can I do to help Jonah, or is this normal? — GAME OVER IN THE NORTHWEST

DEAR GAME OVER: When a hobby interferes with relationships, it is not "normal." Exactly when did Jonah become "obsessively addicted"? Was he this way when you met him? If this has been going on for the entire year you have been together, your boyfriend may be more comfortable in the cyber world than in this one. However, if this escalated when he lost his job, the video game may be his attempt to cope with depression.

Jonah would be better served by devoting the attention he's lavishing on the game to finding a job. If you want to help him, suggest that he spend more of his time in the real world until his life is settled again — and tell him that if he's depressed, he should talk about it to his doctor.

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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 Capricorn if born before 6:14 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aquarius.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015:

This year you will brave a much different path. Some of your friends are likely to be reactive, as they might not understand where you are coming from. You could experience a chill in one of your key friendships. On the other hand, you will discover that you have much more in common with your new friends. Any personal work will be very effective at this point in your life. If you are single, you most likely will meet someone through your friends. The bond you form with this person will be difficult to break. If you are attached, the two of you might decide to manifest one of your long-term goals. Excitement and success mark your relationship. AQUARIUS reads you 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)

★★★★ In spite of it being Monday, you'll remain in the mood to enjoy the fun parts of living. If you are working, this drive could be problematic. A higher-up or someone you need to answer to might push you beyond your limit. Tonight: Go off and enjoy yourself.

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

★★★ Pressure builds as someone becomes quite distant. You might not understand exactly what triggers this person, but there is little you can do when this behavior emerges. An unexpected insight might make you uncomfortable; don't act on it yet. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

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

★★★★ You'll hear news that will force you to weigh the pros and cons of a situation. You might have missed a fact, or perhaps you decided to do something very differently. A co-worker could make him- or herself scarce. Don't wonder why -- just ask. Tonight: Surf the Web.

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

★★★★ You might be more excited about a new possibility than you realize. Recognize the effect this news is likely to have on your daily life. A loved one or partner will support you and help you figure out which way to go. Tonight: Dinner for two.

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

★★★★ Note your popularity, as others seem to flock toward you. A loved one who would like to

do more for you might feel limited. If you are feeling overwhelmed, pull back a bit and perhaps reorganize your schedule. Tonight: Say "yes" to the right invitation.

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

★★★★ You could have some difficulty settling into the day, but you will get there. A diverse schedule with interesting surprises heads your way. A loved one might want more time with you. One-on-one relating gets better results. Tonight: Catch up on some errands.

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

★★★★ You could feel pressure from several people. As a result, you could have a shorter fuse than you normally do. Stay centered. A partner or loved one is likely to share some changes he or she would like to make. Tonight: Go where the mood is lighter for just a little while.

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

★★★★ You might be thinking about a recent conversation. You could be analyzing it upside-down and inside-out in attempt to find a deeper meaning. Let the other party share his or her thoughts. Respond to what this person says, not to what you think he or she feels. Tonight: Head home.

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

★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone whom you care a lot about. This person adds enthusiasm and fun to the moment. You also trust his or her judgment. You might feel weighed down by several situations that have made it difficult to be your happy self. Tonight: What you want.

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

★★★★ Your finances come to the forefront. Though you might not want to discuss it, something is bothering you about this situation. You have been concerned for several weeks, unsure of your next step. You might need to make a major change. Research first. Tonight: With friends.

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

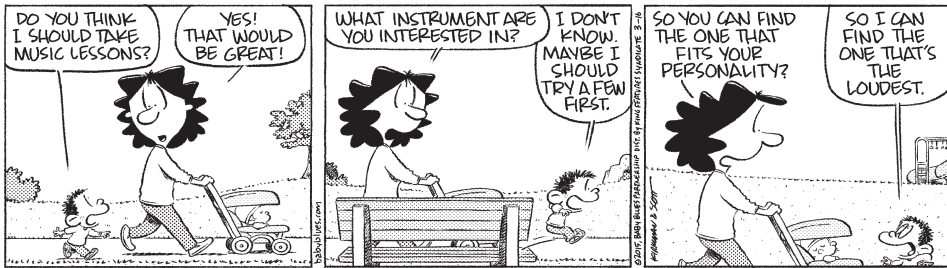
★★★ You might want to rethink a personal matter that has been bothering you. Have a conversation with the person involved, and get to the bottom of what is triggering you. It is quite possible that you are misreading the situation. Tonight: Visit and chat over dinner.

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

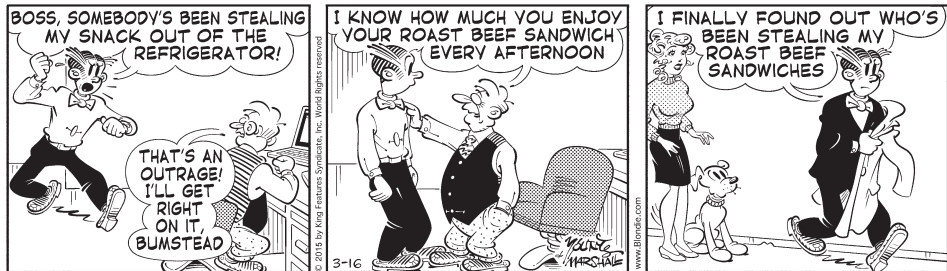
★★★★ Others might come forward with serious news. You could be revisiting your long-term goals and realizing that some of them no longer suit you. Address this issue and make an adjustment or two. Tonight: Go along with someone else's suggestion.

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