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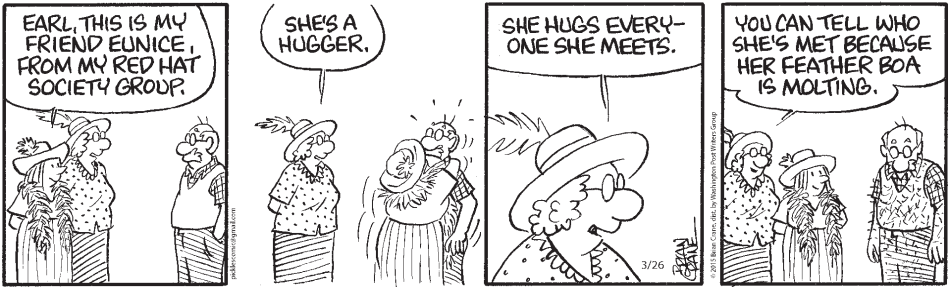
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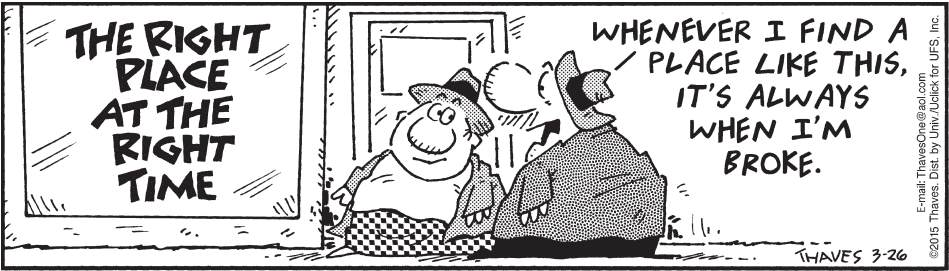
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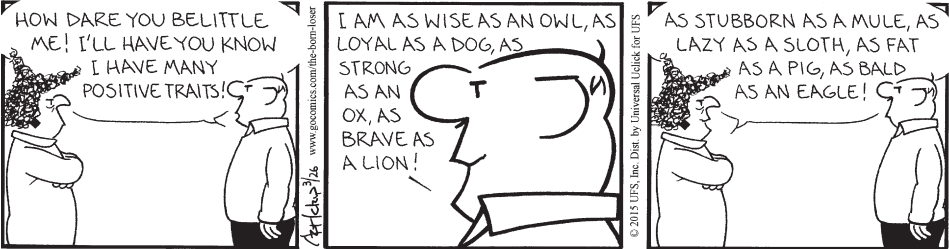
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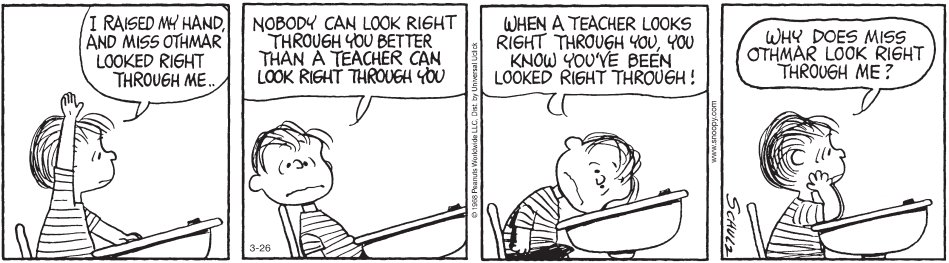
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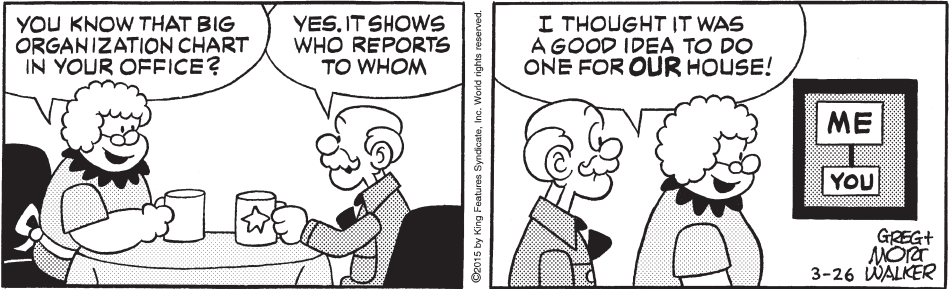
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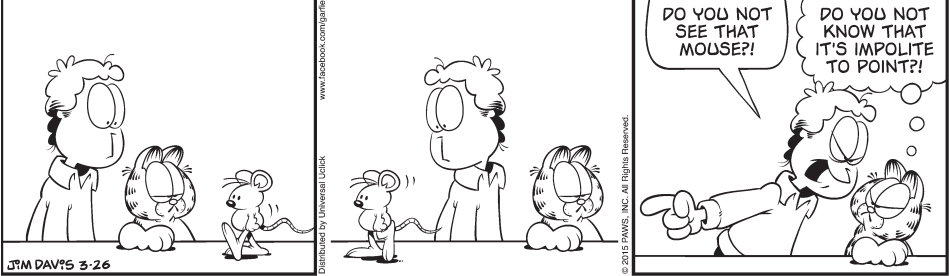
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Short-Cut Cooking Is Source Of Guilt For Busy New Wife

DEAR ABBY: I am a full-time working woman, part-time student and new wife to an incredible husband. We're in our mid-20s and have been living together for a year, but I have a problem that I'm still unsure about.

Growing up I never learned to cook. The first meal I ever made was spaghetti when my husband (then fiance) and I moved into our home. My issue is, I HATE cooking. I don't have the patience for it and neither does my husband.

Should I be ashamed that I indulge in "box" dinners that take little time to prepare? Naturally, I cook meat and vegetables to go along with them, but is it shameful when a wife doesn't cook everything from scratch? My husband doesn't mind, but I worry. Shouldn't a wife cook real meals for her husband? — NEW WIFE IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR NEW WIFE: Because many couples both work, many husbands and wives take turns cooking or prepare dinner together. ("Honey, I'll do the salad and vegetables; you fix the chicken/fish/chops on the grill.") The problem with prepackaged meals is that many of them contain more sodium and/or other additives that nutritionists say are bad for one's health when consumed on a regular basis, so I think you do have cause for concern. The most important ingredient in a lasting marriage is a partner who lasts, so if you want yours to last, be vigilant about what you put in your stomachs.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 29-year-old woman and I have been with my fiance, "Gary," for three years. We became engaged six months ago.

When I brought up wedding ideas recently, Gary responded with, "There are things that have to be resolved before I can even think about getting married." In the discussion that followed, he said I need to get a better-paying job so I can contribute to

the renovations on the house, buy my own personal items and have a shorter commute.

I'm hurt because I believe marriage is about committing to the person you love. I also realize you can't live on love alone. Am I overly sensitive about this? Is Gary's request reasonable, or do you think he's just looking for an excuse not to get married? — LOVE ABOVE ALL IN NEW YORK

DEAR LOVE ABOVE ALL: Pay attention to what your fiance said because it appears he has unilaterally mapped out your future for you. This sounds less like a request to me than a demand. Open your eyes and keep talking with him.

Did he specify whether your name will be on the deed to the house you will contribute to renovating? (I hope so.) I also hope you will be lucky enough to find a higher-paying job with a shorter commute, because not everyone is able to do that.

Because I believe in both love and practicality, I think it's important you and Gary have premarital counseling together to clarify whether you're on the same page regarding finances.

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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 Gemini if born before 3:45 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015:

This year you are like a ball of energy. At times you might seem a bit out of control, but you'll remain determined to accomplish what you want. You have a strong sense of direction. Be careful, as your words could become sharp or sarcastic when dealing with others. Take frequent breaks. If you are single, many people express interest in you. Take the time to evaluate who would be best for you. If you are attached, your sweetie probably has seen you through periods like this. Nevertheless, make a concerted effort to spend quality one-on-one time together. CANCER tends to drag you down.

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)

★★★★ Anger and frustration could be close to the surface. Why not take a walk to calm down? You could be very effective when dealing with others, as you'll excel in your communication. Tonight: Answer phone calls, and catch up on a neighbor's news.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★ You might want to give some more thought to how you want to present yourself in public. Sometimes it's important to evaluate your presentation and see whether it reflects your inner self. Be more authentic, and others will respond well to this change. Tonight: Out with the gang.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Your energy seems endless to many people, especially if they try to keep up with you. You simply are motivated and social. You'll have to maintain a healthy lifestyle in order to accomplish what you want. Tonight: Buy a couple of spring items for your wardrobe.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You'll pick up and feel more engaged in the afternoon. As of late, you have been dragging and handling more than your fair share of tension. Your mental outlook could suddenly change and help you to see the possibilities. Be open to feedback, too. Tonight: As you like it.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You'll move through a meeting like

lightning; however, sometime later in the afternoon, you might decide to slow down and reflect on your choices. Speak to a friend whose judgment you trust, and air your concerns. Tonight: Not to be found.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might feel as if you have to respond to nearly everyone right now. Prioritize in order to stay on top of what you must be. Meet a friend or business associate for an early dinner. Outside of a pressured situation, both of you will be more open. Tonight: Head home early.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You see situations from a broader perspective than your contemporaries do. You might not choose to share what you see at present. You have some research to do, and you'll need to check out some facts. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Relate to others individually in order to get the results you seek. A discussion could drop some juicy pieces of gossip on you, which you might want to keep to yourself. Use good sense with your finances, especially if you feel a little tight. Tonight: Follow your imagination.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Others will express interest in what you are doing. Still, you might feel a disconnect that makes you rather uptight. How you deal with this uneasiness is up to you. An open discussion could help more than you realize. Tonight: Dinner with a dear friend or loved one.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ All work and no play might not work for you right now. You recently have realized the importance of having a well-balanced life. You could feel pushed by someone who demands to have things his or her way. Laugh, and let this go for now. Tonight: Be available.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

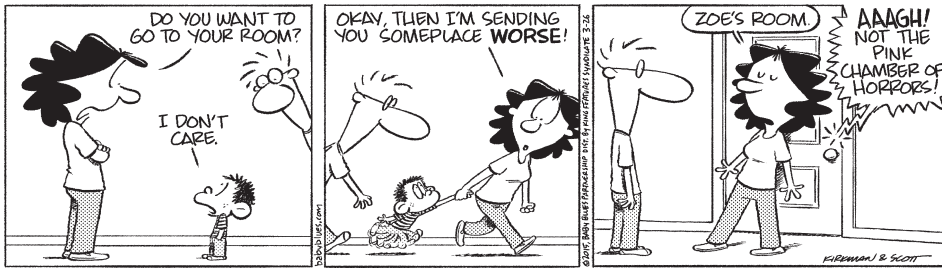
★★★★ You seem to be in the position of being everyone's adviser. Yes, you are resourceful, and will be all day, but being so needed might hinder your desire for freedom. Today you can juggle everything, but you won't be able to sustain this pace every day. Tonight: Take a personal night.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

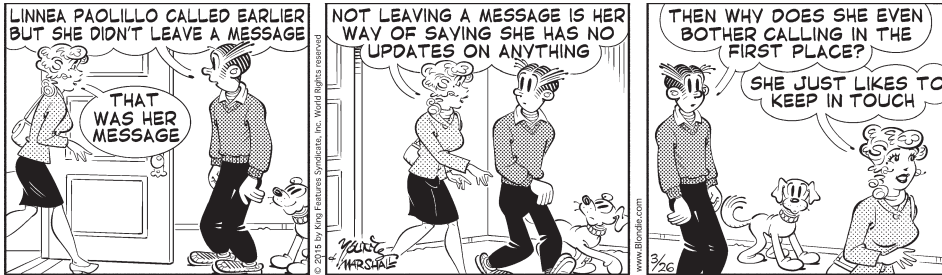
★★★★ Hopefully you have decided to slow your pace, even if you initially believed it was impossible. Everyone needs some time away from work and demanding people. Why would you be any different? Relax and do only what you must. Tonight: Get into the moment.

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