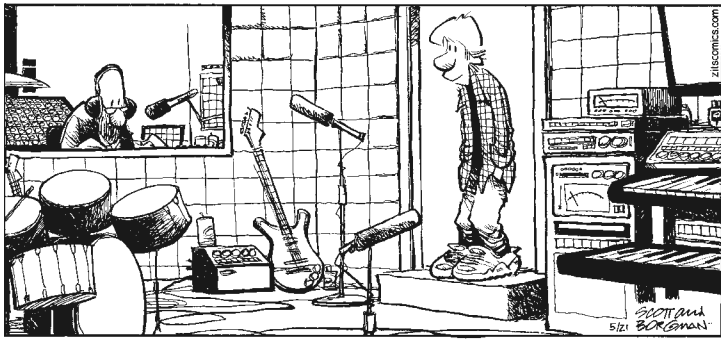


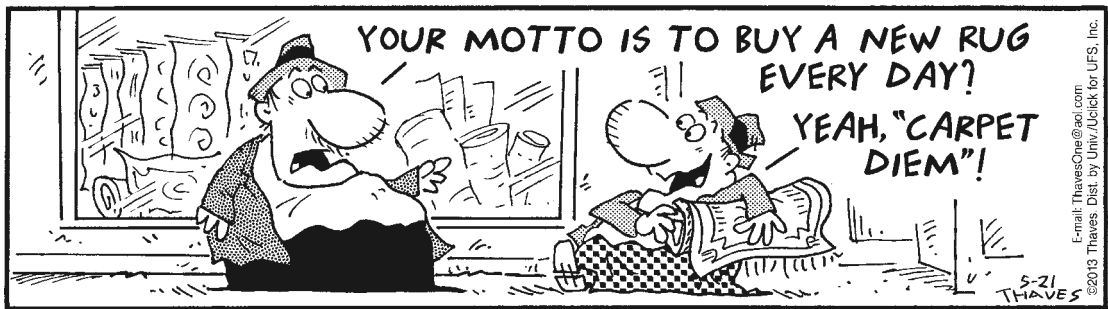
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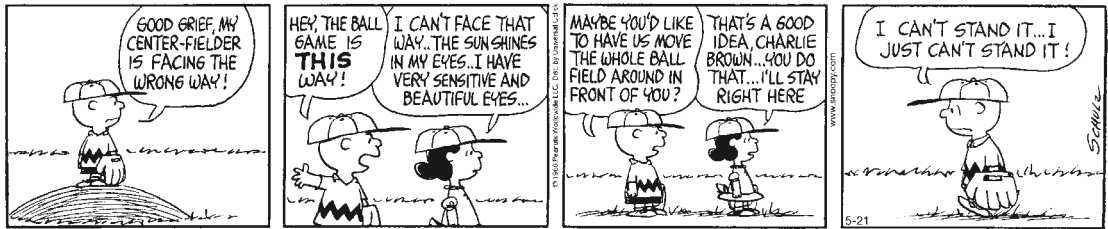
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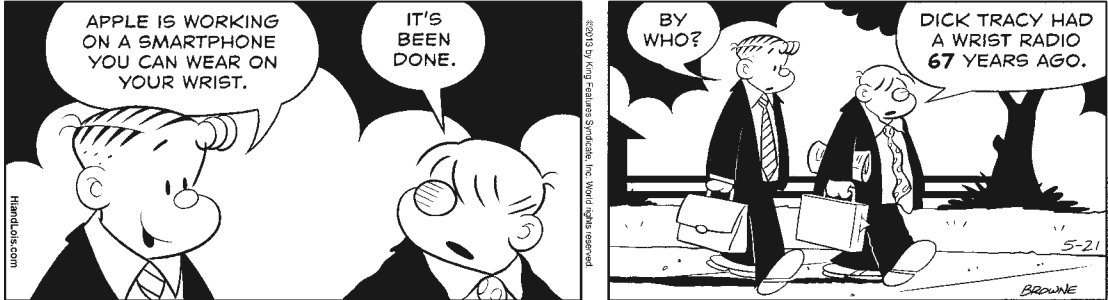
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Romance That Lost Its Spark Is Unlikely To Catch Fire Again

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been together a year and a half. I regret moving in with him when I did, which was after only three months of dating.

We have been through a lot, including my struggle with various health issues. Throughout this he has become an insensitive person who treats me like garbage. There has been a lot of emotional abuse happening, and it has taken me quite a while to be able to see it.

The other night I was about to break up with him. Then he suddenly changed his tune. He said: "I'm listening. You're right. I need to change. I love you."

Abby, at this point I really don't care, but I gave him another chance. Was I wrong to do that? He has changed for now — quite drastically — but I know he could easily go back.

I no longer love him. I also no longer find him attractive, and I actually think he's immensely annoying. He's trying to get me to fall back in love with him, but I really don't want to. So do I stay or do I go? — WAVERING IN CANADA

DEAR WAVERING: Re-read the last paragraph of your letter, and you will see in your own words why it's time for you to go. He may be trying, but frankly, it is too late. Pack your bags. There's nothing deader than a dead romance.

DEAR ABBY: A friend recently shared some great advice. Her mom is 86 and in poor health, so my friend put together an emergency information briefcase for the trunk of her car and another one by the front door.

If anyone needs to take her mother to the ER, all her important information is in two places. This includes medications, doctors, insurance cards, Living Will, power of attorney and family emergency numbers.

I took my friend's advice, and it turned out to be a godsend when I had to take my 79-year-old mother to the ER after a serious fall. The admitting clerks said they wished everyone would do this. (I also included \$100 in cash in a small envelope.) I hope you think her idea is worth sharing. — GLAD I DID IN ALABAMA

DEAR GLAD: If the admitting clerks said they wished everyone would do this, then it's worth a mention in my column. Readers, advance planning such as this could save precious minutes in an emergency.

DEAR ABBY: Due to an accident I had as a teenager, I can't father a child. How far into a relationship should I wait to tell a woman this? While I wouldn't mention it on the first date, I don't want someone to feel betrayed if she wasn't informed.

There's also the issue of finding a woman who's OK with it. So far, the ones I have dated ended the relationship because they couldn't accept being childless or adopting. — GUY WHO NEEDS AN ANSWER

DEAR GUY: Mention it when the subject of children comes up. Not every woman wants children. It's nothing to be ashamed of.

P.S. If you include the fact that you can't father a child on your dating profile, it will filter out those women who do. I'm advising you to prepare for an avalanche.

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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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 Gemini and a Moon in Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013:

This year you often surprise others in special ways. You could throw a surprise birthday party, show up randomly at a family member's door or just do the unexpected. No matter what you decide to do, you are being true to yourself. If you are single, a friend could be instrumental in forming a relationship this year. If you are attached, maintain your friendship as well as your romantic relationship. You will be a lot more forgiving and understanding as a result. LIBRA always keeps it light and conversational.

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)

Continue to evaluate the areas of your life where you think a change is imperative. You might want to take action sooner rather than later. You will see a situation in a new light after having a discussion with someone in the know. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

If you are to accomplish what you desire, it will be because of your commitment and concentration. Don't allow a personal issue to flood through your mental gates. You'll need to filter calls and minimize distractions in order to complete a key task. Tonight: Easy works.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

You easily could be baffled by everything that comes in. You have a lot to share, but you might not feel as if you are being heard. Surprising others with a presentation could attract their attention. Realize how much you need a friendship. Tonight: Share some munchies.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Listen to someone who understands you. A surprise could head your way. Take a walk, and think through everything that you've heard. Honor your needs first, and then figure out the rest. You often give too much, which later causes you a problem. Tonight: Happy to be home.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

You'll be wondering what to do with some ex-

pected news. First, verify all of the facts. There easily could be a detail or two that might have been left out. By keeping your cool while still showing interest, you will help others, too. Tonight: Get together with your friends.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

You might want to investigate the ramifications of a recent purchase or financial request. Some of the responses might be nothing less than shocking. How you handle news and what you do with it could point to a change in the near future. Tonight: Go over your budget.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

While you might be empowered by a situation, others likely will respond much differently, which could shock you. Choose to listen rather than react. Don't forget to touch base with a loved one! This person might have a lot to share with you. Tonight: Live it up.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

You are on top of your game. Don't wonder what you can do to change direction — trust that it will happen naturally. You might need to adjust to some radical news. Your ability to go with the flow will be tested. Know that others are watching. Tonight: The less said the better.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

You could shake up your immediate circle with a surprising idea or suggestion. Trust that it will work, and be willing to go through the details carefully. Allow others to play devil's advocate. Take a time-out for a child or loved one during the day. Tonight: All smiles.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

You might want to play out a situation differently from others. Prepare to go your own way. Someone's response could surprise you, and you know that trying to persuade this person to follow you could be close to impossible. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

You might be jolted by some new information or gossip that heads your way. Realize that you'll need to detach in order to see the big picture. Though somebody would prefer to have you feel frazzled, you will maintain self-control. Tonight: Listen to a favorite piece of music.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

You might want to have a long-overdue conversation, and you'll be considering how to initiate it. Later in the day, the opportunity will appear. You see life very differently from the other party. Each of you needs to accept the other's viewpoint. Tonight: Togetherness works.

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