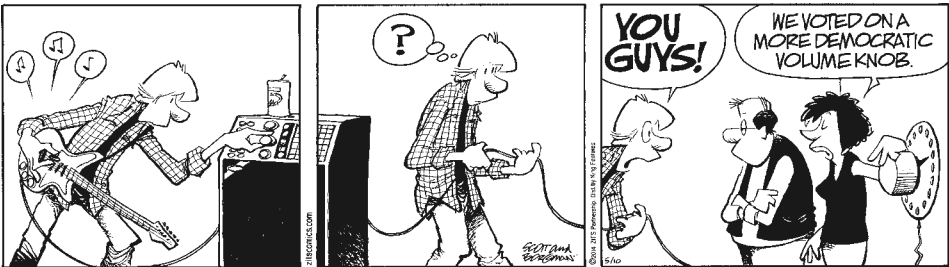


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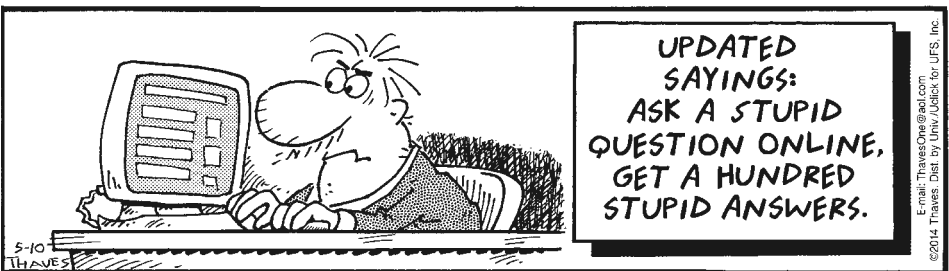
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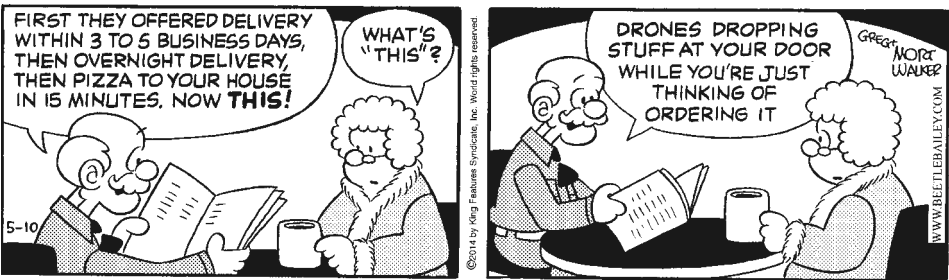
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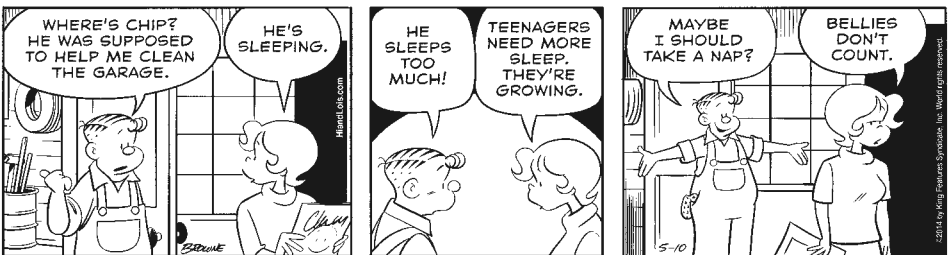
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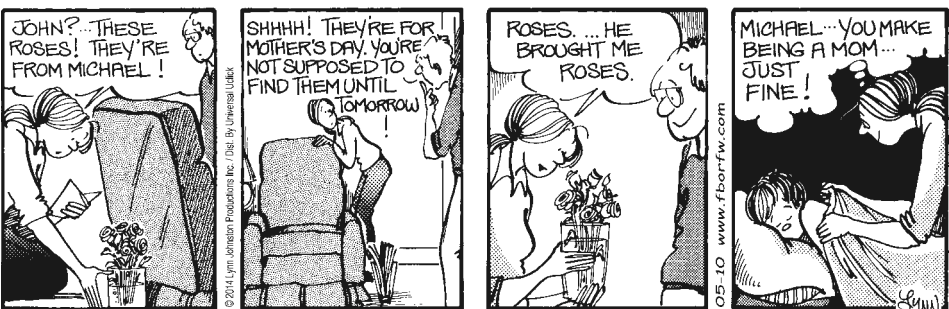
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# Teenager's Low Self-Esteem Drags Boyfriend Down, Too

DEAR ABBY: I'm 16 and I need help. I have been in a relationship with my girlfriend, "Bailey," for six months and things are complicated. She's very insecure, and it's hard to keep her happy for any extended period of time.

I have thought about breaking up with her because I want her to be happy, and the same goes for me. But then I think I'd rather be miserable at times and happy at others and be with her, than end it and possibly feel worse.

Please give me some advice. I love Bailey and I don't know what to do. — LOST IN ARIZONA

DEAR LOST: Have a talk with Bailey and tell her that although you love her, her insecurity and mood swings make it difficult. If you do, it may give her something to think about. The problem with insecurity is it can eventually drive a boyfriend — or girlfriend — away when it becomes smothering.

P.S. There is truth to the saying that you can't MAKE someone happy; happiness has to come from within.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I are in our 40s and have been living together for several years. The house we live in is in his name only, and he pays the mortgage.

I own a townhouse I bought before I met him, and I make the payments on it. People often ask us why I don't sell it. I usually give some excuse, but the real reason is, when he drafted his will, he left everything to his mother — at her insistence.

He seems to think it's too much trouble and expensive to change his will to include me. I want to be sure I have a place to live, so I have kept my townhouse.

Needless to say, our views on this situation differ. What's your opinion? — HEDGING MY BETS IN TEXAS

DEAR HEDGING: I think you are behaving rationally, because it should be quite clear that your boyfriend wants his assets to go to

his mother — not you — in the event of his death. I hope you have your townhouse rented and are saving the income, because you may need the money later. That way, if your boyfriend suddenly keels over or the romance sours, you won't be left with nothing but memories.

DEAR ABBY: My niece confided in me that she and her fiancé eloped. Her parents are planning her wedding for next month. I tried to advise her to tell her parents, but she still hasn't. She's living at home and her "fiance" lives in a different city.

I don't pretend to understand why they felt like doing this. Should I just sit back while she continues to lie to her parents while they plan on her getting "married" in a month? I'm at a loss.

I wanted to give her a chance to come clean, but because she hasn't, do I intervene? Do I threaten that if she doesn't fess up, I'll spill the beans? Or should I just let her keep heading down the road she's on? — ANXIOUS AUNT

DEAR ANXIOUS: What do you think you will accomplish by breaking your niece's confidence? If you divulge what she told you, she will never trust you again. I'll give you my advice in four words: Keep your mouth shut.

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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 Taurus and a Moon in Virgo.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014:

This year you will attempt to be as understanding as possible, yet often people do not get your intensity and caring. Pace yourself, as you have a lot to say and do this year. Learn to say "no" more often, and try not to take on additional responsibilities. You need time for yourself, too. If you are single, you could meet someone at work or at the gym. You do not need to push yourself or put yourself in a position to meet someone immediately — it will happen on its own. If you are attached, your feelings will help loosen up your significant other. Remain nurturing, and eventually that attitude will be returned. LIBRA often seems frivolous.

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)

★★★★ Work with someone directly. Opportunities come through this person, so be receptive to what he or she has to say. If shopping for a large item, you'll need to do some price comparison. You also might want to speak to someone who has made a similar purchase. Tonight: Dinner out.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Be more forthright in how you express concern to a loved one. This person has been relatively distant and appears to be opening up. You don't want to challenge him or her, so just listen and let him or her talk. Maintain your budget at all costs. Tonight: Time to be frisky.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Convey more than intellectual feelings to a loved one or child. You might be more comfortable keeping the conversation light and easy. Get into a project, but be ready to stop if you become tired and overburdened. Tonight: Do what you think is fun.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Examine an alternative with care, but know that it might not be as appealing if you do. You could feel as if you can't make a difference to a loved one, as this person appears to be closed off. Worry less, and relax with the moment. Tonight: Go to your favorite haunt.

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

★★★★ You could be in the mood to stay home. Invite friends over for a fun dinner. You natu-

rally seem to have a wonderful time at home, as do your visitors. You even might decide to invite a friend you have not spoken to in a while. Tonight: Get into a flirtatious moment.

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

★★★ Curb a tendency to be possessive or a need to have matters fall as you would like. Control could be more of an issue than you might have thought. Your upbeat attitude and personality will melt someone else's resistance. Tonight: Hang out.

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

★★★★ Consider letting a friend come in closer. This person has been unusually difficult and stern. Do not make a comment about this recent tendency, but help him or her feel as safe as possible in your company. A call from someone at a distance might be important. Tonight: The lead actor.

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

★★★★ Visualize more of what you want from a situation. You might be in the mood to be quiet. Let a loved one open up, as this person seems to have a lot on his or her mind. You might need some additional time to reconsider your response to a serious matter. Tonight: Play it easy.

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

★★★★ Friends surround you. As a result, your sense of humor will emerge. You could be a little down and not ready to share some of your thoughts at first. Later in the day, when you are more relaxed, you might choose to express your thoughts. Tonight: Only where you have fun.

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

★★★★ Make a point of calling a parent or older friend before you make plans. Once you have a discussion, you might want to do something totally different. A friend could be disappointed if you cancel plans. Don't worry — you'll make time for everyone. Tonight: In the limelight.

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

★★★★ If you want to take off at the last minute, do. You might enjoy your weekend away from the grind much more than you thought possible. Honor a child's request. You will be able to do something that often isn't even an option. Tonight: Surround yourself with music.

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

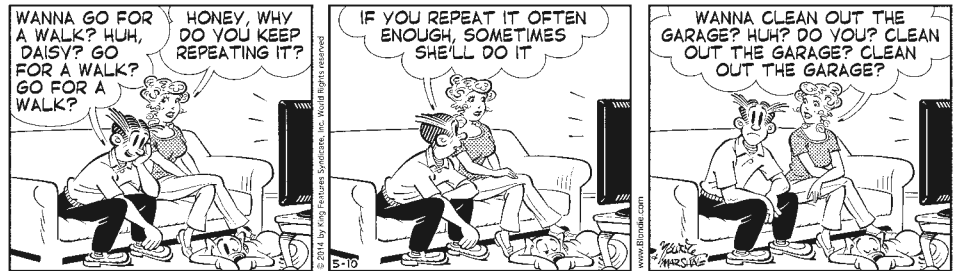
★★★★ You'll see a situation far differently from how you have in a substantial amount of time. It might be necessary to have a conversation with the person who has the opposing view. At this time, you could see more logic in this person's thoughts. Tonight: Be with a favorite friend.

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