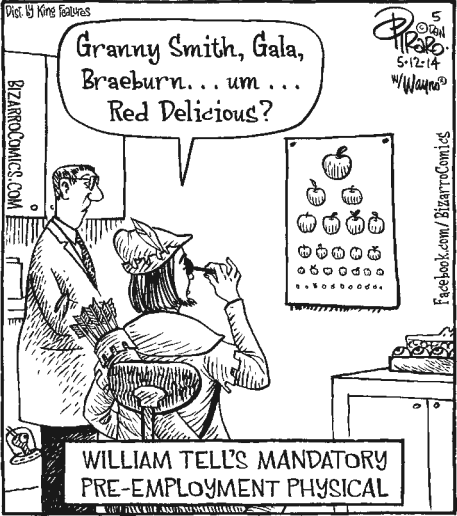


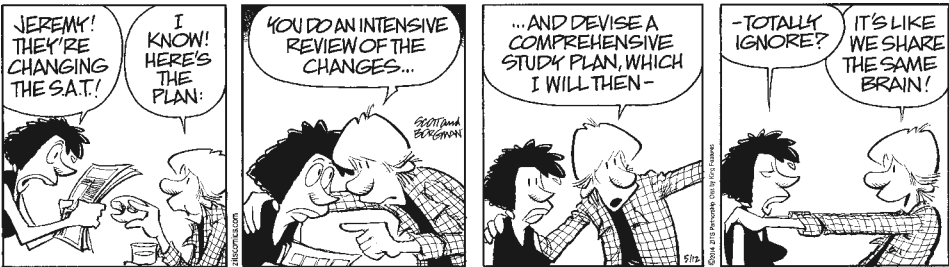
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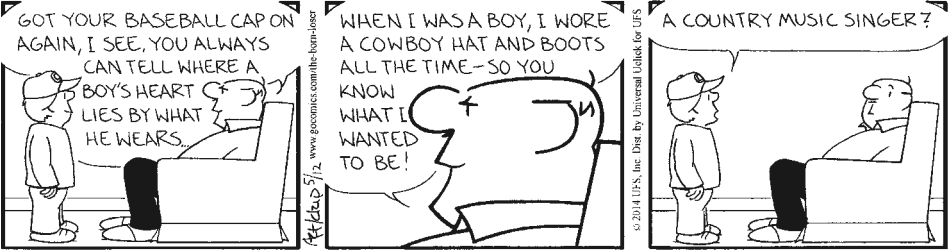
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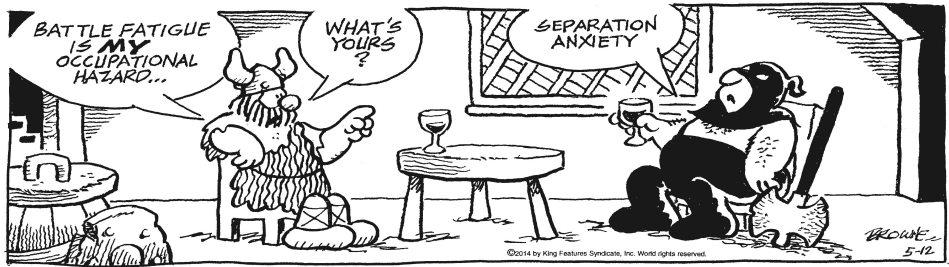
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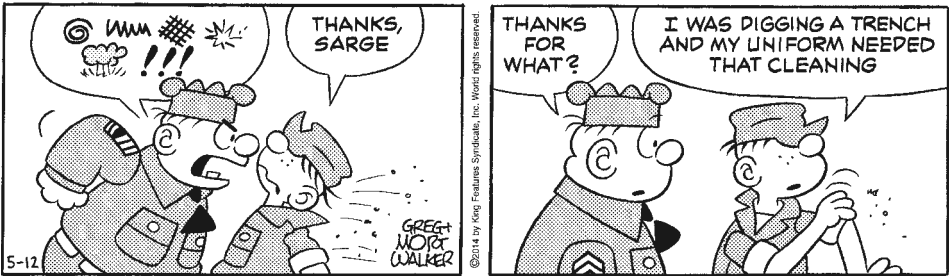
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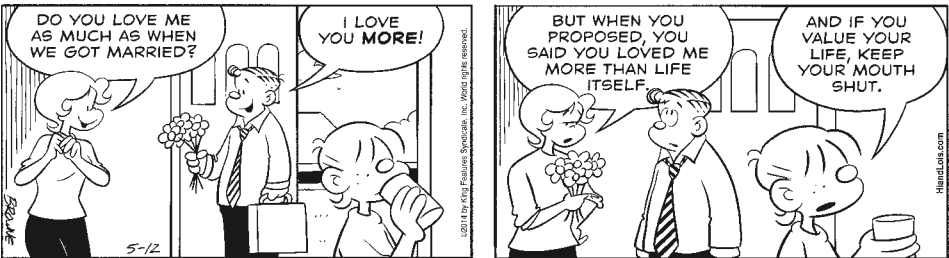
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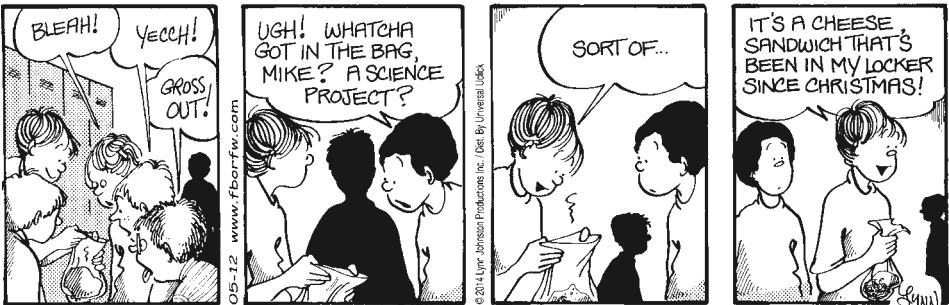
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Forecast Is Cloudy For Man Whose Wife Seeks The Sun

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 18 years to a wonderful woman who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer a few years ago. We don't know how much time she has left, but she feels the cancer has robbed her of her "retirement." She is trying to persuade our family to move to Florida so she can enjoy some warm weather.

Abby, for many reasons I do not want to move. We have lived in the Midwest all our lives. My elderly parent would be all alone if we move, and I have a sibling who is also terminally ill.

I have had the same job for 25 years, and I don't want to give it up because I have the freedom to do much of my work from home, which allows me to help my wife and have income as well. If we move, there would be no guarantee that I could find a similar work situation that is so beneficial.

My wife says I'm being selfish because I'm unwilling to leave my job, family and friends to do as she wants. I understand her desire to live in a warmer climate, but I think she's the one who is being selfish. What do you think? - WANTS TO STAY PUT

DEAR WANTS TO STAY PUT: I think the winter in the Midwest was brutal this year, and now the spring rains have arrived, which are also depressing. But in a short time the flowers will bloom and the warmth of summer and autumn will last for the next half-year.

Why not take a vacation (or leave) from your job for the next three or four weeks? If you telecommute, you could still get some work done and let your wife have her dose of sunshine. Surely someone can check on your parent and keep you informed about your sibling for that short time. I do not recommend moving anywhere permanently be-

cause there's no guarantee you'd find a job that compensates you as well as the one you have, and you may need the income.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: A tall, attractive man came into the insurance office where I work to buy an auto insurance policy. I haven't talked with men outside of my church in a long time, so I was nervous. I thought my heart would explode from beating so fast.

He will be coming back in a couple of weeks, and I'm afraid if I don't ask him out, I will regret it. I don't know how to approach him or ask a guy out at all. Help! - NERVOUS OUT WEST

DEAR NERVOUS: The man may be married, so take it slow. If he comes in before noon, casually mention there's a restaurant not far away that serves good food and offer to show him. If he comes in later, use the old "want to grab a cup of coffee?" gambit. Either of these will give you a chance to talk with him and find out more about him without being overly obvious.

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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 Libra if born before 9:07 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014:

This year you often feel uncomfortable in what normally are easy situations; you could feel awkward at work or at the dentist's office. This same feeling might permeate important conversations. Take good care of yourself, and make sure you see the dentist and doctor on a regular schedule. If you are single, you easily could meet someone through your daily travels or through a co-worker; this person could knock your socks off. If you are attached, the two of you will get into many intellectual conversations and come to agreements more often than you have in the past. You also will delight in time spent together, sometimes even doing nothing. LIBRA is as gentle as you are.

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 might be uncomfortable with what an associate and/or friend verbalizes. You understand that this person is not seeing the big picture, even though he or she seems to grasp certain issues very well. Attempt to help this individual detach. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★★ You might be deferring to someone else more than you need to be. You could feel as if this person has a better grasp on a situation. Focus on one item at a time. You will tend to go deeper into one issue, rather than see the big picture. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Curbing your playfulness could be difficult, or even impossible. You'll want to see the big picture. You could be heading into a more demanding period at work. Prepare accordingly. Follow your instincts, and you will land well. Tonight: Use your ingenuity!

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Be more playful and forthright about a situation. Know what you want, and investigate a problem more fully. You might not feel ready to act, and for good reason. A discussion with a friend will help you understand your behavior. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You might want to encourage a discus-

sion. You have many ideas, as do those around you. Some of them will be better than others. Be wise, air out your differences and go for the best solution. Trust your sense of humor and your ability to see the big picture. Tonight: Make it easy.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Listen to news with an eye to change. The impact could be financial. You might want to step back and observe more. Be aware of the costs involved at this point. Togetherness continues to be a theme. Tonight: Time for a two-way talk. Confirm what you hear.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You might be less grounded than someone you're working with, but your creativity and intellectual resourcefulness are likely to point to the correct path. Use your charisma when dealing with a friend. Reach out to a loved one at a distance. Tonight: As you like it.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ Assume a low profile in how you deal with a personal matter. You also might not want to lie low in other areas. When evaluating a situation, it suits you best to be an observer. You will gain information that you otherwise would not hear. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You'll want to zero in on the real issue behind a problem that keeps being debated in a meeting; otherwise, you and the others in the group will not come to a consensus. Address the real matter, and you will come to a conclusion quickly. Tonight: Stop and visit with a friend.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Take charge of a problem in order to prevent a significant fallout from happening. Allow your creativity to flow as you figure out what might be appropriate and most effective under the present circumstances. Tonight: Join some friends for a fun adventure.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ You might be more stuck on a professional matter than you realize. Remain sensitive to a friend or loved one at a distance. This person might be uncomfortable sharing a problem. Use your imagination. Stay centered, and everything will work out well. Tonight: Consider taking a trip.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You might want to revise your thinking about an investment. A discussion with a partner could be difficult. Speak your mind, but also listen to this person carefully, as he or she reveals his or her thoughts in response. Tonight: Return calls, and catch up on a friend's news.

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