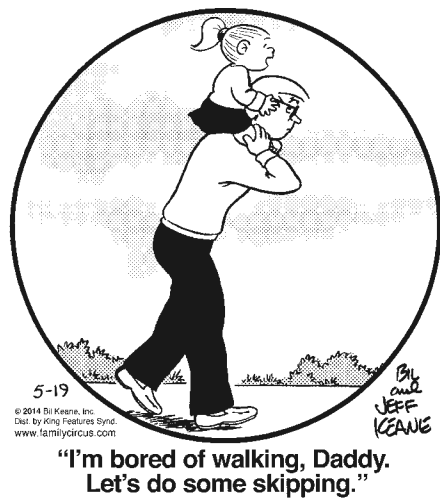


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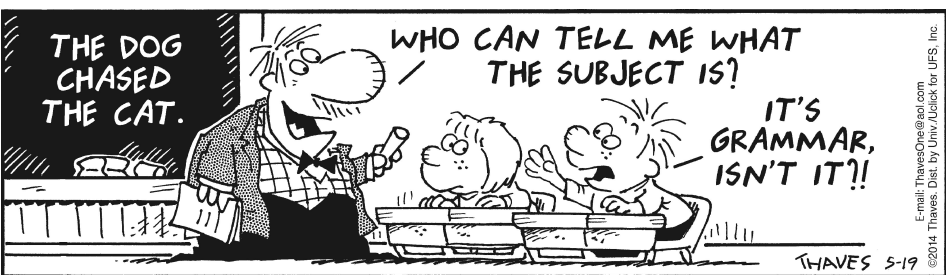
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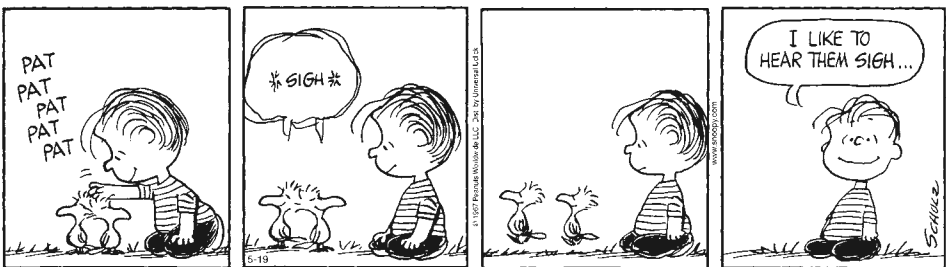
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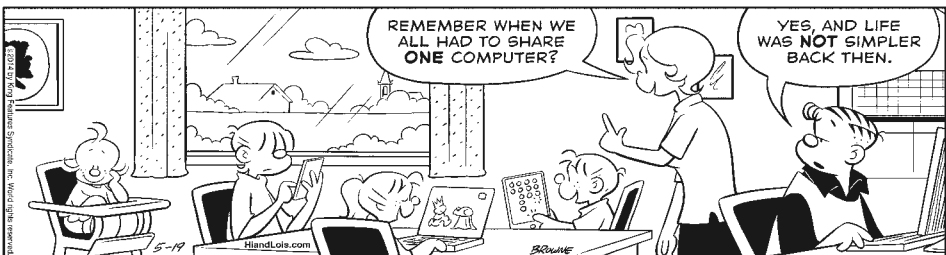
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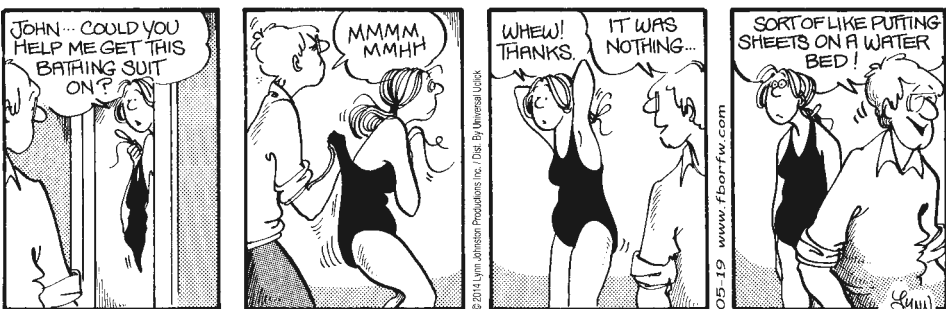
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## Husband Thinks Less Is More When Wife Budgets For Clothes

DEAR ABBY: I have been working hard to advance in my health care career so I can give my family a decent life. I have worked my way up from poverty, paying my own way, earning my degree through the military and sheer determination.

I have reached a point where I would like to enjoy life a little more, but my husband thinks I am being "materialistic." We fight often over my wardrobe spending.

I believe the clothes I wear, mostly nice skirt suits and heels, are part of my job and image. I believe it has helped me to get ahead. I don't buy overly expensive items, but they aren't cheap. I wear the things I buy for years and have a \$200-a-month budget for what I may need, even though I don't always spend it.

I think I have earned the right to shop a little, which will ultimately lead to bigger and better things for my family, so why does my husband make me feel so guilty? — CLOTHES MAKE THE WOMAN  
DEAR C.M.T.W.: Not knowing your husband, it's difficult to say, but I'll throw out a few ideas. Could he be insecure or intimidated by your professional image? Could he be jealous on some level? In what kind of environment was he raised? Was his mother's "uniform" a house-dress?

If you are earning good money and your family is being provided for, then you are certainly entitled to spend some of it on yourself. And you shouldn't have to apologize for it.

DEAR ABBY: I am getting married in October, and my fiancé, "Brad," and I are having trouble seeing eye-to-eye on the name change issue.

Brad's family is originally from the North, and my family is from the South. He and his family are convinced that I should drop my maiden name, keep my middle name, and take his name as my new last name.

However, the women in MY family have always kept our maiden names, added their new husband's last name to theirs and dropped their middle names.

This is about the only thing Brad and I can't seem to agree on. What can I do when my mother says one thing and my sweetie says another? With your years of experience, I hope you can steer me in the right direction. —

BRAD'S BRIDE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR BRIDE: It's YOUR name. So do what you are most comfortable doing, because it's the name you will have to carry 'til the day you die (or divorce).

DEAR ABBY: I am under a lot of stress, but the woman I am with doesn't know it. I am 17, and I have been sleeping with my 38-year-old aunty. She's married and has three children. She's my mum's sister. We've slept together seven times and we can't stop doing it. I think I'm in love with her. I know this is wrong. I need advice. Please help. — LOVESICK TEEN IN THE U.K.

DEAR LOVESICK: Being "in love" shouldn't cause stress; it should relieve it. You know what you are doing is wrong, and YOU must be the adult and end this relationship. If you don't, it will bring heartache and turmoil to you and the rest of the family. By having an adulterous and incestuous affair with you — her nephew and a minor — your aunt is behaving like a sexual predator.

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### JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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A baby born today has a Sun in Taurus and a Moon in Capricorn if born before 5:58 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aquarius.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, MAY 19, 2014:

This year you will be more in touch with your feelings. You will be an effective communicator, and you'll also be more expressive when you feel upset or angry. If you are single, potential suitors might notice how you switch back and forth between being conservative and being quirky. You need to relate to someone who is not judgmental. Come summertime, you could meet Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, the two of you are more likely to take up a new hobby together. Your mutual interest will help you both open up more. AQUARIUS can be as stubborn as you are, but your views are very different.

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)

★★★★ Your calmness will transform quickly into strong action. A partner seems to be a bit difficult at the moment. You might be unusually irritable in the evening as well. Know that this, too, will pass. Tonight: Be careful, as you could be accident-prone.

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

★★★★ Take a leap of faith, and be willing to take risks in order to get past a situation. You could be sorry that you decided to act a certain way with an associate or a loved one. Put in the extra effort that could help this person to relax and ease up. Tonight: All smiles.

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

★★★★ You might be more interested in what someone else has to say about what seems like a never-ending, difficult work or personal situation. Your creativity is likely to emerge when dealing with someone at a distance. Tonight: Aren't we feeling frisky?

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

★★★★ Zero in on what is important. Your creativity could be stunted by someone else's gesture and/or idea. Help this person add the flourishing touches on his or her concept. You might be driven by your need to get things accomplished. Tonight: Could go till the wee hours.

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

★★★★ What you are thinking is more logi-

cal than you might realize. Be willing to take a stand. You might want to start interacting with a friend who demonstrates a similar interest. A discussion will become very lively, except around a family member. Tonight: Return calls.

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

★★★★ Expenses could go overboard at the drop of a hat. You might regret letting your impulsiveness take the lead. A partner or friend understands much more than you think he or she does. You might not be communicating as well as you think you are. Tonight: Pace yourself.

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

★★★★ You are full of energy and dynamic ideas. Deal with one person at a time. A partner finally might be a lot more easygoing than he or she has been in a while. Be careful — a disagreement still could arise. Resist being combative; instead, go for a brief walk. Tonight: As you like it.

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

★★★★ Know when to back down in order to get the best possible results from a situation. The less said, the better off you'll be. You could feel awkward with others, and perhaps also with an associate. Try not to let your frustration get the best of you. Tonight: Where the action is.

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

★★★★ Don't stand on ceremony, just pick up the phone and start a conversation. You might be delighted by how happy the other party is to hear from you. Several people might challenge you in a meeting, but make it your pleasure to be responsive. Tonight: Out and about.

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

★★★★ You might want to indulge a boss. Your high energy and distinctive ideas will come out, no matter who runs into you. You'll want to be aware of the costs of your actions. Someone could become angrier than he or she has been in a while. Tonight: Off to the gym.

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

★★★★ You tend to flourish, no matter what you're doing. Do research, or call someone you consider an expert. Get as much feedback as possible. Push to get a better grasp of a situation, and know that you will make the right decision. Tonight: Happiest among crowds.

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

★★★★ You might need to be more detached and not personalize a situation so much. Read between the lines when you speak with a friend. You could be waffling about what you are seeing. Don't allow others to add fuel to any fires that might be smoldering. Tonight: Togetherness works.

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