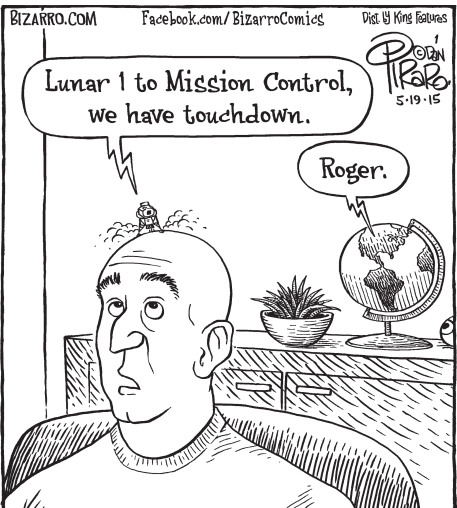


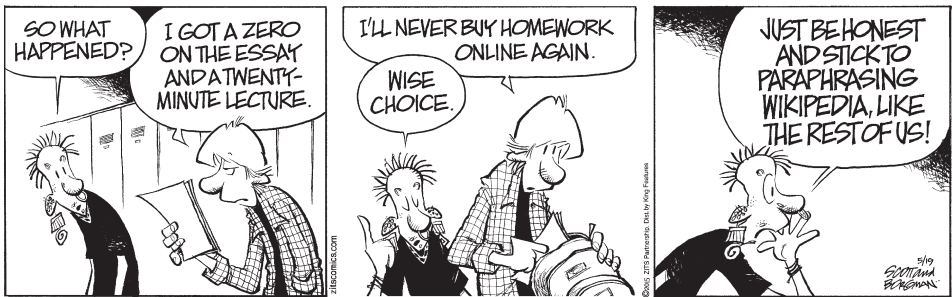
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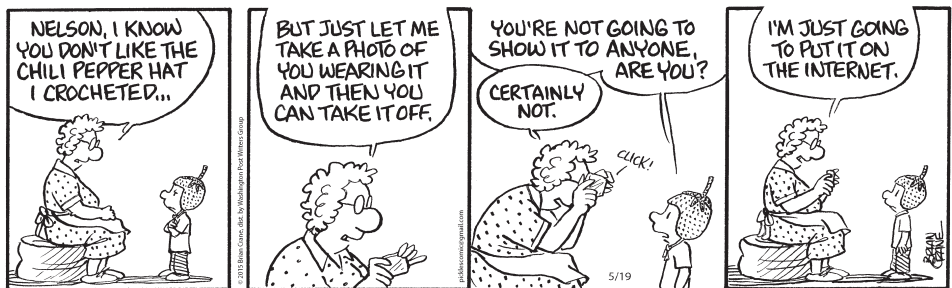
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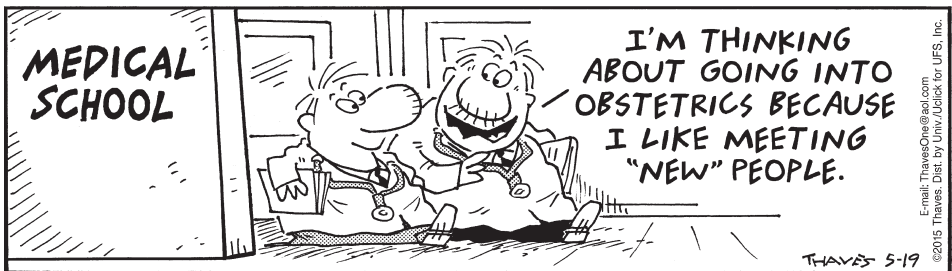
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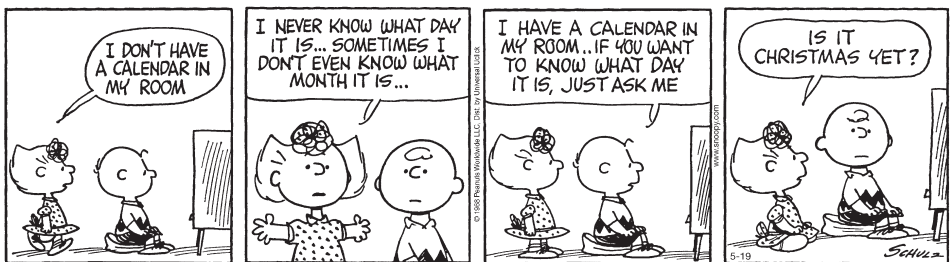
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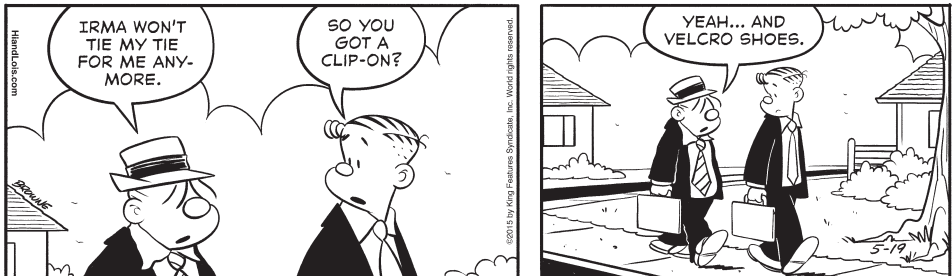
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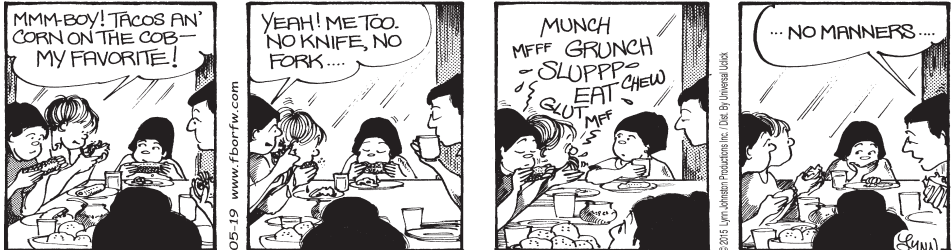
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## Husband's Caring Ministry Doesn't Extend To His Wife

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to the same man for 20 years. He likes having people around ALL the time, and because he is a minister, we often can't avoid it. I have tried to accommodate his friends and hangers-on, but lately it's becoming unbearable. He will say "yes" to people who have been evicted, and I find myself sharing living quarters with perfect strangers or church members without prior notice.

I have tried over the years to make sense of his attitude toward me (also toward those he's offered help). I feel he cares for others and what they think of him more than what I feel or think. When I complain about his latest live-in's attitude – or anything – he brushes every issue aside and basically tells me to be a good Christian.

Right now, we have a family of three sharing our three-room house with us and our three boys. I'm thinking of leaving him when the youngest one is 13. I don't want to hurt my kids. How can I explain to them that their "nice" dad is unreasonable and irresponsible with money, and I can't bear it anymore? – REACHED MY LIMIT IN NIGERIA

DEAR REACHED: I suspect your problems "come with the territory" of being married to a minister. But a caring husband would respect and consult his wife before inviting houseguests into their home.

If you finally decide you are so unhappy you need to leave, be honest with your sons. The way you have expressed your reasons to me are clear and well stated. Because they have grown up with things always having been this way, they may think it is normal. Or, you may find they agree with you.

DEAR ABBY: I am a young woman who proposed to my high school sweetheart after graduating from college. It may seem odd for a woman to do, but I initiated our relationship in high school and then attended an all-women's college. Suffice it to say, he said

he wasn't going to be the "one."

I can't understand why he rejected me, and I don't know what to do now. I thought I was making a sound decision choosing my friend because he is an engineer. Could it be that he doesn't regard me as a good enough partner because I have an art degree, or could it be insecurity on his part?

I can't imagine why he doesn't want to marry at this stage in life. We are 23. We were together for four years, and for both of us, this was our longest relationship. Part of me wonders, if I change, will he change his mind? Or does this seem like a hopeless case? – JANE DOE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR JANE: If you would like to know his reasons for not accepting your proposal, the person you must ask is him. While you feel ready to make a lifetime commitment, your boyfriend apparently hasn't reached that stage of life.

I know you're disappointed, but life doesn't always go the way we predict it will. (Sometimes it turns out even better!) So please don't try to change yourself to accommodate someone who is emotionally unavailable. You could twist yourself into a pretzel, but it wouldn't work because you aren't the problem. Accept it and move on.

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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 Gemini.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015:

This year your creativity emerges, but it often could cause you to go to extremes. Curbing impulsiveness might be difficult with friends cheering you on! Be aware of a tendency to be possessive or to feel as if others possess you; those feelings point to insecurity. If you are single, you will meet someone who could have a strong influence on your life. This person will be very meaningful to your life's history. If you are attached, the two of you might be quite involved with the quality of your domestic life. Romance builds after summer. GEMINI does not view life from your perspective, so getting along might be challenging.

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'll swing from one position to another with obvious mood changes. Recognize that you are lucky, so it would be wise to pursue a major change. You'll have a lot going for you as long as you don't act erratically. Tonight: Speak your mind, but be diplomatic.

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

★★★ Your more possessive side emerges when having a discussion about funds and long-term financial directions. You will gain insight into your motives, as well as others', by heading in a certain direction. You might have a lot to integrate. Tonight: Be reasonable with spending.

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

★★★★ You seem to be easygoing despite a disruptive element that runs through your plans. Honor your obligations. You can cover only so much ground. The unexpected occurs when you least expect it. Be open to accepting an offer from a friend. Tonight: Visit with a pal.

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

★★★ Your instincts will guide you in a new direction. Take charge, and be as effective as possible. If your emotions seem out of control, step back and handle an important matter that could help you calm down. You can't count on others' reactions. Tonight: Not to be found.

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

★★★★ You'll be in your element when sur-

rounded by friends who are asking what needs to be done. You exude confidence, and as a result, a meeting will work out in your favor. News from a distance opens you up to new possibilities. Tonight: Where your friends are.

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

★★★★ You could feel as if you don't have a choice, as you might be pressured by a boss. You will do what is needed. Your ingenuity is likely to emerge and help you accept disruption as part of the plan, which will keep your schedule intact. Tonight: A must appearance.

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

★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. Though the conversation could be void of intense words of affection, the caring will be evident. You might be shocked by someone else's response. Do some thinking about what you have heard. Tonight: Daydream time.

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

★★★★ Deal with someone directly. You could be tired of seeing a situation in a certain light. Laughter and caring are the natural outcomes of being more relaxed and detached. Your creativity will prove to be enormously healing. Tonight: Revise a decision.

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

★★★★ You might be in a position where you'll have to make a decision that you would prefer not to make. Detach and talk to people who know more about the situation than you do. Try not to act impulsively, as someone else involved could be very reactive. Tonight: Let go of problems.

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

★★★ Pace yourself. Be sure to make time for a loved one. You are easygoing and will be willing to make an adjustment. An unexpected twist could take you in a new direction. A personal matter is likely to steal center stage. Tonight: Head to the gym or walk the dog.

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

★★★ Your perspective could be changing, even though it might not yet be outwardly expressed. Unexpected news or an off-the-wall comment could ground you and bring you back to the here and now. Use caution with financial dealings. Tonight: Time for fun and games.

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

★★★★ You have been going through a lot lately. You might be feeling a bit off-kilter. Tension seems to be building around your personal life. Zero in on what is important to you. Don't sell yourself short. You have what it takes to deal with a problem. Tonight: Lie low.

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