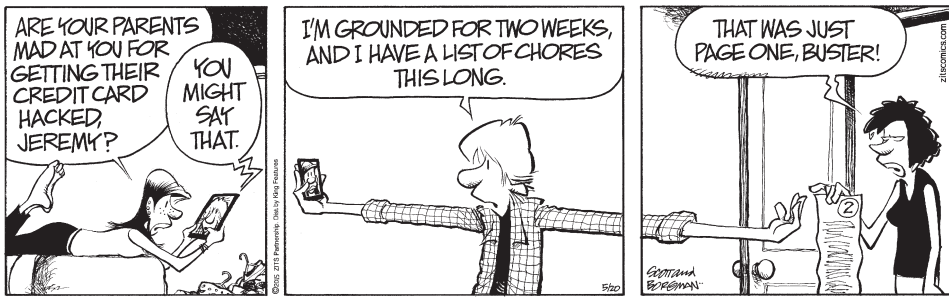


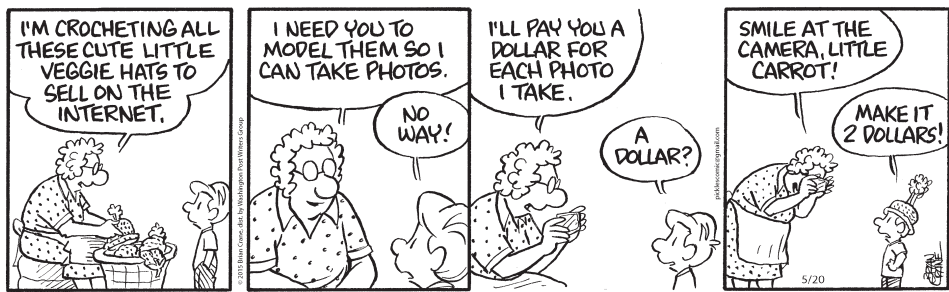
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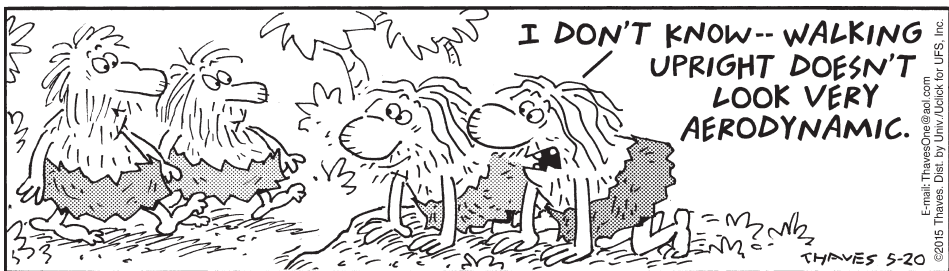
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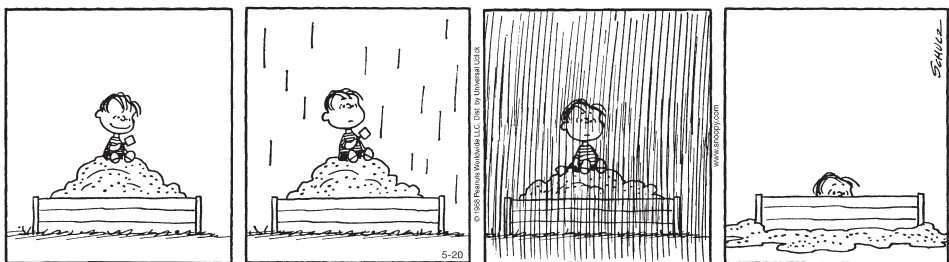
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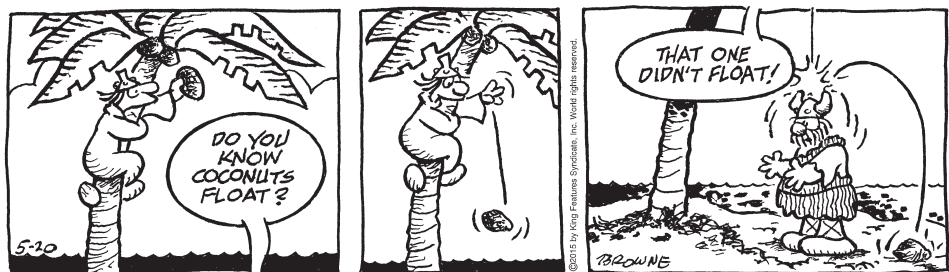
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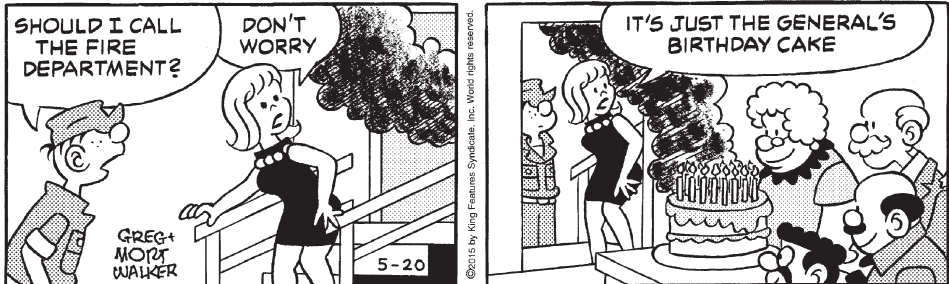
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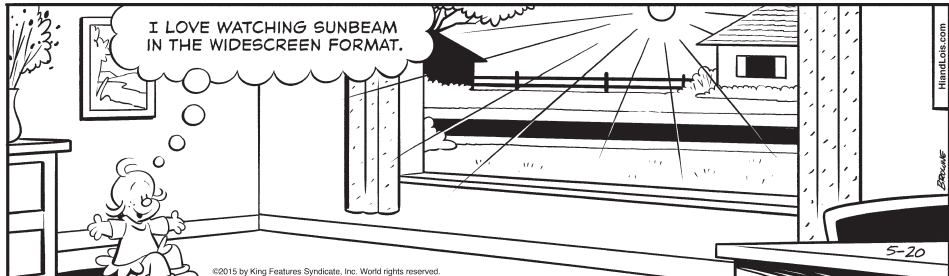
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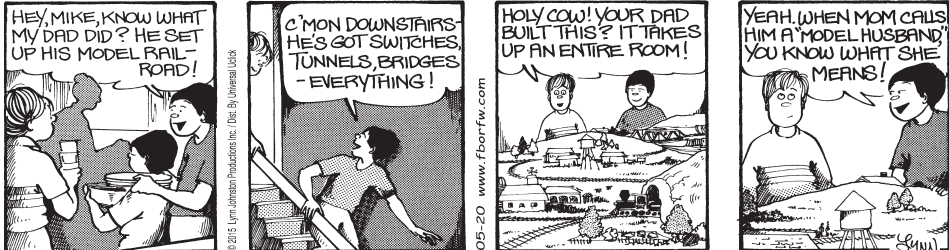
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## Mom Fears News Of Ex's Abuse Will Cause Split With Her Son

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Meg," was sexually abused at the age of 3 by her father 25 years ago. "Emile" and I were divorced, but he had every other weekend visitation. After returning from one visit, she said, "Daddy put his finger in there. It hurt. I cried." Her words forever changed my life.

After we made countless trips to the children's hospital and numerous therapists, a judge allowed supervised visitation. It happened again, but Emile told the judge he was "putting medicine on her." He remarried shortly after and lost interest in Meg and her brother, "Ian," which was a blessing to me, but he'd visit with them occasionally.

Emile spent years belittling me and telling lies to the kids about me, but I stayed busy with two jobs and raised them by myself. Meg has no relationship with her father, but her brother does.

Ian is now expecting a child and knows nothing about the abuse his sister suffered. I have tried raising the subject with Meg, but she won't discuss it. I'm afraid if I tell Ian, it will cause a breach in our relationship and I'm not sure he would believe me. But how do I NOT tell him? Please advise me. — WORRIED SICK IN LOUISIANA

DEAR WORRIED SICK: Sit your son and his spouse down and tell them EVERYTHING. They need to know what Grandpa-to-be is capable of. Because it has been kept a secret for so long, it's sure to be a shock, so don't be surprised if they react with disbelief. If they want proof, show them any court records or other documents you may have. Whatever happens after that, your conscience should be clear, because you will have done your duty as a mother, and they will have been given fair warning.

DEAR ABBY: Six months ago I ran across an ad from a woman in prison who was looking for a pen pal. Having served time in the past, I know how it feels to be locked up and wanting contact with the outside world, be it

friends, family, etc. I wrote her and she wrote back, and we exchanged pictures.

I am twice her age. I tried to get permission to visit her but was denied because I had served prior jail time. Our communication has been emails, letters and phone calls. I buy her things, and she is appreciative of everything I have done for her.

She says she wants to be with me when she gets out, which is not far off, and I'd love for it to happen, but I don't know how my daughters will react because she's their age. Right now it's friendship, but I know it could quickly evolve into love. I have prayed about it. All the signs keep saying we are good for each other. Abby, what to do? — A GENERATION OLDER

DEAR G.O.: If you can, find out from the warden what the woman is incarcerated for. (Could it have been for conning people? Armed robbery?) Close your wallet and see how your "pen" pal reacts, because you may not be her only benefactor.

After she has been released, there's no guarantee your relationship will evolve into love. In fact, she could have a change of heart about committing to someone who's old enough to be her father. Please stop and look both ways before proceeding further.

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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 if born before 6:56 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Cancer.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015:

This year you might consider trying a more efficient or creative way of handling your issues. You will discover that this is a process that continues to evolve. You will want to spend more time with a loved one than you have in recent years. Make this a priority, and you will succeed. If you are single, you could meet someone sometime after summer or as late as next spring. It will be worth the wait. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy a very romantic period. Use the first half of the year to add to the comfort of your home. CANCER can be emotional.

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)

★★★★ Pressure builds to an unprecedented level. You might feel as if you no longer connect with a friend at a distance. This person could be closed off. A family member or a matter involving your domestic life will need some attention. Tonight: Put up your feet and relax.

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

★★★★ You are likely to express yourself in a more emotional way than usual; you just can't seem to hold back. How you deal with a loved one could change after a discussion where you feel as if he or she is withholding information. Tonight: A private conversation.

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

★★★★ You'll smile and handle a personal matter with greater ease than you have in a while. However, a partner could be somewhat withdrawn. Your intensity is likely to draw this person out of his or her shell. Find out what is going on. Tonight: As you like it.

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

★★★★ You might be more emotional than usual, or at least you'll express your sensitive side as you rarely do. You seem to be hitting the same obstacle over and over. For some of you, this obstacle could be a boss or a partner. Tonight: Be as clear as possible.

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

★★★ Know when to keep your thoughts to

yourself. You might not be too impressed by what you are hearing from a loved one. By saying little, you allow this person the opportunity to grow past his or her present view. What has been a given suddenly could change. Tonight: Vanish quickly.

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

★★★★ A meeting might prove more important than you realize. Relax and enjoy those around you. Know that everyone doesn't need to be on the same page as you. Pressure builds around a personal issue, but you can't force someone to thaw out. Tonight: Read between the lines.

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

★★★ Tension builds as you try to get past an obstacle. You might not have the right words to handle a problem with someone you look up to. You could feel as if this person is not being open or authentic. Tonight: Deal with a family member who seems to be doing a lot of squawking.

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

★★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance whom you care about. You might be overly cautious about a financial matter, but at least you are less likely to make a mistake this way. Caring evolves to a new level if you share a problem. Tonight: Go with the flow.

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

★★★★ You'll want to understand what is motivating a close loved one. You might not get a clear answer at this point. However, if you observe, you will gain some insight into what is happening. Remain sensitive to this person, as a lot is going on with him or her. Tonight: Dinner for two.

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

★★★★ You might have thought you had a situation under control, but you could find out otherwise. You also seem to be unusually reserved, as you sit back and watch what is happening. Just note that you probably have made a miscalculation. Tonight: Listen to what others are sharing.

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

★★★ You might want to focus less on fun and more on those in your daily life who need some attention. Schedule visits to the doctor, and make any other appointments that are needed. Continue taking good care of yourself, as it will open up more possibilities. Tonight: Hang out.

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

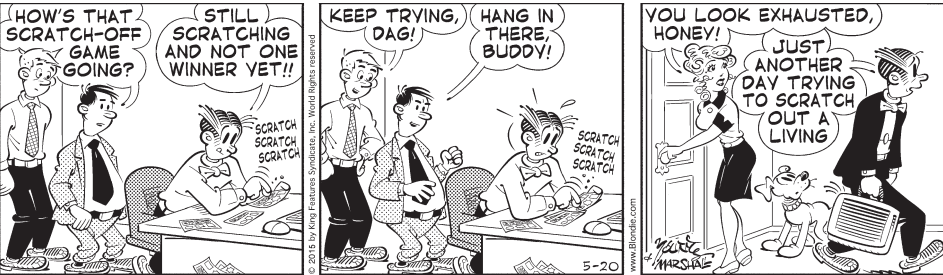
★★★★★ Your creativity might be challenged. You will want to rethink a problem that surrounds a boss or an older parent. You could feel as if you have pushed sufficiently to have a certain outcome. Perhaps a hands-off approach would produce better results. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

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