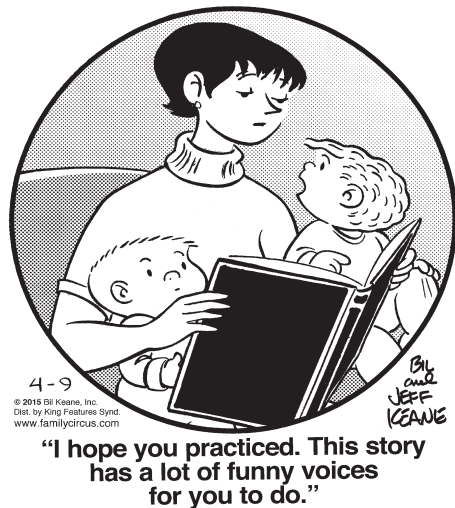
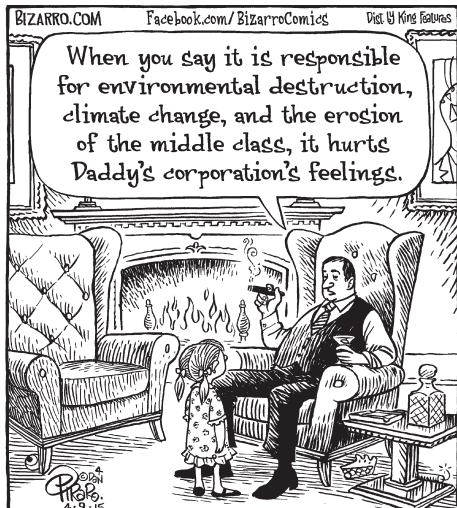


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Favorite Uncle Reveals Himself With A Shocking Sext Message

DEAR ABBY: I am heartbroken. I have an uncle "Tony" I'm close to, who is like my best friend. I was sending him pictures of a football game and he sent me back a very inappropriate picture of himself. He says it was a "mistake," that it was supposed to go to his wife, but the text message he sent with it showed different.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

I don't want to be around him. I'm disgusted and hurt over this. I need advice. What do I do? - HEARTBROKEN IN GEORGIA

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Share the photo and texts with your parents and ask what they think about them. Then ask if they think you should forward the picture and text message to your aunt with a note explaining Uncle Tony said they were meant for her, and you didn't want her to miss them.

Because he makes you uncomfortable, listen to your intuition and keep your distance because what he did was appalling.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a female working full-time in an office with all men. Yesterday afternoon, I ate a salad that contained several varieties of beans. I was standing outside my boss's office, laughing at a joke one of the salesmen was telling when the beans got the best of me and I passed gas.

I was mortified and wanted to sink through the floor! I patted the salesman on the arm and said, "I guess that's what I think of the joke," and walked back into my office. I didn't know what else to say or do. Today I can't look either of them in the face.

Since this seems to be something that happens to older people (I'm 69), and it's something we often don't have total control over - please tell me how to "recover." If this should happen again, what on earth does one say or do? - BEANS, THE MUSICAL FRUIT

DEAR B.T.M.F.: Stop beating yourself up over this. Expelling gas is normal. According to the National Institutes of Health, the average person passes gas about 14 times a

day - although probably not as spectacularly as you did.

If it happens again, don't try to be funny. Just say, "Excuse me," and if the "toot" is a fragrant one, distance yourself. I'm positive that would be appreciated.

DEAR ABBY: We are planning to give a joint baby shower next month for two sisters-in-law who are expecting their babies three weeks apart. The joint shower is a necessity because some of the relatives will need to travel quite a distance to attend.

Most of the guests know both girls, but some will know only one of them. Is there a way we can word the invitation so these guests won't feel obligated to "gift" both babies? Any suggestions will be gratefully appreciated because we are

stumped. - STUMPED IN OHIO

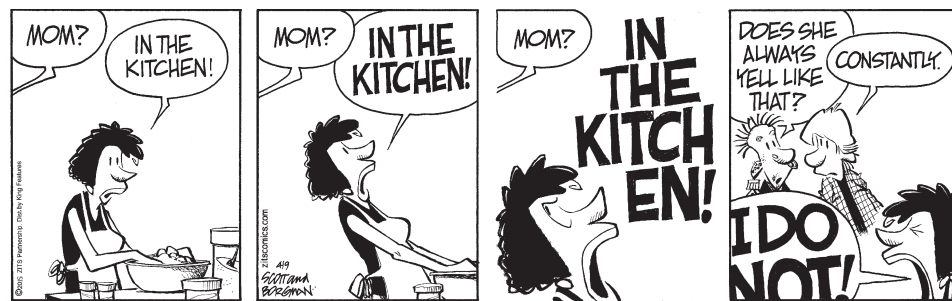
DEAR STUMPED: Put nothing on the invitations themselves mentioning gifts. However, it is acceptable to include an INSERT along with the invitation that states gifts for both babies are not expected. If the shower is going to be a large one, you could email the guests to relay the information. However, if it will be relatively small, pick up the phone and call.

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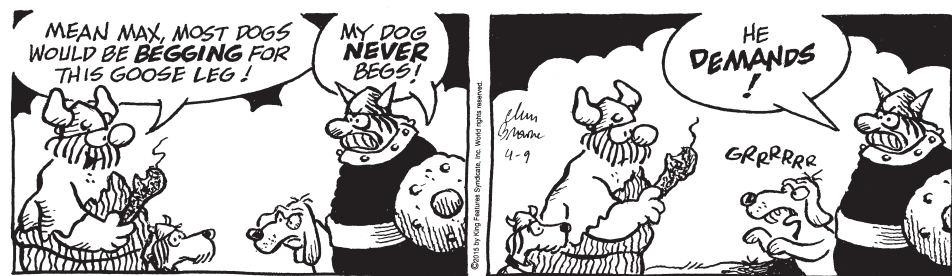
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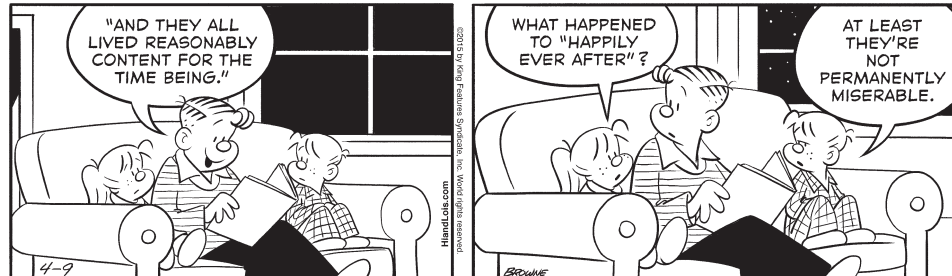
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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 Aries and a Moon in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015:

This year you will go with the flow more easily than in years past. Others want to hear your ideas; they respect your intelligence and abilities. You appear to be walking down the path of success. Your creativity keeps surging, and it appears to be never-ending. If you are single, your personality plus your love of good times attracts many wannabe sweeties. You really will have your pick, but don't settle. If you are attached, romance is intense and seems to build to a new high as the two of you bond on an even deeper level. You nearly always have a great time together. SAGITTARIUS can entice you to join him or her on some wild adventures.

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)

***** Express your sense of humor, and others naturally will gravitate toward you. You have so many ideas, and now you have an audience to share them with. You know how to take control in a way that has others feeling as though they are actively participating. Tonight: Meet a friend.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

*** One-on-one relating helps you head in the direction you want. Express your thoughts to a trusted partner and get feedback. This person might seem unusually agreeable, perhaps because you are grounded and know what you are doing. Tonight: Where you want to be.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

***** Defer to someone else, and worry less about this person's reactions. You can't always get others to be on the same page as you, but this person knows how to take your ideas and run with them. Express your confidence in his or her approach. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

** Your ability to organize and delegate will determine your ability to clear out a project that might be a high priority. An older relative might keep interfering without realizing it. Politely let this person know that you need him or her to back down some. Tonight: Off to the gym.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

*** It might seem as if a muse has

suddenly appeared, as you can't stop creating. Romance could be enhanced by a conversation involving a trip or vacation. You might be surprised by how excited a loved one becomes at the idea of getting away. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

*** You might feel happiest at home. You can accomplish a lot in this setting, and as a result, you'll have more time for a friend or relative. You'll find this person to be extremely verbal. Sometimes, you even could feel overwhelmed by him or her. Tonight: Togetherness works.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

**** Reach out to someone whom you care a lot about. Sometimes you might feel overwhelmed when this person is around. Schedule time to visit with him or her, but also know when to say "no." Establishing strong boundaries will help you. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

**** Be aware of the financial implications of a new idea or business venture; otherwise, you could encounter a problem with your budget. Someone you admire will be quite pleased when observing your chosen direction. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

***** You might be impossible to stop, as you'll be full of great ideas and have the energy to make them realities. Your creativity soars, but you also will appreciate feedback from friends. Tonight: Be a flirt if you want, but know that you could cause some jealousy!

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

*** You sense a lot of activity around you, but some information seems to be hidden or withheld. A partner or dear friend will fill you in when he or she can. Meanwhile, don't worry so much. Schedule a fun lunch with a loved one. Tonight: Be near good music.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

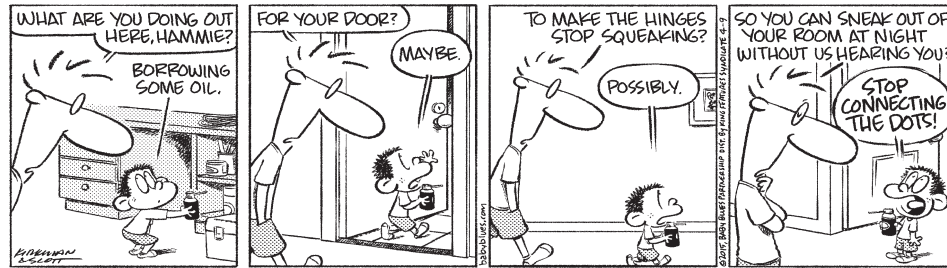
**** Focus on what you want, and be aware of the role of a friendship in achieving this goal. Conversations might have you busy by just having to answer and return calls. Don't lose your focus - you're heading down the right track. Tonight: Be where the crowds are.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

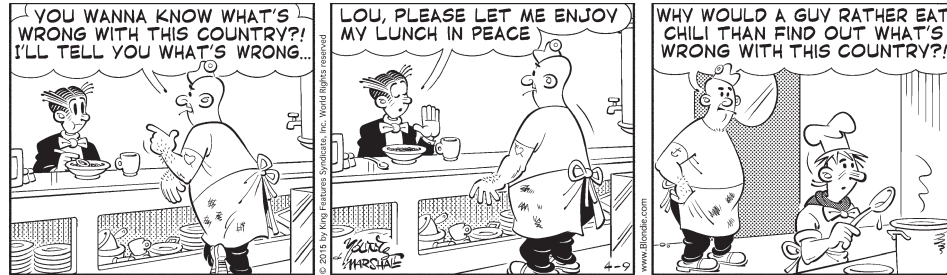
**** Stay on top of a situation that demands your guidance. Remain sure of yourself. Money could play a role in making decisions, but you might need to have a conversation first with someone else involved in this matter. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

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