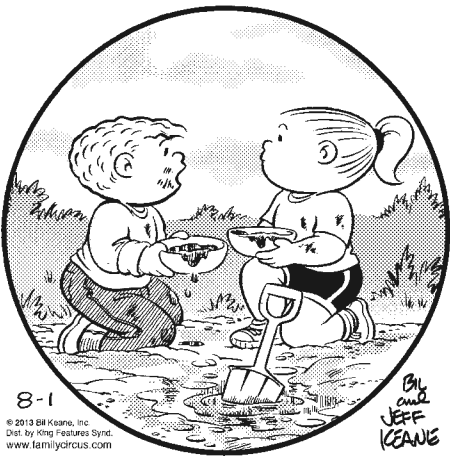


FAMILY CIRCUS | BIL KEANE



8-1
© 2013 Bill Keane, Inc.
Dist. by King Features Synd.
www.familycircus.com

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



Facebook.com/BizarroComics Dist. by King Features

Pets On A Plane Often Suffer Rough Rides Through Airport

DEAR ABBY: I travel a lot in my work with animal protection. Often I'll encounter dogs and cats in distress as soon as I reach the airport. Distracted by their own thoughts, their owners seldom realize they're upsetting the pets they're carrying through the terminal.

Animal carriers are carelessly swung to and fro, banged against counters, chairs and onto the floor. Cat or dog shoulder bags are dangled at angles that make it impossible for the animal inside to balance. These poor pets can be confused, dizzy and suffer from motion sickness before the flight even takes off.

Traveling is stressful enough for animals. So please, everyone — if you fly with an animal companion, keep it foremost in your thoughts. Use a sturdy, well-ventilated carrier, preferably one with wheels, that's designed for animals and to fit under your seat. And please, keep the carrier upright and steady. — ANIMAL LOVER IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR ANIMAL LOVER: Thank you for the heads up. In case someone's pet might have other issues while traveling, it's always a good idea to talk about it with a veterinarian before embarking. (Sorry, I couldn't resist.)

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 19-year-old guy and for as long as I can remember my parents have yelled at me. It lasts for hours at a time at night after they come home from work almost every day. It's never about me doing something bad, but how I never do anything up to their expectations.

I don't know if they're right or wrong, but it makes me depressed and I have been thinking about suicide. I have never been able to have an opinion of my own because as soon as I had one my parents would yell at me all over again and call me "stupid and retarded."

I cry myself to sleep at night hoping God will put me to sleep forever. Please tell me what to do. — JUSTIN IN SAN FRANCISCO
DEAR JUSTIN: Verbal abuse — which is what you are describing — can be every bit as

destructive as physical abuse. Perhaps it's time to consider moving out. With the constant verbal battering you're receiving, it's no wonder you're depressed.

Harming yourself is not the answer to your problem. Because you have reached the point of wanting to hurt yourself, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The number is 800-784-2433. A counselor there can direct you to the help you need. You may have to build your self-esteem from the ground up, but the effort will be well worth it. My thoughts are with you.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

■ Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago my mother joined Facebook and I readily accepted her friend request. I'm a 30-something IT specialist, but Mom is new to the Internet.

There are times I have gone online and seen posts in which my mother is arguing with my friends about their lifestyles. I have friends and business contacts from all over the world, and their backgrounds are highly varied as are their belief and value systems.

I have told Mom in private and public discussions that she owes someone an apology, but she

shrugs it off.

Am I wrong for asking her to respect my friends, and would you suggest I "unfriend" my mother until she learns proper Internet etiquette? — DIGITAL FAMILY MAN

DEAR FAMILY MAN: Because what your mother is doing could negatively affect your business, you should do EXACTLY that. And quickly!

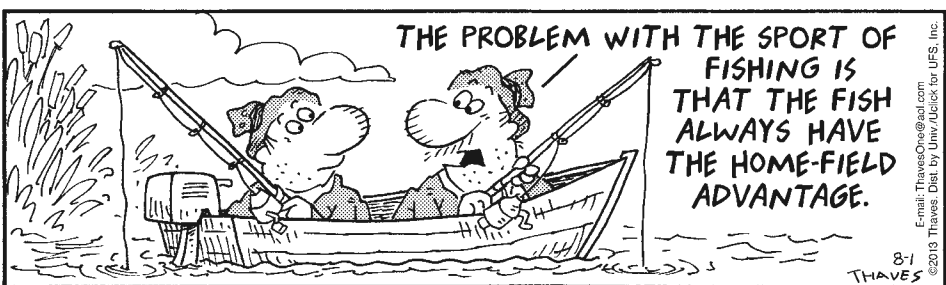
Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

© 2013, Universal Press Syndicate

ZITS | JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



FRANK AND ERNEST | BOB THAVES



PEANUTS | CHARLES M. SCHULZ



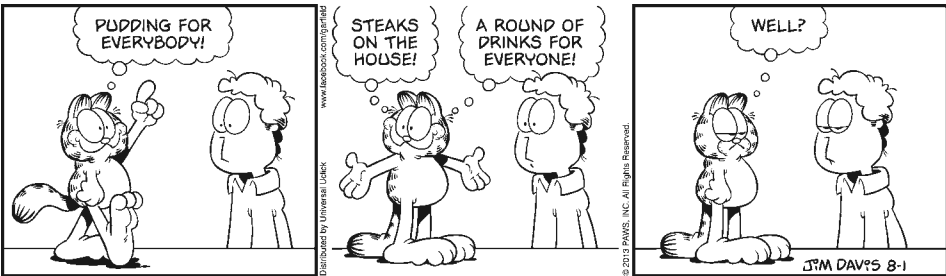
DICK TRACY | JOE STATON AND MIKE CURTIS



BLONDIE | YOUNG & DRAKE



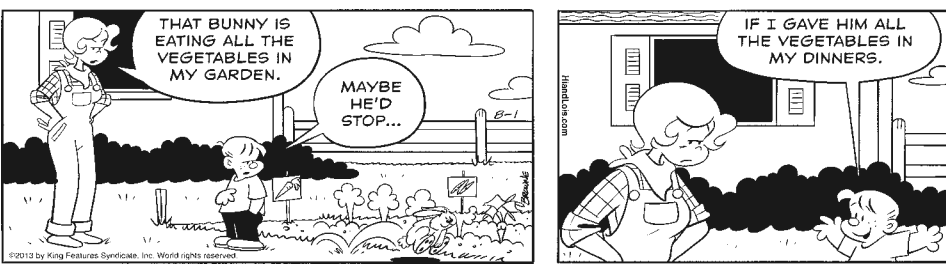
GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS



BEETLE BAILEY | MORT WALKER



HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



THE BORN LOSER | ART SANSON



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS



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 Leo and a Moon in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, AUG. 1, 2013:

This year you often wonder about the nature of your friendships and relationships. You will note that in general, they seem to have a quirky or unpredictable quality to them. Emphasize your long-term desires, but be willing to fulfill your goals in a less-traditional manner. If you are single, you could meet someone through a friend, or a friendship could become more. If you are attached, as a couple you might head in a new direction and love every moment of the change. GEMINI might appear to be a bit flaky, but he or she really is there for you.

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 express a strong interest in someone's hobby or major interest. This person will be delighted to share more of this pastime with you. Just make sure that he or she doesn't misread your intention and take it in a way that would not be accurate. Tonight: With friends.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ What you might think is a good idea and an excellent investment will be the opposite of what a friend or loved one thinks. You could have a lot of conversations ahead, until you see eye to eye. You also will gain insight into this person. Tonight: Do some shopping on the way home.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★★ You will feel like blazing a new trail. Pressure builds around a particular part of your daily life. Relax, and work with others. Focus on a sudden turn of events. You might not believe what a friend decides to do. Take a step back and just observe. Tonight: Where the fun is.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★★ Your ability to move past a hassle marks the day. You also seem to be more sensitive to others, and you know when to take action or pull back. Use your instincts and your creativity, especially when dealing with an unpredictable boss or relative. Tonight: Lighten up the moment.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Let go of a problem. If you keep your eye on the big picture, you will not make a mistake. Someone's response could encourage a

pause in your day, as you'll need to rethink a situation. It is good to be able to stop, reflect and be surprised. Tonight: Open up to different thinking.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You could be taken aback by a partner or loved one's reaction. Take some time to rejuvenate as you carefully consider where he or she is come from. This person keeps you from being locked into your own way of thinking. Tonight: Others remain responsive when you call.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Keep reaching out for new information. The more you know, the better you will be able to handle a situation. Make a call to someone at a distance; you could get a fresh perspective from this person. You also respect his or her judgment. Tonight: Get ready for a surprise.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You'll want to understand where someone else is coming from. You could be taken aback by a series of independent and erratic actions. You also might want to see a situation differently. A discussion with a close associate will result in a change of attitude. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ Defer to others, and you'll find out what is needed in order to balance someone's demands. Sometimes this person makes sense to you, but he or she has a tendency to do the unexpected. Ask questions if need be. Tonight: Observe a loved one's spontaneous behavior.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ Listen well to news, and be open to a different approach. An element in the way you structure your day could be subject to change. At first, you might feel uneasy about this, but eventually you'll see the positive benefits of the alteration. Tonight: Run some errands.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

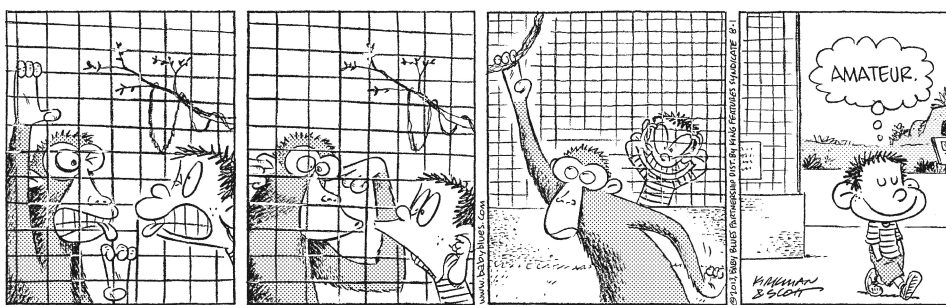
★★★★ While everyone might seem very serious and determined, you'll have an open mind for the possibility of a change. You also could see many more benefits and positive outcomes than others do. A new friendship could be a source of excitement. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You'll need to deal with an important financial matter; try not to shake up the status quo in a negative way. Taking a risk might be OK now, if you can sustain a loss. Only you know for sure. A family matter or personal issue dominates the moment. Tonight: Happiest at home.

© 2013, King Feature Syndicate

BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON

