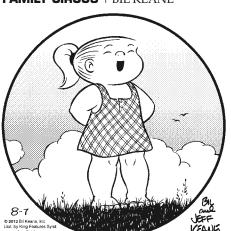
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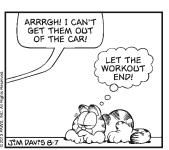




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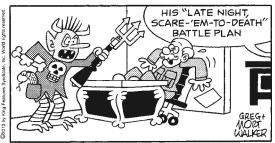






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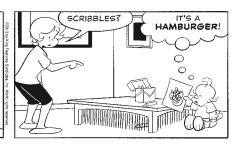




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Harried Phone Survey Taker Pleads For A Little Respect

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DEAR ABBY: I'm hoping you will pass this on to your readers. Many of us these days have to work two jobs to make ends meet. In addition to a full-time job, I work a second one in a call center. Yes, I'm one of those dreaded people who call and ask you to do a phone survey.

What I would like to remind everyone is that we are just people on the other end of the line. I have been cursed at and called names you can't print in your column. I have had the phone slammed in my ear. A little courtesy would go a long way.

If you don't want to participate in the survey, that's fine. We understand that. But have the guts to say, "Not interested" or "No, thank you," and show a little respect. We're simply trying to do a job, earn a living and pay our bills like everybody else. -

HAPPY TO BE EMPLOYED DEAR HAPPY TO BE EM-PLOYED: I am not excusing poor manners, and I do sympathize with your position. But when companies make these incessant calls, they are entering people's homes without being invited, and it can make some of them very angry, particularly if they have been interrupted while eating, working, napping or

The people you call might be less hostile if they hadn't been called repeatedly and asked to participate in these surveys after they had refused four, five or six times and had asked not to be called again. They might be more polite if they hadn't registered on a "Do Not Call" list that was ignored.

DEAR ABBY: I am recently retired. I enjoy it, and my daily routine is filled with activities that keep me busy.

My problem is relatives who retired a few years ago who are bored out of their minds. They show up at my home unannounced at all hours of the day and disrupt my routine. They assume I have nothing to do like them. I am not interested in baby-sitting these people so their wives won't have to put up with them. What should I do? — RETIRED IN

DEAR RETIRED: Tell your relatives — nicely that you have a definite routine and things

scheduled that you must attend to. If you feel they would be receptive, suggest that they drop by a senior center and ask about what activities it offers or look for volunteer opportunities in the community. Then suggest that instead of dropping by, they CALL FIRST to see if you are available.

> DEAR ABBY: My best friend's mother has dementia. It is usually worse in the evenings, but she can function during the day — somewhat. My friend and her husband both work, leaving the mother alone at home during the day with the door locked from the outside so she can't wander off.

> I have told my friend many times how dangerous this is, but she continues to do it. It makes me sick worrying about her mother, but I don't know what to do about it. — FRIEND IN FLORIDA DEAR FRIEND: Your friend and

her husband may have the best of intentions, but locking a demented person inside the house is not the answer to their problem. If a fire were to start, she might not be "with it" enough to know how to put it out or summon help. She could also fall and injure

A better solution would be to find a daycare program where the mother would have company, be entertained and safely looked after. Please suggest it to them. However, if they are not receptive, Adult Protective Services should be notified because the woman's life could depend on it.

TO MY MUSLIM READERS: It's time for the breaking of the Ramadan fast. Happy Eid al-Fitr, everyone. May God make yours a blessed feast.

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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 and Moon in Leo if born before 6:34 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, AUG. 7, 2013:

This year you could be unusually optimistic and forward-looking. Sometimes you want to radically change your life in some key way. Other times, you might want to keep the status quo, as you know how to make various parts of your life run in sync together. If single, you are able to meet many people. It is likely that you could meet and be attracted to someone who might be emotionally unavailable. Resist jumping in before you really know this person. If attached, the two of you will benefit from taking some romantic weekends alone, LEO is always friendly. Look past that be havior when dealing with one.

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 could feel challenged by a boss or parent you respect a lot, but who can become very controlling. It seems to be this person's way or the highway. Meanwhile, your emotions might flow into your personal life. You will be doing a juggling act of sorts. Tonight: Relax.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

**** Your perspective could change radically after a discussion forces your hand. You might wonder how you are going to be able to cover all the ground you need to cover. Listen to news from a friend. You might want to chat with this person more openly. Tonight: As you like it.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Use extreme caution with your finances. You could be juggling more than you normally would like. Your ability to get past problems is well known. You have an extraordinary amount of resilience, but why push it? A partner clearly wants what he or she wants. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★★ You might be in a positive, buoyant mood, but a friend could be in the mood to play power games. Use caution with your word choice. The only way to win a power play is not to play; don't give this person any type of reaction. Tonight: Do what makes you happy.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ You might want to express your dismay at everything that is happening. You will want to

take your time and sort out how much you are projecting into the situation, as well as how much is directed at you. Tonight: Do what you can, and don't put any unnecessary pressure on yourself.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might want to consider taking a different approach or finding a new way of dealing with a rebellious -- and sometimes vindictive -loved one. You certainly do not seem to be getting the results you desire. Tonight: Hang with people who have positive vibes.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You might want to try a new approach and avoid having to deal with a very grumpy associate. You could find that you are overwhelmed by everything you have to do. Try to take care of any errands or work that you can, then complete the rest. Tonight: Head home first.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

* ★ * ★ You understand people who are controlling better than they understand themselves -possibly because you have the same trait. If you detach, you could find this situation amusing. The smart move is not to get tangled up in this web, no matter what. Tonight: Chat the night away.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★ You could feel as if you are right about a money venture and everyone else is wrong. Truth be told, you are your best and biggest supporter. so follow your instincts. If you care about your relationships, try to see the validity in what others share. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★ You could be pushing people away left and right with your authoritarian attitude. Try to minimize this behavior, even if you are the boss. If you do, others will demonstrate more resilience. Think before you speak. Tonight: Accept a dear friend's or loved one's offer.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★ You might want to try something else or do something differently. You might witness, or perhaps even participate, in the clash of wills around you. Sometimes it is difficult for you to pull away from such intensity. It would serve you well to do so now. Tonight: With a favorite person.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Your plans could go up in smoke because one person wants things one way and someone else wants it his or her way. You might need to use your unusual resourcefulness in order to find a resolution. Everyone will be happier as a result. Tonight: Work till the wee hours.

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