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Swimming Pool Lifeguards Can't Be Baby Sitters Too

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is a lifeguard at a local pool.

Caregivers, PLEASE take note: While she's disciplining your child for dunking another, she cannot watch other children who might be struggling to catch a breath. You cannot possibly watch all the children you brought with you while you're busy on your cellphone.

Yes, lifeguards save lives. But if the lifeguard has to be a disciplinarian and a baby sitter as well as do her own job, she might not see the baby who fell into the pool while you were flirting with the sexy guy sitting near you. Having a lifeguard present does not excuse parents from taking care of their children. Do YOUR job and prevent a tragedy from happening. — VIGILANT IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR VIGILANT: Thank you for reminding parents how important it is to watch their children at ALL times when they're near water. Too often we hear about the drowning death of a child because someone was distracted "for just a few moments." I hope my readers will take to heart your important message.

point, I have no idea where to begin.

I have tried dating, but nothing has ever progressed beyond a first date. I don't know if there's something about my personality that makes me undatable or what. Do you have any advice? — ALONE IN MISSOURI

DEAR ALONE: I doubt there is anything wrong with your personality. That you have never been in a relationship may have left you a little rough around the edges when it comes to romance.

I'm a firm believer that the more exposure someone has, the better the chances of finding what you're looking for. If you aren't active with a gay and lesbian community center, go online to lgbcenters.org and research some in your area. You have to be "out there" for Prince Charming to find you. Join talk groups, fundraising groups, sports activities, and look into online dating. While you shouldn't go around with "Needy" tattooed on your forehead, let your friends — gay and straight — know you'd like to meet someone nice. Who knows? Maybe someone will have a brother — or an uncle.



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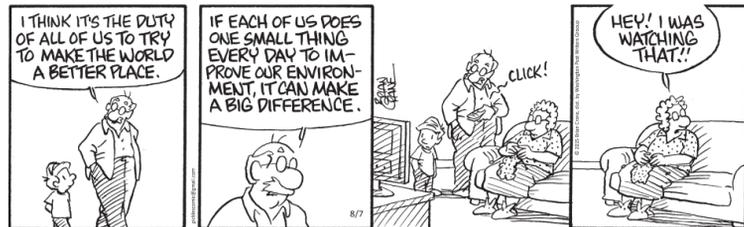
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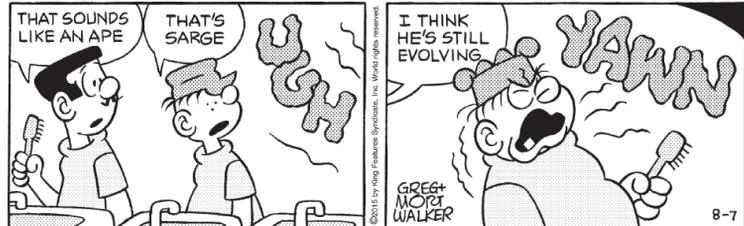
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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 Leo and a Moon in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, AUG. 7, 2015:

This year you have the ability to make a strong impression on others. Your public persona is very powerful and has tremendous impact. You find that those in your immediate circle tend to be less than receptive. If you are single, you could meet someone who makes a wonderful companion. Be open with this person. If you are attached, the two of you might make a point of re-enacting some of your best moments together. Updating your home is likely to happen. TAURUS can be stubborn at times.

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 will be more detail-oriented than you have been in a while. Try not to become too serious-minded. Know that the differences between you and someone else can be an asset. Maintain an upbeat attitude. Tonight: Treat a friend.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You have a lot to do before you can really kick into weekend mode. Recognize that a loved one might be in a gloomy mood. The good news is that this period won't last long. Use it to reconnect on a different level. Tonight: All smiles.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ You will want to review a recent action that might not have gone the way you wanted. By pulling apart the matter with a trusted adviser, you will see what went wrong. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Your friends often come to you for advice. You'll discover how different people are and how their perspectives are also diverse. Learning to work with others quickly will evolve into a new skill. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You could see a matter from a very different perspective than the majority of people. Maintain a sense of humor when dealing with an

important person. Avoid someone who seems to carry a lot of baggage. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You have a way of drawing others toward you. Your intellect mixed with your precision form an impressive combo. Know when to let down your barriers and add more humor and fun into a situation. Tonight: Go stargazing with a friend.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ One-on-one relating allows you to be more flexible and forthright. Listen to your inner voice when making a relationship decision. Sometimes you put up barriers when they are not needed. Tonight: Enjoy the person you are with.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Allow yourself more flexibility. You might feel the need to be in control; however, letting go might be the best way today. Let others believe that they are maintaining the reins of control. Tonight: Listen to someone else's thoughts.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Your perspective improves, as does your ability to detach. You might be overwhelmed by how differently problems look after an important realization. Curb an innate urge to be negative. Tonight: Take off as soon as you can.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You know what you would like to happen, but convincing another person to be party to this matter could be another issue entirely. Maintain a sense of humor. Avoid an unneeded quarrel. Tonight: Make the most of the weekend!

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Others seem to dominate, and your voice nearly might be drowned out. Turn this situation into a positive one and take off for a weekend away. You have been carrying a heavy burden, and you need a break. Tonight: Make a must appearance.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ You have a lot to communicate, but you can't seem to get past a problem. Touching base with someone at a distance might be difficult. Remain optimistic, even when you hit an obstacle. Just head in a new direction. Tonight: Say "yes."

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