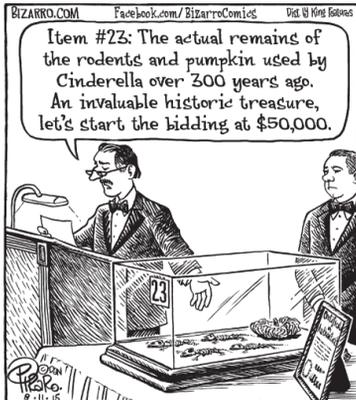


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Woman Goes To The Mat To Defend Yoga Photos

DEAR ABBY: A family member has recently lost more than 100 pounds running and doing yoga. She looks fantastic. Yoga is the focus of her life now, and she posts daily photos of herself on social media. In many of them she is scantily clad and in poses some might consider risqué.

Whenever she attends family gatherings or outings to public places, she wants to take pictures of herself in various poses. This makes some of the people she's with uncomfortable. She says she doesn't care what others think, but there have been quite a few negative comments about this, and people have "unfollowed" her on social media. Others think it's OK for her to do her thing. What is your opinion on this? — GAGGING IN GEORGIA



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR GAGGING: Your relative deserves praise for having adopted a healthier lifestyle. However, because she doesn't care what others think, any family member who finds her pictures too risqué for their comfort should quit following her on social media.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Kelly," and I are arguing over whether she should take her trophies with her when she moves out on her own. I feel that when kids move out, they should take all their belongings. Kelly thinks I should keep the 10 to 15 trophies she won in beauty pageants when she was younger.

I'd like to turn her bedroom into a guest room where visiting relatives can stay, but I'm having difficulty getting my daughter to take all her stuff. Although she has grown out of her childhood trophies, she expects me to hold onto them. I suggested she pack them up and store them in her attic so she can show her children her accomplishments one day. What do you think? — BEAUTY QUEEN'S MOM IN INDIANA

DEAR MOM: I think that if you want

a guest room instead of a shrine to your daughter's beauty contest achievements, you should set a deadline and insist that her trophies be removed.

DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine and I have exchanged birthday cards for many years. Several years ago, she started sending me two cards each year — one on my birthday and another five or six months later. After a couple more years passed, the "second date" became the only card she sent.

I know I should have said something, but I didn't want to embarrass her. This year on my "birthday" she even called to wish me a happy one.

Is there anything I can do now? My REAL birthday is coming up soon, and I feel bad that I didn't nip this in the bud in the beginning. — ONE AT A TIME IN WASHINGTON

DEAR ONE: Oh, for Pete's sake! Friends should be able to level with each other without ruining the friendship. If you want to save her from embarrassment, tell her YOU are embarrassed because you didn't say something earlier. Then enjoy a good laugh together.

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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 Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, AUG. 11, 2015:

This year you could see a substantial financial change, but for the better. You seem to know what is needed, and you will make it so. You have a way about you that helps you relax and come to a clear conclusion. Your ability to understand what is happening within your immediate circle keeps you on top of your game. If you are single, you are likely to attract quite a few admirers. Enjoy this process. If you are attached, the two of you benefit the most when you are relaxed. Alone time could be very important for both of you. CANCELS reads you clearly. 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 seem to wake up with a desire to handle a situation differently. How you manage a changeable situation could vary as a result. Your need for details emerges, leaving less room for imagination. The unexpected is likely to occur. Tonight: Go to the gym.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Listen carefully to what someone has to say. You might find a more creative solution when handling this issue. Move forward and handle a personal issue with greater clarity. A child or loved one will appreciate your efforts. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You could be far more creative and dynamic than you have in the recent past, especially when dealing with a domestic matter. A disruptive element seems to mark the day. Be careful with spending. Tonight: Make sure your budget can handle a major purchase.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You have the energy and desire to clear out a lot quickly. No matter where you start, the results will be excellent. A boss could be somewhat touchy or difficult. Detach and look at the big picture. You might not see the end results as someone else does. Tonight: Fly high.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★ You might be too tired to follow through on what needs to happen or what you feel you need

to do. Detach. Understand what is expected of you when relating to others. You could decide that you would prefer to put a certain issue on hold for now. Tonight: Make it your treat.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might notice a difference in how you feel. Your ability to get past a situation is enhanced. You'll feel as if you can handle what was not manageable before. Understand what role you need to play in order to have a situation evolve. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ You will see how you can make a difference if you move forward with an important matter. You could be feeling off-kilter if you are not in tune with your feelings. Try to take a step back and withdraw some. You will feel better given some time. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Make a point of touching base with a key person, either professionally or personally. You will gain a lot of important information that could force you to go in a new direction. You have had a premonition as to what to do here. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Suddenly, others seem to view you in a more favorable light. They see you as a leader and a star performer. If you stay on your current path, you could get a pay raise or promotion within the next year. Emphasize greater financial security. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Others seem to seek you out. Your ability to walk in someone else's shoes emerges as your strong suit. Expect this pattern to continue for a sustained period of time. Know what is needed, and do what it takes to carry you through to the end. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ If you have your heart set on certain results, you must push hard to achieve them. You could be in a position where you need to focus more on your schedule and on what you want to accomplish. Stay on top of a project. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

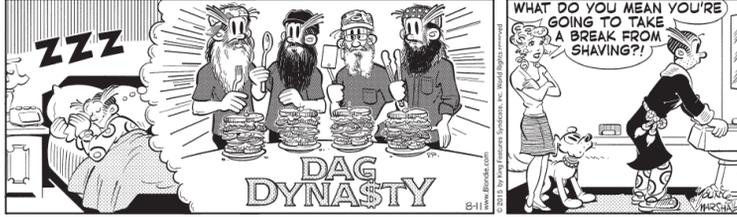
★★★★ Tap into your creativity when dealing with a partner. This person might be changing his or her ideas and goals, whether you realize it or not. Don't push someone away unnecessarily. Understand what this individual wants from you. Tonight: Act as if there were no tomorrow.

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