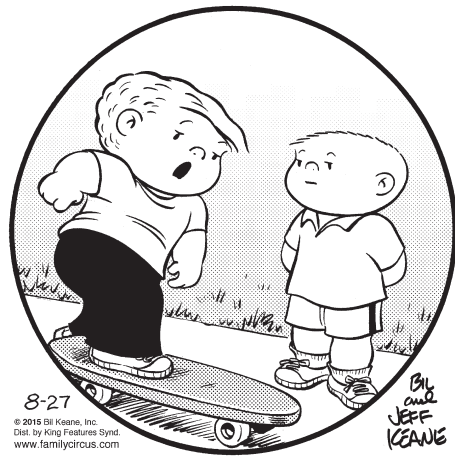
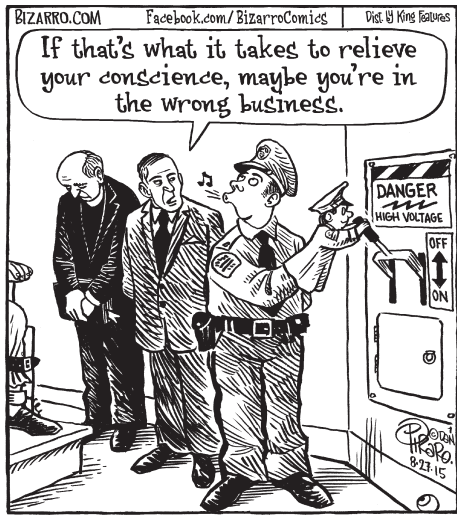


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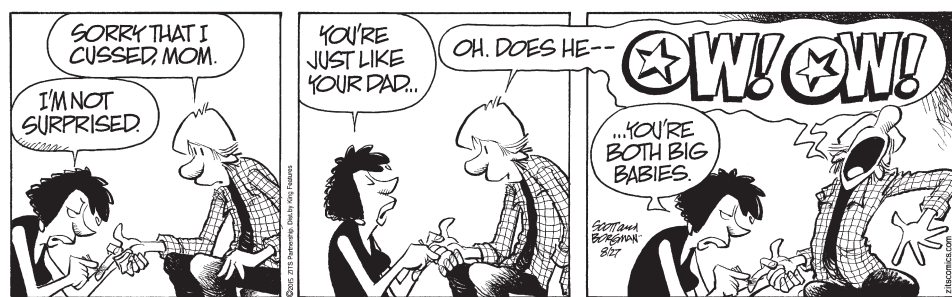
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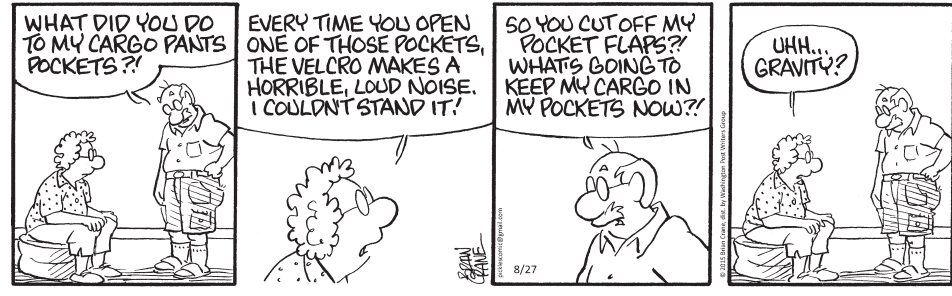


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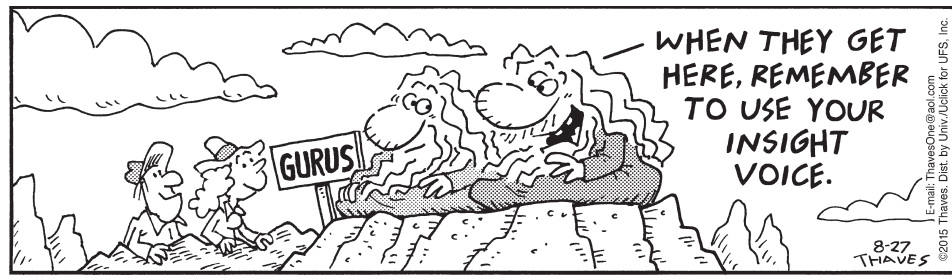
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Wife Has All The Company She Needs In Her Electronic Devices

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married 22 years, and we had a good marriage until recently. Over the last three years she has become more and more consumed with her phone and tablet. She goes nowhere and does nothing without them.

Every night and weekend she sits engrossed in both devices until well after I have gone to bed. If I ask what she's doing or who she's texting, she accuses me of being controlling and not trusting her.

We can't watch a movie, eat a meal (out or at home) or anything else without her constantly tending to at least one of her devices. She says she can multitask and I shouldn't be concerned, but it has greatly diminished our relationship. I feel like when we're together, I am really alone.

If that isn't enough, I have seen her communications with other men, sometimes intimate, late at night. When I ask about them, she throws the same labels at me. What should I do? - ONLY HUMAN IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR ONLY HUMAN: What you should do is tell your wife you have seen the intimate late-night conversations she has been having with other men, and that you feel she has abandoned you. Do not let her accuse you of being controlling or untrusting. You have done nothing wrong.

If she is willing to come clean and deal with the problems in your marriage, which go beyond her addiction to electronic devices, you should agree to marriage counseling. If she's not, you will then have to weigh whether this kind of marriage is enough for you, because it certainly wouldn't be for many men.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in ninth grade and my birthday is coming up. I invited a group of friends to go out and eat dinner at a nice restaurant, assuming everyone would pay for their own meal. Unfortunately, that's not the case. Some of them said they expect me to pay. Others think I'd be crazy if I did that and

even insisted on paying for mine. If I pay for everyone to eat at a restaurant, it's going to be pricy and my parents will be upset. I can't uninvite anyone, and it's not like I can take them to a cheap fast food place. What do you think I should do? - SAD BIRTHDAY GIRL

DEAR SAD BIRTHDAY GIRL: I think you should contact your prospective guests and start the conversation by saying, "Let me CLARIFY..." That way, anyone who wants to will be able to back out and there will be no misunderstandings. The lesson here is to never assume.

DEAR ABBY: I quit school in the 1970s and joined the service. I got my GED and I'm friends with a lot of the people I went to high school with. They constantly ask me to attend their high school reunion.

My problem is, I didn't graduate with my class and don't know if I should go. I don't want to feel awkward, but I'd love to see the classmates from that part of my life. What is protocol on this? - UNSURE IN ATHENS, OHIO

DEAR UNSURE: Go to the reunion! I'm sure your former classmates will be as glad to see you as you will be to see them. It's not as if this is a state dinner; it's only a high school reunion, for heaven's sake.



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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 Virgo and a Moon in Capricorn if born before 4:03 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, AUG. 27, 2015:

This year others will remark about an odd coldness that seems to emanate from you. You will be very much in your head. You will have many occasions where you can choose to be happy, but whether you decide to follow through will be your choice. If you are single, you will be very popular. Your aloofness could draw many people toward you. If you are attached, your sweetie sees right through your cool behavior. Still, you both will enjoy your time together more if you can loosen up some. AQUARIUS makes a great friend.

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 have gone to bed knowing that endurance and hard work would be on the menu today. You quickly will discover that networking mixed with your original ideas is a recipe for success. Add some extra zest to the mix. Tonight: Take a stand when making plans.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)
You might question whether you have done enough background work as you forge ahead on a major project. Unfortunately, you might not be able to backtrack. Choose to follow your instincts. Others trust your judgment, so why shouldn't you? Tonight: Plan on a late bedtime.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)
You will need to understand what has happened behind the scenes before you jump to any conclusions. A situation doesn't have the implications you might think it does. Try not to exclude a possibility that you have not yet considered. Tonight: Try a new type of cuisine.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)
You might want to consider several options that you have discounted in the past. When you revisit these ideas, you could be surprised by how workable one is. If you like it, don't hesitate to make this concept a reality. Tonight: Listen to a loved one's ideas.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)
You might be in a situation where you

want to say a lot, but you are not the lead person. Note how this person handles others; he or she could have a totally different way of doing things. Don't worry -- your time will come. Tonight: Go out and start planning your weekend.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Listen to news more carefully, and understand your role in getting a project done. Meanwhile, take some time to schedule an important appointment for yourself. In this period of high energy, you need to take good care of yourself. Tonight: Let the party begin.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You could be delighted by something unexpected that takes place. If you are single, someone will catch your eye. Be aware that this person might not be everything he or she seems to be. Time is your ally. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You will be able to avoid a touchy, difficult situation by lying low, which is something you tend to do well. Make it OK to have what you consider to be a "trivial conversation." The wise Scorpio will keep any opinions to him- or herself. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You will find the right words for any situation. However, someone is likely to keep bothering you for more information or your opinion, and before you know it, you will be dragging. Touch base with a loved one early in the day. Tonight: Hang out at home.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You seem to be all smiles, yet there is a topic you are not discussing. You could be on the verge of doing something very out of character for you. Although you might not want to share now, you might later. Use caution in choosing your words. Tonight: Your treat.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You are on fire. You have a lot on your mind, yet somehow you will be capable of covering all your bases. You could be feeling a bit awkward dealing with a particular person. This new element of discomfort might surprise you. Tonight: In the whirlwind of the moment.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
You might be exhausted by everything going on around you. Question your choices, and know that you could break this pattern. In fact, what is stopping you? Be willing to change what is no longer working for you. Tonight: In the limelight.

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