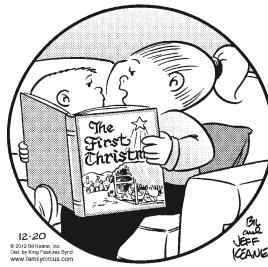
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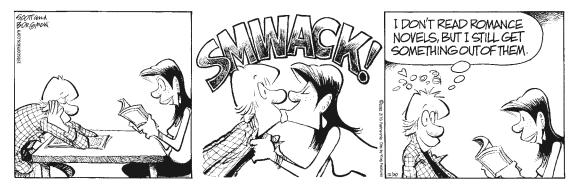
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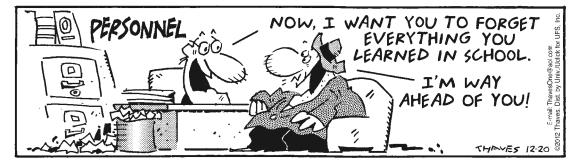


"Then the three wise men came to baby-sit Jesus so Mary and Joseph could finish Christmas shopping.'

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Holiday Greetings Get Humbug Response From Offended Aunt

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DEAR ABBY: I confess, I can be a procrastinator. Last year, my holiday cards sat on my desk, blank and unaddressed until almost Easter, when it was far too late to send them. This year, I figured brevity was better than not getting them sent, so I had

photo cards made and wrote short notes on each before mailing them.

Several of my relatives have now told me they felt "snubbed and offended" by my short notes. One aunt is particularly upset and said (via my mother) that my cards "clearly showed I don't care about people, and I should have written proper

letters or sent nothing." Was I wrong to think "some" card was better than no card at all? Also, how should I appease the aunt who is not speaking to me over this? — HOLIDAY CARD WRITER, AKRON, OHIO DEAR HOLIDAY CARD WRITER: I

don't think you were wrong. As to appeasing your aunt, who appears to be one of those individuals who hang onto imagined slights and delivers her messages via other people, perhaps you should consider leaving her off your Christmas card list from now on for fear of offending her further. Some people are just not "pleasable," and your aunt may be one of them.

DEAR ABBY: My 20-year-old son,

"P.J.," dresses in Army fatigues when he goes out. His clothes and boots — including name patches — make him look like a soldier. Because he seems so fascinated with the outfit, I asked him if he wants to consider joining the military. He said he's not interested, he just likes "the look."

I'm embarrassed when we're out together. Friends have commented, "I didn't know P.J. enlisted." My response is, "He's not in the military. He just likes to dress the part." When strangers have approached him and thanked him for his service and for protecting our country, he actually says, "You're welcome!" When I try to talk to him about it, he gets angry

ACQUELINE 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 Sagittarius and a Moon in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, DEC. 20, 2012:

This year you will you be much more assertive than you have been. As a result, you will break past patterns that have held you back in the past. You will be prone to do the unexpected. According to others, you are following a different drummer. If you are single, you will meet quite a few potential suitors. Be true to yourself. You will continue to date until you meet the right person. You will know when the time comes. If you are attached, be gentle with your sweetie. This person is adjusting to the changing

you. ARIES has a fiery temper! 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)

★★★★ The unexpected runs rampant right now. If you stop and think about it, you are the trigger. Express your caring without getting involved in a power play. Others will try to manipulate you, but you can walk right through their ploys. Tonight: Á call could affect your plans.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

 $\star \star \star$ You could be taken aback by everything that is happening around you. It might be difficult to define what you want to do. Make it OK to do nothing. Trust that you will see the path and that timing will be on your side. Go off and do something you want to do. Tonight: Keep a secret.

and tells me to mind my own business. I feel he's rep resenting himself as someone he's not. He does have a job. He buys his military gear online and at military shops.

How am I supposed to respond when people ask me obvious questions? Isn't it illegal to dress in Army attire when you're not affiliated with the military? -MOM OF A CIVILIAN IN WEST VIRGINIA

DEAR MOM: I can see why you are embarrassed. You should be. What your son is doing may not be illegal, but it IS dishonest.

When you are asked if he is in the military, you should continue to tell the truth. Because your son doesn't set people straight when he is thanked for his service, what he's doing is disrespectful, unethical and unfair to anyone who actually HAS served.

DEAR ABBY: I live in a small rural town with lots of nice neighbors. During the holidays, I receive a variety of delicious homemade gifts — jams, cookies, breads and other specialties.

I am careful about my diet and consume no white flour or sugar. This means I must thank the person for the gifts, then figure out what to do with them. I hate throwing them out, and I don't know how to stop the practice.

What's the best way to handle this annual dilemma? — UNSURE IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR UNSURE: If you work, consider bringing the goodies with you and sharing them with your co-workers. Or, donate them to a shelter or senior center where they might be enjoyed and appreciated.

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sion could stun you. Let your feelings show -- there is no reason to hold back. Be willing to ask for more of what you want. Tonight: Go along with someone's plans.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You might want to eliminate a problem and move forward. The other party can be unreasonable and often does the unexpected. A child or a loved one decides that now is the time for rebellion. The smart move is to ignore this behavior. Tonight: A chat over coffee and dessert

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-0CT. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Others want what they want, so try not to stand in the way of their long-desired dreams. Avoid protesting any opposition you might have, as their energy is far higher than yours. You simply are not as attached to this matter. Tonight: Love the one you are with.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

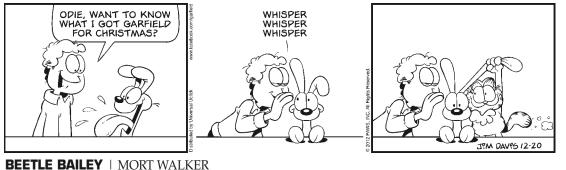
 $\star \star \star$ Everyone seems to be pursuing their interests, or they're already slacking off. You have a lot that you would like to accomplish before relaxing and getting into the holiday mood. Smart moving, as you will be able to let go and appreciate the moment sooner. Tonight: At home.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ You can't be restrained or held back. You are like a wild horse that is tied up. Your creativity surges in this mindset; however, not all of your ideas are good or positive. Hold yourself back. Tap into an innate sense of self-discipline. Tonight: You can have the best of both



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GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Make plans to bring friends together before you exit the scene for a family holiday gathering. You will be, or probably already are, in the mood to start enjoying the eggnog and presents and cornering your sweetie under the mistletoe. Tonight: Wrap those presents.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Others follow your lead, but they could be wondering what is up. You might want to vanish and not be found. Indulge those around you a little, but continue on your path. Tune in to your inner voice and center yourself. You will know what to do. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Keep reaching out to others, especially the people you rarely call but often think of. A friend's confes-

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★★★ You might be uptight about a domestic or personal matter. Accept what is, and choose not to push to have your way. Your pushing is part of what keeps the situation from finding resolution. You want change, so change your behavior. Tonight: Head home.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ You could have a lot to say. Maybe the smart move is to hold back and be more observant. You have been questioning where an acquaintance is coming from. Your answer will be transparent once you detach from the situation. Tonight: Have some eggnog with friends.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★ Run out the door if you must for some lastminute holiday items or gifts. You might feel as if you want to indulge a loved one more. You don't need to drop all of those gifts on this person immediately. After all, you do not want to make this person feel uncomfortable. Tonight: Out late.

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