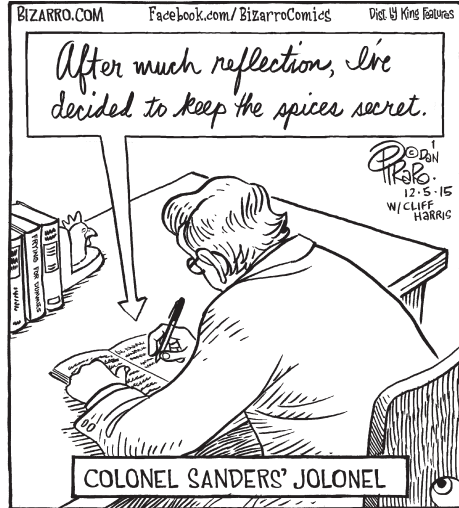


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Mom Bars Teen From Wedding Of Old Friend Marrying Young

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 and my old friend from grammar school is getting married next month. I just received a wedding invitation in the mail. However, my mother does not approve of her getting married at such a young age (she's 18) and has forbidden me to go or even talk to her.

I haven't seen this friend in more than two years because she moved away and has only recently returned. I want to attend her wedding. How can I go about convincing my mom to let me go? - INVITED IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR INVITED: At 18, the bride-to-be is an adult, and while marriage at such a young age isn't advisable for many reasons, there's nothing immoral about it.

I'm sorry you didn't mention what might have happened in your friend's life in the last two years, because it may be the reason your mother is worried about your associating with her. Your mom may want to protect you, but she's going about it in the wrong way. You could learn a lot about life by simply observing what happens to your friend after she has reached the altar.

DEAR ABBY: My brother, my only sibling, hasn't contacted me in 14 years. I have tried to figure out why. I wasn't mean to him, and we didn't fight. My cousin told me it's because I called him incessantly years ago. I don't recall having done such a thing.

I really miss and care about him. I live in a group home and wonder if he's ashamed of me. He has accomplished more job-wise than I have.

I want to move on with my life, but I continue to fixate on why he seems to hate me. I could use your opinion. What advice do you have for me? - HIS SISTER IN MARYLAND

DEAR SISTER: What a sad situation. Not knowing your brother, I can't guess his reason for distancing himself. That's why I'm

advising you to write him a letter. Tell him how you feel, that you miss and care about him and would like to know why he hasn't contacted you during all this time.

He may or may not respond. But if he doesn't, please understand that his silence has less to do with you or your living situation than it does about him and his inability to empathize. You have every right to live your life as fully and enjoyably as possible, and whatever happens, I hope you will do that.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I was out this morning for my daily run (facing toward traffic) and a very long funeral procession drove by on the other side of the road. The cars pulled over to the curb to let it pass. I continued to run, but now I feel guilty. Should I have stopped for the procession? - UNSURE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR UNSURE: No rule of etiquette requires it. However, it would have been a gesture of respect and sympathy to have stopped running (and removed your cap if you were wearing one) until the procession had passed by.

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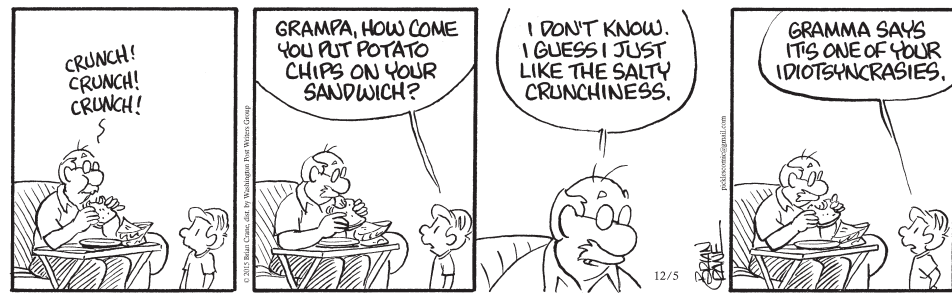
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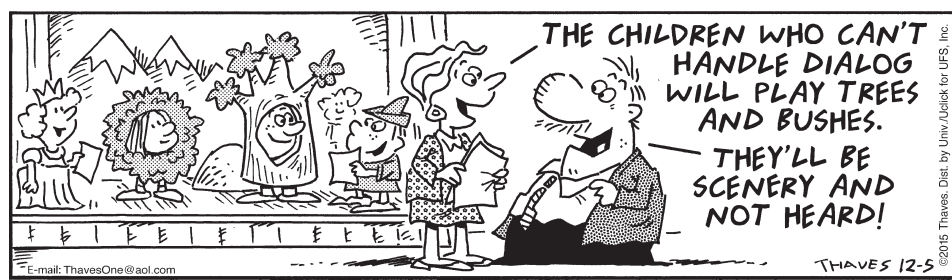
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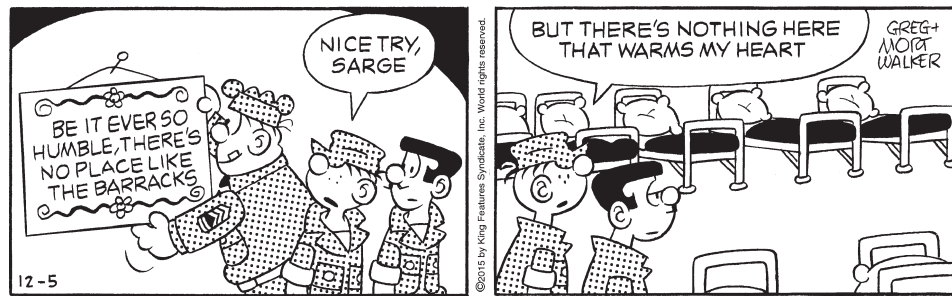
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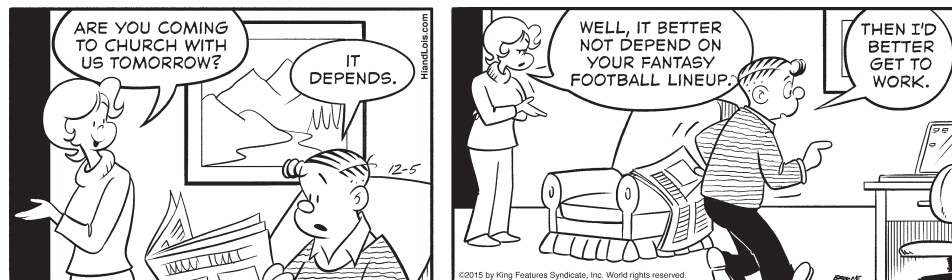
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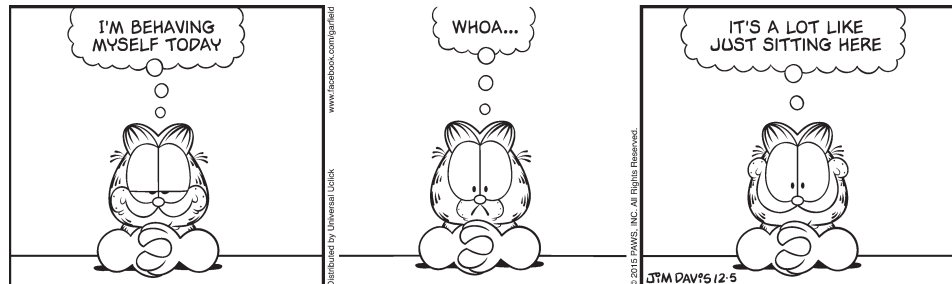
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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 Sagittarius and a Moon in Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, DEC. 5, 2015:

This year you become more sensitive to your family and their needs. At the same time, you become more tuned into yourself. Your serious dedication to work or to whatever you are doing points to success. If you are single, a friendship could be the key to meeting your next sweetheart. You won't need to join a dating service. If you are attached, you two manage to realize a long-term desire or goal. You often can be found celebrating and enjoying the quality of your life together. LIBRA might be gentle and appealing, but he or she might not always follow through.

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)

There could be an innate awkwardness between you and someone else in the morning. Fortunately this gawkiness fades quickly. You have a lot on your mind, as you seem to be caught up in a matter involving a friend. Tonight: Listen to what others have to say.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

Pace yourself and get certain errands completed. You are likely to be involved with matters involving the holiday season. You could see a friend become unusually aggressive. Your vision of what is possible might change as a result of this transformation. Tonight: Make it easy.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Your naughtiness could mark the next few days. You can't help but get into the kidlike attitude associated with the holiday season. You are likely to be singing carols by the end of the day. A power play by a partner or loved one will backfire! Tonight: Add a touch of romance.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

You might need some downtime at home because that is where you can relax. No matter what, you are likely to get into some form of holiday preparation anyway. You might be making cookies or decorating. You're into the moment. Tonight: Go along with someone's idea.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Your friendship is more important to someone than you realize. What starts off as a light

encounter could evolve into a heavy but important chat. You might be barking at each other rather than responding in a productive way. Be sensitive. Tonight: Be willing to change plans.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

You might decide that today is the day to do your holiday shopping. You could make yourself crazy with this project, but you will be happier in the long run. Be careful not to go overboard. Establish strong limits. Tonight: Make sure you check your bank account.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

You might be energized and want to cut down your own Christmas tree or go ice skating. Whatever type of indulgence you choose, you will have a great time. If possible, ask a friend or two to join in your pursuit of holiday festivities. Tonight: Add some spice to the moment.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

You might not care to be on top of what needs to happen; instead, opt for some personal time and perhaps take a lazy day. You won't have another opportunity like this for a while. Jump on it as soon as you can. If needed, change your plans. Tonight: Not to be found.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Put greater emphasis on a certain friendship. Yes, you might have other plans, but what is going on here could be unusual and quite special. Listen to your sixth sense regarding a money matter. You might need to revise your budget before it bursts! Tonight: Where the action is.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Be willing to take a stand, yet be gentler than you normally are. Use the art of persuasion and tap into your sensitivities to achieve the results you want. An older relative could become extremely demanding at a bad moment. Just go with the flow. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

Take an overview of what is happening. You understand others' needs, but you need to know whether you can fulfill them. At times, you tend to withdraw. You might want to take a brisk walk in the cold winter weather. Tonight: Go to a concert, or put on some holiday music.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

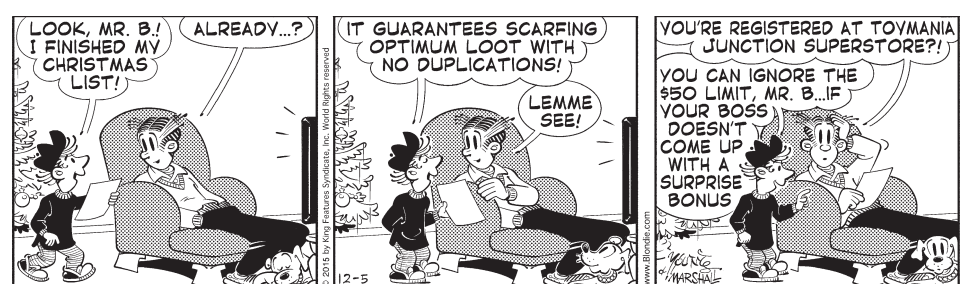
You easily could get drawn into a one-on-one conversation during the day. In fact, your day could be a series of these types of conversations with different people. Do not lose sight of your long-term goals and plans. Tonight: With a favorite person at a favorite place.

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