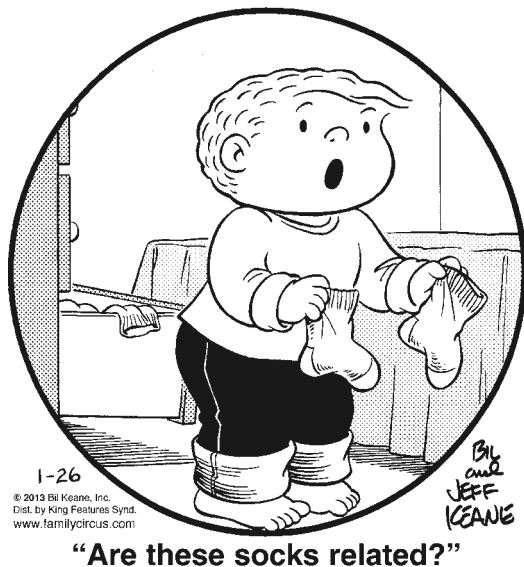
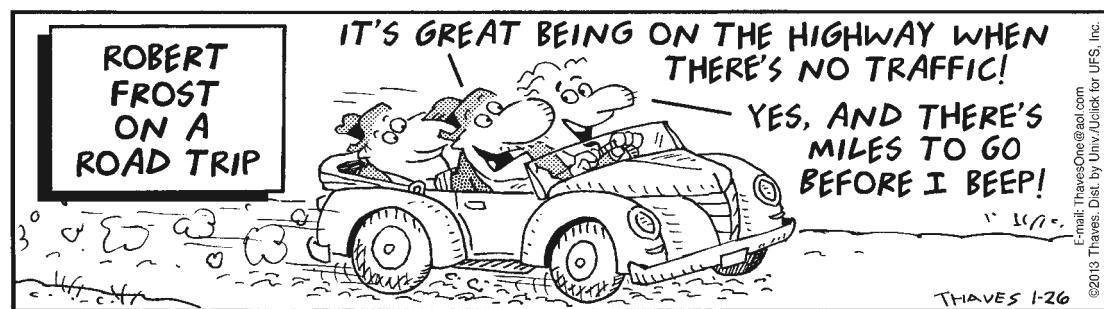
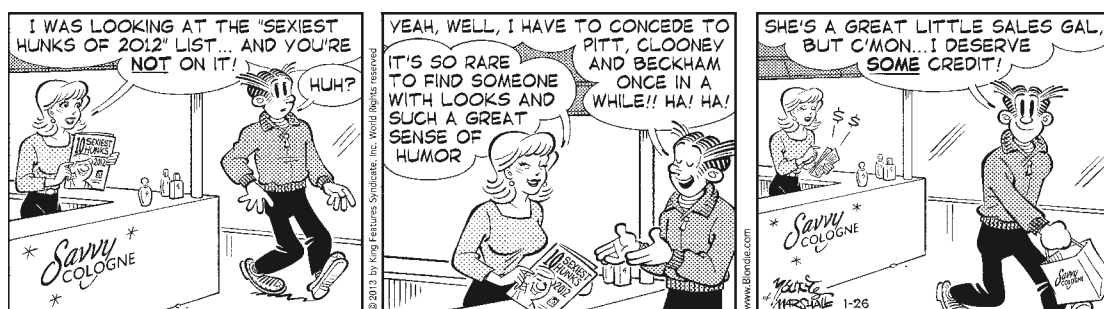
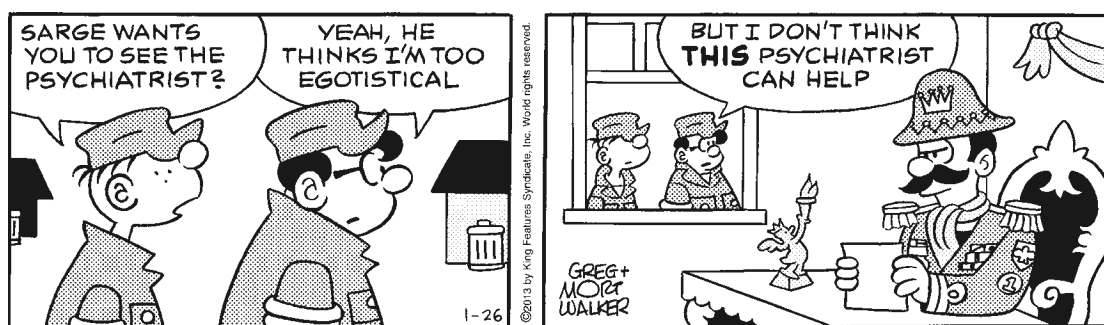
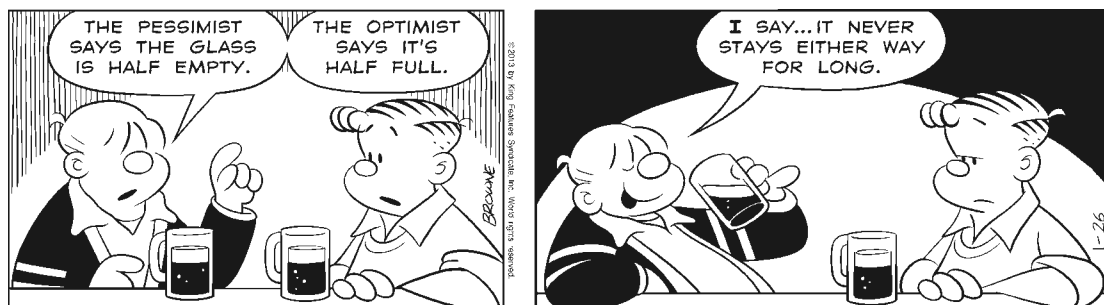


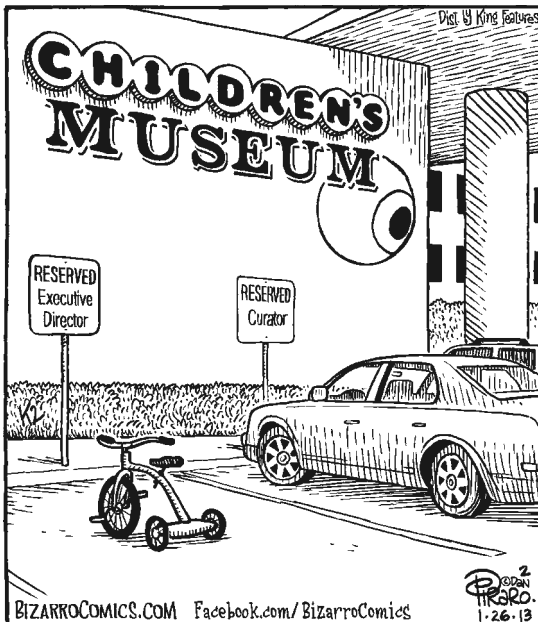
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# Reader Annoyed By Cellphone Should Talk Instead Of Walk

DEAR ABBY: In today's world, there are people who apparently cannot exist detached from their cellphones. In case you are wondering — yes, I do have one, but I use it only for emergencies, not idle banter.

If I'm trying to hold a conversation with someone and he/she is playing with an electronic toy, I get up and walk away. It's obvious to me that my company isn't worth the person's time, so neither is theirs. If I am in a restaurant and people start texting, I get up and go and leave the person with the bill. (Of course, I make sure I have eaten first.) In other words, I show them the same amount of courtesy they have shown me, which is none.

What do you think of the statement I'm trying to make? — OVER IT IN PATTERSON, N.J.

DEAR OVER IT: Has it occurred to you that the person may not realize why you walked away? You could communicate your message more effectively if you spoke up when your companion reached for the cellphone and SAID you'd prefer your visit not be interrupted because you feel it is rude.

DEAR ABBY: About a year ago I caught my otherwise loving, loyal and well-providing husband checking online porn. I have trust issues that he knows about. I feel violated and hurt. He says, "Everyone does it."

I take great pain to maintain my appearance and my body. Although I'm almost 50, many consider me to be "hot." He lies about a lot of little things, but he seems to love me. My question is, is that enough? Do all men REALLY fantasize constantly?

Since I started menopause, I want him all the time. It is such a relief to know I can't get pregnant again — it is a time of renewal for me. Then I caught him online.


**DEAR ABBY**

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How would he feel if I were looking at younger men? Instead of a wonderful opportunity for us to discover our real selves again, I constantly wonder what he's "really" thinking. Should I cut my losses or focus on the positive? This has hurt me so much I can barely stand it. — BETRAYED IN FLORIDA

DEAR BETRAYED: Porn is easily available, and many men look at it without it being a danger to their marriages. And yes, they do fantasize often. If you can, it might be helpful to encourage your husband to discuss with you his reason for doing it. It may have nothing to do with you, and more to do with issues of his own.

Before you let this ruin a perfectly good marriage, it might be helpful for you to talk with a therapist about your trust issues and what they stem from. The therapist may recommend joint counseling with your spouse, and you should consider that, too.

You have a right to the kind of fulfilling marital relationship you desire, but it won't happen unless there is honest, open communication and understanding between you and your husband.

DEAR ABBY: I have a dilemma. I deliver mail to offices daily and I never know how to answer when they thank me. It seems like "You're welcome" isn't appropriate because it's my job to bring the mail.

How should I respond? Should I say "You're welcome" or just "Have a nice day" or something else? — WANTS TO BE POLITE

DEAR WANTS: I appreciate that you want to be polite, but you are overthinking this. "You're welcome" and "Have a nice day" are both appropriate responses when someone thanks you.

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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 Aquarius and a Moon in Leo.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, JAN. 26, 2013:**

This year you will have many opportunities available to you. You might question which way to go. You also will be sought after for your ability to see both sides of an issue. Feelings often become intense; however, if you tap into your creativity and express your emotions, you will be OK. If you are single, you have no excuse for not going out. You have quite the selection of potential suitors. If you are attached, as a couple you will decide to take up a new, creative interest or hobby. You can count on LEO's honesty. 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)**

★★★★ Your actions could keep others busy looking for better solutions. Whereas you once were somewhat predictable, at this point the same is not true. If you get a strong reaction from others, ask yourself if it could have anything to do with your newfound spontaneity. Tonight: Be playful.

**TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)**

★★★★ You could be inundated by decisions you need to make. For various reasons, you might be stuck in a situation where you can't find a way out. The unexpected occurs, as you might find yourself having to juggle family, home and work all at once. Tonight: Hang close to home.

**GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)**

★★★★ Consider what is happening within your immediate circle. You also might be unsure of an important person who typically serves as an anchor for you. Focus on what needs to happen in a conversation. Make an effort to move forward with an improved view. Tonight: Hang out.

**CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)**

★★★ You could feel rather unsure about your options for the near future. You might need to spend more than you would like to. While you juggle different interests, stop and consider your priorities. You can only go so far. Tonight: Time to treat yourself to some R and R.

**LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)**

HHHH The Moon highlights you, and others seek you out. You might be able to zero in on a long-term desire, but you need to know what you want. A friend invites you

to join him or her. Stay neutral; you are in the process of manifesting a life change. Tonight: Say "yes."

**VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)**

★★★ A partner could encourage you to let go of a self-imposed restraint. You might not be sure as to what would be best, or in which direction you should head. Check in with an older family member. This person has some special news. Tonight: Do not overthink. Just enjoy yourself.

**LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)**

★★★★ Honor how much a friendship means to you. You can't avoid the absence of this person, and standing on ceremony won't help. You might feel as if you're being pulled in two different directions. Do nothing if you're unsure about which choice to make. Tonight: Where the fun is.

**SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)**

★★★ You continue to feel pulled in different directions. You might wonder what to do in a situation that you clearly cannot control. Recognize that you probably never will be able to control anything but yourself. Tonight: Give a difficult situation some space.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)**

★★★★ Follow your knee-jerk response, though you might question whether it's the right way to go. Others clearly understand where you are coming from. Opinions will differ just the same. You could find that you have to make an uncomfortable choice. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)**

★★★★ Others become available. Have a discussion with key people, and know that it could result in a decision to let them take the lead. Give up being so serious. You might feel as if you do not have enough funds to do what you want. Let go, and just be. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)**

★★★★ You offer a lot, and others are drawn to your unique ideas and fun ways. Try to defer to these individuals a bit more than usual. Someone around you has a very strong personality and is comfortable only when he or she is in control. Let it be. Tonight: You will have to choose.

**PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)**

★★★★ You need to relax more than you need to have a good time; however, you can do both. First, run errands and get some shopping done. Afterward, you can be carefree. Join friends ASAP. You don't need any complicated or fancy plans. Tonight: Avoid a difficult person.

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