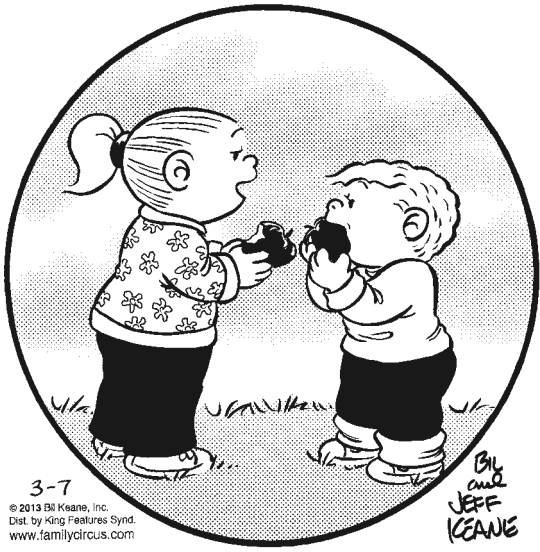
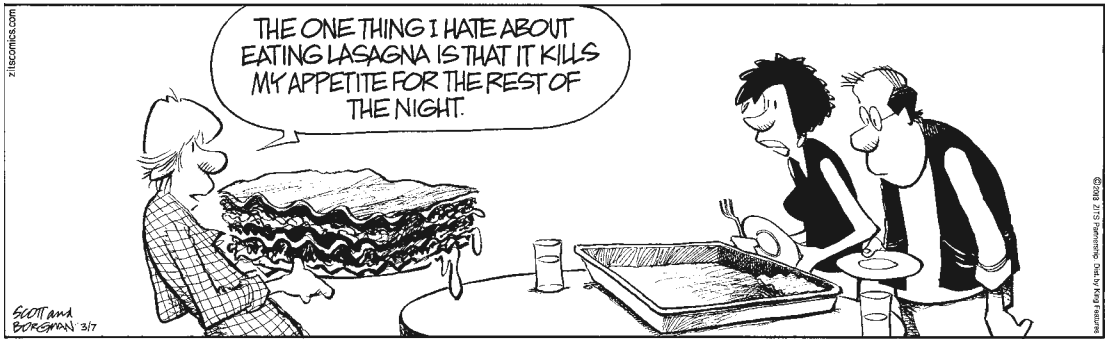


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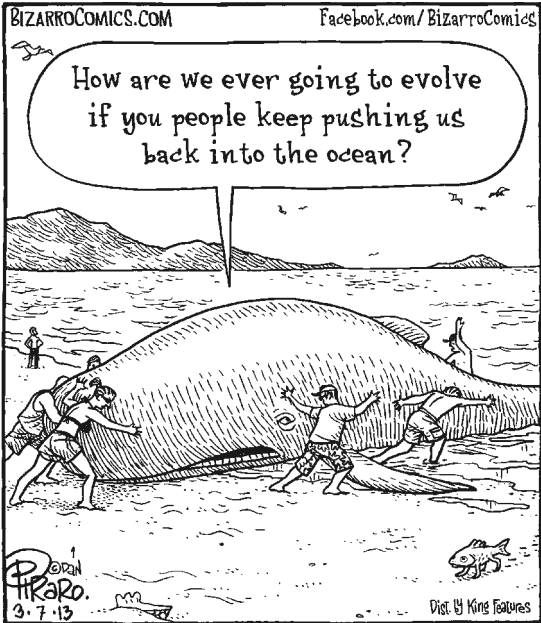
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# Thought Of Going To Dentist Wipes Smile Off Woman's Face

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to you because I can share this anonymously. I am close to 60 years old and I'm terrified of the dentist. Every time I pick up the phone to make an appointment I get so anxious I feel like I'm going to die.

Do you think I will be able to find a caring, compassionate and nonjudgmental dentist? Are they out there? Sometimes I wish I could die instead of going to the dentist. Am I crazy? — MRS. ANXIETY IN THE U.S.A.

DEAR MRS. ANXIETY: Let me put it this way — if you're crazy, you have a lot of company. Many people fear going to the dentist. However, there have been improvements in the field since you were a child — including sedation for people who choose "not to be there" while their dental problems are being attended to.

Good dental health is very important to our overall health, so please don't put off any further making an appointment. Tell the person who is booking the appointment what your needs are, and if that dentist can't accommodate you, ask for a referral to one who can.

DEAR ABBY: I have been a nanny for four families over the last 10 years. I am now working for a family of five. I don't make a lot of money, but I enjoy what I do.

My problem is all the gift-buying I feel required to do — such as on the children's birthdays, Christmas and the mom's birth of more babies. My employer is expecting yet another baby this summer and her 3-year-old has another birthday coming up.

I'm tired of the gift-buying and really can't afford to do it anymore. When the new baby is born, I am tempted to just say "Congratulations!" Any suggestions? — GIFTED OUT

DEAR GIFTED OUT: Yes. When the newest addition to the family arrives, give your employer a nice card. You should not be expected to come up with a gift. You are already giving these children loving and responsible care and that is gift enough.

DEAR ABBY: During the first year of our marriage, my husband cheated on me with women from his past as well as new encounters. When I confronted him, he promised to stop. He would then call and email these women, and tell them I was checking up on him and he'd contact them later.

This has gone on for years. He swears he's no longer cheating, and we have sought counseling — which I stopped because the counselor and I agreed that my husband didn't think he had a problem.

When I confront him with my suspicions, he insists that I am "driving him away" by accusing him. He is very arrogant, and people who don't know him believe he's a great guy and I am the problem. I have considered revenge cheating, but it goes against my morals. I think about divorcing him,

but then I think — what if I am wrong? What if he really is being faithful? What should I do? I love him.

— UNSURE IN TEXAS

DEAR UNSURE: I agree that "revenge" cheating is not the solution to your problem. Hire a private detective and get to the bottom of this. If you're wrong, you need counseling to resolve your insecurities. However, if he's cheating, you will know you haven't been imagining things and can decide rationally if it's in your best interests to continue being married to a womanizer.

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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 Pisces and a Moon in Capricorn if born before 7:02 p.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aquarius.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2013:**

This year you alternate between being practical and being a dreamer. Balancing these strong, opposing qualities takes talent. One is just as important as the other. Your circle of friends also reflects these qualities. If you are single, you could confuse someone you're dating, as this person never knows which side of your personality to expect. Take your time committing. Summer 2013 could usher in a very exciting individual. If you are attached, your sweetie is used to your changeability. Do more together as a couple. AQUARIUS naturally is a risk-taker. You like this quality.

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)

★★★ Too much pressure would make anyone feel glum. Look at the source of the problem. Could the tension be a result of your high expectations or perhaps someone else's? Regroup and center yourself in order to reduce your level of stress. Tonight: Find a reason to celebrate.

### TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Detach, and take a step back in order to gain a new perspective. Let go of automatic judgments. Be direct and forthright with a friend who might be unusually pushy. Yes, this person's behavior will change, but not as fast as you would like. Tonight: In the limelight.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Your ability to convey information might be more important than you realize. Laughter easily might surround a sarcastic comment after the fact. Remain light with a difficult parent or higher-up. Have a talk in the evening to clear the air. Tonight: Reach out to a friend.

### CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ You might have less say than you think. Others seem to be pushing forward without giving it any thought. Just wait until everything has settled down before you discuss what's happening. Schedule any individual talks for this afternoon. Tonight: Allow more playfulness into your day.

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

★★★★ Get as much done as possible, as you are determined to get out of work promptly. Return all calls

and emails. Lighten up about the possibilities that surround you and a special friendship. A co-worker seems destined to follow the same path. Tonight: A surprise could happen.

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

★★★★ Use the daylight hours to finish off a project. Be careful, as a partner could be unusually fiery right now. Take this person's tough stance and sharp words with a grain of salt. Focus on being more nurturing to yourself as well as others. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

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

★★★★ You might feel as if there is no going back with a family member who pushes you beyond your limits. Words that were said cannot be taken back. Think carefully about a choice that might force you to work more closely with one particular individual. Tonight: Get into weekend mode.

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

★★★ Your playfulness emerges when dealing with a partner or a dear loved one. This person does a great job at creating a distraction. Understand that you could be looking at an excessive amount of work. Try working from home, if you can, as you might get more done. Tonight: At home.

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

★★★ Remain sensitive to financial changes. You could be surprised at how someone responds to a money issue. Curb a tendency to snap at a particular person. He or she doesn't deserve that type of behavior from you -- or from anyone else for that matter. Tonight: Meet up with a friend.

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

★★★★ You might not take enough time to listen to what someone has to say. Refrain from minimizing this person's importance. You might not intend to come off as harsh, but that's what keeps happening. This habit could prevent you from connecting with others. Tonight: Pick up the tab.

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

★★★ Lie low, and opt for a change of pace. You might want to follow your instincts with a financial matter. Weigh the pros and cons of this situation before making a decision. How flexible can you be? You'll feel energized by sunset. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

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

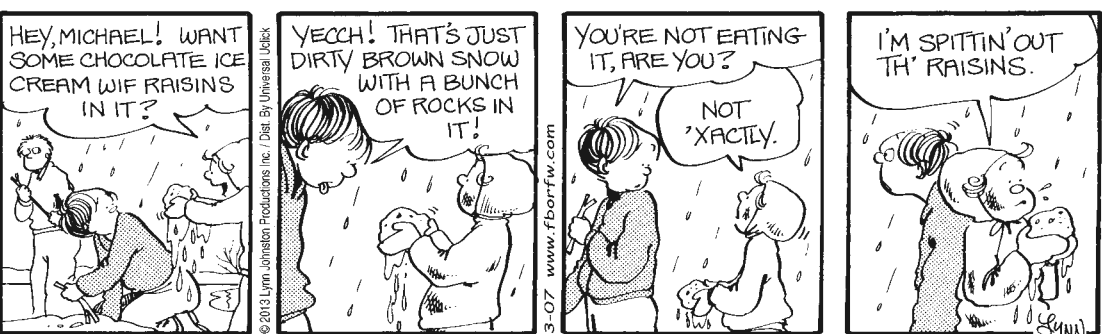
★★★★ Zero in on your priorities. You will succeed if you can let go of a strong reaction. Make lunch plans with a friend you have not seen in a while. Don't stand on ceremony with someone who is not returning your calls or emails. Tonight: Make it an early bedtime.

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