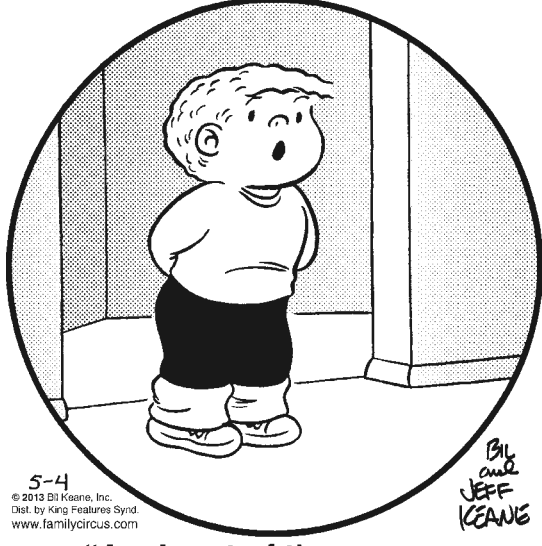
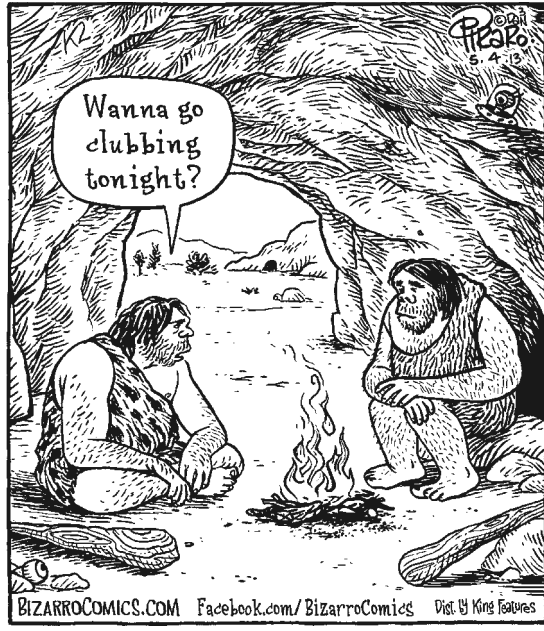


FAMILY CIRCUS | BIL KEANE



Am I part of the younger generation yet?

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



Wanna go clubbing tonight?

Dad's Hands-On Approach Makes Girl Very Uncomfortable

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 13-year-old girl who has been trying to give my father a second chance. I was taken away from my parents when I was 8 because they were on drugs. I haven't seen my father for three years, but now that he's living with my grandparents and me, I decided to give him a second chance. He has been very "hand-sy" with me — giving me massages, kissing my cheek — and this all makes me very uncomfortable. I thought it was because he hasn't seen me in a while, but today as I was leaving to go to my mom's, he slapped my butt as I walked out the door. Now I'm scared. I spend a lot of the day at home with him alone. I don't want things to get out of hand. Any advice? — WORRIED IN DELAWARE

gest? — DON'T WANT TO ENCOURAGE THEM IN ILLINOIS

DEAR DON'T WANT TO ENCOURAGE: Your job is to support the students, not to condemn or endorse their predicament. Telling a pregnant girl she has ruined her life isn't helpful. What you need to do is encourage the girl to get a diploma while she can.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

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DEAR WORRIED: Your father has lost three years with you. He may not realize that his "little girl" is no longer a child. That is why it is important that you TELL him what he's doing makes you uncomfortable. You should also tell your mother and grandparents about what's happening and that it scares you. You do not have to tolerate unwanted contact, and if it persists, report it to a teacher or counselor at school or contact me again.

DEAR ABBY: I have a dilemma. I work in a small high school in a student support position. Girls come into my office who are pregnant and excited about it! Telling them congratulations for putting themselves in this position seems counterproductive, or like I am endorsing this choice. I don't! No high school girls — or boys, for that matter — should put themselves in a position to be a parent when they themselves aren't fully grown and independent. I feel like saying, 'You have ruined your life' instead, but I hold my tongue. What do you sug-

more, that he doesn't need to be afraid to talk to me and I can be pretty understanding. Thank you so much for being there, Abby. I know you always recommend talking to a counselor before doing anything rash, and you are so right. It made all the difference. — GRATEFUL WIFE IN ARIZONA

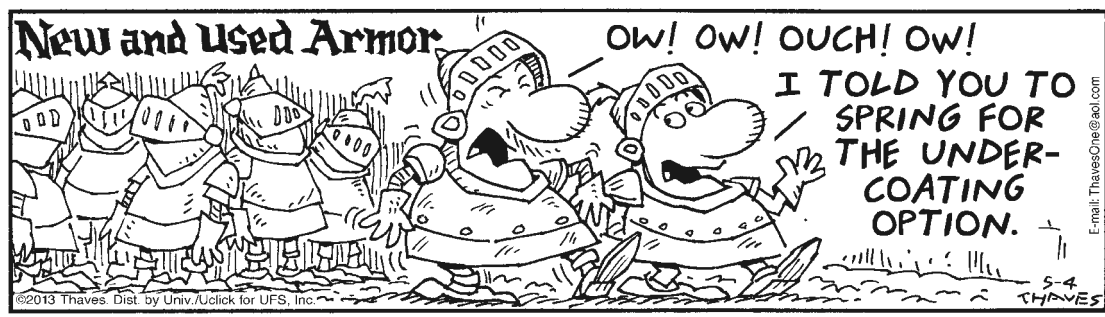
DEAR GRATEFUL: I'm pleased counseling helped to open the clogged lines of communication between you and your husband. While it may seem expensive, it's far cheaper than a divorce can be, both emotionally and financially.

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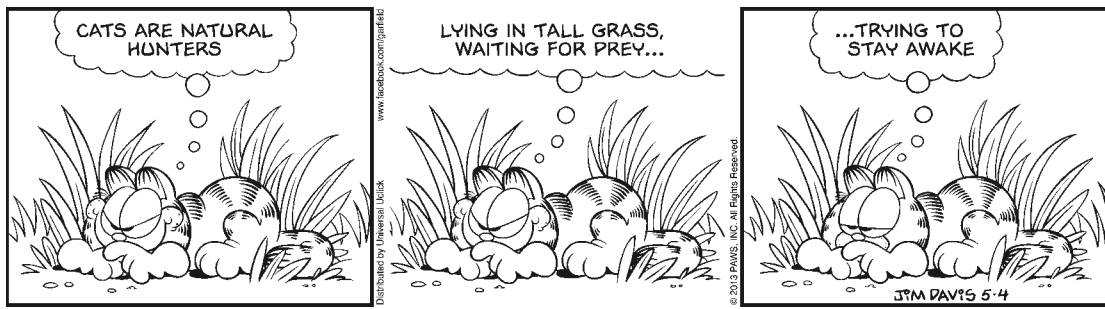
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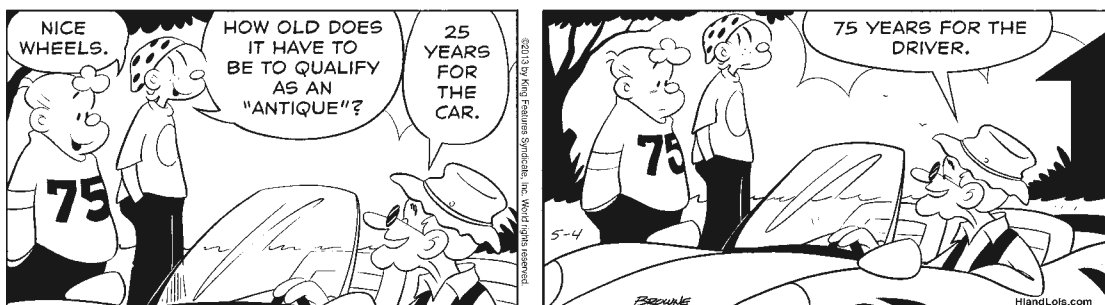
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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 Taurus and a Moon in Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2013:

This year you carry many ideas to fruition. Others love how you manifest your desires. You will gain financially in the next few months. You might receive a pay raise or just be lucky. If you are single, you will have a relationship if you want one. Starting in July, you could meet someone in your daily travels. You won't need to start online dating or anything of that nature. If you are attached, you connect with each other even more deeply than in the past. This one-on-one time will be instrumental to your well-being. Count on PISCES — he or she is a good 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 derive your power and energy from your understanding of the material world and the universal laws of life. Your ability to intertwine these two will guide you to success. You'll have many different opportunities head your way. Tonight: A quiet dinner at home.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You know what you want, so charge into your day and get just that. Your smiling manner draws many people toward you. Your popularity soars, and you'll want to see your friends. The more people you surround yourself with, the happier you will be. Tonight: Out late.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

If you would like to head in a different direction, do. Others might admire your courage, but they don't realize the strength of your intuition, which carries you through many difficult situations. Make an offer to a loved one that is too good to resist. Tonight: On center stage.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Reach out to someone at a distance, or perhaps someone who practically speaks a different language with his or her far-out ideas. When you expose yourself to a different way of thinking, you are freeing your mind from self-imposed restrictions. Tonight: Somewhere you can relax.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

A loved one might decide that it's time to eliminate the gap between the two of you. You won't say "no."

but you could be hesitant to say "yes." Remember, it isn't worth the experience or your time if you do not fully live in the moment. Tonight: Go with what feels right.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

You are full of life and energy. Today you'll bypass those who are not in a similar mood, as you might need to let off some steam and be more playful. Support yourself by getting more of what you want. Reach out to a loved one at a distance. Tonight: Where people are.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Understand that if you really want to let go and enjoy the moment, you might run an errand or two. Some of you might need to spend a few days working on waylaid projects. Know that there will be better opportunities ahead. Tonight: Let your inner child emerge.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Your creativity comes forward, and it allows you to add some fun to your plans. A child or loved one delights in your company. The trust you have for each other is mutual, which permits more give-and-take. Express your high energy in a project. Tonight: The fun continues.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

You typically are very adventuresome, which is why others might be making remarks about your contentment to be home right now. What is nice about today is that you get lots of R and R, and you get to choose your company. Tonight: You do not need to go far.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

You instinctively know that it is time to catch up on others' news, as well as any past emails, calls and projects. Do not make this a big deal. People are more important than running errands. Be spontaneous when making decisions. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

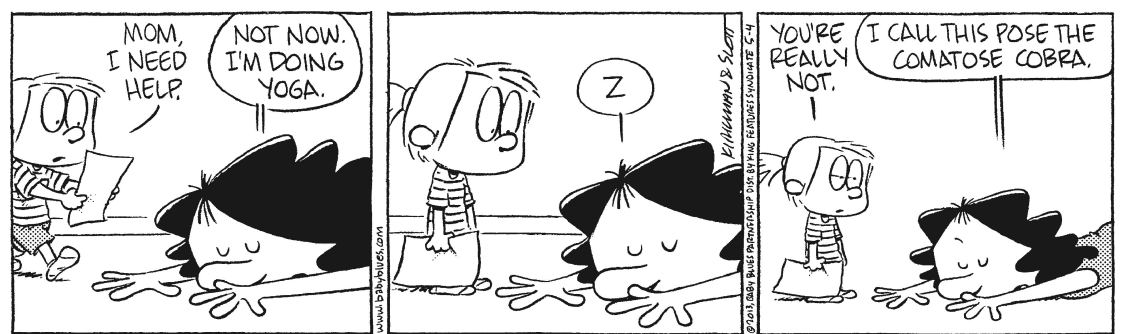
Holding back might be nearly impossible. Whichever indulgence you choose to get into will help you release some pressure. Know that there is a limit to this behavior, and you'll want to rein yourself in before things get out of control. Tonight: Meet an older relative for dinner.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

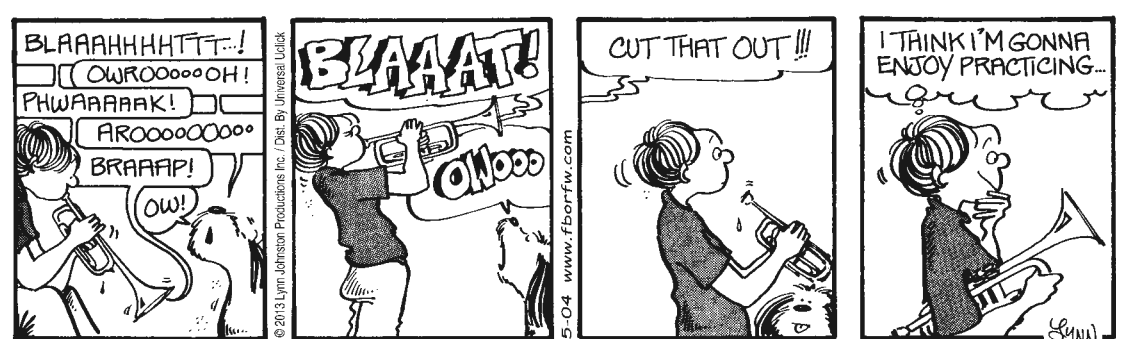
Honor what is happening within a group of friends. Together you could go off and come up with a fun idea involving a get-together. Consider yourself inspired right now. Your imagination is endless, and it delights many. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

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