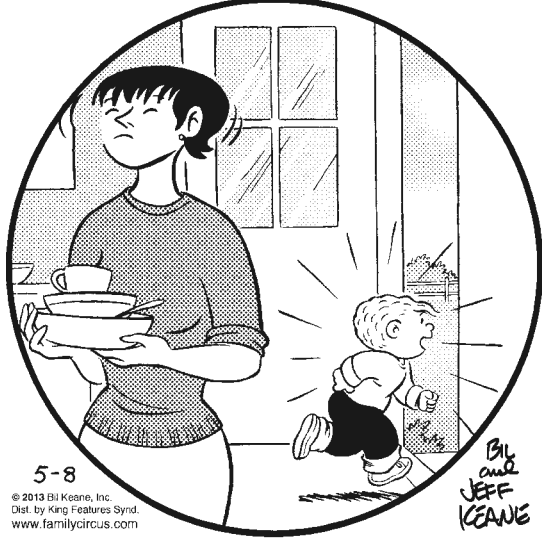


FAMILY CIRCUS | BIL KEANE



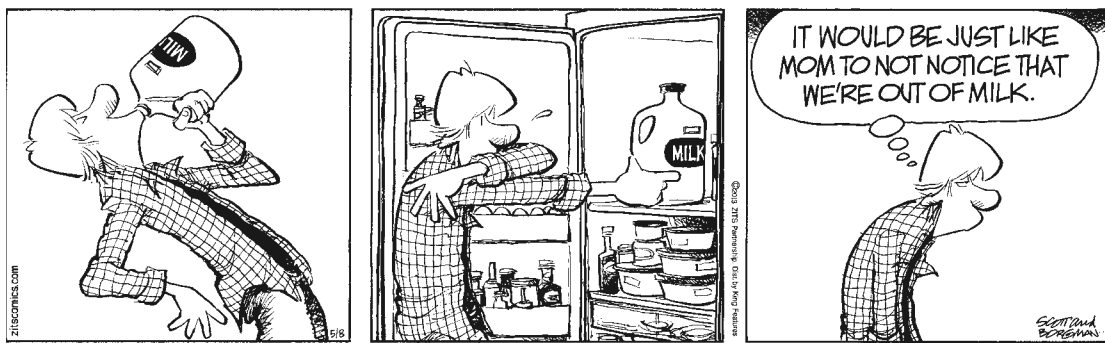
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Goody! Just what I've been waitin' for, a nice muddy day!

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



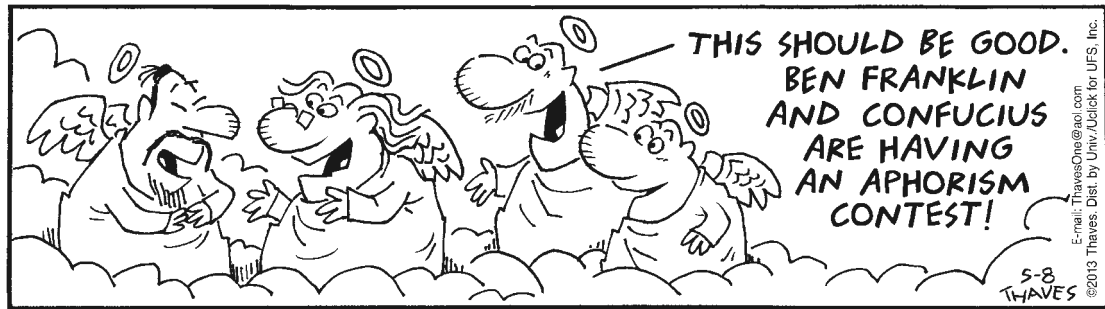
I've never heard of a divorce settlement that includes "lumbar support," but I'll see what I can do.

ZITS | JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



IT WOULD BE JUST LIKE MOM TO NOT NOTICE THAT WE'RE OUT OF MILK.

FRANK AND ERNEST | BOB THAVES



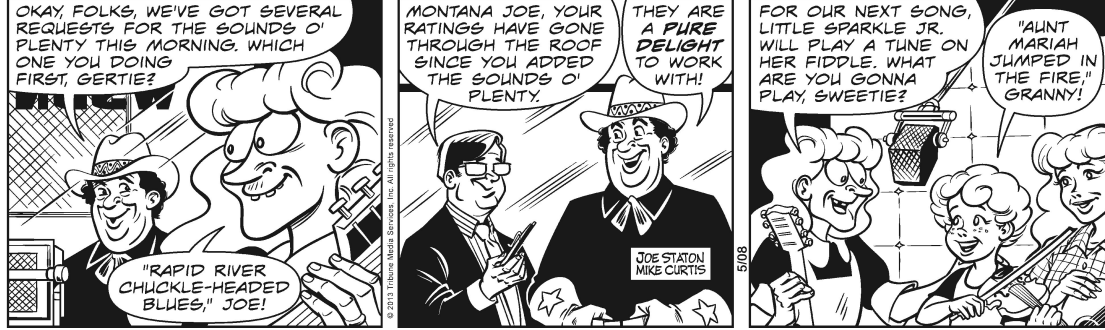
THIS SHOULD BE GOOD. BEN FRANKLIN AND CONFUCIUS ARE HAVING AN APHORISM CONTEST!

PEANUTS | CHARLES M. SCHULZ



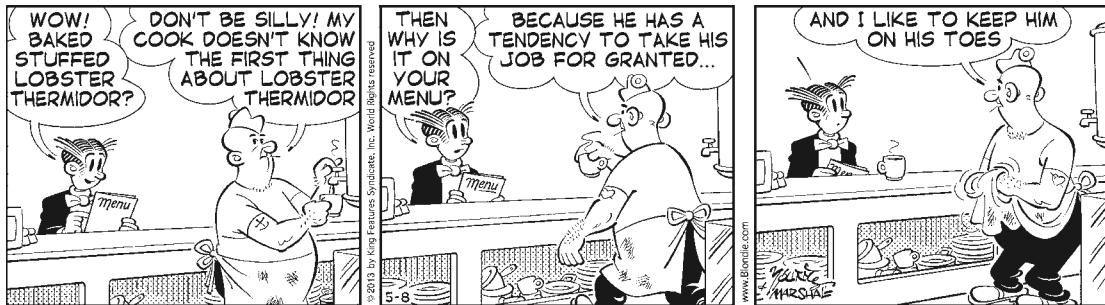
BUT WOULD YOU MISS MY SMILING FACE?!

DICK TRACY | JOE STATON AND MIKE CURTIS



FOR OUR NEXT SONG, LITTLE SPARKLE JR. WILL PLAY A TUNE ON HER FIDDLE. WHAT ARE YOU GONNA PLAY, SWEETIE?

BLONDIE | YOUNG & DRAKE



AND I LIKE TO KEEP HIM ON HIS TOES

GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS



BEETLE BAILEY | MORT WALKER



HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



THE BORN LOSER | ART SANSON



Couple Finds Recipe For A Lasting And Loving Marriage

DEAR ABBY: My husband came up to me after dinner, wrapped his arms around me and asked, "Honey, is there anything we need to discuss?" In his hand he held an envelope on which I had written your name and address. When I told him it was a request for a copy of your cookbooklet — not a request for marriage counseling — he was relieved. We have been "cooking up" a wonderful life together for 10 years. Somehow I managed to misplace your cookbooklet. I have read that there is now a set of two of them. Would you please give me the ordering instructions? Thanks, Abby! — JEAN IN RICHLAND, WASH.



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

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ner parties. (The place cards were decorated with hearts and flowers, and the centerpiece was a "bouquet" of envelopes addressed to me.) P.S. Your husband sounds like a sweetheart. My mother once said the secret to a lasting marriage is a husband who lasts, so feed him well and he will.

DEAR ABBY: I work in a skilled-care facility. I am also preparing for law school. Today one of my co-workers humiliated me in the presence of others by asking if I have been gaining weight. I giggled and said, "Probably." She proceeded to say that I have gained "a lot" of weight in my "fat face" and told me to get on the scale so she could see how much. I told her it's none of her business.

She has done this to me and other co-workers before. Our supervisor likes her and doesn't reprimand her. How should I handle this? — GETTING IMPATIENT IN ILLINOIS

DEAR GETTING IMPATIENT: Handle it by ignoring this unpleasant person and avoiding her whenever possible. So should any other co-worker she has offended. Any time she attempts to embarrass any of you, it should be reported to your supervisor's supervisor — individually or en masse — because the failure to act on your concerns is allowing a hostile work environment to exist.

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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 and Moon in Taurus if born after 3:09 a.m. (PDT). Prior to that time, the Moon is in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2013:

This year you focus on communication and creating much more of what you want. You will need to let go of what no longer works in order to make space for that which does. If you are single, you could meet someone very interesting. You also might note there are periods when there is some distance between you. If you are attached, the two of you might be in the process of renegotiating the tie between you. A TAURUS friend can be as stubborn as you are.

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 imagination plays out with a financial decision. You could be wondering what to do, but if you relax or take a walk, you will know what to do. You might catch some negativity from someone whose opinions you value. Tonight: Do not feel as if you must do anything.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You'll wake up knowing what you would like to do. Emphasize your priorities. What you need from a certain someone is more acceptance, but you are likely to receive the opposite. Understanding evolves between the two of you, as long as you don't act out. Tonight: All smiles.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

You might want to think through what you are willing to do in a certain situation. Your ability to move forward could be affected by your mood and energy right now. Do not allow someone's negativity to filter in. Try to maintain an upbeat attitude. Tonight: Play it low-key.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Zero in on what is important. Listen to a suggestion from others; your friends mean well. Your creativity and a brainstorming session might not be as fruitful as a clear-cut suggestion from a friend could be. Do not allow pressure to build. Tonight: Where the action is.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

You suddenly might realize that you have more going on than you originally thought. Pressure builds as a

result. Have a discussion with someone you trust. You might want this person to pitch in more. You could be overtired or stretched too thin. Tonight: Make it early.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Keep reaching out for more information. A partner can sense that you are looking for something new, and he or she will help you. Communication could be active. Listen and open up. This process is good for you. Tonight: Detach in order to find the answer to a problem.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

You might want to consider making a change or doing something very differently. A key partner is far more conservative than you thought. Use care with your finances, as you could be pushed to meet many different demands. Think twice before spending. Tonight: Pay bills.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

You'll find that others are seeking you out, specifically a friend or a group of friends. You might want to head in a different direction. Others see you as negative, but you see yourself as someone who makes strong choices. Tonight: Let others do what they want.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Listen to news that is forthcoming. You are going to have to take action and head in a new direction. You have a lot of feelings regarding an investment or piece of real estate. You could have a lot going on right now and feel out of sorts on some level. Tonight: Say "yes."

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Someone's plan might not have been logically thought out. As a result, a friend could retreat into his or her cocoon. You need to let this person decide when he or she wants to open up. Pushing ultimately will not work. Tonight: Add some fun and adventure to the mix.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

You might want to rethink a decision more carefully. Do not agree to anything unless you are sure of the fine print and implications involved with a financial agreement; otherwise, there easily could be a last-minute problem. Tonight: Be wherever your friends are.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Take news with a grain of salt. Open up to a change, but do not be surprised by mounting negativity. Unfortunately, you could get less-than-desirable feedback no matter what you do. You know where you are coming from. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS

