

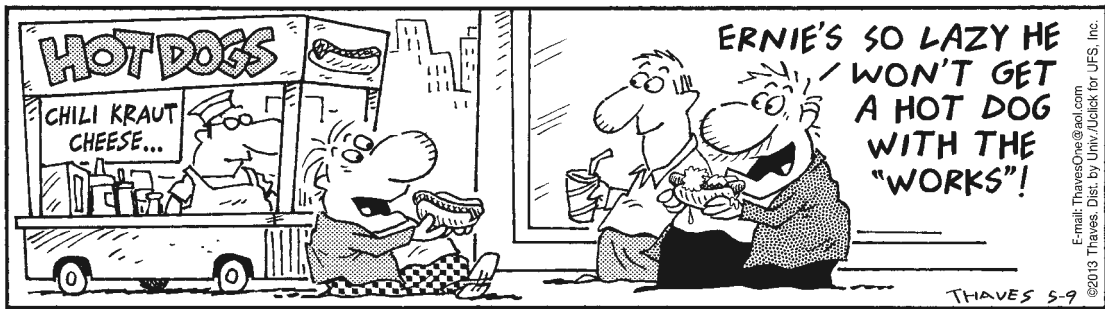
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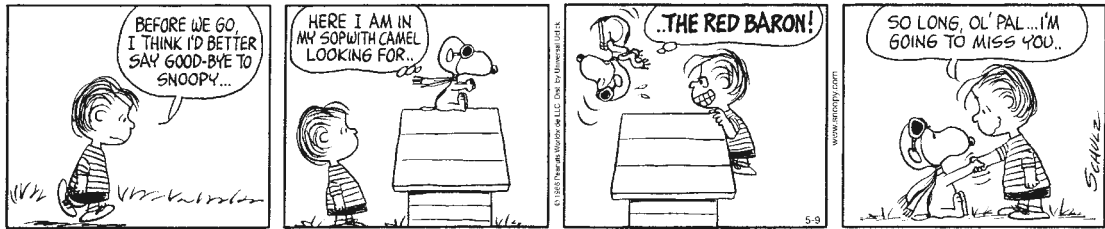
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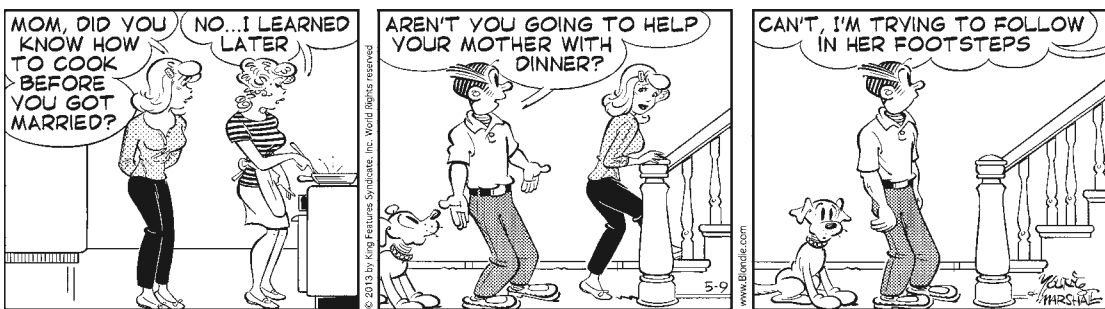
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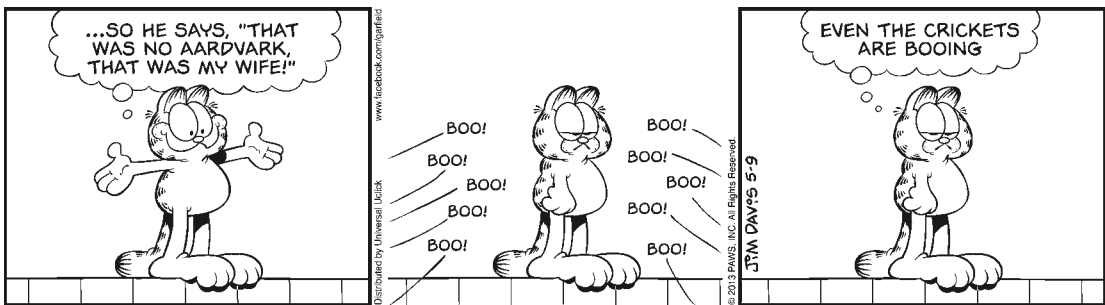
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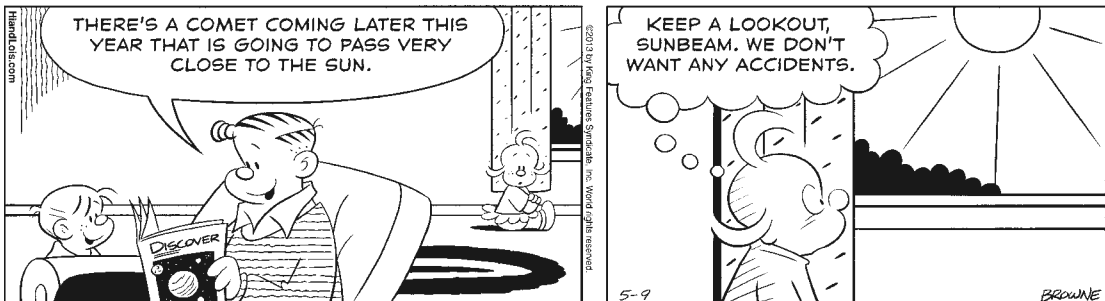
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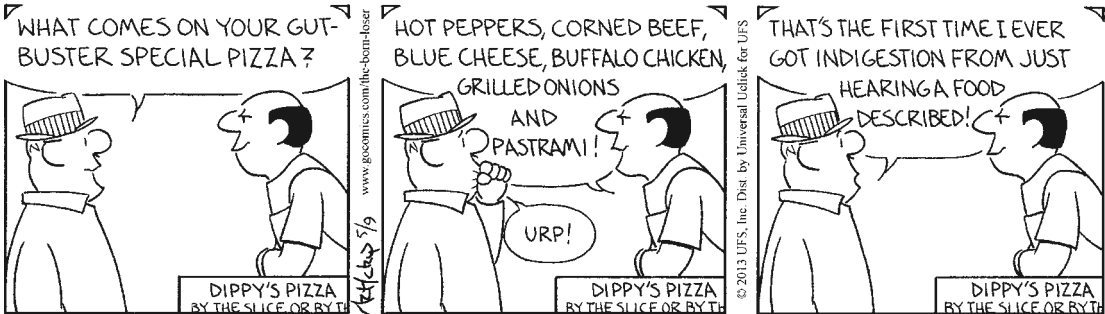
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Cellphone Snoop Suspects Friend Of Having An Affair

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who I believe is having an affair. I have no concrete evidence, only a slew of circumstantial evidence such as odd work hours, blocks of mystery time set aside at night in his cellphone's day planner, and evading questions about texts from females.

I have no idea how to approach him, or if I even should. I wouldn't know how to begin the conversation with him because I have no solid proof. I always considered him to be a decent individual, but in the back of my mind now I'm thinking, "He's cheating on his wife!" What makes me uneasy is that it's all based on my hunch. I'm usually pretty good with my hunches, though.

Any words of wisdom would be welcome. — NICK IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR NICK: What are you doing going through your friend's cellphone day planner and reading his texts? He doesn't have to account to you for his time. For all you know the man may be in a 12-step program or a therapy group. If he wanted you to know what he's doing, he would tell you. Right now the "friendliest" thing you can do is mind your own business.

DEAR ABBY: I have worked at my job almost 10 years. Most of the owners are nice, and the staff is great. I like my job most days.

I had a really bad week recently. I felt like I couldn't do anything right. The week ended with a really angry text from my boss. He was right. I was in the wrong, and I apologized. He sent me another text, still angry, and my whole weekend was ruined by it. I kept thinking how mad he was, and how in a few days, I'd start my week in the doghouse.

I can't figure out how not to take work home

with me. Also, I can't help but think he was wrong using a text as a means of discussing the issue. I don't want to make him angrier. How do I confront this issue? — STILL UPSET IN OREGON

DEAR STILL UPSET: It would have been much better management if your boss had talked with you face to face about what was wrong with your performance. By now, your boss should have cooled off, and I suggest that you have a private chat with him and say that if he has a bone to pick with you, you would prefer to hear it from his lips rather than have it communicated in a text, which was hurtful.



DEAR ABBY

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I have loved Tim far longer than she has been in the picture, and I feel this is a chance for happiness that fate has offered us and we are meant to grow old together. Are we wrong to pursue a relationship? — CONFLICTED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONFLICTED: If Tim has been in love with you all these years, he couldn't have had much of a marriage. His wife's infidelity was his "get out of jail" ticket and he took it. I don't know what your "friend's" definition of adultery is, but according to Webster's dictionary, you're not committing it.

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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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2013:

This year, if a part of your life is out of sync, you will opt to let go and change that experience to a more positive one. Your sign's stubbornness will be used well, as you will not give up once a decision is made. If you are single, your appeal soars; however, you might not be up for the dating game. Fortunately, you have the option to decide. If you are attached, remember that your significant other is half of the bond. Do not be too me-oriented. A fellow TAURUS lets you know that he or she does not see eye to eye with you.

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 might want to keep a closer eye on your finances. An opportunity could appear that allows unusual growth. Avoid quick actions and decisions right now. You need to give this decision time. Reach out to someone for his or her feedback. Tonight: Indulge a loved one.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★★ Lunar eclipses generally bring surprises -- if not now, then in the following months. Today's eclipse brings you the chance to have a new beginning. You'll zero in on issues, but you might not want to act for several days in order to let the intensity level out. Tonight: Out late.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★ You might wonder what is going on. Your natural response is to observe, take in information and see what opens up. Give yourself time to sort through the details of a project. Venus moving into your sign allows you to use the principle of attraction. Tonight: Happily head home.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★★ Your circle of friends could go from being active to being very quiet, which will leave you wondering what is next. Re-evaluate certain life goals. You might be aiming for a desire that is no longer valid, and you'll want to revise your wish list. Tonight: Go for what you want.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ Tension builds. The idea of throwing in the towel could go through your mind. Avoid making any definite

decisions right now. A friend will support you in what you want, even if it's not necessarily what is best; that knowledge might not be available. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ Reach out to someone you really care about. Understanding evolves to a new level, which allows greater give-and-take. Recognize that if you back off and look at the big picture, you will see another option. More information also will come forward. Tonight: Opt for a distraction.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★★ Discuss a change with a key partner or an adviser. Your finances go up and down as they rarely have before. You see life in a new light as a result. Look at the long term, and make it a point to have a long-overdue discussion with a loved one. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ Let someone have his or her way. You might not be sure of the validity of this person's ideas, but in time you will know. This person has a lot of character and a strong personality. You'll want to honor his or her requests. Tonight: Initiate nothing. See what comes forward.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You are more limited now than you might realize. Understand that it might be best to put off taking any action, unless it is to make a personal resolution such as starting a diet or cleaning out your desk more often. Tonight: Work out or sit in a hot tub. Let your stress dwindle.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Tap into your creativity if you see problems arise. You might not want to take action just yet; however, there is no reason you can't brainstorm in the meantime. A new friend could seem resistant to you at first, but that will change in time. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Stay anchored. You might see a chance for a new beginning where your domestic life is concerned. If you don't see it yet, know that you will in the near future. A change involving a friend or a family member appears to be in the offing. Embrace it. Tonight: Do your thing.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

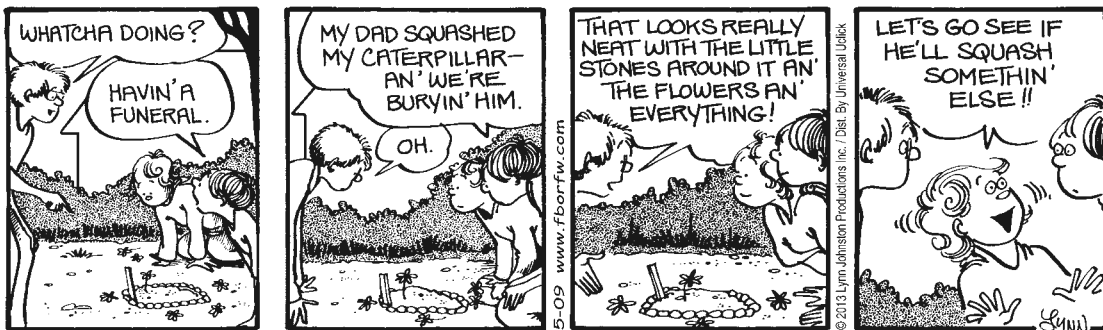
★★★★ Reach out to several people whom you have put off calling. Expect a strong reaction. You'll feel much more passionate about a problematic issue than you have in a while. Test out your ideas on a friend who is willing to play devil's advocate. Tonight: Join a pal for dinner.

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