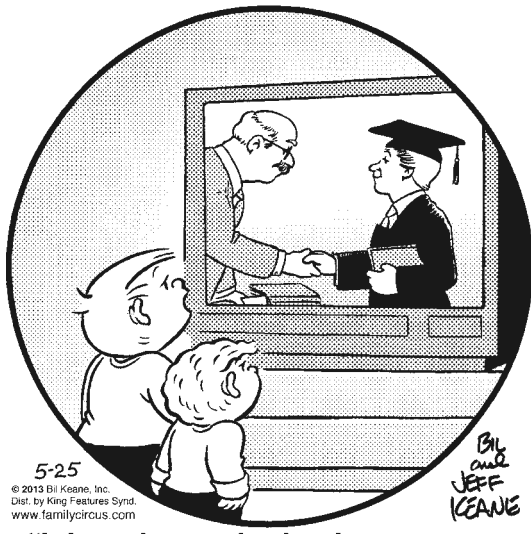


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"i thought you had to be smart to graduate from college. Why would he choose to wear a hat like that?"

BIZARRO | DAN PIRARO



I don't play outside, but I belong to a fantasy league that involves other kids who play outside.

ZITS | JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



HOT COLD
ROLLED FOLDED
ENTREE SNACK SMOOTHIE
PIZZA: WHAT CAN'T IT DO?
DID YOU SAY "SMOOTHIE"?

FRANK AND ERNEST | BOB THAVES



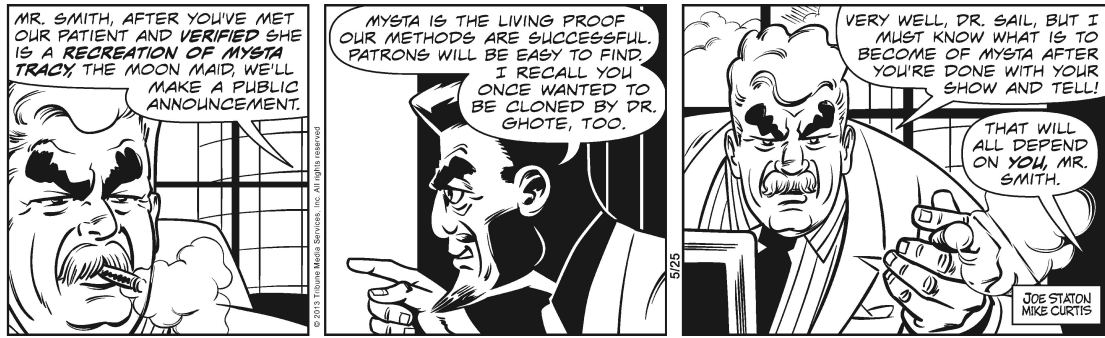
BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS
I DON'T THINK HE KNOWS WHAT WE DO HERE. HE SAID I COULD TAKE MATERNITY LEAVE AS LONG AS I REPORTED BACK WITH DATA FROM THE CHILDBIRTH PROCESS!

PEANUTS | CHARLES M. SCHULZ



I THINK I KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU...
WALK UP ONTO THAT PITCHER'S MOUND... DOES YOUR STOMACH HURT NOW?
ALL RIGHT NOW COME DOWN OFF THE MOUND... THERE... HAS IT STOPPED HURTING?
THERE'S YOUR TROUBLE... FIVE CENTS, PLEASE!

DICK TRACY | JOE STATON AND MIKE CURTIS



MR. SMITH, AFTER YOU'VE MET OUR PATIENT AND VERIFIED SHE IS A RECREATION OF MYSTY TRACY THE MOON MAID, WE'LL MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.
MYSTY IS THE LIVING PROOF OUR METHODS ARE SUCCESSFUL. PATRONS WILL BE EASY TO FIND. I RECALL YOU ONCE WANTED TO BE CLONED BY DR. SHOTE, TOO.
VERY WELL, DR. SAIL, BUT I MUST KNOW WHAT IS TO BECOME OF MYSTY AFTER YOU'RE DONE WITH YOUR SHOW AND TELL!

BLONDIE | YOUNG & DRAKE



HONEY... I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT RIGHT AWAY, DEAR.
THAT'S QUITE A REFLEX, BUT I WASN'T GOING TO ASK YOU TO TAKE CARE OF ANYTHING, HONEY.
GEEZ... I SPEAK UP WITHOUT THINKING FOR ONE SPLIT SECOND AND SUDDENLY I'M A PLUMBER!

GARFIELD | JIM DAVIS



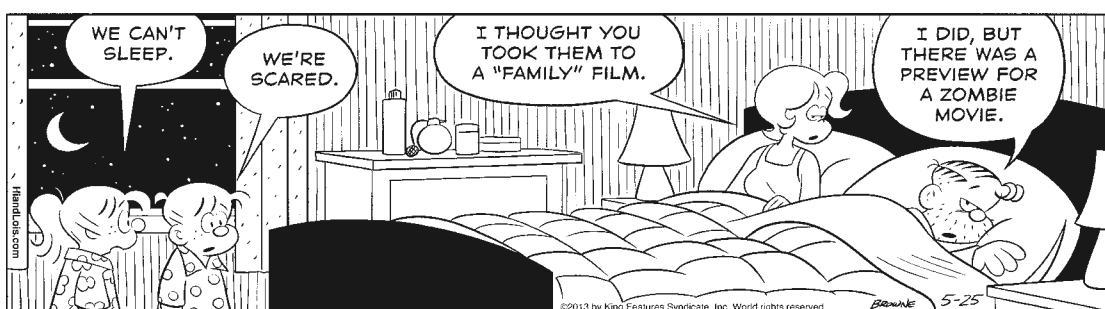
DON'T YOU VETS TAKE SOME KIND OF OATH?!

BEETLE BAILEY | MORT WALKER



GAME! SET! MATCH!!
OUCH!

HI AND LOIS | BRIAN AND GREG WALKER



WE CAN'T SLEEP. WE'RE SCARED.
I THOUGHT YOU TOOK THEM TO A "FAMILY" FILM.
I DID, BUT THERE WAS A PREVIEW FOR A ZOMBIE MOVIE.

THE BORN LOSER | ART SANSON



HOW DID I DO IN THE OUTFIELD, COACH? I GOT THE BALL!
YES, YOU DID, THORNAPPLE. BUT ALLOW ME TO GIVE YOU A TIP—AS AN OUTFIELDER, YOUR OBJECTIVE IS TO CATCH THE BALL WHILE IT'S IN THE AIR...
NOT TO WAIT UNTIL IT STOPS ROLLING, THEN PICK IT UP!

Nursing Student Needs Primer On Rules Of The Dating Game

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 21-year-old nursing student in college. I'm a "people person" and everyone says I'm easy to talk to. According to my friends, I am pretty, smart, funny, etc., but I have never had a boyfriend.

I was extremely sick throughout high school and during my early college years, and spent a lot of time in and out of the hospital. I missed not only a lot of schooling, but also learning some of the basic social skills most people my age have mastered when it comes to dating. It has been only during the last couple of years that I have been healthy enough to even consider dating, and now I have no clue what to do.

I am naturally friendly and sometimes guys I'm NOT interested in think I'm flirting with them. However, when I try to flirt with a guy, it never works. I don't know what I'm doing wrong, and my friends all gave me different advice. Do you have any tips for me, Dear Abby, on how to let a guy know I'm interested? — LOSING THE DATING GAME IN FLORIDA

DEAR LOSING: Yes. Be your outgoing, friendly self with everyone. Don't be afraid to smile and make eye contact. That's the way you let others know you're interested. The problem with "trying" to flirt is that it can come across as awkward and aggressive, which can either bring you the wrong kind of attention or scare a man off.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 38 years. He doesn't drink, smoke, do drugs or chase women. He's a good guy. But ...

Twenty years ago we stopped giving each other gifts on all occasions because he didn't like shopping for me. I let him off the hook and said I didn't really mind. However, on his birthday I take him to his favorite seafood restaurant and bake him his favorite cake. My birthday gets forgotten.

There is a special dessert that I love that is found only at a bakery across town. I have told him for the

past 10 years how much I'd love that dessert for my birthday. He has never once bought it for me. I feel it's like he's telling me I'm not worth the time or money. For such a small thing, it hurts my feelings a lot. Am I being silly? — SLIGHTED IN INDIANA



DEAR ABBY

Jeanne Phillips

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DEAR SLIGHTED: You're not being silly. You WERE being silly when you told your husband 20 years ago that you didn't mind if he ignored your birthday and other special occasions, because it wasn't true (or perhaps the effect on you has been cumulative). So, open your mouth and tell your husband — in plenty of time for your next birthday — EXACTLY what you want from him. If you don't, you'll get the same thing you have been getting, which is nothing.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 13 and in junior high school. When we all came back after a break we were greeted with the news that one of the students in our class had died. We were only told that the death was "ruled an accident," but nothing else. Is it wrong or disrespectful to speculate what happened to our classmate? — CURIOUS IN THE NORTHWEST

DEAR CURIOUS: Speculating is neither wrong nor disrespectful. When people are given no information, it is normal for them to wonder. After the death of your classmate, I'm surprised grief counseling wasn't offered to help you and your fellow students deal with the loss, because that is what should have happened.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2013

This year you display more black-and-white thinking than in previous years. You also tend to weigh problems from opposing views. You seem to go back and forth from being emotional to intellectual. Where has the level-headed Gemini gone? You are exploring new ideas and broadening your horizon. If you are single, you might attract someone who really likes one side of your personality. As you switch from that side to the other, this person might not be as loving. If you are attached, your transformation could throw your sweetie for a loop. Be more open, and enhance the mutuality between you. SAGITTARIUS understands you better than you do.

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)

Try to get away from it all. A break could be just what the doctor ordered. You know how volatile the last few days have been. Go for a drive to the country, and enjoy the scenery along the way. Visit with an out-of-town friend if you can. Tonight: Finally, you can relax.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

Rethink a decision made in haste. You even might wonder why you made that choice in the first place. Confusion and pressure often force others' involvement. An unexpected change could feel uncomfortable. Find out what's going on behind the scenes. Tonight: Where the fun is.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Go along with a change of pace. You'll want to open up to new possibilities after recent events and join friends who are more easygoing than you typically are. You also might decide to let go of stress that could be affecting your well-being. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

You will be weighing the pros and cons of getting involved with a certain project. You could realize that you would rather just take some time off. Be a couch potato, if that makes you happy. You might be bored soon enough, but you also will be well rested. Tonight: Indulge yourself.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

You'll re-energize through some flirtation

and fun. You know what you need. Find a fun friend and start the process. You might be confused about a situation; release it for now. Over-indulging is OK as long as you know when enough is enough. Tonight: Lead the party!

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

You might not realize how tired and/or stressed out you are until you slow down. Decide to do nothing and stay close to home. Whether you take a nap, watch some TV or read a book makes no difference, as long as you are able to relax. Tonight: Happily at home.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

You could be overtired and withdrawn by recent events. You will want to catch up on neighborhood news and meet a pal for dinner. Don't be surprised if, at some point during the day, you nod off. Tonight: Stop acting like Superman or Superwoman — you're only human.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

You might want to see what happens if you put up your feet and relax. Before you know it, you could nod off. You have a desire to escape. Some of you might decide to join a friend or two and party. Some of you will go way overboard. Tonight: Be your wild self.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

You feel full of energy and ready to deal with whatever comes your way. Socialize to your heart's content. Someone might be unclear about your intentions. Listen to news with a grain of salt. Everything can change before you know it. Tonight: Honor spontaneity!

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

You are the sign that is associated with friendship, and that is exactly why you need to surround yourself with friends. As a group, you will reinforce what is good about one another. Don't hesitate to share your grievances with a trusted friend. Tonight: Where the action is.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

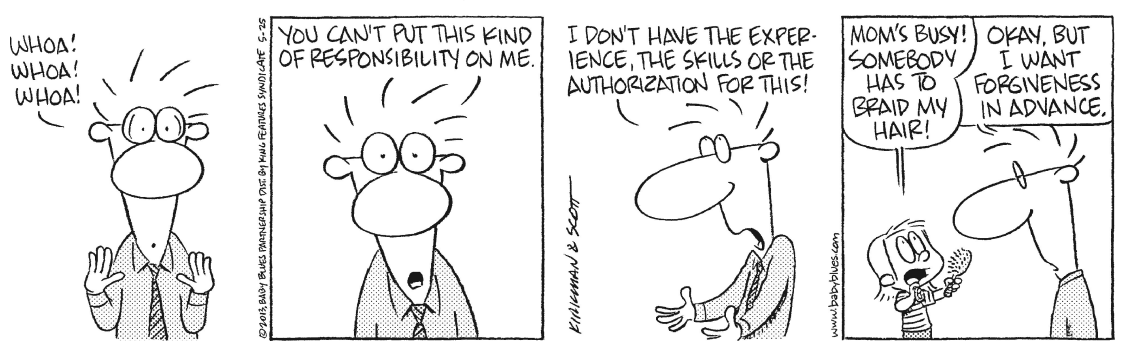
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PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

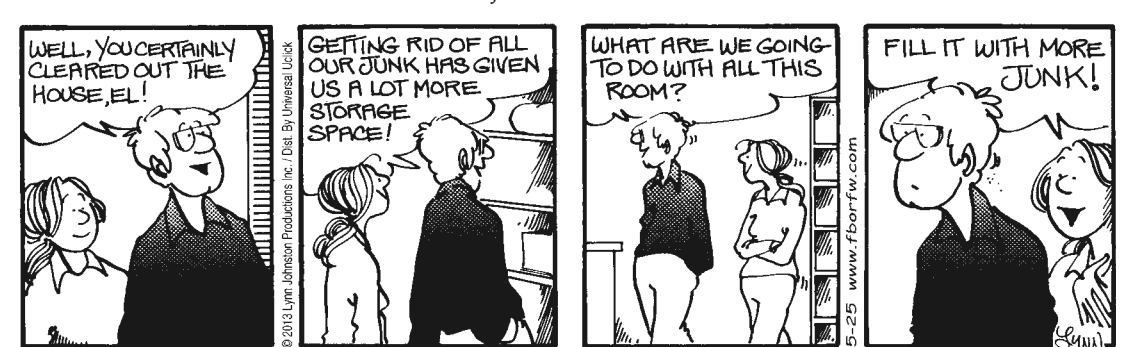
Think through a decision involving an older friend or loved one. Spend some time with this person, and perhaps get some feedback on what actions you are considering taking. Listen to his or her thoughts carefully, and your opinion could change. Tonight: A must appearance.

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