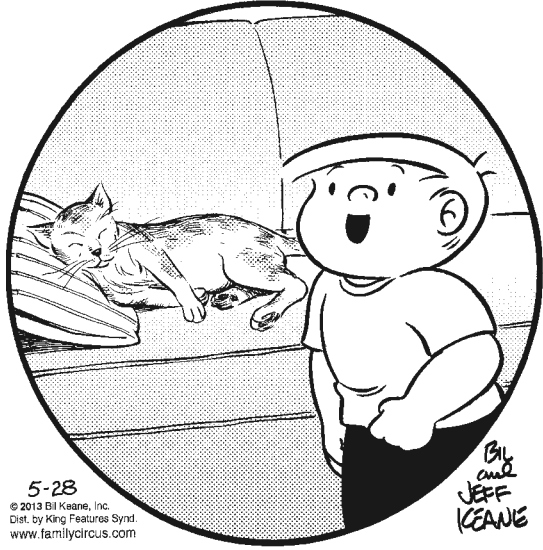
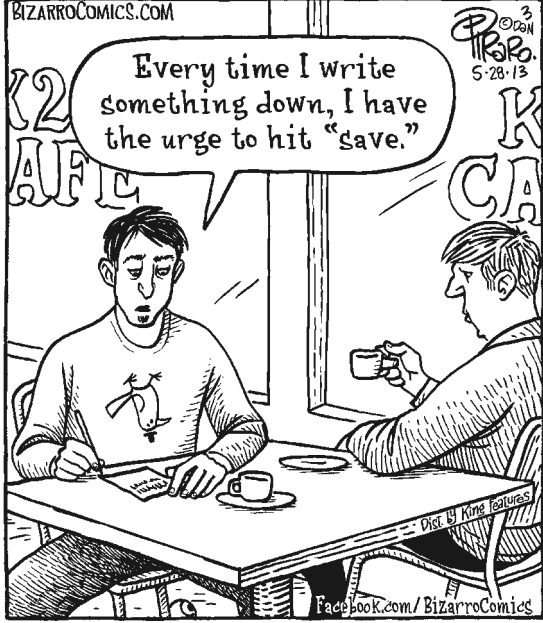


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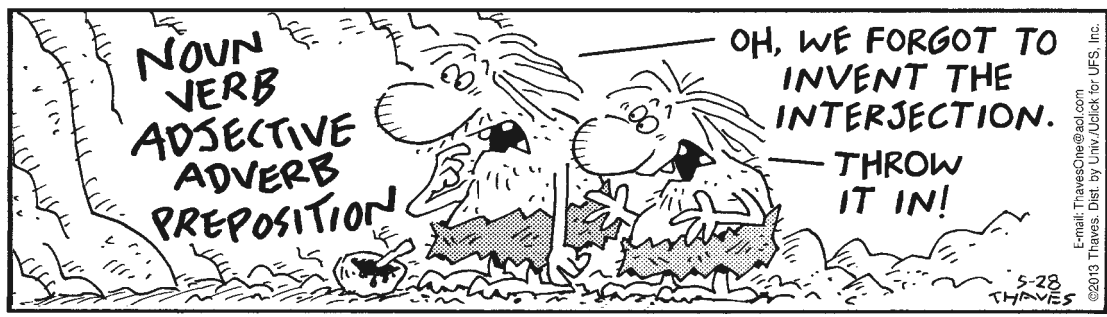


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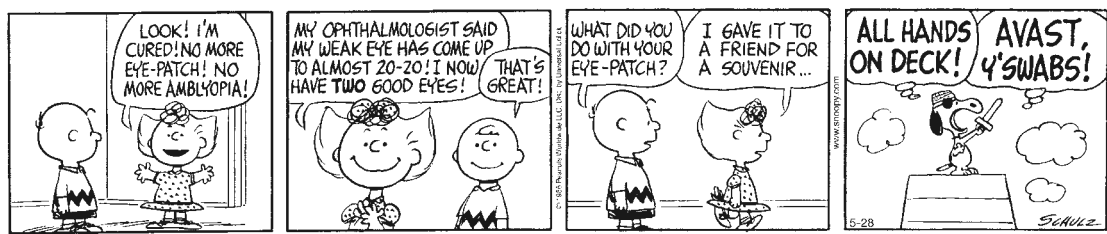
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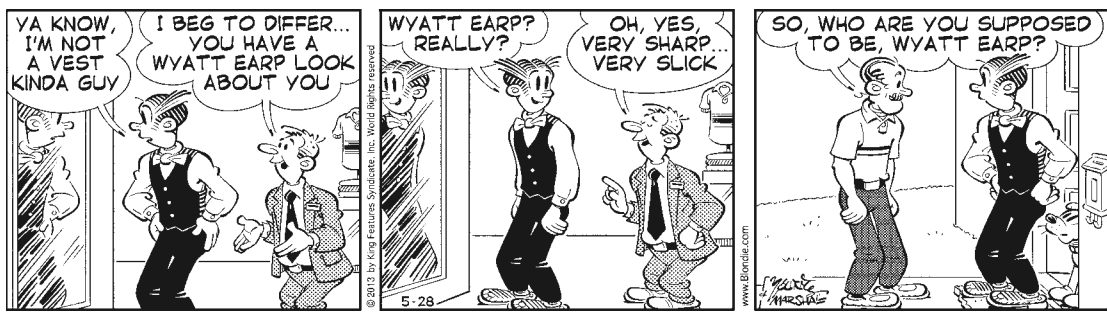
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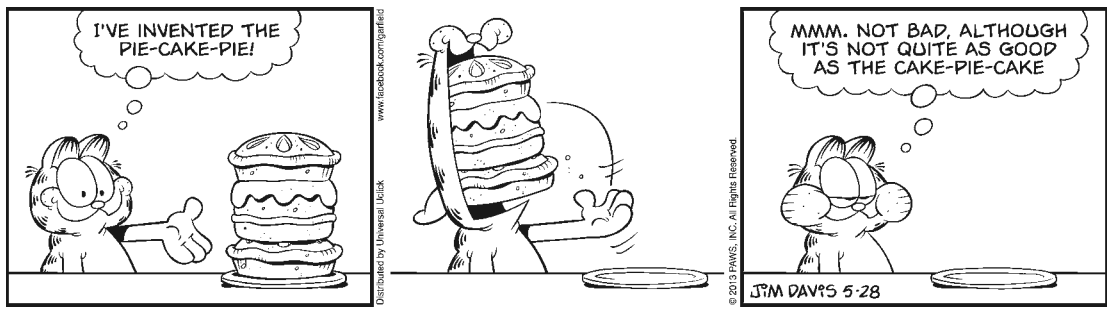
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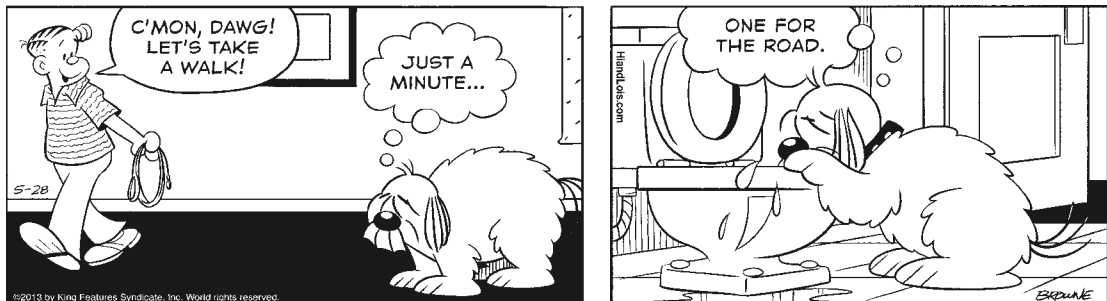
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Warring Employees In Office Must Be Brought To Truce

DEAR ABBY: I own a business with just two employees, my husband and a very old friend. The friend has been in the business for 15 years, and he is critical to running it. My husband has been with me for 11 years, but in the business for only three. He is not critical to running the business.

Their relationship is a constant strain. Neither one likes the other, but they generally tolerate each other. When tensions arise they become emotional, and I end up caught between them, unable to put an end to it. How do we work and live in peace? Their conflict is affecting the smooth functioning of the business. What should I do to end the hostility? I'm a quiet type, which probably feeds the situation. — WALKING ON EGGHELLS

DEAR WALKING ON EGGHELLS: You may be a quiet type, but you are also the boss. The atmosphere you describe is unhealthy for your business. For it to continue to be successful, your business must be nurtured as a separate entity apart from your friendship and your marriage.

Because the present situation makes it difficult for all of you to function together, I'm suggesting that you tell your husband you love him, but either he must get along with the longtime employee or leave the business — because it's the business that is paying the bills, feeding and putting a roof over all of you!

DEAR ABBY: A friend, "Wanda," invited my husband, "Hugh," and me to a dinner party two years ago. Hugh had too much to drink and insulted not only Wanda but also one of the guests. He apologized the next day.

This is not the first time he has done this at dinner parties, and his behavior has had a negative impact on some of my best friendships. I used to

entertain all the time, but I can no longer invite my friends over as they no longer want to be around Hugh.

Wanda continues to invite me to her dinner parties, but has made a point of telling me that Hugh is NOT invited. Not wanting to lose another friend, I have been going alone. I let my husband know why, and he says it doesn't bother him, but I feel guilty attending without him. My friendships are important to me and I'm torn about what to do. — PARTY OF ONE

DEAR PARTY: If your husband can't control his behavior when he's had a drink or two, then he should not be drinking in public. That he says it "doesn't bother him" that he's no longer welcome in these people's homes is sad, as it should be a glaring signal that he needs help.

Because he isn't ready to do something about his problem, continue to socialize without him. That you do is admirable, so please stop feeling guilty about it.

DEAR ABBY: About a year ago, my wife had an affair with one of the instructors at a training seminar. We are working to repair our marriage and are making great strides. She says there's nothing else going on now.

My wife has been invited to a graduation ceremony where she is to receive an award from the same instructor. This will be the first time I meet this person, and I have mixed feelings about it. How should I approach this meeting? — MIXED FEELINGS IN MISSOURI

DEAR MIXED FEELINGS: Do it with cool civility, complete sobriety and as little contact as possible.

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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 Gemini and a Moon in Capricorn if born before 2:48 p.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2013:

This year you go back and forth between having an avant-garde mindset to a very conventional way of thinking. You can't be put in a box -- you are a free thinker. Others enjoy seeing how you work with concepts and apply them to your life. If you are single, you could form a close bond with a foreigner or someone who is very different from you. You'll like learning about this person's culture and ways. If you are attached, the two of you often speak about a dream trip; start planning it this year. AQUARIUS piques your interest.

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 anger and frustration seem to bubble up. After listening to someone's needs, you could feel put off. Do not respond if following through makes you uncomfortable. Make calls and reach out to a neighbor or sibling. Good news heads your way. Tonight: Hang out.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

You will discover what is possible if you relax and become more forthcoming. Your appraisal of a personal matter encourages you to take a leap of faith. Be sure to do much-needed research. By afternoon, you'll feel as though it is time to take action. Tonight: Make it easy.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Engage in a conversation with a partner. You might not come to an agreement easily. Take an overview and see what facts you are missing. Get to the bottom of a problem by taking in the whole picture. Suddenly, you could see the right path to take. Tonight: Use your imagination.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Others let you know what they want. The problem might be that you are not sure of your choice yet. In some way, you could feel as if someone is running right over you. Share your feelings with this person. Tonight: Chat with a partner or dear friend. Speak your mind.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

You could be taken aback by someone's efforts.

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You also might find that you are angry or frustrated with an older friend or boss. Why not address the issue directly? This person's response could take you by surprise. Be prepared. Tonight: In the thick of a situation.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Have a talk with someone you respect, especially if this person is acting as if he or she is peeved. There probably is a good reason for this behavior. You won't be able to work anything out until you know the problem. Count on your ingenuity. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Sometimes you push so hard to have your way that it is difficult to come to terms with a different point of view. Try to listen more to a key person in your life. You both will be a lot happier as a result. Consider taking a walk in order to clear your mind. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

You might be finalizing some details regarding a purchase or balancing your finances. You will perk up considerably in the afternoon. Make calls, schedule meetings and -- most importantly -- catch up on a friend's news. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

You might be finalizing some details regarding a purchase or balancing your finances. You will perk up considerably in the afternoon. Make calls, schedule meetings and -- most importantly -- catch up on a friend's news. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

You might want to rearrange your schedule in order to make time for an important conversation in the morning. Understand where others are coming from, and listen to their logic. Temperers run high, and you can do little to change what is going on. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

You could be dragging in the morning and feel unsure as to which way you want to go. Alleviate a problem by talking it out; otherwise, you could be walking on eggshells. You have a greater chance of clearing the issue later in the day. Tonight: Make yourself happy, first.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

Zero in on your priorities. You could be surprised by how strong-willed you need to be in order to get your point across. Later, you might want to spend some quiet time dealing with a project or going over this conversation in your head. Tonight: Catch some extra zzz's.

BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE | LYNN JOHNSTON



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM | MIKE PETERS

