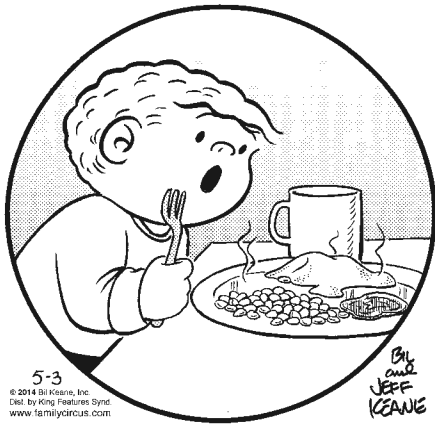
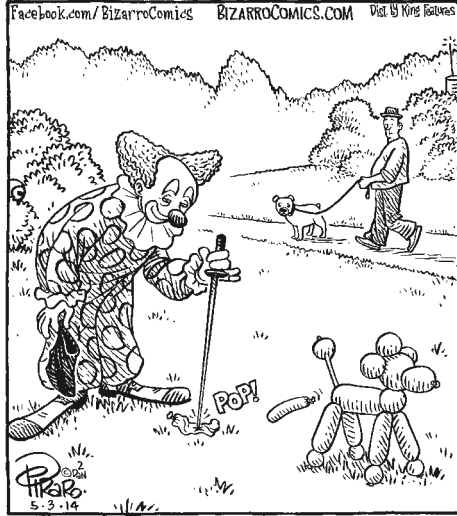


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Dear Abby: "Mommy, could I please have my corn popped 'stead of just on the plate?"

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Dear Abby: "Worse, I got a good look up your nose."

Baby-Daddy's New Girlfriend Takes On A Motherly Role

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single mother of a 1-year-old boy, Zack. His father, my ex, has shared custody, but we don't have a very good co-parenting relationship. Shortly after I gave birth, he left me to be with a woman he had met while I was pregnant, and they are still in a relationship.

She thinks it's OK to post pictures of Zack on her social media sites. I have a problem with this, not least of all that it is incredibly hurtful to see another woman pretend she is in a "mother" role with my son.

I have confronted my ex about this and although he told me he would talk to her about it, he also told me it is none of my business what happens while Zack is in his care.

Am I right to make this an issue, or do I need to move on and accept that this woman is in my son's life? — OFFENDED IN SAN JOSE

DEAR OFFENDED: I sympathize with your feelings, but your ex is right. Unless something is happening that's dangerous to Zack's welfare, you can't control what happens when he's with his father.

I don't know how serious this new relationship is, but it appears to be a long-lasting one — and whether you approve or not, this woman is in your son's life in the role of part-time mother. For your sake, you need to accept it because the alternative is to make yourself sick over it. And because it's hurtful, stop reading her posts.

DEAR ABBY: I married the love of my life eight years ago. He's a wonderful husband, father and provider. He has just one flaw — his hygiene.

He works long hours and is usually exhausted when he gets home. He showers maybe once a week, and brushes his teeth less often. Sometimes he makes sexual advances, but I'm so turned off by his smell that I just can't do it.

I have tried asking him to be cleaner. I have even been upfront about what other people have said about his lack of cleanliness. I even tried making shower time "fun," but a girl can't do that every night!

I'm becoming so frustrated. I'm a clean person, and I keep hoping one day he'll adopt my habits, but it doesn't look like it's happening soon. Any advice? — HOLDING MY NOSE IN IDAHO

DEAR HOLDING YOUR NOSE: It appears this wonderful husband, father and provider has the personal habits of a goat. If he has enough energy to make advances at the end of a long workday, then he should have enough to take a shower and brush his teeth. Unless you plan to wear a clothespin on your nose during marital relations, you should insist upon it.

DEAR ABBY: I have been invited to a high school graduation for twin girls. One of them has been our baby sitter for almost three years, and we have formed a close relationship with her. We know her sister, but do not have the same relationship with her.

We would like to give our baby sitter more money for graduation, but do not want to offend her sister. What should we do? — CAN'T DECIDE IN OHIO

DEAR CAN'T DECIDE: When you give the girls their graduation cards, enclose a check in each for the same amount of money. Later, privately, you can give your baby sitter something extra as a token of your appreciation. That way, it will be less obvious and may avoid hurt feelings.

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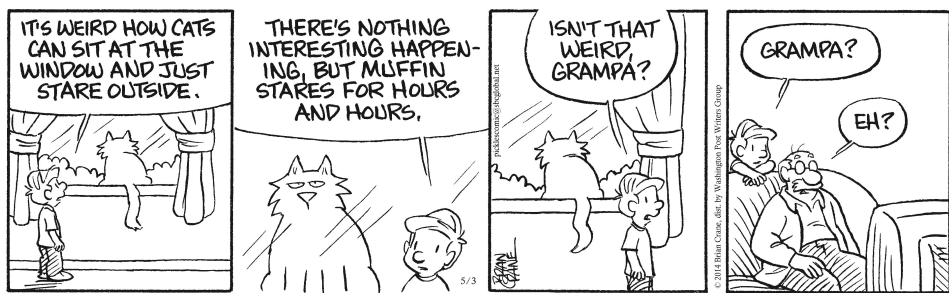


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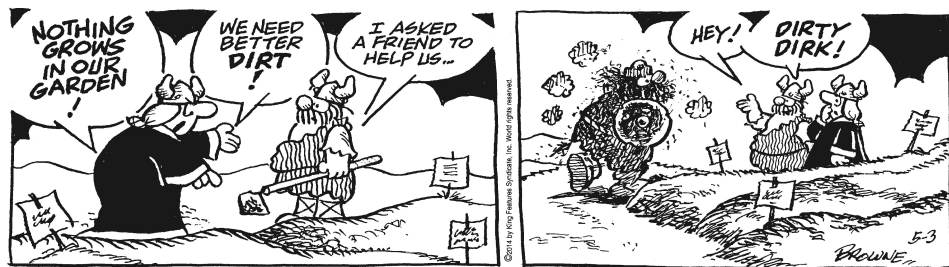
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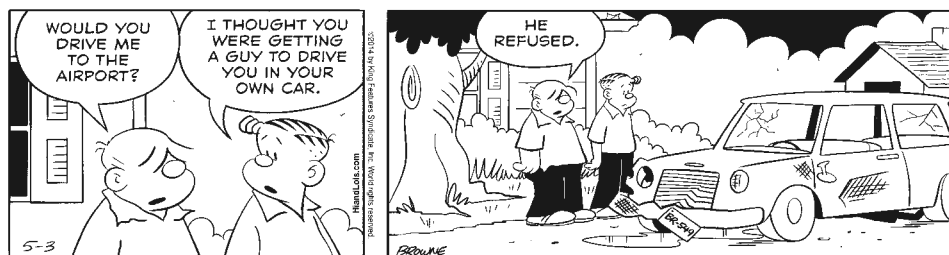
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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 Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014:

This year you move in a new direction and accomplish a lot more than you thought possible. You are intuitive with others, and you always seem to know which way to go. You might opt to indulge in some personal work and gain a better understanding of yourself. If you are single, you might choose to date someone who is emotionally unavailable. Try to be more aware of this type. You are unusually charming and enticing, which attracts many admirers. If you are attached, the two of you will bond even more closely because of taking frequent trips away together. You will also be able to make a long-term dream a reality. CANCER understands you well.

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'll exude a sense of fun when you realize that the weekend finally has arrived. Someone will read you clearly. This person's statement might be an eye-opener for you. A loved one will mean well, but he or she could anger you on some level. Tonight: Invite friends over.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ A conversation between you and a relative is inevitable. Listen to your inner voice, and follow through on a friend's request; communication will flourish as a result. Go off to the movies with a pal. Distance yourself from the immediate issues of your life. Tonight: Hang out.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ You have been feeling your Wheaties, and you might express that sense of well-being with your spending. Be careful, and be realistic. Consider making a change regarding your career, but think carefully before you decide to make it so. Tonight: Stay within your budget.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Take off for a day excursion if you can. You might want to treat a group of friends to dinner. Follow through, because you enjoy entertaining as much as they like to be entertained. A roommate or partner might not feel the same. Be careful. Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ You could feel a little down as a result of

pushing yourself too hard. You also might be more exhausted than you have been in a while. Consider changing your plans and cutting the day short. Your mysterious exit will entice the interest of others. Tonight: Make yourself unavailable.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★ A partner, friend or family member will be there for you. This person is likely to demonstrate his or her loyalty once more. Zero in on what is important. Try to eliminate what doesn't have to be done immediately. Let your creativity emerge. Tonight: Hang with your friends.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ Pressure could be building. If you don't say "no," you could have a lot of responsibilities dropped on you. A loved one or dear friend might be more gracious about changing plans than you had anticipated. Be imaginative with everything you do. Tonight: In the spotlight.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You'll see a situation in a much different light than in the past. Because of someone else's kindness, you finally will be able to relax. Use your imagination to get past a hassle in the next few days. Your resourcefulness will come through. Tonight: Read between the lines.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ Deal with a partner directly if you want the desired results. Money is a primary issue to be discussed. Unfortunately, you do not have a resilient checkbook. A loved one might be quite touchy and difficult. Just ride the emotional wave. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Others will seek you out no matter what you do, so enjoy all the attention. If you have the desire to do something different, by all means, do. You will feel refreshed afterward. Tonight: You might want to go to several different parties and get-togethers.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

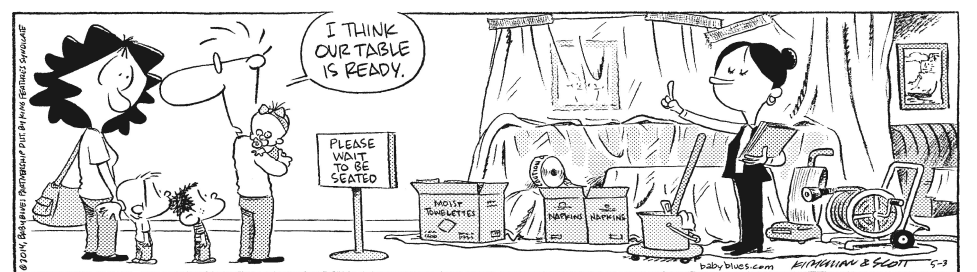
★★★ Pursue an easy pace in order to accomplish more of what you want. Whatever the project is, you will feel far more refreshed than you have in a while. You might receive an irate call from someone at a distance. A change in plans might be in order. Tonight: Play it low key.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

★★★★ Understand that how you visualize a situation is far more elaborate and colorful than how someone else sees it. You might be more inspired than you have been in a while, especially after a friend seems to contest a choice of yours. Tonight: Choose a romantic setting.

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