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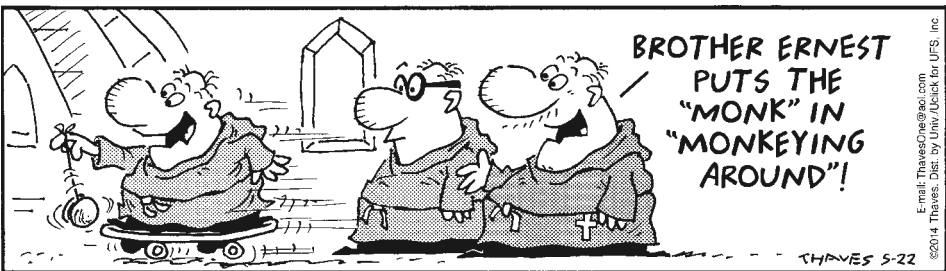
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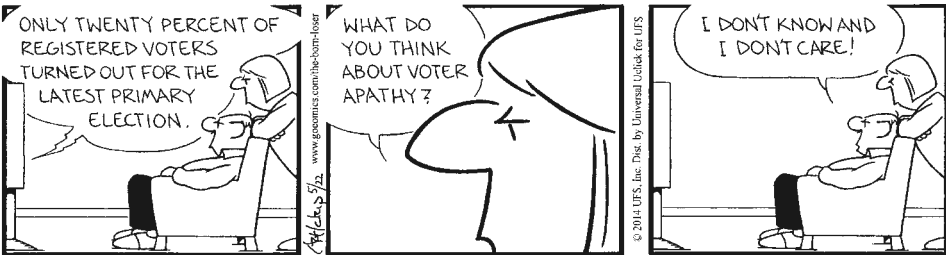
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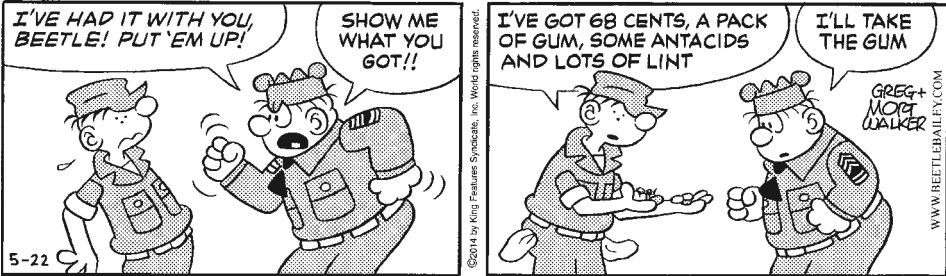
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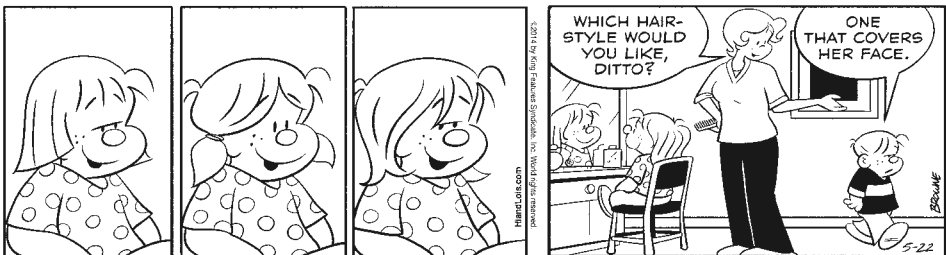
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Middle-Aged Homebody's Future A Concern For Family

DEAR ABBY: Our niece "Bonnie" has severe attachment problems. She still lives in her parents' home and is well into her 50s. Her father passed away several years ago, and her mother seems to be her only friend.

Bonnie has never had a serious relationship and has spent her life at one job and with her parents. Vacations and holidays have been spent with them only. Bonnie rarely accepts an invitation unless her mom is invited, does not communicate unless we reach out to her first and is very private about the smallest details in her life.

Her mother is aging and we are wondering how Bonnie will manage once her mom is gone. How do we approach someone who seriously needs help and guidance? — CARING AUNT IN PITTSBURGH

DEAR CARING AUNT: I can think of two ways. The first would be to discuss this privately with Bonnie's mother and ask if there is anything she would like you to do for her daughter in the event of a serious illness or her death. It is a legitimate question if Bonnie is unable to live independently, and her mother might appreciate that you cared enough to ask.

The second would be to reach out to Bonnie in the event that something does happen to her mother, and let her know that you love her and will be there for her if she needs you. Keep in mind that you cannot force help on anyone who is unwilling to accept it.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 11 and in the sixth grade. I am very self-conscious. Every girl in my grade has a bigger chest than me, and I am feeling insecure because mine isn't developed.

I know I am young, but I want to fit in. Every day I feel horrible about myself. Can you help? — INSECURE 6TH GRADER

DEAR INSECURE: I'll try. No two people are alike, and our bodies do not develop at the same time. For some girls, it happens sooner and they begin to develop breasts as early as age 9. For others, it doesn't happen until they are in their teens.

Your value should not be measured by your chest size. Believe me, the size of your IQ is far more important. The kind of person you are is more important.

Big chests have a way of falling sooner or later. So work on your grades and your personality right now. If you do, in time you'll not only catch up to these girls, you will surpass them in the qualities that matter most. You're fine just the way you are.

DEAR ABBY: When spending thousands of dollars to attend a destination wedding, are you expected to give a gift to the bride and groom? — JENNIFER IN NEW YORK

DEAR JENNIFER: Yes, but after shelling out "thousands" to attend a wedding, it does not have to be an expensive one. A token gift to mark the occasion would be enough.

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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 Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2014:

This year you experience career-related demands. You will do your best to keep up with your work, and perhaps you'll cater to a select few. You might be quite different in a professional setting from how you are in your personal life. This schism sometimes creates tension. If you are single, you will want to relate more closely to someone who feels like the right match for you. Give yourself a little time, and perhaps do a lot of dating. If you are attached, you will notice sooner rather than later that you will be relating to your significant other a lot more. You will feel like you are getting to know each other all over again. PISCES clearly enjoys your ability to talk about many different issues.

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)

★★★ Read between the lines with a boss. Note what is going on around you, and weigh the pros and cons of a situation. You will be happy once you get the results you desire. A family member or a hassle around your home suddenly seems more positive. Tonight: Where all the action is.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Zero in on a friendship that means a lot to you. Your ability to get past an immediate hassle points to better interactions with people. You'll see the results of sticking with it play out well. You now can look at the whole picture and decide if it is worth it. Tonight: Play it easy.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★ Pressure builds around a professional situation and a close partner. Your attitude will define how you approach juggling different interests. You can use this opportunity to empower yourself. If you decide not to, you could make matters worse. Tonight: Out on the town.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Approach a situation in a different way. You might be exhausted by recent developments, and you could want to toss the whole matter aside. You are coming from a position of strength. Honor the possibility of a fast response being in your favor. Tonight: Read between the lines.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ You are willing to do whatever you

need to do in order to have a situation work. A partner might need to change his or her attitude. Your sixth sense will point you toward the correct path. Use your imagination when considering your long-term goals. Tonight: Keep it low-key.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might not mean to be as challenging as you are right now. Your attitude toward a fellow associate and/or a romantic tie seems to be changing. Express how much you value a friendship, and act accordingly. Tonight: In the thick of things.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ Defer to others, and recognize when enough is enough. You could be feeling overtired and drained by work and many other obligations. Maintain a positive attitude with a boss, no matter what. You could receive a pleasant surprise. Use care with your finances. Tonight: Work late.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★ You will want to tap into your imagination for answers. Your unusual creativity allows others to open up and express themselves in a similar way. If you allow your feelings to flow, you will not make a bad choice. Tonight: Go for something spontaneous.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You have an innate resourcefulness that often comes into play when facing a difficult situation. Pressure builds, as you will be juggling key people in your life and a domestic situation. You will come to an appropriate solution, given some time and space. Tonight: Relax.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ Keep communication open. Be more forthright when approaching others, especially as one person seems more positive than usual. Expect the unexpected, and you will not be thrown off as easily. Avoid a friend who frequently is a downer. Tonight: Clear out as much work as possible.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★ Be more deliberate in how you handle a situation. Do not minimize the importance of working as a team, even if it is difficult to pull in one person who often is aloof. Be smart, and say "no" to a financial risk. Tonight: Think about your weekend plans.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

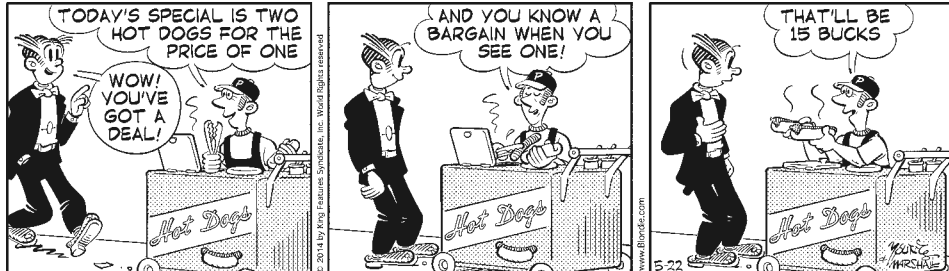
★★★★ There seems to be a lot of energy around you. With some self-discipline, you can accomplish a lot right now. You'll need to have a long-overdue conversation with someone who is difficult. Use your innate ingenuity and energy. Tonight: Home is where your heart is.

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