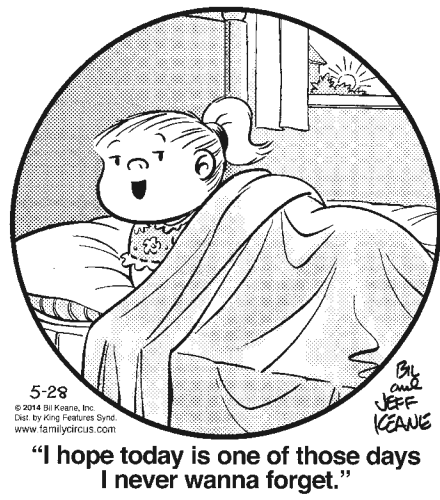


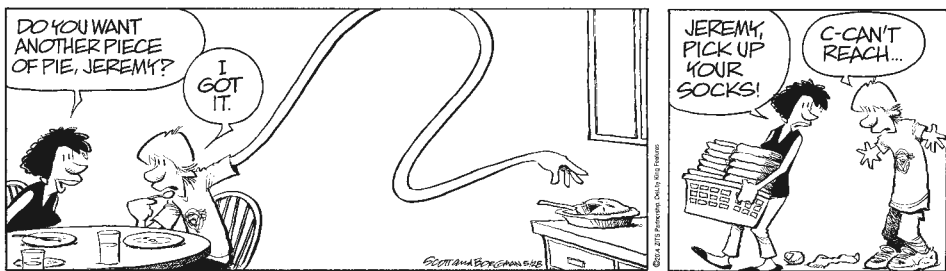
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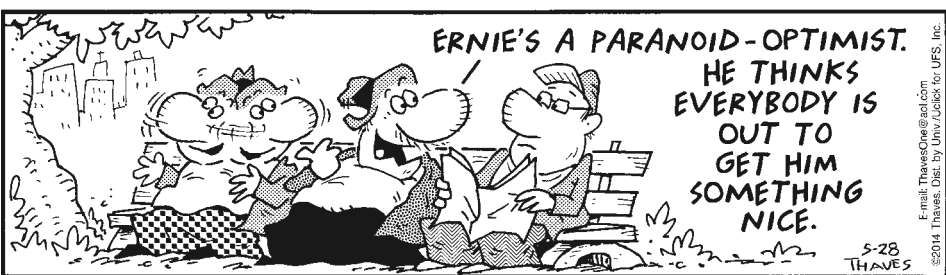
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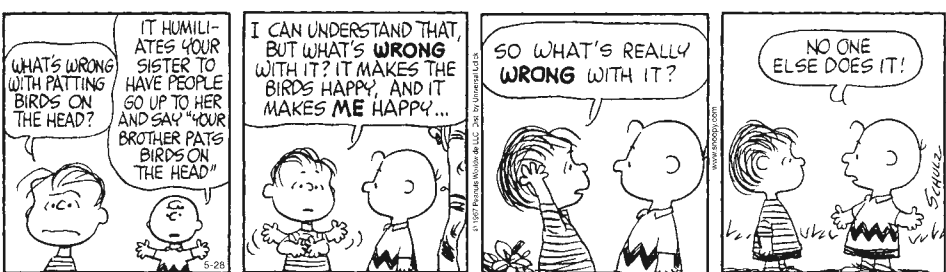
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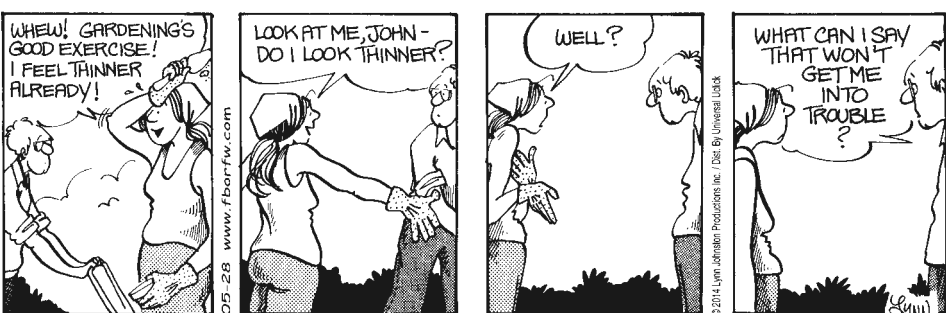
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Man Trolling On Date Sites Is Not Ready To Fall In Love

DEAR ABBY: I met the most wonderful man on a dating site. We seemed to hit it off. In fact, we are falling in love with each other. But he isn't ready for an exclusive relationship and still wants to date. He gets on the dating sites when I'm asleep in his bed.

I really care for him, but I don't want to pressure him. He has told me he loves me, but right now he just wants to be friends. He says I should also date, but how do you turn off love? — SAD AND CONFUSED

DEAR SAD AND CONFUSED: Please don't think I'm unkind, but when a man is falling in love with a woman, he does not creep out of bed in the dead of night to visit dating sites. He also doesn't tell her to date other people.

Although you may love this guy, from where I sit, when he said he "just wants to be friends," it appears he meant friends with benefits. Because you are looking for more than that, the next time he gets out of bed to peruse a dating site, you should go with him — on your way out the door.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend, "Michelle," who is attractive, intelligent and works as a teacher's assistant in a public school. What I can't understand is, she refuses to go anywhere without her 33-year-old daughter, "Chloe." They even dress alike.

Chloe is pretty and doesn't have a boyfriend. When Chloe goes out with friends, her mother rings her cellphone over and over until Chloe turns it off.

What do you think is the problem? If Michelle and I go someplace, she wants to bring Chloe, or she calls her and has her come to where we are. Chloe complains to me that she wants her freedom, but Mom ac-

cuses her of not loving her, and cries and makes her feel guilty.

Chloe is a college graduate. Her mother allows her to work, but she must come straight home afterward. I'm confused, Abby. What can I do? — SOME-THING'S NOT RIGHT

DEAR SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT: How sad for Chloe. Michelle's relationship with her daughter is more "smotherhood" than motherhood. It's not healthy for either of them. Your friend appears to be unable to see Chloe as separate from herself — which is why she wants them to dress like twins and becomes anxious when Chloe is with friends instead of by her side.

The kindest thing you could do for the young woman would be to tell her to discuss this with a licensed mental health professional, because she will need help and support in severing the umbilical cord at this late date. That won't be easy. There will be pain involved for both Chloe and her desperately possessive mother, but if Chloe is going to have an independent life, it has to happen.



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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 Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2014:

This year you come up with many different ideas for friends and professional associates. Others sometimes wonder where these intellectual gems come from, but they enjoy their usefulness regardless. If you are single, people find you to be a charming conversationalist. By midsummer, you'll have many potential sweeties to choose from. Ask yourself what kind of relationship you want first. Do not minimize your need for companionship. If you are attached, the two of you never seem to want for a topic of conversation. You might not always agree, but you respect your different ideas and processes. When you meet a fellow GEMINI, you might not see a similarity unless you detach, as all of you are multifaceted.

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 will be more expressive than you have been in a while. You could have a chance for a special new beginning because of your willingness to face facts. You're determined to accomplish what you want. Others can't help but be drawn toward you. Tonight: Strut your stuff.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ You will put yourself on the line, if need be. You'll feel as if you have a lot to offer, and you might want to let others know. Know that they likely have strong feelings as to what they want to do. Respond to an offer from a friend who cares a lot about you. Tonight: Let it happen.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ You'll have so much going on that you can barely keep up with a situation. You might want to let others know more of what is going on with you. Someone knows how to make your imagination work overtime. Be aware of your natural limits. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★★ Your intuition will guide you. You might need some time by yourself to do some intense thinking. A roommate or family member could lose his or her patience. A friend in the know will reveal much more of what is going on with this person. Tonight: Play it low-key.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★★ Zero in on what makes the most

sense. You might not be ready to declare your thoughts about a personal matter just yet, but you will make a considerable effort to initiate this discussion. Someone enjoys your company. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You might want to deal with a loved one directly. An element of the unexpected seems to run through an important decision. You know where and how to spend your money, but a key associate or loved one might have a different idea of what works. Tonight: In the spotlight.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★★ You can meet any demand that comes your way. Your creativity seems to wander from one area of life to another. The answers you seek are a high priority in your mind. You could find that someone else doesn't see things the same way. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★★★ Relate to a partner directly. You'll have an important decision to make, but first you might prefer to have a discussion on the topic. You will want to be sure of yourself when you finally decide to act. Your imagination could help your approach. Tonight: Enjoy a break.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You know how to bend for the well-being of the group. You have high energy and a sense of direction. Friends play a significant role in your decision-making process. Indulge a loved one who plays a significant role in your life. Tonight: Be more of a pal to a key person.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★★★ You could be quite involved with a friend who adds considerable happiness to your daily life. You might need to maintain a nice, even pace to accomplish what you must. Use your instincts with a message, and you will choose the right words. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

★★★★★ You might want to be spontaneous. Use your sixth sense with an associate or a very playful friend. Explain your expectations as clearly as possible, and it will help others relax. Everyone has his or her strengths; use yours well. Tonight: Act as if it were Friday!

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

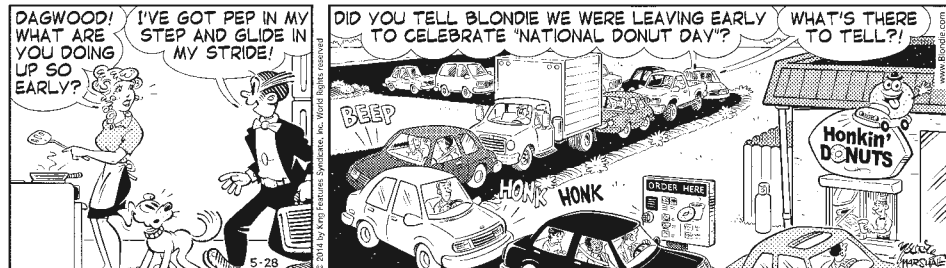
★★★ You'll need to hone your juggling skills as you attempt to balance an intellectual discussion with an intense premonition and a sense of destiny. You might have difficulty integrating these different concepts, as you could feel a little off-kilter. Tonight: Head home.

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