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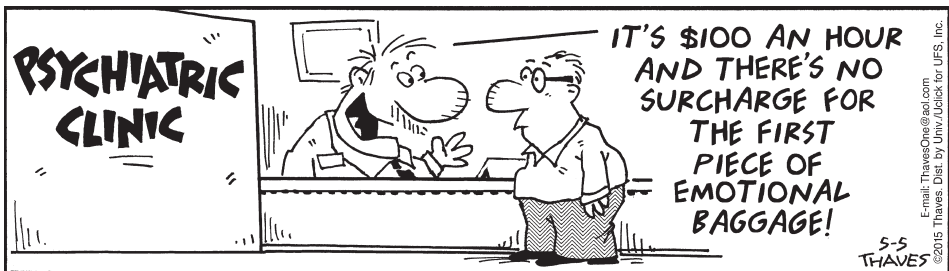
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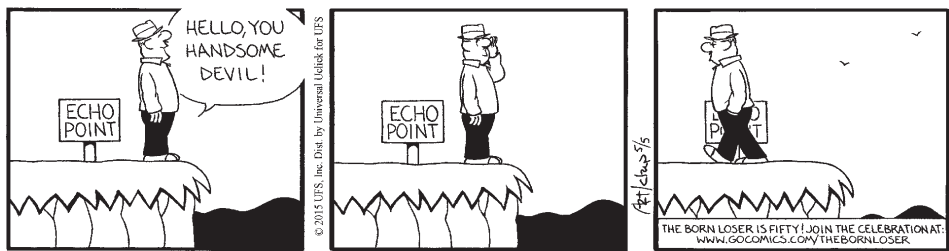
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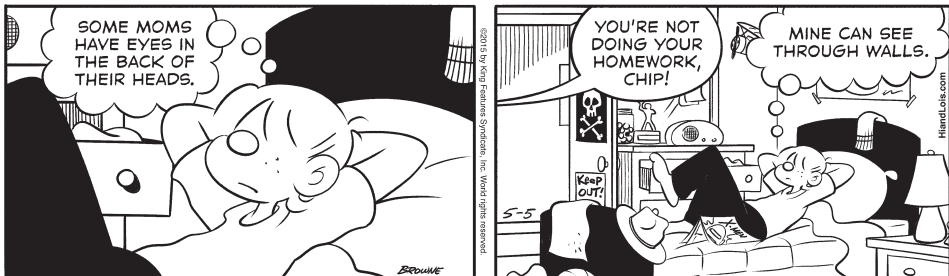
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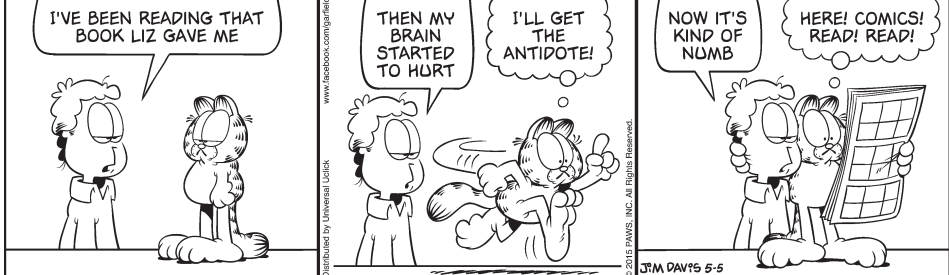
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Parents With Strong Beliefs Won't Visit Co-Habiting Couple

DEAR ABBY: Our amazing daughters are in their late 20s. Both of them are independent, intelligent and loving. The four of us have a special bond. My wife and I have always been supportive in all aspects of our daughters' lives, and that will never change.

They have been dating great guys over the past five years whom we believe they will ultimately marry. The problem? My wife and I were raised with certain values, and our daughters have recently moved in with their boyfriends. We do not approve, but respect their decisions as adults.

One daughter plans to have an open-house party celebrating their new place. She's upset that my wife and I have indicated we won't be attending, because doing so would be difficult and against our beliefs. We have understood her decision, but she does not appear to respect ours. Are we wrong to take this stance? – AGAINST THE TIDE IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR AGAINST: I think so. Your daughter is an adult. Do you plan to continue "punishing" her and the man you say you approve of until they tie the knot? She and her boyfriend have been a couple for five years now, and their relationship appears to be progressing nicely. It's not unusual for couples today to live together. I see nothing to be gained by skipping their open house – but I do see something to lose.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's grandmother keeps purchasing season tickets to the theater for me. I have told my mother-in-law (who is in charge of buying the tickets) as politely as possible that summer is a very busy time for me. My kids, husband and I are all involved in activities, and the theater conflicts with these activities.

As well, I don't particularly enjoy the group of people that we go there with. (I haven't shared this with my mother-in-law.) While I like my mother-in-law and husband's grandmother, the others are rude. They exclude me from conversations and hardly acknowledge

my existence. I try to make conversation but unsuccessfully. It makes for a dreadfully awkward evening.

How do I get out of going to the theater without hurting anyone's feelings? – NO THANKS IN CANADA

DEAR NO THANKS: The most effective way to accomplish that would be to stop beating around the bush and tell your husband's mother and grandmother you would prefer not to be included, and the reason why.

DEAR ABBY: I like a girl but don't know if she likes me. I went to a school dance with her, but that's about it. I'm a choosy person, but everything seems right about her.

I never had a girlfriend before. Am I doing something wrong? I really want to be in a relationship with her, but I don't want to get rejected. I hate that feeling. Can you give me advice on what to do? – IN LIKE IN WISCONSIN

DEAR IN LIKE: There is a saying, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." It means that in order to succeed, you have to TRY. In dating relationships, there is always some risk of rejection, and it applies to girls as well as boys. If you want a relationship with her, stop being afraid and start acting like it. Because she went to a dance with you, she probably already likes you, too.

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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 Scorpio if born before 7:13 a.m. (PDT). Afterward, the Moon will be in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015:

This year you open up to a multitude of possibilities. Taking risks happens more naturally for you than it has in the past. Your sense of humor emerges more often than not, allowing you to gain a unique perspective. Others are drawn to you. If you are single, a relationship could make a big difference in what goes on. A special person might enter your life as soon as September or as late as mid-2016. If you are attached, the two of you open up to a more dynamic bond. Often there are serious moments and discussions involved. Be sensitive and caring with each other. SAGITTARIUS has a way of bottom-lining 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)

★★★★ One-on-one relating will help you develop a new way of thinking. Your insight might give you a few minutes of pause, but then you probably will decide to test it and act on it. A well-meaning person in your life will express openness to your ideas. Tonight: Take in a movie.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

★★★★ Defer to others, and listen to what is being shared. Be open to what is happening to a loved one. This person might share an experience with a great amount of detail. Expenses could run high if you are not careful about your choices. Tonight: Togetherness works.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

★★★★ Defer to others, and know full well what needs to happen. Your ability to understand what is happening within your immediate circle makes you popular. As much as you enjoy socializing, you still will have to accomplish a certain task. Tonight: Go along with a request.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

★★★ Your creativity has an opportunity for a tune-up, especially revolving around a day-to-day matter. Given some time, you will be able to solve the issue. You'll teach others indirectly that there is no such word as "impossible." Tonight: Work till the wee hours.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

★★★ No matter what you do, you cannot

escape an obligation. Handle this responsibility, and you will feel more upbeat than you have in a while. Nevertheless, be aware that someone you respect might be observing you closely, and for good reason. Tonight: At home.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

★★★★ You can make only a certain amount of change without having a discussion with a key family member. Note that you are capable of changing your mind at the last minute. Honor what is happening within you, and have a discussion with a trusted friend. Tonight: Out late.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

★★★ You might be concerned with your finances and stability, but right now you need to act quickly in a separate matter. Look to making a change in the near future regarding your perspective. Your mood starts becoming more upbeat. Tonight: Wherever you want to be.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

★★★ Evaluate a money matter more carefully than you have in the past. Your knowledge of what needs to happen could change after a discussion with a close friend who understands money issues better than you do. One-on-one relating points to the right path. Tonight: Say "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

★★★★ You wake up feeling better than you have felt in a while. You could be quite serious, as you have a lot to handle. Someone who cares a lot about you, and who normally is easygoing, could cause some disruption. Tonight: Take charge and act on a personal matter.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

★★ You seem to be past the point of no return with a personal matter. Why not go straight to the source of the issue? You could be extremely tired and withdrawn. How you handle a personal matter might vary considerably. Think before you act. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

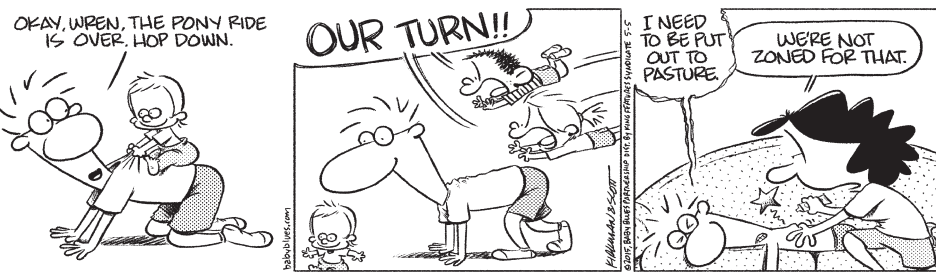
★★★★ You could be taken aback by an opportunity to change direction and create more of what you want. Your nerves seem to directly reflect the anxiety of breaking a pattern that you generally don't have a problem with. Remain secure in your choices. Tonight: Be whimsical.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

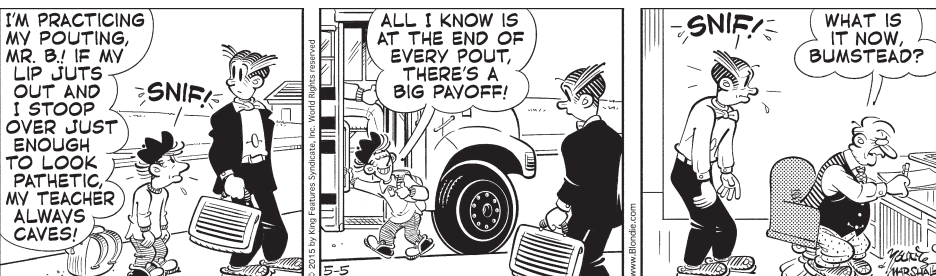
★★★★ How you deal with a personal matter could change substantially if you just relax and work with the moment. You tend to make a lot of judgments ahead of time that do not hold. Be more direct with a higher-up or an older associate. Tonight: Be in the moment.

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